



Title: CTD Property Update

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Purpose:

At the May 28, 2020 Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) meeting, staff will provide an update on due diligence regarding the potential donation of the property located at 2301 Brunswick Avenue S., St. Louis Park. Staff will receive feedback from the Committee and discuss next steps.

Background:

In August 2019, Mr. Chris Dahl and his owner representatives contacted the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (District) to gauge District interest in a potential land donation or bargain sale of a property located at 2301 Brunswick Ave. S., St. Louis Park. The preliminary request was brought before the Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) on September 12, 2019, with a subsequent discussion at the October 10, 2019 OPC meeting and closed session discussions at the October 24, 2019 and December 3, 2019 Board meetings. Most recently, staff presented an update at the April 9, 2020 OPC meeting. The Committee requested that staff assemble rough cost estimates for remediation of the lithium tailings on site, as well as seek further guidance from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) as to what site reuses would necessitate remediation.

Summary:

Subsequent to the April 9, 2020 OPC meeting, District staff worked with its site consultant to understand the range of remedial options, as well as the feasibility and estimated cost of each. Potential remedial options include capping a portion of the site with clean fill, excavation and disposal of contaminated soil, or a site-specific plan detailing restoration, mitigation and specific proposed activities and uses.

Staff also continued communications with the District's assigned MPCA case manager to understand MPCA's likely expectations regarding site cleanup.

At the May 28, 2020 PPC meeting, staff will provide an update on:

- Remedial options and associated cost estimates
- Recent communications with MPCA
- Updated staff recommendations

Staff will receive feedback from the Committee to help determine next steps.

Additional questions, comments, or ideas related to the potential property donation can be directed to Gabriel Sherman at gsherman@minnehahacreek.org / 952.641.4510.