Request for Board Action

Attachment 6.2

Agenda Item: NE Green Campus: Civil Engineering, Design and site preparation for district Storm water system and project elements of UPI site.

Presenter: K.Reich

Meeting Date: 10 November 2026 **Flexibility**: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Estimated Time: ☐ Consent Agenda ☒ 10 Min. ☐ 15 Min. ☐ 30 Min. ☐ 45 Min. ☐ 1 Hour

Action Request: ☐ Information/Review ☒ Motion to approve ☐ Budget Change ☐ Other

Board Action: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled ☐ Accepted Report ☐ Other

Date of Action: 10 November 2026

Background (Attach Supporting Documents as needed)

In response to flooding that severely impacted Edison High School and surrounding area in 1997, there was push for improved, better-coordinated stormwater management. These efforts ultimately spawned a “Northeast Green Campus Initiative.” Initial phases of the project incorporated many best practices and stormwater infrastructure. Also, Edison and Spark Y have integrated the stormwater BMPs into the school’s educational programming.

Additional aspects of the Green Campus Plan were not incorporated as they required additional land to the south (the former Universal Plating ‘UPI’ site) owned by Hennepin County that wasn’t available as pollution issues were being addressed. Discussions about end uses that would meet the objectives of the County and MWMO and site partners: Clare Housing, Spark Y, and MPS resulted in a provisional plan (attached concept drawing) and an agreement with the County to transfer the land to the MWMO. The MWMO acquisition and subsequent work have allowed a remediation plan to be approved by the State and multiple cleanup funds to be assigned to this property. After the cleanup, the affordable housing, youth workforce training center and school green campus expansion will be integrated into the existing district storm water system.

The NE Green Campus includes the current UPI site, Minneapolis Public School property, Minneapolis Public Works flood mitigation basin, Jackson Sq. Park and the Mpls. Right of way in between these properties. Early phase work has been successfully conducted on most sites except for the UPI site and Jackson Square.

MWMO has been implementing a comprehensive strategy to combine a series of best practices and educational opportunities that anchor two locations in the Green Zone that are part of the River First/Above the Falls plan for river connector corridors (22nd Ave. NE & 26th Ave. N.).

Funds to remediate the pollution at the former UPT site have been awarded from DEED, MPCA and Hennepin County and completion of the work is scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2027. To further advance project objectives post remediation Engineering, Design and site preparation work needs to be conducted.

The Board has requested approval in advancing NE Green Campus work, approval up to $612,000 to this phase of the project.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-027

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDS CONTRIBTATUNG TO CIVIL ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND SITE PREPARATION OF THE FORMER UPI SITE FOR THE AMOUNT OF $612,000

WHEREAS, The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) has purchased certain real properties ("Property") located at the former Universal Plating Inc. site ("UPI site") at the N.W. corner of Monroe Street N.E. and 19th Avenue NE, Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO is authorized by its joint powers agreement and applicable law to acquire such real property and remove pollution as the purposes of the MWMO may require; and;

WHEREAS, NE Geen Campus area is identified in the RiverFirst/Above the Falls plan of MPRB as a linear Mississippi river connecter along 22nd Ave. NE and is in Minneapolis' Northern Green Zone; and

WHEREAS, Remediation of the site will eliminate harmful impacts to the soil and ground water and allow for the positive expansion of the NE Green Campus
WHEREAS, Where does the money go or how much does it cost...;

WHEREAS, MWMO has successfully implemented the first phase of the district water collection and reuse system in the NE Green Campus, and this would allow the expansion of that work; and

WHEREAS, Remediation, site work, engineering documents, and system design are essential steps to implement the NE Green Campus Expansion

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners FUNDS CONTRIBTATUNG TO Civil Engineering, Design and Site Preparation OF THE FORMER UPI SITE FOR THE AMOUNT OF $612,000 and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this the 10th day of November, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director