



Minnehaha Creek Stream Meander



Clean Water Funds: 2010

Clean Water Grant	\$300,000
Leveraged Funds*	\$1,095,000
Total Project Budget	\$1,395,000

* Leveraged Funds include required 25% local match

Targeted Water:
Minnehaha Creek

Project Sponsor:
City of St. Louis Park

Partners:
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Grant Period:
January 2011 - December 2012

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Project Narrative

The City of St. Louis Park, in partnership with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, is proposing to re-meander a portion of the creek using funding provided through the Clean Water Fund. The affected section of Minnehaha Creek was straightened when development first came to St. Louis Park in the early 1900s. At that time, wetlands were filled and the stream channel was altered to allow for industrial development around the creek.

Re-meandering the creek through this half-mile section of St. Louis Park will improve the ecology of the area in several ways. By modifying the channel to more closely mimic the original course, the project will increase riparian buffers and stabilize the streambank. It will also allow for vegetative restoration and improved water quality treatment practices.

Through this partnership between the City of St. Louis Park and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, with funding provided through the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the city hopes to reinvigorate interest in the creek and ensure that it serves as a high-functioning part of the city's natural environment for years to come.



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Section of Minnehaha Creek to re-meander