



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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### **Capitol Region Watershed District Will Soon Be Calling the Snelling/Midway Neighborhood of Saint Paul Home**

**Saint Paul, Minn. (March 16, 2017)** – Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) purchased the MacQueen Equipment building located at intersection of Thomas Avenue and Aldine Street in Saint Paul for \$1.35 million. CRWD plans to rehabilitate the former industrial building, located just blocks from the Green Line, with the goal of moving in within a year. Early plans include more space to accommodate the district’s regulatory, water monitoring, project, and outreach program staff, demonstration of clean water practices and community meeting space.

The district has been renting space in an office complex located on Energy Park Drive since 2004. CRWD’s administrator and board began examining the benefits of purchasing a building nearly three years ago. The analysis concluded that the district would recoup the money it would have spent on rent within 10 years.

*“The board has spent countless hours carefully analyzing budgets, visiting potential sites, and examining the MacQueen property to ensure that it is a good investment that will meet the district’s present and future needs.” Mike Thienes, CRWD Board of Managers Treasurer*

*“The board’s decision to purchase the MacQueen property will save residents’ money and better support the district as we work to protect, manage and improve water resources including Como Lake, Crosby Lake, Loeb Lake, Lake McCarrons and the Mississippi River.”*

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