
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Westwood Hills Nature Center Master Plan Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The purpose of this report is to provide City Council an update of Westwood Hills Nature Center's Master Plan Study that is about to commence.

POLICY CONSIDERATION: None at this time. Please let staff know of any questions or concerns you may have.

SUMMARY: Last year funding was allocated for the City to undertake a master planning process for the Westwood Hills Nature Center. After undertaking a Request for Proposal process, staff has selected the firm of Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, who will partner with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. The consultant will provide professional services related to the study and development of a comprehensive master plan for the Westwood Hills Nature Center. The master plan will serve the City as the vision, guiding principles, resource allocation and action plan to meet the identified needs of the community and to assist the City in planning for the future of the Westwood Hills Nature Center.

The first step in the planning process will be the assessment of current facilities and programs we offer by collecting input through a public process including focus groups, surveys, open house meetings and interviews with staff, stakeholders and community members. This information will be utilized to help create a master plan.

The master plan concept design for Westwood Hills Nature Center is scheduled to be completed in late November. A presentation of the findings will be presented to the City Council in December with updates along the way.

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION: The project is budgeted at \$50,000 and was approved in the 2015 budget.

VISION CONSIDERATION: St. Louis Park is committed to being a connected and engaged community. St. Louis Park is committed to being a leader in environmental stewardship.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None

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