City Council Item

May 19, 2025

Item	Approve Programmatic Maintenance Agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for public storm water management facilities, wetland buffers, and waterbody crossings and structures.	
File No.	N/A	**Item No:** D.4
Agenda Section	**CONSENT AGENDA**	
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SUGGESTED ACTION

"The Chanhassen City Council approves entering into a Programmatic Maintenance Agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for public storm water management facilities, wetland buffers, and waterbody crossings and structures."

Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Operational Excellence

SUMMARY

Stormwater infrastructure and native buffers must be regularly inspected and maintained to ensure they function as designed and comply with both city and Watershed District regulations. The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) requires a maintenance agreement for any project that involves stormwater management, wetland buffers, and/or waterbody crossings, as outlined in its rules.

To streamline this process, the staff recommends adopting the Programmatic Maintenance Agreement with the MCWD. This agreement allows the city to enter into a single, overarching agreement covering all applicable projects within the Watershed District's jurisdiction. It applies to public stormwater management facilities, wetland buffers, and waterbody crossings or structures associated with public projects. The agreement formalizes maintenance responsibilities and includes provisions for buffer

signage and ongoing inspection requirements.

This Programmatic Maintenance Agreement ensures that public stormwater systems are properly maintained. The City of Chanhassen is already responsible for maintaining its own stormwater infrastructure as part of its MS4 permit obligations under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Because the city already has a comprehensive stormwater maintenance program in place, the agreement does not require changes to existing operations. Similarly, the city's regulations on wetland buffers closely align with those of the MCWD. As a result, the Programmatic Agreement will not significantly impact current buffer management practices.

Overall, the programmatic approach allows the city to obtain construction permits within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District more quickly and efficiently.

BACKGROUND

N/A

DISCUSSION

N/A

BUDGET

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the Programmatic Maintenance Agreement with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

ATTACHMENTS

PROGRAMMATIC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT MCWD and CHANHASSEN