FUTURE GREENWAY PROJECTS

325 BLAKE ROAD
The District’s acquisition of the 17-acre site provides opportunities to revitalize the Blake Road Corridor through mixed-use, transit-oriented, environmentally-conscious development around the future Blake Road LRT station, while restoring 1,200 feet of creek, managing over 270 acres of regional stormwater, and removing 181 pounds of phosphorus per year. This property will also connect the cities of Hopkins and St. Louis Park through the Minnehaha Creek Greenway trails.

MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE
The historic high water of 2014 took a particular toll on Meadowbrook Golf Course in St. Louis Park. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, which owns the course, rehabilitated the course, but is exploring options with the District to restore a stretch of Minnehaha Creek. The goal is to remeander a section of the creek, restore wetlands and riparian habitat, and extend the Minnehaha Creek Greenway trail south to the City of Edina.

LOUISIANA AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION
The District is working in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park to explore regional stormwater treatment as part of their plans to reconstruct Louisiana Avenue. The District is also working with the city to construct trail connections under or above Louisiana Avenue to further extend the trail network throughout the Greenway and create safe passage for recreation.

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BY THE NUMBERS
- 109 acres of accessible green space
- 2.3 miles of new trail network
- 600 housing units now within a 10-minute walk from transit
- 150 jobs created
- 1.4 miles of restored stream
- 440 acres of stormwater management

FUNDING PARTNERS
- City of Hopkins
- City of St. Louis Park
- Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Hennepin County
- Metropolitan Council
- MPCA Public Facilities Authority
- Clean Water Legacy Fund
- Park Nicollet
- Japs-Olson Company
- Meadowbrook Manor / ERA on Excelsior
- Excelsior Townhomes

PARTNERS
Benilde-St. Margaret’s | Blake Road Corridor Collaborative | Blake School | Board of Water and Soil Resources CampFire MN | Creekwood Apartments | Excelsior Townhomes | Great River Greening | Hennepin County | Hopkins Izaak Walton League | Japs Olson | Meadowbrook Manor | Meadowbrook Collaborative | Metropolitan Council Metropolitan Council Environmental Services | Metro Transit | Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board | MN DNR MPCA - Public Facilities Authority | Park Nicollet | St. Louis Park | St. Louis Park Rotary | St. Louis Park Schools Target Corporation | Three Rivers Park District | UMN

BALANCED URBAN ECOLOGY
Recognizing the interdependence of the built and natural environments and understanding the economic and social value of a healthy natural environment, the District and its partners are implementing the largest urban stream restoration in the Twin Cities to address the most degraded stretch of Minnehaha Creek.

Since 2009, the District has collaborated with the Cities of Hopkins and St. Louis Park, along with other public and private partners, rapidly planning and constructing projects that:

• provide public access to 109 acres of creekside open space for the first time since 1940
• restore 1.4 miles of stream channel
• mitigate flooding and treat 440 acres of urban stormwater
• create more than two miles of trail system

This coordinated effort creates a sense of place along the once-hidden asset of Minnehaha Creek, and:

• connects communities and employment centers to housing, recreation and open space
• offsets regulatory requirements, catalyzing private business expansion and stimulating job creation
• decreases public infrastructure costs through partnership
• improves public safety

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COTTAGEVILLE PARK
Revitalized park featuring restored creek, underground stormwater treatment, and improved amenities
City: Hopkins
Year completed: 2015
Partners: City of Hopkins; Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Fund
Phosphorus removed: 26 lbs/year
Streambank restored: 400 ft
Stormwater treatment: 22 acres

METHODIST HOSPITAL CREEK REMEANDER & BOARDWALK
Restoration at Methodist Hospital featuring remeandered creek, restored wetlands, and a boardwalk trail
City: St. Louis Park
Year completed: 2009
Partners: Park Nicollet
Remeandered & restored creek: 1,500 ft
Acres of public access: 10
Cubic feet of floodplain storage: 44

MINNEHAHA CREEK PRESERVE
Urban restoration featuring a remeandered creek, restored wetlands, and a boardwalk and paved trail
City: St. Louis Park
Year completed: 2015
Partners: City of St. Louis Park; Meadowbrook Manor; St. Louis Park Rotary; Excelsior Townhomes; Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Funds
Remeandered & restored creek: 3,300 ft
Cubic feet of floodplain storage: 4,000
Stormwater treatment: 79 acres

JAPS-OLSON EXPANSION
Partnership with local business to install stormwater treatment and extend Minnehaha Creek Preserve access off Excelsior Blvd
City: St. Louis Park
Year completed: 2017
Partners: Japs-Olson Company, Cities of St. Louis Park and Hopkins
Phosphorus removed: 25 lbs/year
Acres restored: 4
Stormwater Treatment: 31 acres

FLOODPLAIN & WETLAND RESTORATION
Addition to 2009 restoration which created additional floodplain and restored additional wetlands
Year completed: 2016
Partners: Park Nicollet
Cubic feet of floodplain storage: 600
Acres of wetlands restored: 15