Outline

- Purpose and goals
- Plan development process
- Plan structure and key sections
- Next steps
- Questions and feedback
Purpose of Plan Update

- Create **framework** to support Balanced Urban Ecology policy and guiding principles:
  - Partnership
  - Focus
  - Flexibility
Goals for the Plan

- Position District as partner rather than regulator
- Promote integration and early coordination with land use planning
- Establish clear priorities for improved focus and effectiveness
- Provide flexibility to respond to opportunities and new information
- Realistic and transparent
- Reader-friendly
Plan Development

- External public input process:
  - Policy, technical, and citizen advisory committees
  - Subwatershed meetings
  - NEMO Boat Tour and Planners Breakfast
  - Info requests, publications, and website

- Internal strategic planning process:
  - New mission, vision, goals, guiding principles
  - Program evaluation
  - Strategic alignment report
Plan Structure

- Volume 1 – Executive Summary
- Volume 2 – Land and Natural Resources Inventory
- Volume 3 – Implementation Plan
- Appendices:
  - Local Water Plan Requirements
  - Public Input Process
Key Sections

- 3.2-3.4 Philosophy, Goals, & Implementation Model
- 3.6 Local Water Plans and Municipal Coordination (and Appendix A)
- 3.9 Subwatershed Plans
Philosophy & Goals

- Philosophy:
  - Balanced Urban Ecology policy
  - Integration of land-use and water planning

- Goals:
  - Water Quality
  - Water Quantity
  - Ecological Integrity
  - Thriving Communities
Implementation Model

1. Understand resource needs
   • Sound science

2. Understand land use
   • Coordination with communities

3. Integrate and prioritize
   • Resource need and opportunity

4. Implement
   • Focus and flexibility
Local Water Plans and Municipal Coordination

- Moves away from mandating LGU action

- Focused on creating framework for early coordination:
  - Land use policy and planning
  - Capital improvement planning
  - Land use and development regulation
  - LGU operations and facility maintenance

- Greater coordination $\rightarrow$ greater access to District resources
Subwatershed Plans

- Structure follows 4-step approach
  - Resource needs – issues, drivers, strategies
  - Land use summary
  - Implementation priorities
  - CIP
Subwatershed Plans

- Focal subwatersheds – Minnehaha, Six Mile-Halsted Bay, Painter:
  - District-led planning effort
  - Specific capital projects

- All subwatersheds:
  - Opportunity-driven stormwater management projects
  - Competitive grants
  - Program services (technical assistance, permitting assistance, carp management, education/outreach)
  - Option to Plan amend for “focal” approach
Review Schedule

- July 7 – Plan distributed
- August 8-10 - Stakeholder meetings
- September 5 – end of 60-day comment period
- September 28 – Board review and authorization of comment responses
- October 12 – public hearing
- October 25 – submit Plan to state agencies for final review and approval
- December 28 – anticipated date of Plan adoption
City/Agency Review

- Comment deadline - September 5th
- Contact Becky with any questions
- Requesting resolutions/letters of support for approach
Questions/Feedback