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**Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis
Announce Joint Project with the Public Policy Project & Environmental Justice
Coordinating Committee to Organize Community Engagement North Minneapolis.**

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn., February 12, 2018 – Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) is partnering with the City of Minneapolis to contract with Public Policy Project & Environmental Justice Coordinating Committee to engage North and a portion of Northeast Minneapolis residents. The Public Policy Project & Environmental Justice Coordinating Committee was selected by a committee through an open Request for Proposals process.

The Public Policy Project & Environmental Justice Coordinating Committee will work primarily in the Hawthorne, McKinley, Sheridan, Bottineau and Marshall Terrace neighborhood to develop recommendations as to how the community should spend the Northern Metals settlement. The settlement is \$200,000 per year for 3 years, within the stipulations of the consent decree. Concurrently the Public Policy Project & Environmental Justice Coordinating Committee will develop a work plan for the Northside Green Zone to execute the recommendations.

The selection committee consisted of CAP-HC board members, Northern Metals Consent Decree Advisory Council members (appointed community members representing the specific neighborhoods), and City of Minneapolis staff. Three proposals were received and reviewed. Ultimately the Public Policy Project & Environmental Justice Coordinating Committee proposal was chosen by the selection committee.

CAP-HC and the City of Minneapolis are excited to partner with the Public Policy Project & Environmental Justice Coordinating Committee to determine the best way to support North Minneapolis.

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About CAP-HC

Created in 1986, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) works to establish services, programs and partnerships that address poverty and increase family and economic stability in Hennepin County. The agency offers services that include energy assistance, food support, free legal services, free tax assistance, financial literacy, and full-cycle homeownership services. CAP-HC is one of 25 Community Action organizations in Minnesota.