



COON CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT

WQ Cost Share Update: Chloride Reduction Initiatives

August 13th, 2026 | TAC Meeting



WQ Cost Share Program Overview

Purpose: Support implementation of **water quality** restoration & protection projects consistent with CCWD TMDL/WRAPS that go **above and beyond** any requirements

A competitive program with applications reviewed in batches twice per year;
awards up to 50-75% of total project cost, up to \$75,000 per project

2026 Cost Share Categories:

- General Projects & Practices
- Water Quality Improvement Planning/ Feasibility
- Enhanced Sweeping **& Smart Salting***



WQ Cost Share Program 2026 Status Update

- \$290,000 initial balance
- \$41,125 awarded in April
- **\$248,875** currently available

NEXT Application Deadline: September 11, 2026

If funds remain after Sept awards, CCWD Board likely to authorize a third deadline or first come, first serve through the end of the calendar year



New 'Smart Salting' Category

Eligibility: Projects/practices that reduce chloride pollution to District receiving waters, including groundwater.

- Proposals must result in benefits above-and-beyond any requirements and existing/baseline winter maintenance practices
- Record-keeping improvements increasing eligible pollutant reduction credits and/or facilitating program evaluation and improvement planning are also eligible

Required match: 25%

Examples:

- Equipment purchase/upgrades that reduce salt use or improve record-keeping (e.g., salt calibration/vehicle scales, liquid de-icer production/application, mechanical snow & ice removal, pavement temperature sensors, GPS retrofits & software, etc.)
- Salt recovery and re-use proposals
- [Smart salting](#) and [Low Salt Design](#) training and implementation



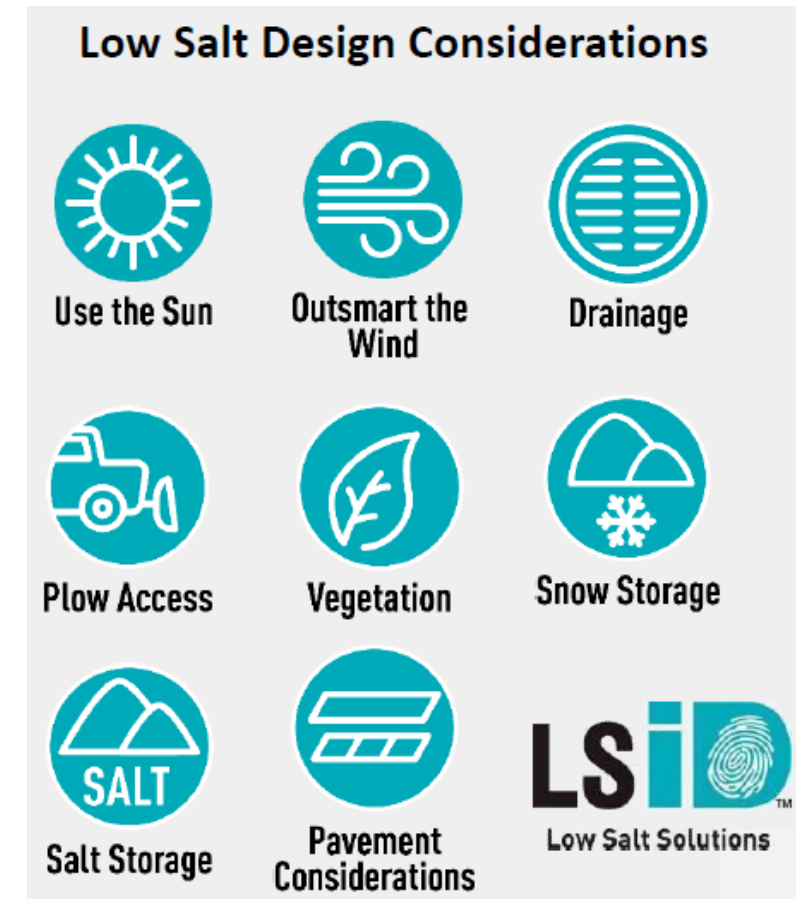
Low Salt Design?

Designing for safer winter surfaces & reduced de-icer demand

- Improving pavement recovery
- Reducing meltwater impacts
- Reducing snow drifting

Snow, Ice, & Meltwater is stormwater.

Guest Presentation by Bolton & Menk at 6.10.2026 Anoka Co
MS4 Meeting (slides available)



Low Salt Design Pilot Projects

Richfield:

Custom Low Salt Design fact sheet for developers

Minnetonka:

Snow storage Area Guidance

Hopkins:

Sustainable Building Policy integration

Eden Prairie:

City Hall interpretive site design

Maple Grove, Plymouth, Inver Grove Heights, Eagan:

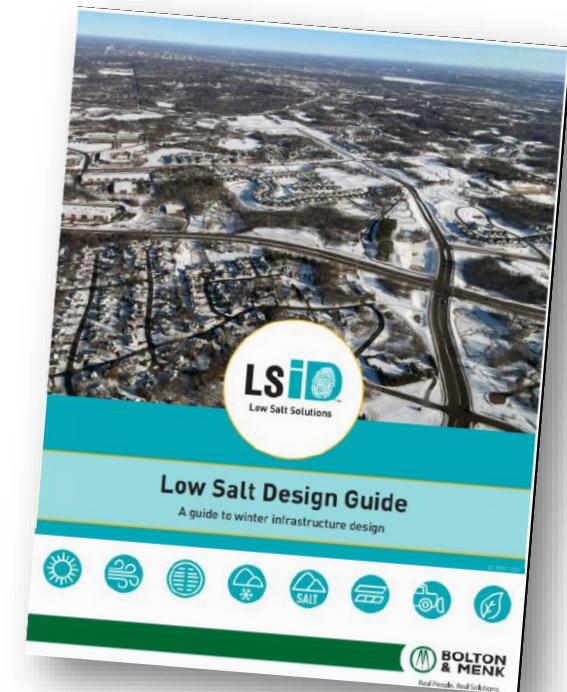
Customized Low Salt Design checklists for internal plan review

Rochester:

Integration w/ stormwater credit program

Bloomington:

Policy review, GIS model of salt demand (streets)



Comments?

Questions?

Schedule a pre-app meeting?

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