

Committee Report

Environment Committee



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Committee Meeting Date: February 11, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: February 26, 2025
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Business Item: 2025-51

Adoption of Facility Plan for the Crow River WRRF and Sanitary Sewer, Project No.809900

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Sanitary Sewer, Project Number 809900, per the attached Resolution No. 2025-3.

Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

Motion by CM Morales, seconded by CM Cederberg. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 1, Judy Johnson
Policy/Legal Reference:	PFA Loan Requirement
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Mark Lundgren, Principal Engineer, Plant Engineering, (651) 602-1868
Division/Department:	Environmental Services/Capital Design and Delivery

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Sanitary Sewer, Project Number 809900, per the attached Resolution No. 2025-3.

Background

The Facility Plan recommends relocating wastewater service provided by the existing MCES Rogers Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) located in downtown Rogers at 22200 S Diamond Lake Rd, Rogers, MN 55374, to the new Crow River WRRF located about 2 miles west on 141st Ave North. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) purchased this property in 2016 for this purpose.

The MCES 2030 and 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan includes planned addition of the Crow River WRRF to serve the long-term service area, which includes land areas currently in Rogers, Dayton, and Corcoran. New pipelines to Crow River WRRF will offload flow in the existing Elm Creek interceptor, making capacity available for growth in the Metropolitan WRRF service area and allowing the region to develop in the most efficient and economical way.

The facility plan includes construction of a new lift station, conveyance system, and treatment facilities. Per the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Rogers and MCES; wastewater flow will be diverted to the new Crow River WRRF by December 2030 and the existing Rogers WWTF will be decommissioned by December 2031; the existing site other than land required for the lift station will be returned to the City of Rogers.

Implementation will involve multiple construction projects and has a planning level estimated capital cost of \$182,000,000.

A public hearing was held on January 8, 2025. Legal notices were published for the Draft Facility Plan public hearing in the Star Tribune and the Crow River News newspapers with public copies available at Rogers City Hall and Rogers Public Library. No written comments were received prior to the public hearing. During the public hearing, ten public comments were received. MCES staff have responded to all comments (see attached public comments summary). No members of the public were opposed to the project.

Rationale

Public Facilities Authority (PFA) loan funding eligibility requires formal adoption of the Facility Plan by resolution (attached) following a public hearing on the draft Facility Plan.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability by providing more capacity for development and investing in our infrastructure in an efficient manner.

Funding

Preliminary funds for the project's planning, design, and construction are included in the 2024 Capital Program. MCES intends to submit this project to Public Facilities Authority for inclusion in its 2025 Intended Use Plan.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with the proposed action.

