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New Hamline-Midway headquarters for Watershed District to include a pocket park



A rendering of the new Capitol Region Watershed District headquarters in St. Paul. The \$7.2 million facility is expected to open in 2018.

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The Capitol Region Watershed District broke ground Tuesday on the \$7.2 million renovation of an industrial building in St. Paul's Hamline-Midway neighborhood into its future headquarters.

Located four blocks north of Metro Transit's Green Line next to Burning Brothers Brewing, the building at 595 Aldine St. previously housed the MacQueen Equipment Company. The district plans to

remodel the space and add a pocket park for public use.

The building is expected to show off the latest storm water management and energy efficiency techniques. The community watershed learning center will offer on-site education showcasing how to protect, manage and improve water resources around the Mississippi River.

The district, a regulatory organization that aims to protect the Mississippi River from pollution and runoff, has been renting office space along Energy Park Drive since 2004. In 2016, MacQueen relocated to a larger space in Dayton's Bluff.

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