



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** MCWD Board of Managers

**From:** Renae Clark

**Date:** March 23, 2017

**Re:** March 23, 2017 PPC Cottageville Park Utility Easement Request

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**Purpose:**

At the March 23, 2017 Planning and Policy Committee District staff will provide a briefing of a request from CenterPoint Energy for an easement through Cottageville Park for a new, 24-inch gas main along Blake Road in Hopkins.

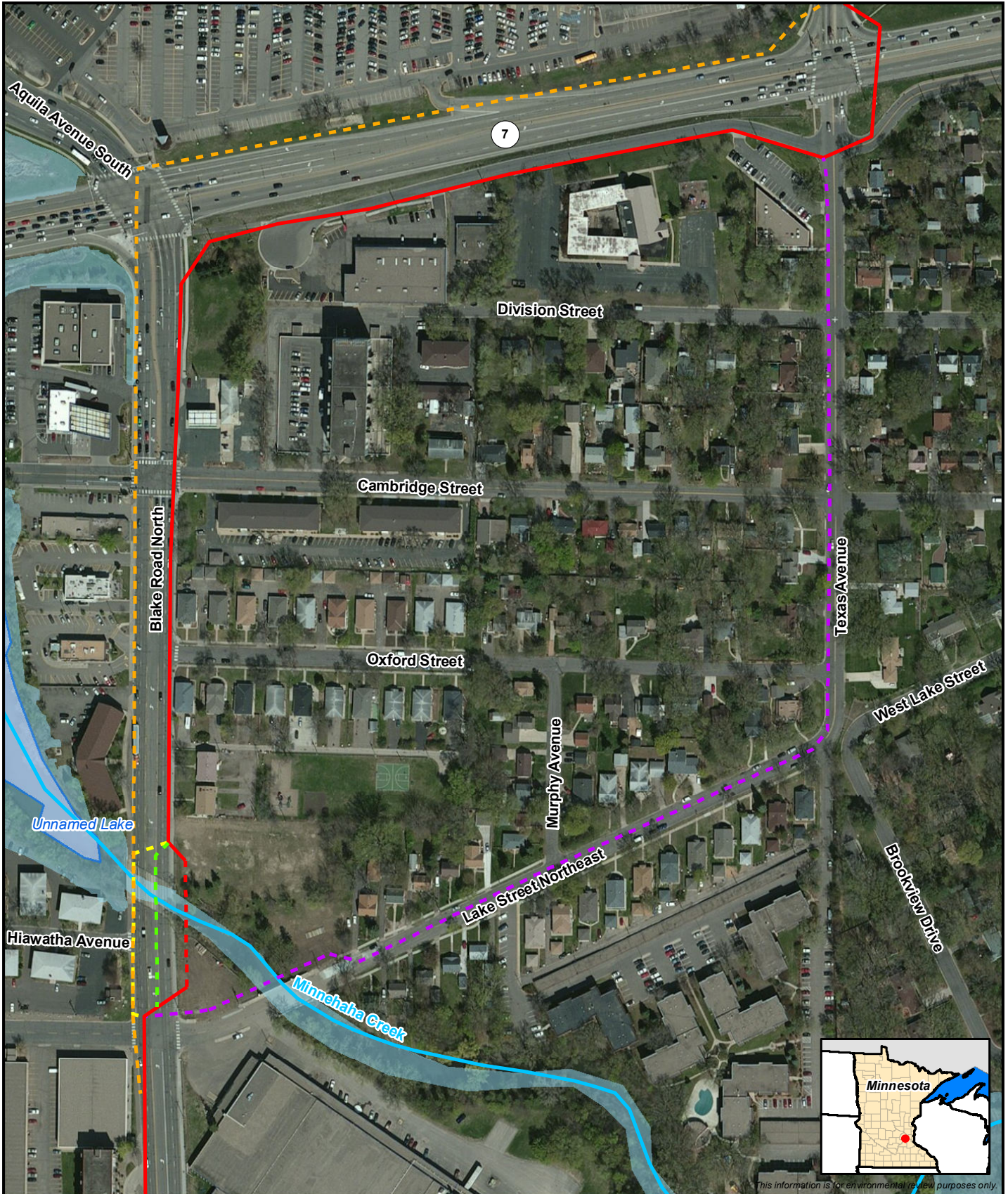
**Background:**

In 2017 CenterPoint Energy plans to replace the existing 24-inch Natural Gas main currently in operation along Blake Road and under Minnehaha Creek in the City of Hopkins. The request from CenterPoint Energy includes a temporary easement for construction staging on the District’s property at 415 Blake Road, temporary impacts from construction of the directional boring operation near the Blake Road Bridge in Cottageville Park, and a permanent easement over the location of the pipeline within Cottageville Park. The attached figure shows the proposed route and alternative routes that were investigated. This project is being constructed as part of an overall project to replace approximately 63 miles of CenterPoint Energy’s Metro Beltline Pipeline System. The overall project began in 2012 and is scheduled to be complete in 2023.

**March 23, 2017 PPC:**

At the March 23, 2017 PPC Meeting, staff will provide an overview of the alternatives analysis (alternative routes attached), temporary and permanent Cottageville Park impacts and easement terms.

Please contact Renae Clark, at [rclark@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:rclark@minnehahacreek.org) or 952-641-4510 with questions.



This information is for environmental review purposes only.

- Existing Route
- Alternate Route 1
- Alternate Route 2
- Alternate Route 3
- Preferred Alternate Route
- Proposed Route
- Public Waters Inventory Streams
- Public Waters Inventory Lakes
- NWI Wetlands



**Minnehaha Creek Crossing  
Alternative Route Analysis**  
2017 MBLSW Replacement Project  
St. Louis Park and Hopkins, Hennepin County, Minnesota

