

- Located at the former site of the Holland Elementary School, the Grace Center building occupied almost an entire city block with significant amounts of impervious surfaces.
- Portions of an existing parking lot and asphalt playground were removed to create 60,000 sf of bioretention areas planted with native plants, creating critical habitat in the urban watershed.
- The stormwater master plan included detailed calculations for water quality and rate improvements to meet MWMO standards.

Grace Center for Community Life

Capital Improvement Project



Pre-project, 83% impervious surfaces



One of three bioretention areas, spring 2015

LOCATION:

1500 6th Street NE, Minneapolis

GRANTEE:

Grace Center for Community Life

WHEN:

Design in 2013, Construction in 2014

HOW BIG:

2.86 acres, 83% impervious prior to improvements

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT:

90% Total Suspended Solids Removal

MWMO INVESTMENT:

\$10,000 Planning Grant, \$20,000 Stormwater Feasibility Study, \$200,000 Capital Improvements

WHY THE MWMO PARTICIPATED:

- This project was brought to the MWMO as a Stewardship Fund application. Due to its significant potential to impact water quality and provide educational opportunities, staff brought the project into the Capital Improvement Project program.



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