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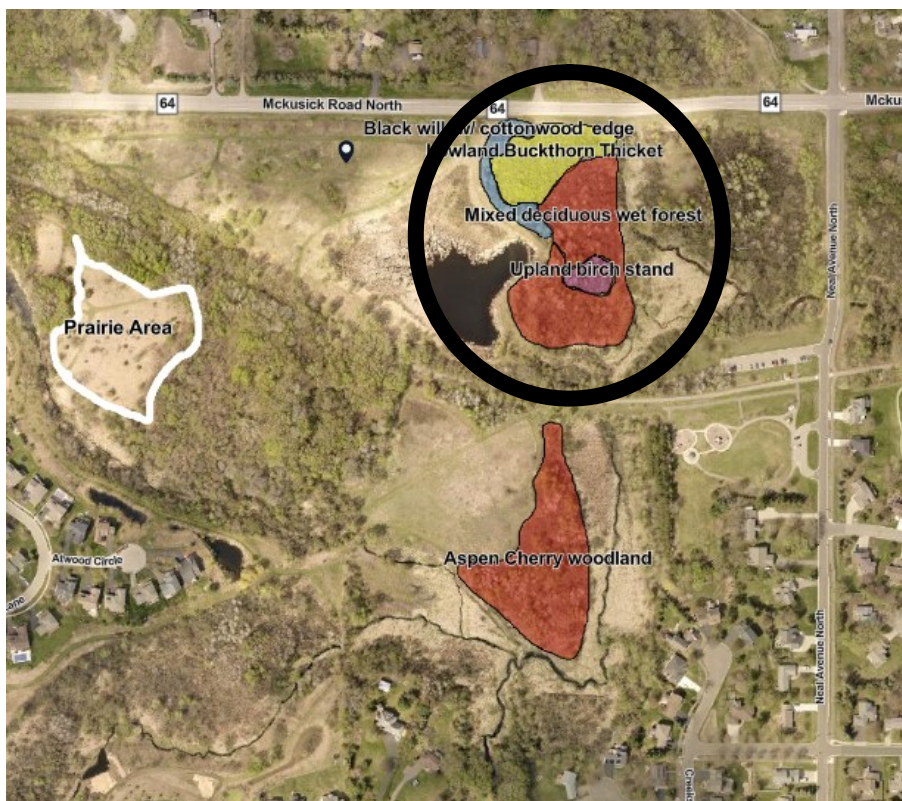
TO: Brown's Creek Watershed District Board
 FROM: Karen Kill
 RE: Brown's Creek Restoration Project
 DATE: December 10, 2024

Background

BCWD received a federal 319 grant for \$320K requiring a \$214K non-federal match. Due to lower than expected construction costs, the BCWD is approximately \$20,000 under budget for the matching grant fund.

Issue

The city of Stillwater is interested in expanding the invasive species removals further to the west, but still within our grant work plan project area. This additional 5 acres of woodland habitat improvement would fully leverage the grant funds for eligible buffer improvement activities. City staff have received quotes just under \$20,000. The plan would include winter forestry mowing of the dense common and glossy buckthorn under frozen conditions, while saving quality trees including cottonwood, aspen, birch, alder, elm, walnut, silver maple, and boxelder. The proposal includes two years of follow-up maintenance.



Recommendation

Provide staff direction to work with the city of Stillwater and legal counsel to bring a cooperative agreement to the January 2025 board meeting to complete this work under the BCWD federal 319 grant.

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