



Title: 2020 Election Summary and Legislative Update

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Purpose:

To provide the Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) an update on the 2020 fall election outcomes and State Legislature changes within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District).

Summary:

In February 2020, the MCWD Board of Managers memorialized a new direction for MCWD's approach to outreach. This new direction recognizes that, to successfully achieve MCWD's mission of integrating water resource improvements into land use decisions, MCWD must focus its outreach efforts on audiences that shape land use decisions. One such key audience is made up of local, regional, and state policymakers.

To ensure Board and staff are tracking broad trends and specific changes among this important audience, a cross-departmental team of staff from Policy Planning and Outreach has developed an annual election snapshot that provides a high-level scan of election results for municipalities, counties, and State Legislature seats within the District. As part of this effort, staff coordinated with MCWD Government Relations Consultant Joel Carlson.

At the December 17th PCC meeting, staff will summarize this 2020 election scan and cover the following:

- Purpose of the election snapshot within the context of the recently aligned Outreach Program
- Approach and methods used to develop the Fall 2020 Election Snapshot
- Summary of municipal and county election results
- Review of changes within the State Legislature

Afterward, Joel Carlson will provide his annual legislative update.

Supporting documents:

Supporting documents will be provided by a separate email.