Introducing Coon Creek Watershed District

Welcome, western Spring Lake Park to the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD). Areas mostly west of Highway 65 that were in the Six Cities Water Management Organization jurisdiction are now within Coon Creek Watershed District (www.cooncreekwd.org). That’s about 68% of the city.

The boundary of the Coon Creek Watershed District was expanded beyond the hydrologic watershed of Coon Creek per a December 14th decision by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

The BWSR decision is in response to a petition filed by the cities of Blaine, Coon Rapids, Fridley and Spring Lake Park. Parts of those cities, along with Columbia Heights and Hilltop, were formerly in the Six Cities Watershed Management Organization (SCWMO), a joint powers organization made up of city staff and consultants.

The four petitioning cities left SCWMO in 2011 citing increased regulation in water quality and quantity that increased financial obligations for the SCWMO operations and projects without having taxing authority. The SCWMO subsequently dissolved.

All cities and local units of government within the seven-county Metropolitan Area are required to have comprehensive surface water management plans through member-ship in a watershed management organization per the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act of 1982.

Hence, the four cities of Blaine, Coon Rapids, Fridley, and Spring Lake Park desired inclusion within the Coon Creek Watershed District. Water resource management will now be addressed with the help and expertise brought by Coon Creek Watershed District for those areas. We look forward to collaborating with city staff. A levy will not be implemented until 2013.

The Coon Creek Watershed District was formed by citizen petition in 1959 and has the legal authority, and obligation, to develop and manage a uniform program of water and related land management under both the Minnesota Watershed District Act and the Metropolitan Water Management Act. It is governed by a five-member Board of Managers appointed by the Anoka County Board. A direct link to the BWSR order can be found on the homepage of www.cooncreekwd.org. Please contact us with any questions. We look forward to serving you.

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Proposed Boundary Change for Coon Creek Watershed District

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