Bassett Creek Valley - 2018 Predevelopment Study

Project Context



2013

Fall 2016

2017

2017

2018

Van White Bridge opens

Mpls CPED releases RFP for 2nd & Van White site

Mpls Public Works announces Impound Lot facility upgrades

Van White Station Area Plan adopted

\$100,000 grant from Met Council for predevelopment

Three Major Study Elements

- 1. Concept designs, inc. ped & bike paths along Bassett Creek
- 2. Stormwater mgmt. & utility plans
- 3. Geotechnical soil investigation to inform construction feasibility

Key Redevelopment Challenges

- Heavy pollution from past industrial uses and informal dump at West Impound Lot
- Existing sewer lines hinder 2nd & Van White site
- Flood elevations require regional approach to mitigation
- Soils are extremely poor; piling required for new buildings



Recommended Approach

- Start with Phase 1 Creekside at Van White a multistory commercial building with structured parking underneath (designed to allow flooding on occasion)
- Investigate potential 9-acre public green space and water feature south of Bassett Creek to leverage additional development on Impound West and 2nd & Van White parcels
- Explore transferring some property to another public agency in order to leverage federal and state environmental clean-up funding
- Work to secure more study funding to design creative ways to construct innovative ponds/creek enhancements that address pollution and flood mitigation
- Explore partnerships with public agencies and community stakeholders to address design, planning and implementation
- Explore options for broader public sector funding to address major costs of this effort







