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# Arden Park Concept Plan Public Hearing

City Council

September 6, 2017



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# Outline

- Project history
- Minnehaha Creek corridor context
- Concept Plan and benefits

# History



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- At the August 2, 2017, the City Council requested a Public Hearing for September 6, 2017.
- August 16, 2016 The City Council authorized a memorandum of agreement with the MCWD to develop the Arden Park Concept Plan.
- Community meetings: October, November and May
- Parks & Recreation Commission meetings: December 13 and May 9
- City Council Work Session: February 7
- Two additional ad hoc meetings were held on June 13 and July 17.
- PARC Commissioners McAwley and Strother participated in the entire meeting and planning process.

# Parks, Recreation & Trails

## Strategic Plan Key Recommendations:



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- Provide greater access for passive recreation and interpretation.
- Protect and improve Edina's water resources.
- Provide more environmental education opportunities.
- Replace insufficient play areas/playgrounds and provide new facilities to fill gaps.
- Provide additional community gathering areas.
- Develop community driven master plans for parks.
- Replace or decommission community park buildings that have outlived lifespan.

## Legend


 County Boundaries selection

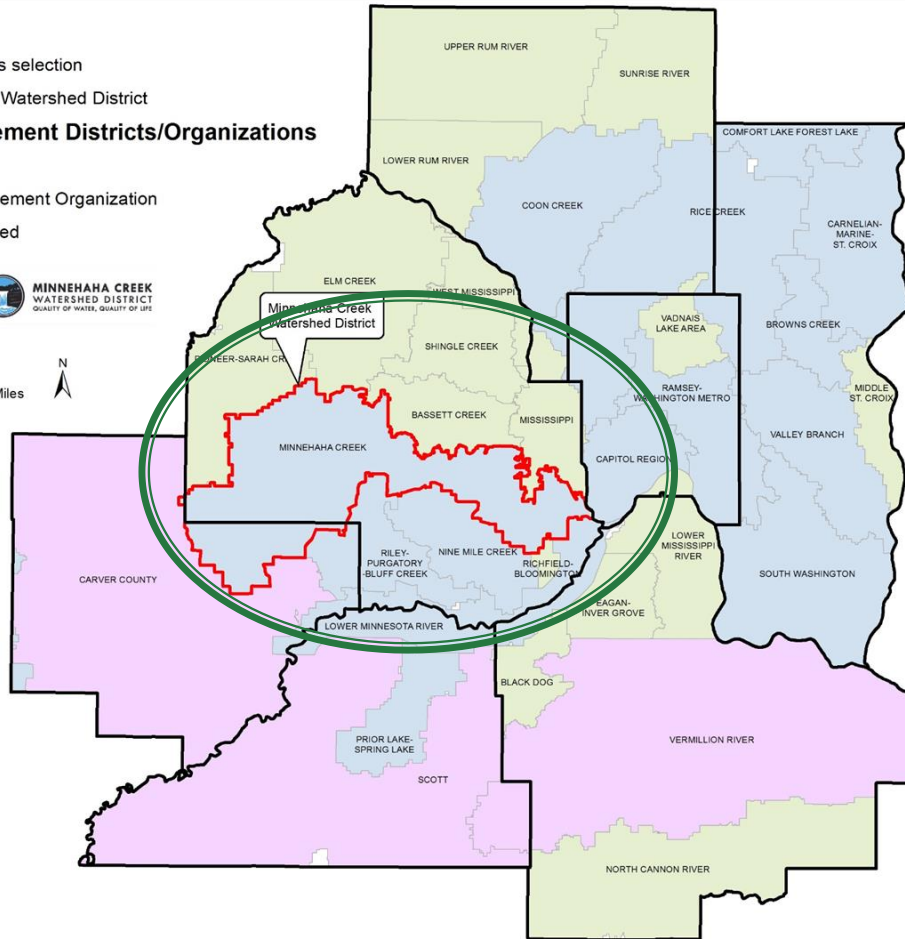
 Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

## Watershed Management Districts/Organizations

 Watershed District

 Watershed Management Organization

 County Administered

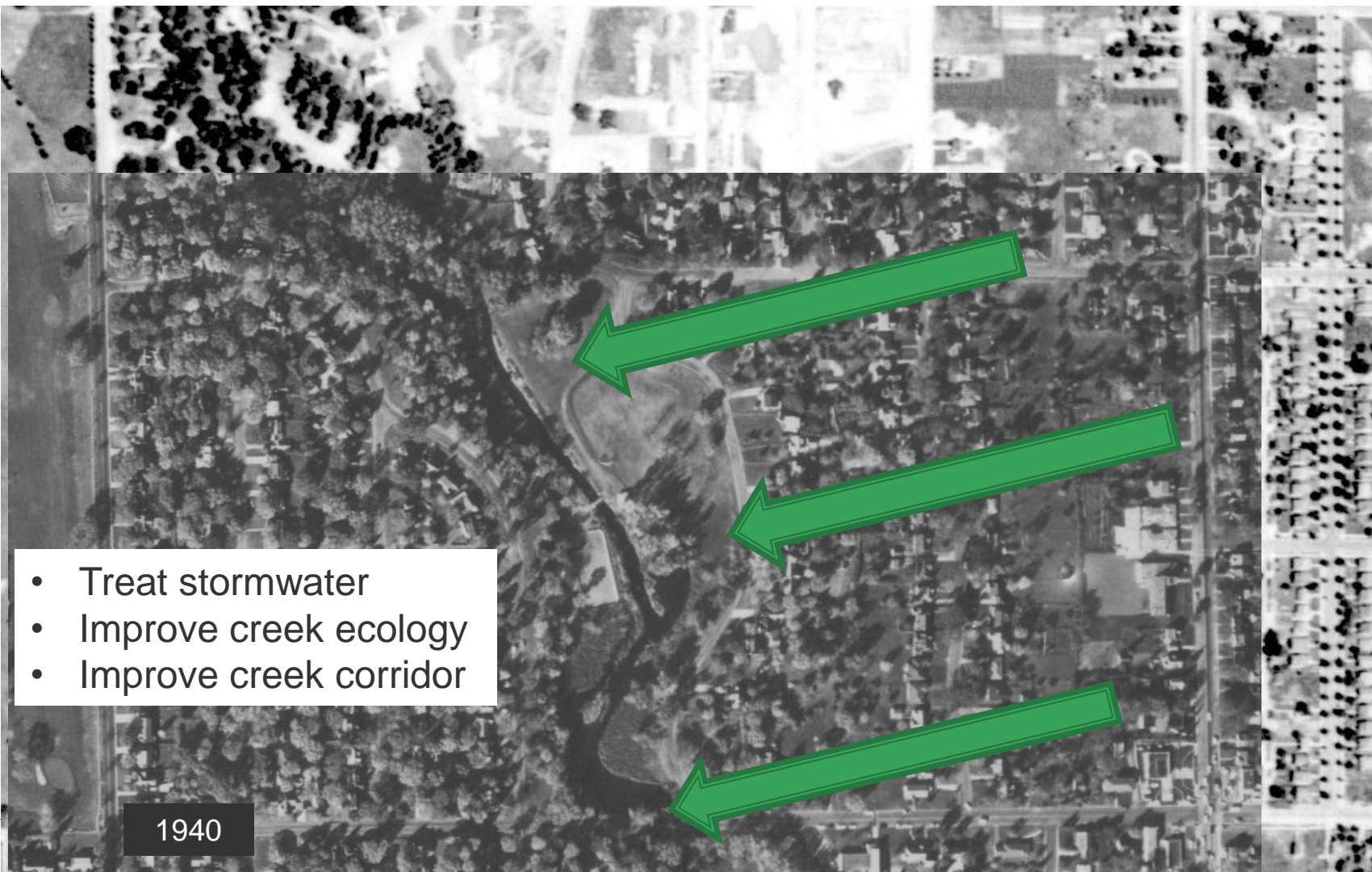


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# Minnehaha Creek Watershed District







- Treat stormwater
- Improve creek ecology
- Improve creek corridor

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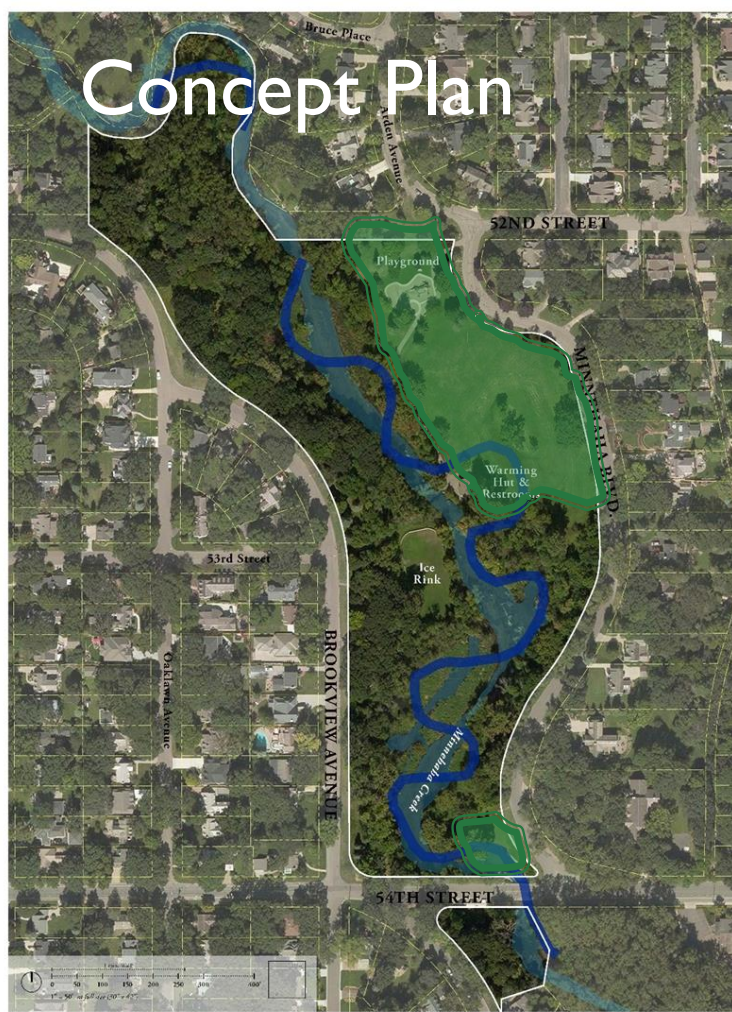
# Concept Plan



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## Community Values:

- Natural, rustic character
- Nature
- Recreation – kayaking, tubing
- Gathering spaces
- Facility upgrades – shelter, playground





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## Ecological Benefits

- 1 mile of newly connected stream
- Over 500' new stream channel
- 16,000 SF riffles, pools woody debris
- Increase in biological diversity in-stream
- Preserve specimen trees – willows and oak through design phase



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## Community benefits

- New tubing/kayaking loops
- Fishing hole maintained
- New shelter building
- Playground upgrades





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## Summary

- Rustic character maintained
- Fishing hole maintained
- Valued oaks and willows preserved





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# Project Timeline



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- 9/19/17 City Council Approval of Concept Plan and Agreement with the MCWD.
- 8/10/17 MCWD Board of Managers considers the proposal
- Q3-Q4 2017 – Preliminary design for creek and stormwater; grant applications
- Q1-Q2 2018 – Design of park facilities and trails. 60% design check in
- Q3 2018 – 90% plan check in. Final design and bidding
- Q3 2018 – Bid award
- Q4 2018 – Begin construction of creek, utilities and stormwater
- Q1-Q2 2019 – Final construction of creek and begin construction of park trails and facilities.
- Q4 2019 – Final construction of park trails and facilities.

# Proposed City Funding Sources



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## **CAPITAL - 2019 CIP: Pays for construction**

Construction Fund (property tax)

- \$1,243,250
- \$175,000

Stormwater Utility (User fee)

- \$ 569,250

PACS (Franchise fee)

- \$335,000

## **OPERATING - 2018 Budget: Pays for design, bid**

Construction Fund (property tax)

- \$167,506

Stormwater Utility (User fee)

- \$ 68,650

PACS (Franchise fee)

- \$38,444

# Request



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- Approve Arden Park concept plan and authorize Mayor and City Manager to sign agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.