

Partnerships and Collaboration

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Introduction

Partnerships between local, State and Federal agencies are essential in the planning, development and operation of water and related resource management facilities and infrastructure (Appendix F). These partnerships have helped resolve many conflicts and problems within the Coon Creek Watershed. To fully comprehend and evaluate relationships between these entities, it is important to first understand each entity's current role in water management.

The Coon Creek Watershed District has responsibilities as a land manager in development of water resource projects within the District. These projects occur within one or more of the cities that lie wholly or partially within the watershed. In addition, efficiently and effectively accomplishing these projects depends to the great degree on partnerships and collaboration with the cities.

Specific issues pertinent to partnerships included:

- Cooperative relationships between all governmental units managing water within the watershed are vital to Minnesota's and Coon Creek's Watershed District's water resources.
- The quantity and quality of future water resources will impact stakeholders across municipal and watershed district jurisdictions.
- Clear and frequent communication is necessary to identify operational and procedural flaws and avoid financial issues.

- High legal costs required to settle disputes related to water and related land resource use issues must be avoided.
- Effective communication between entities is necessary to avoid constraining future collaborative efforts.

Goals

1. To integrate water resource management with Watershed District land and resource management planning and to coordinate Watershed District water resource protection, development, and improvement programs with similar programs of other Federal, State, and local agencies.
2. To assess effectiveness of management in meeting legislative mandates, such as those pertaining to pollution control and to the securing of favorable conditions of streamflow.
3. To plan and execute a coordinated program of water resource development to maximize public benefits within the Watershed.

Objectives

- Address water resource management in land and resource planning, program planning and budgeting.
- Coordinate programs and activities, such as ditch inspection and repair, which can produce effects outside as well as within the subwatershed, with all affected interests.
- Support properly designed and technically sound water related activities of cooperators within the Watershed District, provided those activities and anticipated results are not in conflict with any applicable law or regulation governing the administration and management of these lands.

Current Situation

At present, the Coon Creek Watershed District is committed to a strategy of cultivating and relying on the collaboration and cooperation of the cities within the District. Most of this collaboration and cooperation occurs in the day to day operation of both the Cities stormwater and drainage systems and the District's operation of the public ditch system. Cooperation and collaboration is also frequent in review and inspection of regulated activities and during enforcement actions where care is taken to not 'overwhelm' individuals who have made honest mistakes or oversights and fully intend on remedying the situation.

The District also provides news and other articles tailored to the

specifics of the District, for circulation in municipal news letters or posting on the City websites.

The State of Minnesota Board of Water Resources and Pollution Control Agency has encouraged and requested that the Coon Creek Watershed District enter into a coordinated water and related resource management effort with the local units of government and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) that are partially or wholly within the Coon Creek Watershed District.

Anoka Conservation District (ACD)

The Anoka Conservation District was organized in 1946 as a Soil and Water Conservation District pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103C. The Conservation District was organized as a governmental subdivision of the State of Minnesota, to exercise public powers in connection with soil conservation and erosion control within its boundaries.

Since its organization, the District has adopted plans and programs outlining in general its long-time objectives. The District has, or may in the future have, under its control funds, services, and facilities, contributed from Federal, State, local, and private sources for use in carrying on its work.

At present, the resource priorities of the Anoka Conservation District are:

1. Water Quality
 - Maintain high quality surface waters
 - Improve impaired surface waters
 - Participate in local planning for preserving clean drinking water
2. Water Quantity
 - Minimize long term depletion of the surficial aquifer
 - Establish practices for water reclamation
3. Natural Habitats
 - Provide leadership in open space planning and protection
 - Address invasive species in high quality natural areas
 - Promote open space protection during the development process
 - Meet annually with P&Z commissions regarding development review process
 - Ensure there is an entity able to accept and manage easements on high priority parcels
4. Wetlands
 - Prevent wetland loss and degradation by enforcing the WCA and recognizing the importance of wetland quality as well as quantity.
5. Soils
 - Maintain and enhance the quality of soil.

- Promote sound agricultural practices through conservation planning.

Management programs and services provided by the ACD are:

1. Monitoring
2. Inventory
3. Assessment
4. Planning
5. Land Protection
6. Technical Assistance
7. Financial Assistance
8. Products & Equipment
9. Education

The Coon Creek Watershed District contracts for all or parts of 24 of the 32 (75%) programs and activities annually provided by the ACD.

The programs and services not utilized are geared towards land protection and technical assistance to individual property owners. These activities include such things as

- Conservation easements
- Land ownership
- Backyard habitat improvement efforts
- Individual assistance with water quality BMPs

The Watershed District is authorized, under the terms of various statutes it administers, to cooperate with and assist soil conservation districts in achieving erosion control and soil conservation. Such cooperation can be mutually helpful to the ACD and the CCWD in achieving their objectives.

In view of these considerations, the CCWD recognizes the enduring basis for such cooperation and assistance.

At present, the Coon Creek Watershed District, through its various programs and activities, consistent with its statutory authority and available resources, and in accordance with CCWD regulations cooperates with and assists the ACD in carrying on erosion control and soil conservation work.

The ACD will prepare and adopt a work plan, which it will keep current, as a guide to show how it will carry on its activities in the interest of erosion control and soil conservation within the County.

Where the aid to be furnished by the ACD to owners and operators of land in carrying out conservation plans involves assistance from the

CCWD, the ACD will enter into agreements with those owners and operators, fixing the responsibilities of the parties in carrying out those plans. The forms of such agreements are to be acceptable to the CCWD and the City involved.

The ACD will be responsible for determining the kind and amount of erosion control and soil conservation work to be performed by it on individual parcels of land, and for seeing that the provisions of agreements it enters into with owners and operators of land are carried out.

The ACD will provide such funds, personal services, and facilities as it is able to obtain for carrying on its work.

Within ninety (90) days after December 31 of each year, the ACD will submit to the CCWD a report on the District's activities and accomplishments for the year ending December 31. The ACD will keep its records in such a way that the agencies of the District cooperating with the ACD may obtain adequate information as to the ACD activities more frequently than once a year by examining these records.

The ACD will inform all cooperating agencies of any substantial changes in its program and its work plan, in order to avoid possible conflicts in carrying out its work.

Strategies to Achieve the Goals

Strategies to facilitate cooperative watershed management will include organized efforts focused on providing for the study, planning, and implementation of actions to achieve a pattern of land use that enhances or conserves water and soil and that meets identified needs of people.

Policies

- The District will administer cooperative watershed programs in accordance with the laws rules and regulations governing the watershed and consistent with the goals and objectives of the District.
- The District will seek to provide leadership and technical assistance for the planning and implementation of the watershed and subwatershed aspects of the cooperative programs.
- The District will give full attention to protecting and improving the ecological and environmental values of the water and related resources of the District where feasible and where measurable impacts can result.

- The District will cooperate with and provide general assistance to the Anoka Conservation District in pursuing their objectives. Adherence to this policy should enable the CCWD to more quickly to reach its objectives of desirable watershed management within the watershed.

The Watershed District will pursue the above goals and policies through the following activities:

- Cooperative Relations
- Cooperative Management
- Watershed Protection
- Subwatershed and Special Area Management Studies
- Flood Prevention
- Emergency Watershed Protection and Natural Disasters Response
- Interagency Programs and Projects
- Hydrologic Monitoring, Surveys and Analysis

Cooperative Relations

Objective To develop and maintain partnerships with the cities and appropriate State agencies to jointly establish and meet water and related resource goals, objectives, and standards.

To cooperate with other agencies, conservation organizations, concerned landowners, and individuals in all appropriate aspects of water and related resource management.

- Policies**
- Recognize the role of the Federal and State authority to manage and regulate water and related resources within their jurisdictions and authority.
 - Recognize the Cities and Anoka County as public agencies with water management responsibilities within the District and include them as partners in planning and implementation of activities that effect water and related resources.
 - Provide leadership in water management within the Coon Creek Watershed to meet resource objectives of the District and its cooperators.
 - Maintain processes for resolving water management issues of the Watershed District and its cooperators.
 - Involve other agencies and participate with agencies,

organizations, and individuals in fostering support for natural resources management within the Coon Creek Watershed.

- Communicate water and related resource status and trends on a regular basis to people within the District to show result of the water management programs.

Cooperative Management

Objective To promote sound integrated planning, development, and utilization of water and related resources on public and private lands within the watershed.

To encourage communication and active participation of local staff in decision making.

To establish coordinated water management practices on geographically interrelated public and private lands.

- Policy**
- Provide leadership in applying principles inherent in the concept of Coordinated Resource Management and Planning.
 - Encourage interested developers, individuals, partnerships, or corporations to develop low or minimum impact development and resource management plans for developable land, including wetland under their control including new, redevelopment and linear projects.
 - Develop and maintain a close working relationship with the development and construction industry through professional organizations.
 - Cooperate with other public and private agencies to encourage cooperative water resource management on interrelated public and private lands and to promote sustainable development.
 - Exchange information with other Government agencies and with all institutions and organizations interested in management of water resources.
 - Provide technical information and advice to private landowners, consultants, and users of the watershed.
 - Demonstrate sound water management within the watershed System and associated public and private lands.

- Approach water and related resource cooperation in a way that will achieve the objectives and spirit of the Watershed Act and the Metropolitan Watershed Management Act.
- Develop Memoranda of Understanding (MOA) with all cities Anoka County and the Anoka Conservation District, that states the responsibilities and relationships of the City and the Coon Creek Watershed District (Potential principles and concepts for an MOA are provided at the end of this chapter).

Watershed Protection

Objective To meet the landowners and City or County objectives and ensure the evaluation and consideration of all water and related resources from a multiple-use standpoint to solve resource, environmental, and socioeconomic problems in watersheds.

- Policy**
- Assist project sponsors to develop and implement plans and proposals that include water and related resource management land treatment activities that contribute toward solving watershed problems such as:
 - 1) Erosion,
 - 2) Floodwater,
 - 3) Water quality and sediment
 - 4) Water conservation, development, utilization, and disposal.

Subwatershed Studies and Special Area Management Plans

Subwatershed studies and special area management plans deal with specific water management needs consistent with the mission and responsibilities of the District. Generally, the studies are limited in scope and provide specific information needed for problem solving. They include retrofit studies and modeling studies for floodplain and water quality.

- Objectives**
1. To ensure the proper role of water management and recognize the benefits from, and the impacts on public and private watershed lands within the watershed.
 2. To improve the well-being of people and the quality of life through planned use of the District's water and related land resources.
 3. To identify and analyze alternative plans for the protection, management, and development of water and related resources.
 4. To provide water and related land resources information to meet Watershed District and other agencies' or entities' planning needs.

- Policy**
- The District will provide technical and planning assistance to other agencies, in water-related resources matters pertaining to Coon Creek Watershed District and the subwatersheds therein.

Flood Prevention

Objective To restore and preserve desirable watershed conditions that will help prevent floods and control sediment transport from watershed lands.

- Policy**
- Install approved flood prevention and watershed protection treatment measures as rapidly as funds permit to solve watershed problems that cause downstream threats to life and property.
 - After installation, ensure that these measures are maintained.
 - Install authorized work as a part of the management and administration of these resources.
 - Use the full authority and facilities of ongoing Watershed District programs to support and supplement flood prevention objectives that are consistent with Watershed District objectives.

Emergency Protection and Natural Disaster Response

Objective Assist in relieving imminent hazards to life and or property from floods and the products of erosion created by natural disasters that cause a sudden impairment of watershed condition.

- Policies**
- Emergency Watershed Protection efforts are intended to be used only in instances when existing local, State, and Federal programs do not provide adequate facilities and funds for immediate remedial action. To be eligible for assistance, the threat to life or property must significantly exceed that which existed before the impairment.

Interagency Programs and Projects

Objective To aid cooperative watershed projects and programs to the maximum extent possible, consistent with other Watershed District responsibilities.

To further the development of water and related resource projects within the District.

- Policies**
- Foster the development of water and related land resources and encourage such development by when public interests can be served.
 - Provide assistance equally to non-public and public programs and projects.

Hydrologic Surveys and Analysis

Objective To develop storm hydrographs, predicted erosion rates, sediment-source areas, and predicted sediment delivery rates for tributary drainages of watershed under investigation.

To develop a cost effective plan to reduce storm water runoff, erosion, and sediment production and to show the costs and benefits of the plan.

- Policies**
- Provide hydrologic data and analyses for lands where the Watershed District has watershed planning responsibilities.

Additional District Program Actions

Development Regulation

Help project proponents select the best project site for water resource development projects. Use the environmental analysis process to identify significant issues and concerns associated with proposed water resource development projects.

Enhance watershed benefits affected by the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project in a way compatible with the project.

Maintain effective and timely communication with the project proponent.

Identify claims of project opponents and prepare a position in response to the claims. Work for modification if project is not consistent with Watershed District position.

Maintain a case folder of Watershed District obligations, plans, and

accomplishments for each water resource development project.

Coordinate law enforcement efforts with the other water and related resources programs within the Coon Creek Watershed District.

Upon request, and depending upon availability, assign Watershed District Enforcement personnel to work with the City on specific enforcement problems.

When available and within budget constraints, assign Watershed District employees to work with Cities and MS4 personnel during specific time periods, such as construction season or periods when heavy violations may be occurring.

Coordinate with City and County personnel in developing prevention programs aimed at reducing enforcement problems within the Coon Creek Watershed District.

When available, furnish such equipment, materials, and labor as the Watershed District determines are needed in rendering assistance.

Provide adequate lead time to review with the City Engineering Department and obtain concurrence for water and related resources development projects.

Operation and Maintenance

Provide adequate lead time to review with the City Engineering Department and obtain concurrence for water and related resources maintenance, repair and improvement projects.

When surplus to its needs, make available to representatives of the City such Coon Creek Watershed District improvements, facilities, and equipment as would normally be used in water and related resources work.

In cooperation with other uses and values, to practice those forms of water and related land management that will benefit water and related resources.

Give technical guidance in connection with the establishment and operation of water demonstration projects.

When available, furnish such equipment, materials, and labor as the Watershed District determines are needed in rendering assistance.

To enter into supplemental cooperative agreements with the Cities for the construction and maintenance of water management and control

structures within the Public Ditch system where they are deemed necessary to facilitate management activities of the City; provided such structures meet the requirements of the Coon Creek Watershed District and their intended use conforms with Watershed District goals and policy.

Assist in making surveys for developing Coon Creek Watershed District management plans for private lands to the extent personnel are available.

**Planning,
Programming and
Budgeting**

Establish a framework to coordinate water resource management activities among the seven cities planning, engineering and public works departments.

To seek advice of the appropriate city department concerning water and related resources needs in carrying out the management of Coon Creek Watershed water resource system.

Consult with the Cities in connection with changes or improvements in the water or related resources or the District's Comprehensive Plan or work plan.

The watershed district and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency should enhance dialogue among the cities to ensure consistency in rule application.

Assure resolution of issues and concerns.

Obtain information from functional units responsible for implementing a part of the total Watershed District program associated with a water resource development project.

Participate in flood forecasting and warning services with interested agencies, organizations, local communities, and the general public.

Conduct water resource inventories and investigations, prepare prescriptions and investigation reports for water resource protection and improvement, and make floodplain evaluations.

Ensure that the proper type and level of technical support service and expertise is applied and scheduled in a timely manner to the planning, implementation, quality control and monitoring of all management activities.

Maintain liaison with local representatives of State and Federal agencies on watershed management matters, including Watershed System water

use and water quality protection.

Assist the Cities in the preparation of Local Water Plans and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans and the training of Planning, Engineering and Public Works Departments.

Give technical assistance in the preparation of water management plans within the watershed.

**Public &
Governmental
Relations**

Cooperate with the Local Units of Government in the coordination of the Coon Creek Watershed District program, on the following measures as may be mutually agreed upon: Watershed protection, Emergency and Natural Disaster management, erosion control, flood prevention, and such other conservation measures common to the interests of the Watershed District.

Conduct semi-annual meetings among key staff of the cities, watershed district, Conservation District, DNR and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Increase partnership opportunities at various association conferences/workshops.

Conduct meetings with members of the Minnesota legislature to further the discussion on water issues.

Develop an effective sustainable communication plan among water stakeholders.

Annual meetings should be held within each city to include participation of all key stakeholders.

Cooperate with other water resource agencies for water measurements on Watershed System lands in accordance with Regional cooperative agreements.

Notify individuals and communities of potential flood situations where they are known to exist.

Assist in carrying on educational work with the Cities.

Give technical guidance in connection with the establishment and operation of water demonstration projects.

When available, furnish such equipment, materials, and labor as the Watershed District determines are needed in rendering assistance.

Recognize the appropriate department or section within the City as the agency responsible for managing the City water and related resources within the City; and to seek advice of the appropriate city department concerning water and related resources needs in carrying out the management of Coon Creek Watershed water resource system.

Research and Monitoring

Establish monitoring programs which will provide information on the need for and the results of management activities.

Conduct water measurements in cooperation with Federal and State water resource agencies.

Cooperate with the ACD and responsible Local Governmental Units, and other agencies in water and related resources surveys and plans.

**Concepts and Notes on a
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
AND
THE COUNTY OF ANOKA
AND
CITIES OF ANDOVER, BLAINE, COLUMBUS, COON RAPIDS,
FRIDLEY, HAM LAKE AND SPRING LAKE PARK**

Background

The Coon Creek Watershed District (District) has been created under the laws of the State of Minnesota to provide an adequate and flexible system of control, protection, regulation, management, or use of all water and related resources within the District.

The District is authorized by the State of Minnesota to regulate the water and related resources of the Coon Creek Watershed and other areas to maintain proper conditions for the beneficial uses of those water and related resources, and for ensuring proper use of those resources compatible with other land uses within the District.

The State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and Pollution Control Agency has encouraged and requested that the District enter into a coordinated water and related resource management effort with the local units of government and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) that are partially or wholly within the Watershed.

It is the desire of the District to work in harmony with the Cities, County and Conservation District within the District and Anoka County for the common purpose of developing, conserving and maintaining all water and related resources for the best interests of the people of the Watershed and the Cities therein.

Purpose

The intent of this MOA is to organize the sharing of personnel, information, monies and equipment to facilitate the efficient and effective management of water and related resources within the watershed. The purpose of this memorandum is to state the responsibilities and relationships of the Cities, Anoka County, the

Conservation District and the Coon Creek Watershed District, in the implementation of a coordinated water and related resource management program and to lay a foundation for any Memorandum's of Understanding or agreements that result from the implementation of this plan.

An implied requirement of both the Watershed Act (M.S. 103D) and the Metropolitan Water Management Act (M.S. 103B) is to cooperate and aid in the enforcement of the laws of the District and Local Governmental Units with regard to water resource use and land disturbing activities for:

- The beneficial use of the District's water resources and,
- The protection of water and related resources, and
- Provide aid, once requested, in the performance of the duties imposed on them by laws.

The Watershed District's Policies and Procedures; and Rules and Regulations designate certain officers and employees of the Watershed District to enforce the laws and regulations relating to Water and related resources within the watershed.

The Cooperation Ethic

It is the understanding of all agencies operating within the Coon Creek Watershed District that:

1. A basic intent of the Comprehensive Plan is to strengthen the cooperative approach to the management of water and related resources within the Coon Creek Watershed District at all levels of the respective agencies.
2. Cooperation cannot be forced by this or any other document. It can only come from the recognized need and desire to cooperate.
3. The Watershed District/Municipal/County relationship will be on a professional basis, as two cooperators attempting to achieve common goals.
4. A basic need of all agencies is to be kept informed on matters of mutual interest. This means the Cities should be informed in a timely manner and their recommendations solicited on matters of Coon Creek Watershed District management that may affect water and related resources management within their jurisdiction; and the Coon Creek Watershed District should be informed in a timely manner and its recommendations solicited on water and related resources programs of the Cities that may affect Coon Creek Watershed District lands.

**Mutual
Commitments**

All parties managing water and related resources within the Coon Creek will seek:

1. To encourage a united and professional approach by personnel of all involved agencies in seeking solutions to problems that may arise in water and related resources management.
2. To cooperate in the formulation and application of practical plans and programs to manage water and related resources.
3. Each party will name an overall coordinator to communicate and facilitate the handling of the agencies' responsibilities under this supplement to the Memorandum of Understanding.
4. To meet annually and more often if desirable, to evaluate the effectiveness of this enforcement effort and to strengthen the program where needed.
5. To meet annually and more often if desirable, for discussion of matters relating to management of water and related resources in or affecting Coon Creek Watershed lands and to provide for other meetings at various administrative levels for discussion of matters relevant to the management of water and related resources
6. To meet annually with the Coon Creek Watershed District Administrator and staff to discuss any work the Coon Creek Watershed District plans for the ensuing fiscal year that will affect Water and related resources work or lands within the City.
7. Parties will coordinate all phases of inspection, enforcement and field work.
8. To provide each other with reports and copies of basic correspondence essential in cooperating effectively in relevant work.
9. To encourage a united and professional approach by personnel of both agencies in seeking solutions to problems that may arise in water and related resources management.
10. That whenever a specific area of a Coon Creek Watershed District is set aside for a program of intensive cooperative water and related resources management, which in part or whole is to be financed by deposits in a cooperative funding, individual cooperative agreements will be entered into by the parties involved hereto covering the management of each such Coon Creek Watershed District and portion thereof.

11. To assist each other in enforcement of laws under their respective jurisdiction by promptly reporting violations to local officers of the cooperating agency.
12. Watershed District law enforcement efforts will be limited to Watershed District water and related resource rule and law violations that occur within the Coon Creek Watershed District.

**Watershed
District
Commitments**

The Coon Creek Watershed District will:

1. Provide City and County Engineering Departments and MS4s adequate lead time for review and to obtain concurrence for water and related resources maintenance, repair and improvement projects.
2. Recognize the appropriate department or section within the City as the agency responsible for managing the City water and related resources within the City; and to seek advice of the department concerning water and related resources needs in carrying out the management of Coon Creek Watershed water resource system.
3. Consult with the Cities in connection with changes or improvements in the water or related resources or the District's Comprehensive Plan or work plan.
4. When surplus to its needs, make available to representatives of the City such Coon Creek Watershed District improvements, facilities, and equipment as would normally be used in water and related resources work.
5. Coordinate law enforcement efforts with the other water and related resources programs within the Coon Creek Watershed District.
6. Upon request, and depending upon availability, assign Watershed District Enforcement personnel to work with the City on specific enforcement problems.
7. When available and within budget constraints, assign Watershed District employees to assist Cities and MS4 personnel during specific time periods, such as construction season or periods when heavy violations may be occurring.
8. Coordinate with City and County personnel in developing prevention programs aimed at reducing enforcement problems within the Coon Creek Watershed District.

9. In cooperation with other uses and values, to practice those forms of water and related land management that will benefit water and related resources.
10. Cooperate with the Anoka Conservation District and responsible Local Governmental Units, and other agencies in water and related resources surveys and plans.
11. Assist the Cities in the preparation of Local Water Plans and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans and the training of Planning, Engineering and Public Works Departments.
12. Assist in carrying on educational work with the Cities.
13. Assist the CCWD in keeping records and preparing reports for those projects of the City for which the CCWD provides formal technical assistance.
14. Cooperate with the Local Units of Government in the coordination of the Coon Creek Watershed District program, on the following measures as may be mutually agreed upon: Watershed protection, Emergency and Natural Disaster management, erosion control, flood prevention, and such other conservation measures common to the interests of the Watershed District.
15. Give technical assistance in the preparation of water management plans within the watershed.
16. Give technical guidance in connection with the establishment and operation of water demonstration projects.
17. When available, furnish such equipment, materials, and labor as the Watershed District determines are needed in rendering assistance.
18. To enter into supplemental cooperative agreements with the Cities for the construction and maintenance of water management and control structures within the Public Ditch system where they are deemed necessary to facilitate management activities of the City; provided such structures meet the requirements of the Coon Creek Watershed District and their intended use conforms with Watershed District goals and policy.
19. Assist in making surveys for developing Coon Creek Watershed District management plans for private lands to the extent personnel are available.

20. Within the context of its multiple use objectives, manage the Watershed District drainage and conveyance system to help minimize water and related resources enforcement problems.

City & County Commitments

The Cities of the District and Anoka County agree to:

1. Extend to the Watershed District an invitation to attend regular and special meetings of their Council or Board.
2. Furnish representatives to serve on advisory committees established by the Coon Creek Watershed District
3. To neither make nor sanction any release, introduction, or establishment of water, water-related resource, or aquatic species which may adversely affect water management within the Coon Creek Watershed, until a joint investigation has been made and a mutual agreement reached regarding its possible effect upon other resources.
4. To notify the Coon Creek Watershed District Administrator of changes in the Local Governmental Units water and related resources laws and regulations.
5. To recognize the Watershed District as the agency, primarily responsible for water and related resources management on the public ditch system.
6. Enter into cooperative agreements with owners and operators of land, based on plans for the development, maintenance, protection, and utilization of water and related resources on which the assistance of the Watershed District will be used.
7. To provide enforcement of City water and related resource, and other laws and regulations which are applicable to the management of water in the Coon Creek Watershed District, and where the City or County has the authority.
8. Upon request, and when practicable, aid in the enforcement of District rules and regulations with regard to the administration of Coon Creek Watershed District Comprehensive Plan.
9. Upon request, provide training to Watershed District personnel in City or County water and related resources laws ordinances and

regulations.

10. In a further effort to coordinate programs and policies, submit grading, drainage and erosion control plans and SWPPPs for work within the Watershed for the review and approval of the Coon Creek Watershed District.
11. Cooperate in educational work with the Coon Creek Watershed District in matters of conservation.
12. Cooperate with the District in programs to revegetate denuded and partly denuded lands within the Coon Creek Watershed District for the purpose of Watershed protection.
13. Work closely with the Watershed District to attain objectives in securing protection and, in some cases, rehabilitation of highly valuable lands that have a direct bearing upon the economic life of communities.
14. Assist the Watershed District in protecting the Watershed from damage, including close cooperation in the use of personnel and equipment in flood or natural disaster, and closely cooperate in educational work pertaining to water and related resources.
15. To make available to the Watershed District such facilities, equipment, and personnel for the prevention and suppression of Coon Creek Watershed District floods or in the solution of other emergency situations within the Watershed insofar as mutually agreed upon by the City and Coon Creek Watershed District.
16. Cooperate with the Watershed District in programs of prevention of property damage within the watershed.