Please fill out this form if your project, program, or initiative includes community engagement beyond the “Inform” level. All Community Engagement Plans should be filed as Petitions and Communications with the MPRB Board of Commissioners and submitted to the MPRB Engagement Portal on SharePoint (A link to the Community Engagement Portal can be found at https://minneapolisparks.sharepoint.com/planning/SitePages/Home.aspx.)

Staff Lead: Andy Schilling

Department or Division: Planning

Project Name: N. Columbia Golf Course and Park Stormwater BMPs Project

Engagement Level: Consult

This plan serves as a guide for the community engagement process for the N. Columbia Golf Course and Park Stormwater BMPs Project. The plan may be modified as circumstance warrants during project duration. Substantial modifications are to be communicated to stakeholders and the MPRB Board of Commissioners.

As required by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Community Engagement Policy, this project requires a Community Engagement Plan because the project falls under the Consult category of community engagement for which MPRB is required to obtain stakeholder feedback on project, initiative, or program analysis, alternatives, or decisions. This CE Plan was used with a GARE Racial Equity Tool Kit framework.

Key Stakeholders should be engaged in the creation of this plan. This is to be filled out before the CE Plan is submitted to the Board as a P+C. Please explain how they were engaged:

This plan was developed in collaboration with staff and stakeholders at MWMO and the City of Minneapolis. Golf and rugby representatives, as well as neighborhood organizations were consulted in the development of the engagement plan.

1. Project Description

1a. Project Overview:
The MWMO, MPRB, and City of Minneapolis have been working on a joint effort to improve stormwater quality, mitigate flooding, improve ecological systems, and enhance recreational opportunities in NE Minneapolis as part of the 1NE project.

The project has been part of the East of the River Park Master Plan and received community comments from MPRB stakeholders as part of the service area master plan process. The plan has received some funding, and the first phase of the project will be implemented in 2019-2021 in and around the north side of Columbia Golf Course and Park.

1b. MPRB Outcomes *(What goals, strategies, or values in the MPRB Comprehensive Plan does this project, program, or initiative relate to? What goal in the Racial Equity Action Plan does this relate to?)*:

This project supports the following elements of the MPRB Comprehensive Plan:

- Theme: Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate
  - Goal: Sound management techniques provide healthy, diverse, and sustainable natural resources
    - Strategy: Collaborate with local, state, and federal organizations to plan for and fund ongoing ecological management and restoration
    - Strategy: Provide leadership and coordination with area partners and regulatory agencies in monitoring, regulating and improving water quality and the integrity of water bodies throughout the park system.
  - Goal: People and the environment benefit from the expansion and protection of natural resources
    - Strategy: Enhance natural features in neighborhood and community parks to increase residents’ awareness and enjoyment of the natural environment.

1c. Project Timeline:

*Conceptual Design*- Spring/Summer 2019

*Community Engagement* – Fall 2019

*Final Design* – Fall 2019/early Winter 2020

*Bidding* – Winter 2020

*Construction timeline* – March 2020 thru Spring/Summer 2021, including phasing to minimize park (multi-use field, playground) and golf course use conflicts.

1d. Project Funding:

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*Does not include potential enterprise funds

2. **Project Data:**

2a. What are the boundaries of the community engagement area? *(For regional facilities include neighborhoods adjacent to the park and city/regional boundaries)*

Columbia, Waite and Audubon Neighborhoods

City of Minneapolis boundaries

2b. What are the demographics of the community engagement area? *(Please refer to percentages of the population when possible and note the sources of the data.)*

- While the City of Minneapolis is approximately 40% POC, NE Minneapolis is approximately 30%.
- The City as a whole and the NE neighborhoods have a youth population rate of 20%.
- 46% of people in NE rent their homes, while 53% of city residents rent.

2c. List any key findings or excerpts from relevant plans or policies that are informing this project, program or initiative, especially if community was engaged in the policy or plan: *The purpose of community research is to collect data that will best inform specific project decisions or strategic direction and support the policy goals of effective community engagement. Research completed in advance of and during project development may include review of previously completed directives or mandates, master plans, community studies, industry trends and historical and demographic data. MPRB staff is responsible for determining the research data necessary to support and document decision-making for a project and building off prior community engaged planning, policy and design.*

- 1NE Watershed Study: no known community engagement
• East of the River Park Master Plan: extensive community engagement
• City of Minneapolis Street Projects: targeted community engagement

2d. What are the data gaps? What additional research needs to be done to understand the project stakeholders and project scope?

n/a

3. **Community Engagement:**

The MPRB supports the use of a variety of techniques to interact with and obtain information from stakeholders. Outreach and research tools and methods can be applied for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Evaluate success and measure community impact of existing programs, services or facilities.
- b. Gain stakeholder insight and perspective regarding development of a new program, service or facility.
- c. Proactively identify or explore park and recreation trends or ideas.
- d. Determine essential services to be provided for a community or park area.
- e. Query stakeholders when proposing or revising policy.
- f. Resolve persistent conflicts or problems.
- g. Educate or inform the public on proposed changes, initiatives and projects.
- h. Reflect on projects, programs and initiatives after adoption by the Board or report on how community input has been integrated.
- i. Learn the history of local context and community.

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<th>Project Stakeholder (students, ethnic communities, neighborhood groups, community leaders)</th>
<th>Outreach: How will you reach out to the stakeholder? (i.e. go to parks, neighborhood listserv, engage with cultural media)</th>
<th>Engagement: How will they participate? (i.e. online survey, focus group, community open house, intercept survey)</th>
<th>Reflecting Back: How will stakeholder groups be reflected back to about the project progress or outcomes? (Posted on project website, ribbon cutting, e-blast, site visit, celebration)</th>
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<td>Columbia Park Neighborhood</td>
<td>Attend monthly meeting</td>
<td>Presentation (any concerns, questions, or design considerations?)</td>
<td>Send final design and timeline of construction</td>
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<td>Attend monthly meeting</td>
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<td>All park and potential users</td>
<td>Post flyers at park and at golf course. Create online survey and project page.</td>
<td>Online info, Media release, and potential survey? (survey monkey as intake – develop a graphic of the 3 proposed stormwater BMP areas to focus specific comments). <em>Who will develop/admin the survey?</em></td>
<td>Keep project page up to date</td>
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<td><strong>Meeting with league rep</strong></td>
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If needed, describe the outreach, engagement, or reflection methods you will use that are referenced above:

3a. Advisory Committees:

**Technical Advisory Committee:** This roster is a list of agencies and groups that are on the TAC

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**Project Advisory Committee:** This roster is a list of MPRB departments and divisions that are on the PAC

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3b. Will a Community Advisory Committee be required for this project, program, or initiative?

No

4. Analysis:

4a. What questions will you be asking community to respond to in your outreach and engagement?

- What questions or concerns do you have about the project?
- Is there anything in the community that MPRB, MWMO, or the City should be aware of that might be impacted by or impact the project?
- With the golf community and rugby rep, there may be an opportunity for design input of the facilities.
- Discuss the ecological benefits in balance with the other functions.

4b. How will your community engagement outreach, engagement, and methods make MPRB a more equitable system?

The community will become more knowledgeable about stormwater treatment and informed of construction impacts and stormwater improvements, flood mitigation, and improved playability of fields and golf courses. The intention is to be transparent about infrastructure updates and to provide a forum for community to share concerns or ideas, and to build an understanding and trust in the community with MPRB, MWMO, and the City of Minneapolis.

5. Evaluation Summary: To be completed at one or more project milestones, and at the completion of the project, program, or initiative.

5a. Identify one or more key project milestones when project evaluation will be performed (i.e. Draft design review, draft policy review, project mid-point)

At 90% design, we will revisit the CE Plan to see if we met our goals or have additional ideas for how to engage community.

5a. Who was engaged during the process? (i.e. demographic info from online survey participants, the CAC, and community engagement whenever possible. Refer back to Section 2 in the CE Plan and how your engagement reflects the diversity of the community in the engagement area.)

5b. How did the engagement inform the project outcome? (i.e. public tabulation and amendments following a public comment period)
5c. How did the project and engagement fulfill a goal or strategy in the MPRB Comprehensive Plan?

5d. Please describe any new or innovative engagement methods used during the process:

5e. What recommendations do you have for future engagement around this topic, park, or area?

5f. What, if any, were the unintended outcomes of your CE Plan?

5g. Were there any barriers to successful implementation of your CE Plan?

5h. Were you adequately resourced, including staff support, expertise, and funding?

5i. If applicable, how can this project, program, or initiative, or MPRB continue to partner and deepen relationships with underrepresented communities?