



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Capitol Region Watershed District Breathes New Life into an Old Industrial Building

MSR Design and JE Dunn chosen for project that will feature watershed learning center, pocket park and sustainable practices

Saint Paul (January 30, 2018) – The Midway neighborhood in Saint Paul will soon be a focal point for sustainable design, development and education once Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) moves into its new headquarters at 595 Aldine St.

Construction on the \$7.2 million facility is scheduled to start in March, with move-in date set for fall 2018. MSR Design is the architecture firm and JE Dunn has been selected as the construction manager for the project.

The renewed building will utilize green building principles including stormwater management practices and energy efficiency measures to conserve natural resources, create a healthy workplace and protect the Mississippi River. Gathering spaces will also be available for community and partner organizations to use.

Plus, CRWD will create a community watershed learning center and will offer on-site educational opportunities to showcase its work to protect, manage and improve water resources including Como Lake, Crosby Lake, Loeb Lake, Lake McCarrons and the Mississippi River. One of the community highlights will be a pocket park, combining the natural and built environments with interactive elements to draw in neighbors and visitors.

“CRWD is adopting the City of Saint Paul’s Sustainable Building Policy, and the result will be a stunning remodeled building that will meet standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED),” says Mark Doneux, administrator of CRWD. “Our new offices will provide a flexible workplace to accommodate our organization’s growth without the need to acquire additional building space. Plus, the uniquely designed workplace will provide all the space, equipment and support systems in one location that CRWD staff members need to excel at their jobs.”

Doneux also lauded the CRWD board’s decision to purchase and renovate the former MacQueen Equipment property, which will result in a “more functional workspace and cost-effective solution for the District.”

Since its inception in 1998, CRWD has leased office space in Saint Paul.

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About Capitol Region Watershed District

[CRWD](#), established in 1998, covers 40 square miles and includes portions of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville and St. Paul. CRWD is governed by a five-member Board of Managers that work to protect, manage and improve the water resources of the District.

About MSR Design

[MSR](#) creates responsible and enduring architecture and seeks to enrich lives and the environment through design. MSR's strategic goal is to be the leading design firm that achieves inspiring, generative impacts across the board on every project. Their sustainability initiative is designed to encourage, educate, and inspire employees, clients, consultants, and the public.

About JE Dunn

[JE Dunn](#), an expert in construction management, is a leader in construction sustainability and a platinum member of the US Green Building Council. As a client-centered contractor, much of JE Dunn's work is delivered using a Construction Manager model.

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