



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Fischer and Members of the City Council
FROM: Bryce Shearen, CPRP, Parks & Recreation/Community Services Director
DATE: January 11, 2023
RE: Pioneer Park Stormwater Reuse Project Presentation

BACKGROUND

Jennifer Koehler, PE, Senior Water Resources Engineer from Barr Engineering, and Paige Ahlborg, Project Manager from Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) will be giving a presentation at the City Council workshop about a proposed Pioneer Park Stormwater Reuse Project.

A grant was received through the Clean Water Fund to perform a county-wide assessment to identify potential opportunities for stormwater reuse for irrigation. Pioneer Park was identified as a top priority and is within the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD). Staff was originally approached by RWMWD in November 2021 about exploring stormwater reuse at Pioneer Park. Since then preliminary information has been gathered and discussed how this project aligns with identified city goals, visions, and policies.

RWMWD are now looking at the possibility of implementing some of these opportunities with the funding for design and construction provided by RWMWD. The presentation will discuss the assessment that was done, the project scope, and potential next steps.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council review and respond to the information presented and provide feedback and general direction to staff regarding a future potential project.