

# **E** Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 10, 2007

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** September 26, 2007

**Subject:** Authorization to Negotiate Purchase Agreement for Future Crow River Wastewater Treatment Plant Site

### **Summary of Committee Discussion:**

The Committee asked how soon a plant would be needed. Staff responded by saying it would be at least ten years out. Committee members then encouraged staff to consider ways to use the purchased property in order to produce revenue until it is needed for a wastewater treatment plant. Continued lease for agricultural use is envisioned initially.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate a purchase agreement for the future Crow River Wastewater Treatment Plant site, MCES Project No. 801640.

# E Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 25, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council of October 10, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
<b>Date:</b>	September 14, 2007
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Negotiate Purchase Agreement for Future Crow River Wastewater Treatment Plant Site
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District #1, Roger Scherer
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	MN Statutes 473.504; Expenditures; Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures; 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091
<b>Division/Department:</b>	MCES c/o William G. Moore, 651-602-1162

## Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate a purchase agreement for the future Crow River Wastewater Treatment Plant site, MCES Project No. 801640.

## Issue(s)

- The long-term regional wastewater system plan includes a future wastewater treatment plant to serve western Hennepin County. Site acquisition is being planned in coordination with the Comprehensive Plan Updates of Rogers and Hassan Township. The proposed plant would eventually replace the Rogers plant and serve additional communities in western Hennepin County.

## Overview and Funding

The regional wastewater system plan defines long-term wastewater service areas for its wastewater treatment plants, based on long-term plant site buildout. The service area of the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant ends with Dayton, southeast Hassan, and eastern Corcoran. A future regional wastewater treatment plant will serve Rogers, Hassan, western Corcoran, Greenfield, Independence, and northwest Minnerista. Initially, this plant will serve Rogers and Hassan. Although this plant is being planned as a water reclamation facility to produce water for non-potable uses, surface water discharge needs to be an option as well. Consequently, the logical plant site location is western Hassan Township near the Crow River. Site selection is being coordinated with Hassan and Rogers, who are updating their comprehensive plans and who have an orderly annexation and merger agreement.

The proposed plant site is located near the Crow Hassan Park Preserve and the Crow River. Preliminary discussions have been held with the property owners. An appraisal has been prepared on the property, which has a total area of 105 acres, of which 41 acres is developable and 64 acres is floodplain.

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Year Approved	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	2007	\$2,000,000 (Land Only)	\$2,000,000	\$1,975,000	\$1,600,000