



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** May 5, 2015

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Cooperative Agreement for Hiawatha Golf Course Feasibility Study**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize proper city officials to execute a cooperative agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB).

**Previous Directives:**

None

**Department Information**

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**Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Not applicable
- Civil Rights Approval Not applicable
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Not applicable

**Financial Impact**

Action is within the approved budget.

## **Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: MPRB will coordinate public meeting(s).

### City Goals:

Living Well: Minneapolis is a safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life.

Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.

A City that works: City government runs well and connects to the community it serves.

## **Supporting Information**

This cooperative agreement between the City, MPRB, and MCWD initiates a feasibility study to identify and evaluate potential reconfigurations of the Lake Hiawatha Golf Course in an effort to best serve the shared goals of the parties including water quality and drainage system improvements. The agreement identifies and assigns technical components of the study to each party and all parties will participate in collaborative planning exercises to influence the proposed golf course layout and features. Each party will bear its own costs and no money will be transferred between the parties under this agreement.

As co-permittees under the MS4 permit program, the City and MPRB have obligations to reduce nutrient loading to Lake Hiawatha. Redevelopment of the golf course may provide opportunities for water quality improvements that could reduce nutrient loads to Lake Hiawatha.

The City of Minneapolis has undertaken a flood mitigation study for neighborhoods north and northwest of Lake Hiawatha Golf Course (Flood Areas 21 & 22). One recommendation that will be explored under this agreement is to construct a drainage channel through the golf course to help improve the drainage system capacity and to reduce flood risks in the upstream neighborhoods.

MCWD is interested in improving the water quality draining to the Creek and is a funding partner for improvements. MPRB is considering options to reconfigure the golf course to reduce future flood risks. Flood improvements to the golf course may be eligible for flood mitigation funds provided by FEMA due to the damages experienced from flooding in 2014.

## **Recommendation**

Public Works recommends authorizing the proper city officials to execute a cooperative agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) as described herein to identify and evaluate potential reconfigurations of the area in an effort to best serve the shared goals of the parties including drainage system and water quality improvements while maintaining MPRB's needs for the golf course.

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