

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES (MCES) OPEN
HOUSE AND PUBLIC
HEARING: MCES'S
PROPOSED ACQUISITION
OF THE CITY OF
ROGERS WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT
LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA
CITIES BUILDING
145 UNIVERSITY AVE. W.,
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
OPEN HOUSE 2:00
TO 3:00 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING
BEGINS AT 3:00 P.M.**

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will hold an open house followed by a public hearing to inform the public about and accept comments on its proposal to acquire the City of Rogers Wastewater Treatment Plant in northwestern Hennepin County.

On October 23, 2018, the Rogers City Council adopted a resolution requesting MCES acquire its wastewater treatment plant through an acquisition agreement. Per MCES's "2040 Water Resources Policy Plan," MCES policy has been to acquire wastewater facilities in urban areas where growth is anticipated when communities request service and acquisition. Acquisition of the Rogers Wastewater Treatment Plant was identified in the "2040 Water Resources Policy Plan" and was included in 2016 in the City of Rogers' approved 2030 Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

MCES proposes to acquire the Rogers Wastewater Treatment Plant by December 2019. MCES would continue to operate the treatment plant and serve portions of Rogers through the Elm Creek Interceptor (regional sanitary sewer) until MCES can build a new regional wastewater plant on a site approximately two miles west of the existing treatment plant in Rogers. MCES proposes to construct the new Crow River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant by 2030; the plant would serve Rogers and portions of Dayton and Corcoran.

Additional background information about MCES's proposed acquisition of the Rogers Wastewater Treatment Plant will be available for the public to review after January 3, 2019, at:

- Online
 - o Rogers Wastewater Treatment Plant Acquisition Project webpage (www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/rogers)
- Paper copies will be located at:
 - o Metropolitan Council Building, 390 Robert St. N., Saint Paul
 - o Rogers City Hall, 22350 South Diamond Lake Road, Rogers
 - o Rogers Library, 21300 John Milless Drive, Rogers

The public hearing will begin at 3:00 p.m. on January 14 with an approximately 30-minute formal presentation, followed by receiving comments from the public. During the open house and public hearing, attendees will be able to provide comments, review informational materials, and visit with MCES project staff.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the open house and public hearing on January 14, 2019 and provide comments. You also may submit comments, which must be received by MCES no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2019, as follows:

- Send written comments to: Anna Bessel, Assistant Manager, Engineering Programs, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, 390 Robert St. N., Saint Paul, MN 55101-1805
- E-mail comments to: anna.bessel@metc.state.mn.us
- Send TTY text telephone comments to 651-291-0904

Upon request, MCES will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities and interpretation services at the public hearing. Please submit such requests to Tim O'Donnell at MCES at tim.odonnell@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1269 before January 4, 2019.

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