Agenda

- Update
  - Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles, Goals

- Two-Track Approach
  - Focus track - criteria and process
  - Responsive track – strategies and services
Vision, Mission, Principles, Goals

- Adopted January 28, 2016

- Reasons for updating:
  - Emphasize themes of partnership and integration
  - Improve focus and clarity

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<td><strong>Sound Science</strong> – We are a trusted source of scientific data and analyses that provide the foundation for wise decisions.</td>
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<td><strong>Thriving Communities</strong> – To promote and enhance the value of water resources in creating successful, sustainable communities.</td>
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Recap of January Meeting

- Integration of land-use and water planning:
  - Land use drives water quality
  - Historic disconnect

- Evolution of District’s approach:
  - Reactive/regulatory → proactive/partnership
  - Integration of goals, plans, and investments
    - Greater water resource benefits
    - Greater community benefits

- Goal of 2017 Plan – create framework to support new approach
TWO TRACK APPROACH

FOCUS

• District as convener
• High-need area
• Concentrated effort

RESPONSIVE

• District-partner coordination
• Opportunistic projects
• Program services
Focus Track
Criteria and Process
Focus Track Criteria

- Water resource issues and impairments
- Public value of resources
- Local partnerships and support
- Known opportunities
- System scale and complexity
- Development/redevelopment pressure
- Probability of success
- Past investment by District or others
Selection of Six Mile

- Water resource impairments and value
- System scale and complexity
- Development pressure - threats and opportunities
- Available data – diagnostic and carp studies
- Community support
Location

Six Mile
Six Mile Focal Geography

- Natural assets
- Future growth and development
- Connection to Halsted Bay
Planning Process

1. Convene the partners
2. Understand natural resource needs
3. Understand the work of others
4. Put it together
5. Investment plan

INFORMAL
Engaged stakeholders
Responsive planning
Local history & context
Understanding the Natural Resources

- Exceptional
- Impacted
- Impaired
- Degraded
Understanding the Work of Others & Put it all Together

- Natural Resources
- Roads and Infrastructure
- Homes and Businesses
- Rec. Facilities
# Investment Framework

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FOCUS: SIX MILE CREEK

A focused and coordinated approach to improving water and supporting vibrant communities

Laketown Township • Minnetrista • St. Bonifacius • Victoria
Responsive Track
Responsive Track

• How do we create a framework to support responsive approach?

• Areas to look at:
  • Formal planning – plans and policies
  • Informal planning - ongoing coordination
  • Changes to programs, practices and procedures
Changes to CIP/Planning

- Plan structure:
  - Goal-oriented
  - Flexible/adaptable
  - Incorporates partner goals

- Partnership approach
  - Regular coordination
  - Exchange CIPs
  - MOUs
Changes to Cost Share Program

- Refined criteria
- Project priority list
- Biannual deadlines
- Cross-departmental review team
Changes to Permitting Program

- **New program focus** → partnership development
  - Achieve outcomes that exceed requirements

- **Need to be invited - show how we can add value**
  - Technical and planning assistance
  - Streamlining regulation
  - Flexibility
  - Customer service
Responsive Education Program

- Support for meeting MS4 requirements
- Fee-for-service arrangement
- Coordination of Lake Associations and Master Water Stewards
What else can District/partners do?

- How can we improve coordination and integration with land-use planning? Who do we need to reach, when, and how?
  - Public infrastructure/investment
  - Economic development planning
  - Private development review

- How can cities help support integration through their policies, practices, or procedures?

- What other services/support would you like to see the District provide through its programs?