

Committee Report

Environment Committee



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Committee meeting date: January 27, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: February 11, 2026
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Business Item: 2026-26

Disposition of Property at Lift Station L65 in South Saint Paul

Proposed action

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Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

- CM Carter asked: When the land is reconveyed back, will there be a payment?
- Staff responded: No, the terms of the original acquisition agreement are that if we no longer need it for the regional collection system that the land reverts back to the city at no cost.
- CM Lindstrom: Are they proposing to build a community garden there or is there one already existing?
- Staff responded: Yes, there are existing community gardens out there. The city also has a composting site.

Motion by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Lindstrom. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 12, Mark Jenkins
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 9-1 Real Estate Policy; Minn. Stat. §473.504
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Dan Fick, Principal Engineer, Interceptor Engineering, (651)-602-1061
Division/Department:	Environmental Services/Capital Programs

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Background

In 1969 the Metropolitan Sewer Board acquired the South St. Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of the development of a regional wastewater disposal system. Section 2.03 of the transfer Agreement between the Metropolitan Sewer Board (Board) and the city of South Saint Paul (Municipality) stated that:

The Board agrees to reconvey to the Municipality the treatment works property or any part of it when the Board determines it is no longer needed for the metropolitan disposal system.

With the decommissioning of the South Saint Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant during the 1980s and completion of the Lift Station L-65 facility improvements in 2015, certain portions of the original property are no longer required for the regional wastewater disposal system.

Rationale

Reconveyance of this surplus property is a fulfillment of the Council's commitments under the original transfer agreement.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the Thrive outcomes of stewardship by responsibly managing our existing investments and supporting orderly and economic growth by returning land back to local government where it will be made available for redevelopment in accordance with the City's approved Comprehensive Plan.

Funding

None required.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small businesses with the proposed action.

