



Title: Wassermann Lake Park Interpretive Plan

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Purpose:

At the January 9, 2020 Operation and Programs Committee meeting, staff will outline the preliminary approach to site interpretation for the Wassermann Lake Park project.

Background:

Beginning in 2017, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and City of Victoria staff have been engaged in a collaborative effort to develop and implement a park and natural resource restoration project on an undeveloped shoreline site on Lake Wassermann. Since August 2019, staff have worked through final design and construction document development with Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects. On December 19, 2019, the MCWD Board of Managers approved 90% design plans and authorized staff to solicit construction bids. Staff expects to bring a construction contract forward for approval at the February 13 Board meeting.

Summary:

Site interpretation will be an important element of the overall park plan and will help define the user experience.. Wassermann Lake Park will be a flagship project in the integrated implementation approach to which MCWD has committed in its pursuit of high impact capital projects that create meaningful progress towards water quality and ecological integrity in the subwatershed. The interpretive planning effort presents an opportunity to not only define unique natural elements of the site, but also to contextualize the site in the broader context of our work in the Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Subwatershed.

At the January 9, 2020 OPC Meeting, staff will present the proposed approach to site interpretation. As envisioned, interpretation on the site will deviate from the District's standard signage approach, such as the educational signage at the Minnehaha Creek Preserve. Specifically, the design team is proposing a "hub" strategy, consisting of a central interpretive structure with text, narrative and imagery. Other interpretive elements will be found throughout the park at key locations and will use more expressive forms of interpretation and with less reliance on text and narrative to convey the messaging. This strategy will be outlined at the January 9 meeting with supporting imagery and examples.

Supporting documents :

All materials will be provided at the January 9 meeting.