



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Capitol Region Watershed District Celebrates its Grand Opening

Saint Paul, Minn. (October 8, 2019) – Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) is pleased to announce its Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, October 11 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at its new headquarters at 595 Aldine Street in Saint Paul. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 4:00 pm. Guests will enjoy local food and music, artmaking, kids’ activities, water flights and building tours. This event is free and accessible via public transit. RSVPs appreciated at bit.ly/CRWD-Oct11.

CRWD broke ground on its new headquarters in May 2018. Hamline-Midway neighbors have watched alongside staff, board and volunteers as this site has been transformed over the past year. Most notably, a new pocket park with a water feature, native plantings and an interactive educational exhibit was added to the corner of Thomas Avenue and Aldine Street. The site also includes several clean water features such as rain gardens, tree trenches and permeable pavement to collect and clean rainwater by allowing it to soak into the ground.

“The work of CRWD has grown immensely over the past twenty years with more than 1,700 projects capturing and cleaning more than 300 million gallons of runoff annually. We are excited to be able to demonstrate best practices for managing stormwater runoff here at our new office.” Mark Doneux, Administrator

Building tours will be offered to showcase a rainwater capture system including a 3,000-gallon cistern, local art, reclaimed wood from nearby Willow Reserve, solar panels and many other sustainability features.

CRWD is pleased to partner with the Healing Place Collaborative to offer the Mniówe: Dakota Water Bar. Visitors will sip tap water and connect with the history and significance of water. A special Water Bar printing activity will be offered to celebrate water.

Live music with the Americana Trio featuring Liz Draper on bass, Sarah York on guitar, and Sam Timmreck on fiddle and banjo and food from Los Ocampo will begin after the 4:00 pm ceremony.

The Backyard Phenology Project's Climate Chaser will be on site with their mobile lab to record and share stories of people's observations about our changing climate.

About Capitol Region Watershed District

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

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