Business Item 2017-169: Manufactured Home Park Preservation Pilot Grant

An Equity Initiative Grant Project

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Grant Background

- Equity Implementation Team Grant
- Two part effort <u>MHP Preservation Report</u> and Pilot Grant aimed to preserve one manufactured home park (MHP)
- Notice of Funding Availability released in April with applications due in June
- Multiple Thrive equity benefits



Pilot MHP Preservation Grant

- 50/50 match for regional SAC, up to \$250K
- 3 eligible communities
 - Identified based on key criterion of readiness to connect
- In return for grant SAC match
 - Continue to operate as a MHP
 - No unreasonable lot rent increases to residents



Maple Hill Estates MHP - Application

Local Infrastructure

· Connection possible in the next 12-24 months

Taxes/ Licensing/ Business Standards

- Taxes Current, Licensing-good standing, BBB is A+
- · Family-Owned, Owner is on-site every day
- · Owner interested in keeping space as MHP

Environmental Stewardship

- Environmental and water quality improvements
- Near high-quality Regionally Significant Ecological Area

MHP-Provided Opportunities

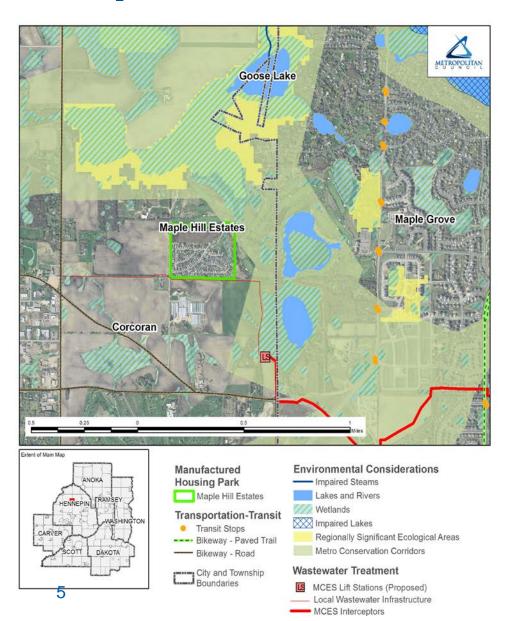
- Hope Community Center, Computer Lab, Fitness Center
- · Outdoor amenities: playground, basketball, field
- GED Classes, Summer School, Social Work, Sports Camp, Food Distribution

Local Municipal Support

- City Council considering local cost savings to MHP
- Supports Grant Objectives
- Comp Plan Consistency now and future



Maple Hill Estates - Corcoran



Potential Measurable Benefits:

Affordable Housing

- Preservation of 78% of the City's affordable housing stock
- Residents of color 40% of MHP

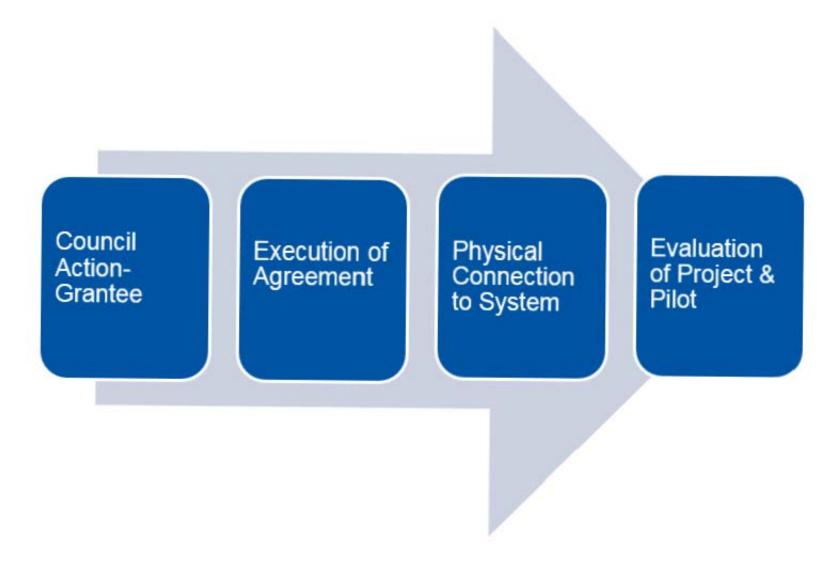
Access to opportunities

- 117 school-age kids with access to very high quality schools
- Access to transit
- Arbor Lakes Job Center

Environmental Stewardship

 Near high-quality Regionally Significant Eco Area /Wetlands

MHP Pilot Grant Next Steps



Proposed Action

 That the Metropolitan Council award the Manufactured Home Park Preservation (MHP) Pilot Grant for Maple Hill Estates in the City of Corcoran and authorize the Regional Administrator or designee to execute the grant agreement with Maple Hill Estates in coordination with Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency in the amount of \$234,832.



Questions

