



**Title:** 325 Blake Road Cooperative Agreement

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**Purpose:**

At the July 23, 2020 Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) meeting, staff will provide an update on recent liaison discussions and progress towards a cooperative agreement between the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and the City of Hopkins (City).

**Background:**

The joint liaison group was formed in early 2020 to determine the overarching principles and details of a partnership between the City and MCWD to jointly advance the redevelopment of the 325 Blake Road site. The liaisons have met throughout the year to discuss roles, responsibilities, and the process for redevelopment and agreed to memorialize the consensus decisions through a cooperative agreement. This cooperative agreement will serve as the basis for all future partnership activities.

**Summary:**

Since the last update to the Board at the July 9, 2020 Operations and Programs Committee meeting, the joint liaison team met again to continue refining the draft cooperative agreement. MCWD staff and District counsel have also continued to work with their City counterparts to draft more detailed terms for the agreement. Several accompanying documents are simultaneously being drafted, including a draft vision document for the site, a preliminary community engagement plan, and a project sequencing document. In an effort to streamline the drafting and approval of the cooperative agreement, these accompanying documents will likely be incorporated by reference to the cooperative agreement with commitments by the City and MCWD to finalize or update the documents on a schedule agreed to by the liaisons.

At the July 23, 2020 PPC meeting, staff will provide an update on the status of the cooperative agreement and accompanying documents, walk through the terms of the draft cooperative agreement, and outline the sequence of events leading to approval of the cooperative agreement. Pending feedback from the PPC, the cooperative agreement will tentatively be brought forward at the August 13, 2020 Board meeting for approval and authorization to execute.