

MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers

From: James Wisker

Date: September 23, 2019

Re: Item 4.2 - Outline of Requested Planning Analyses

Purpose:

During several recent meetings a number of planning analyses have been requested by individual managers, or the Board. At the September 26, 2019 Planning and Policy Committee (PPC) meeting, staff will provide an overview of:

- Purpose of the analysis requested
- Scope of work
- Timeline

Background:

Below is a brief summary of each initiative.

Boundary Analysis of Grandview Neighborhood:

Evaluate the hydrologic versus regulatory boundary of the Grandview Neighborhood, located in Edina, and recommend the process for any necessary adjustment in Minnehaha Creek Watershed District boundary.

Public-Private Land Analysis for Minnehaha Creek Corridor:

Assess the public and private lands within the Minnehaha Creek corridor, and develop a framework for prioritizing potential land acquisition opportunities.

Hydrologic and Regulatory Analysis of Zoning Changes:

Evaluate the potential changes in hydrology, and application of existing stormwater regulatory thresholds, associated with the proposed elimination of single family zoning in the City of Minneapolis.

Wetland Storage Capacity Analysis:

Assess the capacity of wetlands within the District, to store existing and future volumes of runoff based on changing precipitation regimes.

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Next Steps:

At the September 26, 2019 meeting staff will overview the scope of work and timeline associated with the analyses outlined above. Following feedback from the PPC, the purpose, scope and timeline will be refined before advancing any work.

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact James Wisker at 952-641-4509 or Jwisker@minnehahacreek.org

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