



Glenwood Corridor Projects

Water resources have strategic importance in achieving economic growth, competitiveness, and high quality of life. Through collaborative partnerships we can improve community health and resiliency of community assets through stormwater management.

The Harrison Neighborhood Association (HNA), City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, Clean Water Trust Fund and Metro Blooms are working in partnership to reach commercial and institutional property owners in the Glenwood Corridor who would like to make these environmental improvements. The challenges of water supply, water quality issues, and environmental stewardship need strategies that look at the whole water picture and consider how efforts in one area could benefit the other. For many years, watershed assessment and planning has largely been a government agency activity, with limited citizen involvement. Too often, citizens and stakeholders are given opportunities to become involved too late in the process when they could do little to influence policy decisions and implementation plans. As a result, there has been limited ownership or buy-in to these plans.

Project Goals: Improve Water Quality; Promote Equitable Development and Environmental Justice principles; Increase Community Resilience Strategies; Revitalize Harrison Neighborhood/Glenwood Corridor.

Metro Blooms provides business owners and surrounding communities with 1) water and environmental education; 2) stormwater management technical assistance, planning and implementation; 3) ecological design; and 4) sustainable landcare training and maintenance solutions.

Metro Blooms Landscape Designers have been meeting with interested property owners in Harrison Neighborhood to explore site conditions and the potential for stormwater management practices.

At least six business properties will receive implementation funding for an installation. The properties will be chosen through a scoring system that incorporates environmental, equitable development and sustainability indicators. Ultimately, community partners and Metro Blooms will select targeted properties upon mutual agreement to receive implementation funding for project installation through use of a new tool. The tool is informed by some aspects of the Equitable Development Principles and Scorecard.

We chose the following 3 themes to focus project efforts and outcomes on.

Water Quality

Equity

Sustainability

The **highest aggregate scores** will be chosen for project participation. In the event of a tie, tiebreakers will be given to the property with the larger potential for runoff capture.



WATER QUALITY

1. Watershed size:
 - a. Each 200 sq ft of capture area gets one point (points capped at 2,000 sq ft)
 - b. At least 1/2 of the property could be captured: 1 bonus point
 - c. 100% of the property could be captured: 2 bonus points
 - d. Protects Bassett Creek from polluted runoff: 2 bonus points

_____ points

2. Is the project part of a larger stormwater treatment system?
 - a. YES: 2 points
 - b. NO: 0 points

_____ points

3. Quality of water being captured:
 - a. Rooftop only: 3
 - b. Grass only: 3
 - c. Rooftop and grass: 5
 - d. Parking lot: 9
 - e. Capturing runoff from neighbor's property: 1 bonus point

_____ points

4. Is this project site highly visible with potential to help educate community members and increase Water IQ?
 - a. YES: 5 points
 - b. NO: 0 points

_____ points

5. Is infiltration feasible?

*If soils are contaminated only FILTRATION is possible***

 - a. YES: 7 points
 - b. NO: 0 points

_____ points

6. How fast does the site infiltrate water? (rated by soil type)
 - a. Soil Type A: 5 (sandy)
 - b. Soil Type B: 5
 - c. Soil Type C: 3
 - d. Soil Type D: 1 (clay)
 - e. Can't Infiltrate: 0

_____ points

TOTAL WQ: _____ /44 Points



The section below is to be completed in partnership with the Neighborhood Association and members of the community.

EQUITY

7. Does the potential site advance the community’s goals, priorities, and criteria for growth and reinvestment?
 ALL: 7 points
 SOME: 4 points
 NONE: 0 points
 _____ points

8. Is the property owner/manager involved in the community?
 a. YES: 5 points
 b. NO: 0 points
 _____ points

9. Would they be willing to host community events at their site following installation?
 a. YES: 3 points
 b. NO: 0 points
 _____ points

10. Does the site hold racial, cultural or other historical significance to community members that should and will be preserved?
 a. YES: 5 points
 b. NO: 0 points
 _____ points

11. Does the site support a business owned by an indigenous or person of color?
 a. YES: 5 points
 b. NO: 0 points
 _____ points

12. Is the property owner willing and able to contribute a financial cost share to the project?
 a. YES: 3 points
 b. NO: 0 points
 _____ points

TOTAL EQ: ____ /28 points

SUSTAINABILITY



13. Is the existing site well-maintained?

- a. YES: 5 points
- b. NO: 0 points

_____ points

14. Is the owner/manager committed to maintaining a potential project either on their own or by hiring a landscape contractor from the community who provides eco and water friendly services?

- a. YES: 10 points
- b. NO: 0 points (*may disqualify property from participating unless an alternative maintenance plan has been established*)

15. Is the owner/manager interested in additional sustainable site practices [e.g. winter maintenance crews become certified in winter maintenance practices in order to reduce salt use?]

- a. YES: 3 points
- b. NO: 0 points

_____ points

TOTAL SUS: ____ /18 Points

WQ score ____ + EQ score ____ + SUS score ____ = GRAND TOTAL: ____ / 90
Points