

MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers
From: Michael Hayman
Date: October 27, 2016
Re: Minnehaha Preserve Enhancement Project Update

In May 2016, following the Japs-Olson donation of 3.67 acres of property adjacent to the Minnehaha Preserve, the District initiated vegetation management for the site. This work includes upland plantings to enhance the site and screen the adjacent industrial parcel, herbaceous plantings to improve the filtration basins, site mowing and spraying to control weeds during this critical growth phase, invasive species management and three years of maintenance for the entire project area.

The first year of vegetation management is nearly complete and restoration of the former industrial site is coming along nicely. Beyond mowing and spot spraying throughout the growing season, the perimeter edge of the stormwater facilities was planted mid-summer with a variety of native plugs, and recently (early October), tree and shrub plantings were completed in the remaining upland areas.

The final task of 2016 will be woodland invasive species control – buckthorn and Japanese honeysuckle – which will commence in late November or early December.

Regarding construction of the trail and parking elements, to reconcile short term budget complications the District delayed implementation in 2016. Based on current budget discussions it is anticipated that construction of the trail and parking area will occur in spring 2017.

Additional questions, comments, or ideas related to the Minnehaha Preserve Enhancement Project can be directed to Michael Hayman at mhayman@minnehahacreek.org or 952.471.8226.



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