



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** MCWD Board of Managers

**From:** Anna Brown

**Date:** October 7, 2019

**Re:** Operations and Programs Committee agenda item 4.2: Wassermann Park Design Update

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### **Purpose:**

At the October 10, 2019 Operations and Program Committee (OPC), staff will provide a design update on Wassermann Lake Park in Victoria, MN.

### **Background:**

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and the city of Victoria have a shared commitment to implement a park and restoration project on a 33.5 acre site west of Wassermann Lake. On May 23, 2019, the two entities entered into a cooperative agreement which provides a framework to complete design and construction of Wassermann Lake Park. This cooperative agreement includes the following terms:

- The two parties will share in the cost of final design and construction oversight, except that the shelter design would be an expense of the City and restoration design an expense of the District;
- The City would be responsible for the costs of construction of all park amenities, while the District will fund the natural resource improvement components of the project;
- At the time the construction contract is awarded, the District will transfer property title to the City subject to reservation of an easement over the wetland area.

On August 22, 2019, the MCWD Board of Managers awarded a contract for design and construction oversight to Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects (AFLA). AFLA will take the 2018 concept plan through final design and construction. This phase of design is intended to substantially conform to the concept design in both layout and project costs, while allowing for modifications through development of the detailed design elements and the overall programmatic plan for the use of the site. The project budget is \$2.1 million, with an additional \$300,000 allocated to natural resource restoration.

### **Summary:**

Since awarding the design contract, City and MCWD staff have been working collaboratively to advance Wassermann Lake Park design for final approval in December 2019 and construction in the spring of 2020. At the October 10, 2019 Operations and Program Committee meeting, the committee will review the progress to date, updated project cost estimates, and the anticipated schedule for final design.

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact: Anna Brown at (952) 641-4522 or [abrown@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:abrown@minnehahacreek.org).

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