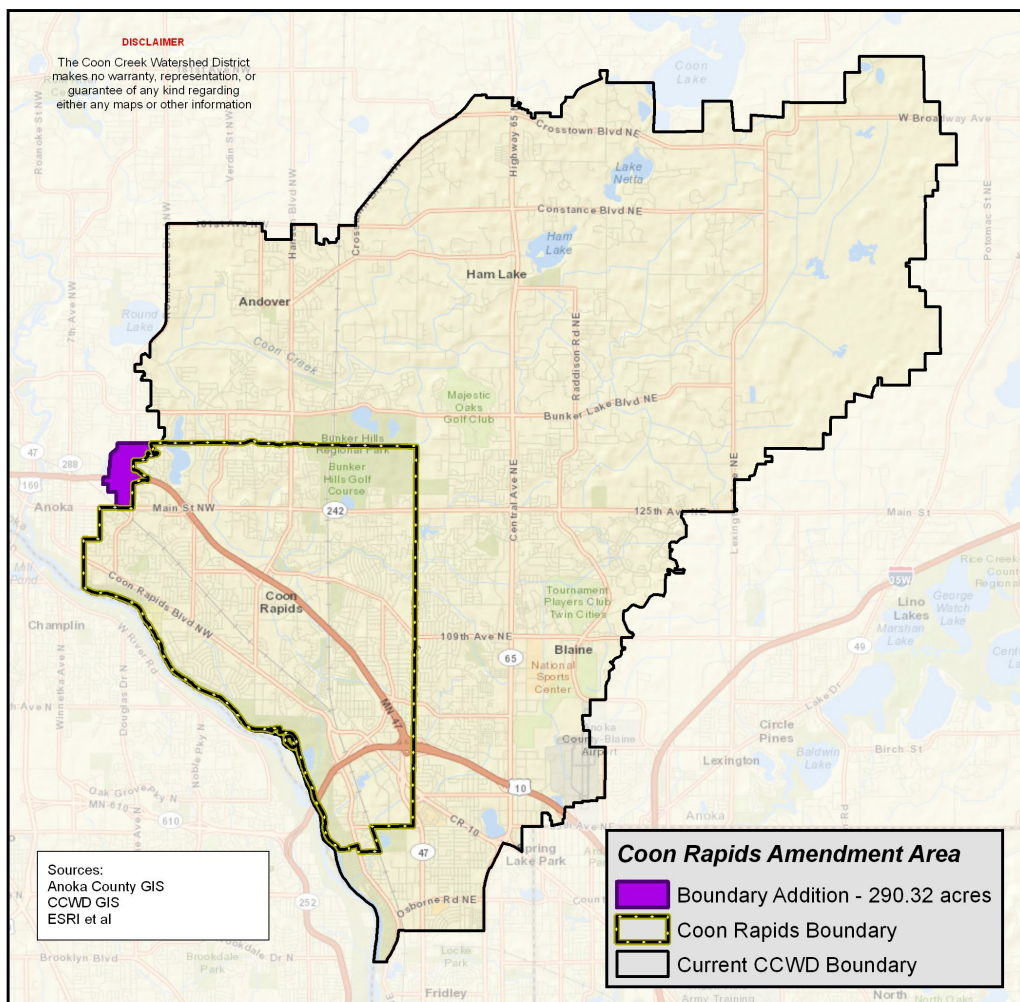


**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES**

**PETITION OF COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
FOR AN ORDER
CHANGING ITS BOUNDARY BETWEEN
THE LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION
AND
THE COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**



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Request The Coon Creek Watershed District is petitioning the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources to change the Boundary of the Coon Creek Watershed District to include those lands and properties east of the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization within the City of Coon Rapids.

Size The area in question involves 290.3 acres within the City of Coon Rapids.

Reasons for Request On May 2, 2013 the City of Coon Rapids requested that the Watershed District consider revising its boundary in the northwest corner of Coon Rapids to include an additional 290 acres into its jurisdictional boundary. The letter is attached.

The City's request recognizes that the area in question is not within the hydrologic boundaries of the CCWD. The City's argument is that the boundary change make's sense to all the affected entities for the following three reasons:

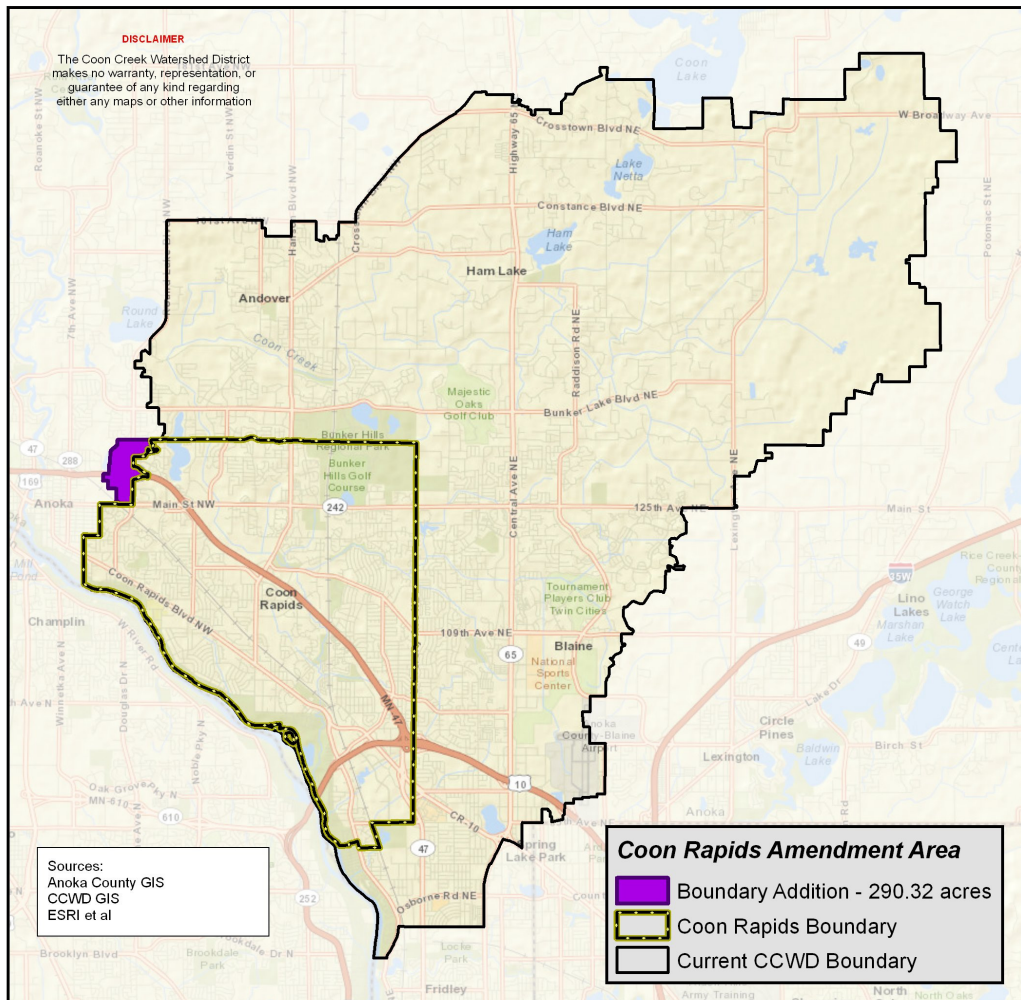
1. It would allow for a more efficient use of management resources, and minimize the costs of public capital expenditures.
2. All water management activities for the City of Coon Rapids would be contained within a single watershed (CCWD); simplifying the planning and reporting requirements, and creating a more uniform set of policies and control.
3. It would consolidate the official controls with regard to protection of groundwater, and its beneficial use.

Nature of the Change Transfer **290.3 acres** from the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization legal boundaries to the Coon Creek Watershed District.

The new boundary is proposed to be coterminous with the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization boundary

Location

Figure 1: Coon Creek Watershed District and Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization Location Map

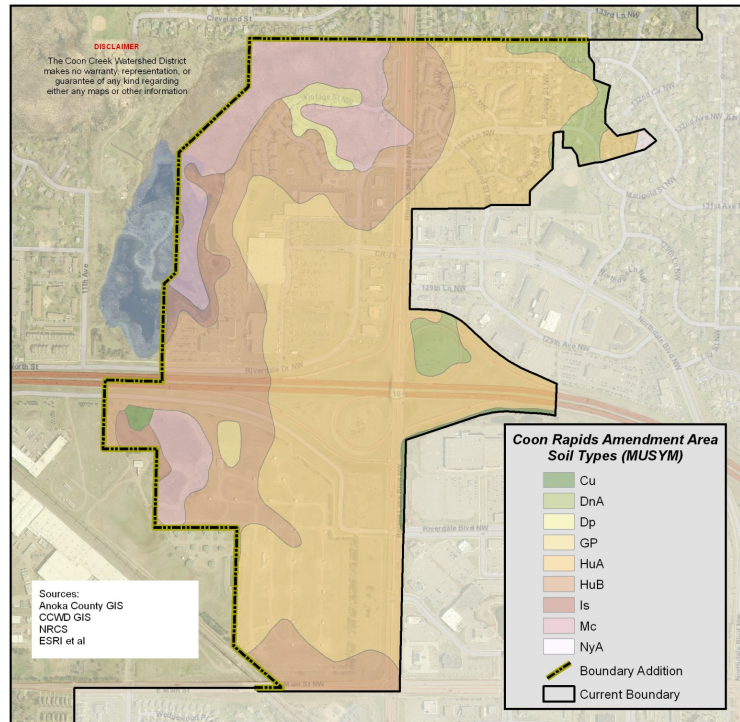


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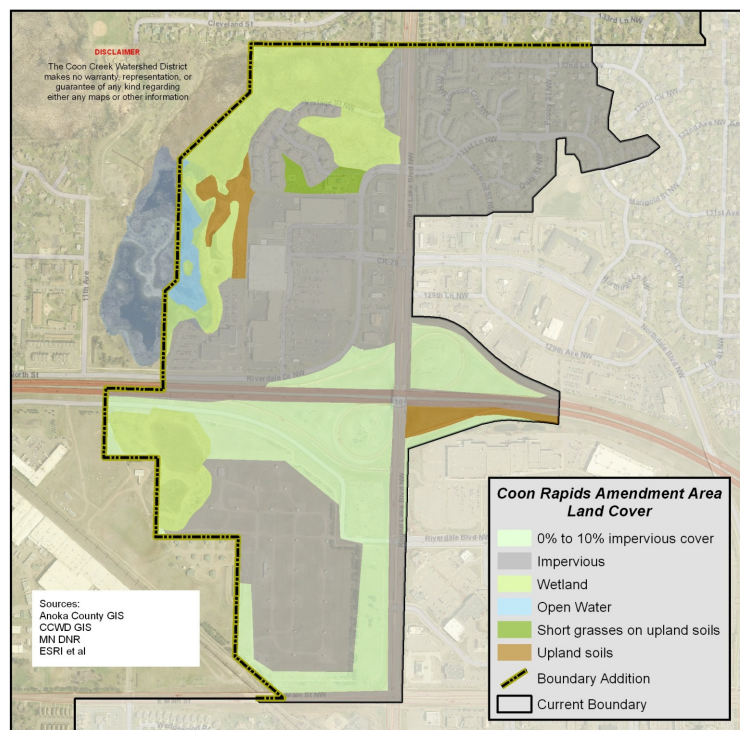
- February, 2013** Coon Rapids staff requests thoughts on amending the rest of Coon Rapids in to Coon Creek Watershed District.
- March, 2013** Both City and District staff approach BWSR about possibility of amendment that is not 'hydrologically' based. Both staff understand that amendments that are not hydrologically based have been done before, but depend on specific circumstances and significance.
- April, 2013** Coon Rapids staff takes proposal to City Council. Council directs staff to make formal request to Watershed District.
- May 2, 2013** The District received a letter from the City of Coon Rapids requesting that the Watershed District consider a revision of its boundary in the northwest corner of Coon Rapids to include an additional 290 acres into its jurisdictional boundary. .
- May 14, 2013** At their regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Managers reviewed the request from the City of Coon Rapids and approved:
1. The use of the boundary change method outlined in Minnesota Statutes 103B.215.
 2. Release of a draft petition, with corrections to be distributed to the City of Coon Rapids and the Lower Rum WMO for review
 3. A request for concurrence on the Boundary change presented in the Petition from the City of Coon Rapids and the Lower Rum River WMO.

Description of the Requested Boundary Change

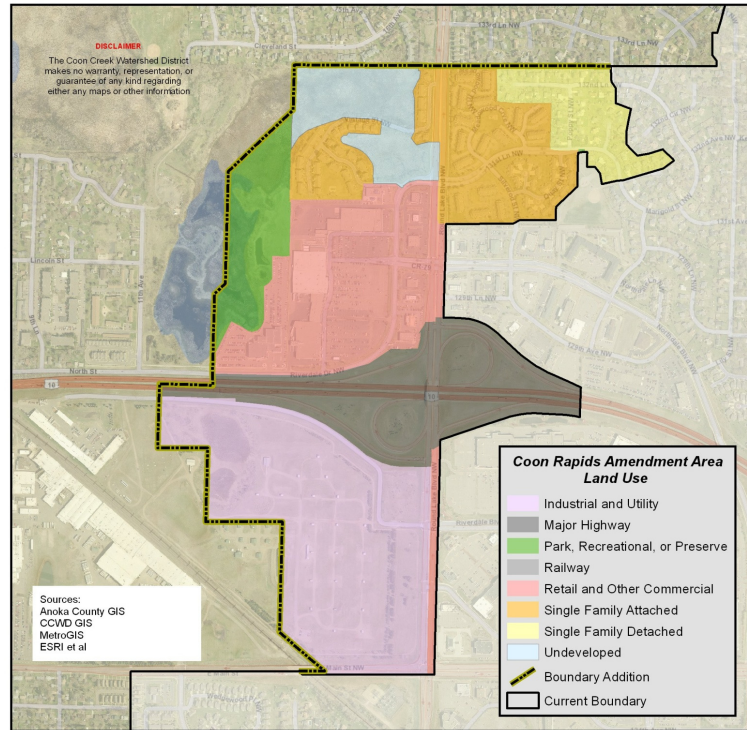
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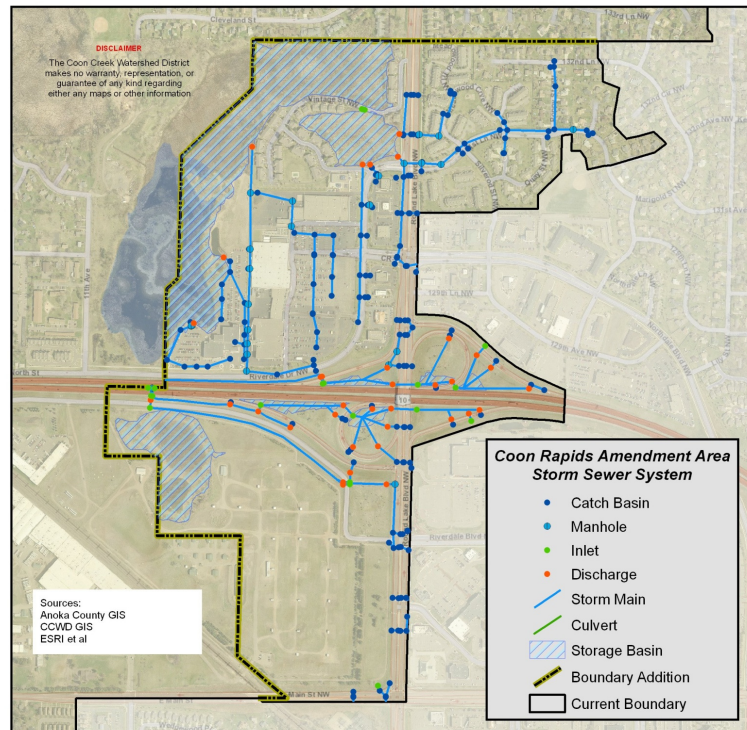
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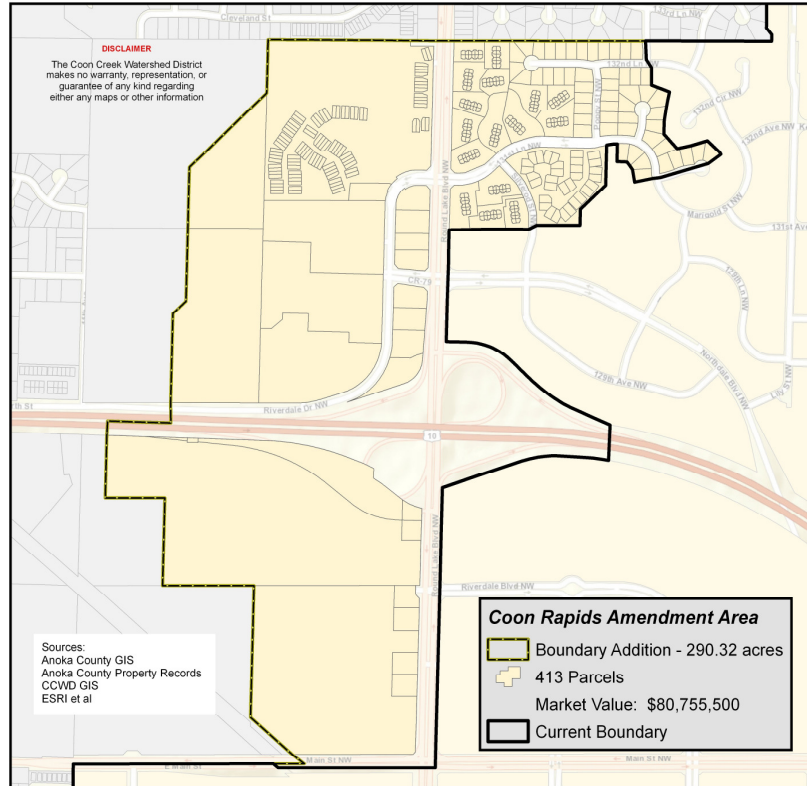
Land Use



Hydrology



Properties/ Parcels Involved



Consistency with the Purpose and Requirements of M.S. 103B.205 to .255

Consistency with the purpose and intent of the Metropolitan Water Management Act: The purposes of the water management programs required by sections [103B.205](#) to [103B.255](#) are to:

Protect, Preserve and Use

Protect, preserve, and use natural surface and groundwater storage and retention systems: It appears that there is wetland and potentially stormwater ponding partially within this area.

- a) The wetland would be managed under the Wetland Conservation Act so is not drainage area dependent.
- b) The ponding appears to be sized; the outlet is within the City of Anoka. Maintenance and monitoring of pond performance under the 2015 NPDES permit would need to be clarified. In any case this would be an issue between the cities of Anoka and Coon Rapids

Minimize Capital Expenditures

Minimize public capital expenditures needed to correct flooding and water quality problems: There are no capital expenditures by either the City or the WMO scheduled for this area.

- a) Flooding and water quality issues were addressed at the time of development and hence the existing pond and modifications

Protect and Improve Water Quality

Identify and plan for means to effectively protect and improve surface and groundwater quality: The site contains ponding and what may be a stormwater wetland, both are recognized and accepted best management practices for protecting surface and groundwater

Uniform Local Policies and Controls

Establish more uniform local policies and official controls for surface and groundwater management; It is this goal that the City of Coon Rapids has indicated it wishes to more fully accomplish through consolidation of these lands in to the CCWD

Prevent Soil Erosion

Prevent erosion of soil into surface water systems: This goal is not drainage area dependent and could be accomplished by the city and or WMO regardless of which administrative unit this area is assigned

Promote Ground Water Recharge

Promote groundwater recharge: Assuming that the existing ponding area is infiltrating then this objective is already being addressed to some degree. Further “promotion” could be accomplished upon redevelopment through the District’s infiltration requirements. The Lower Rum River WMO does not currently have an infiltration objective such as infiltrating the first inch of any storm. They do however, have infiltration standards

Protect Fish and Wildlife

Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities: There are no significant Fish or wildlife resources in this area

Secure Other Benefits

Secure the other benefits associated with the proper management of surface and ground water: n/a

Effect on Public Ditches

There are no public ditches on the property

Effect on Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan, like the boundary, would need to be amended. However, no significant or major amendment is seen to any of the implementation programs (Rules, CIP etc)

Potential Capital Improvements

There are no capital improvements or financial obligations for this area.

Statement of Concurrence: The amendment process requires a ‘statement of concurrence’ from the affected cities and WMO that the revised boundary and the resources affected are accurate.

Statements of Concurrence from the City of Coon Rapids and the Lower Rum River WMO are attached



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COON CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT

Tim Kelly
District Administrator
Coon Creek Watershed District

May 2, 2013

Subject: Revised Watershed Boundary

Mr. Kelly,

The City of Coon Rapids respectfully requests consideration of the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) to revise its boundaries to include additional area into its jurisdictional boundaries. The area in question is approximately 230 (0.36 square miles) acres located in the northwest portion of Coon Rapids (see attached map), and is currently being served by the Lower Rum River Water Management Organization (LRRWMO).

While this area is not within the hydrologic boundaries of the CCWD, this boundary shift appears to make sense to all the affected entities for the following reasons:

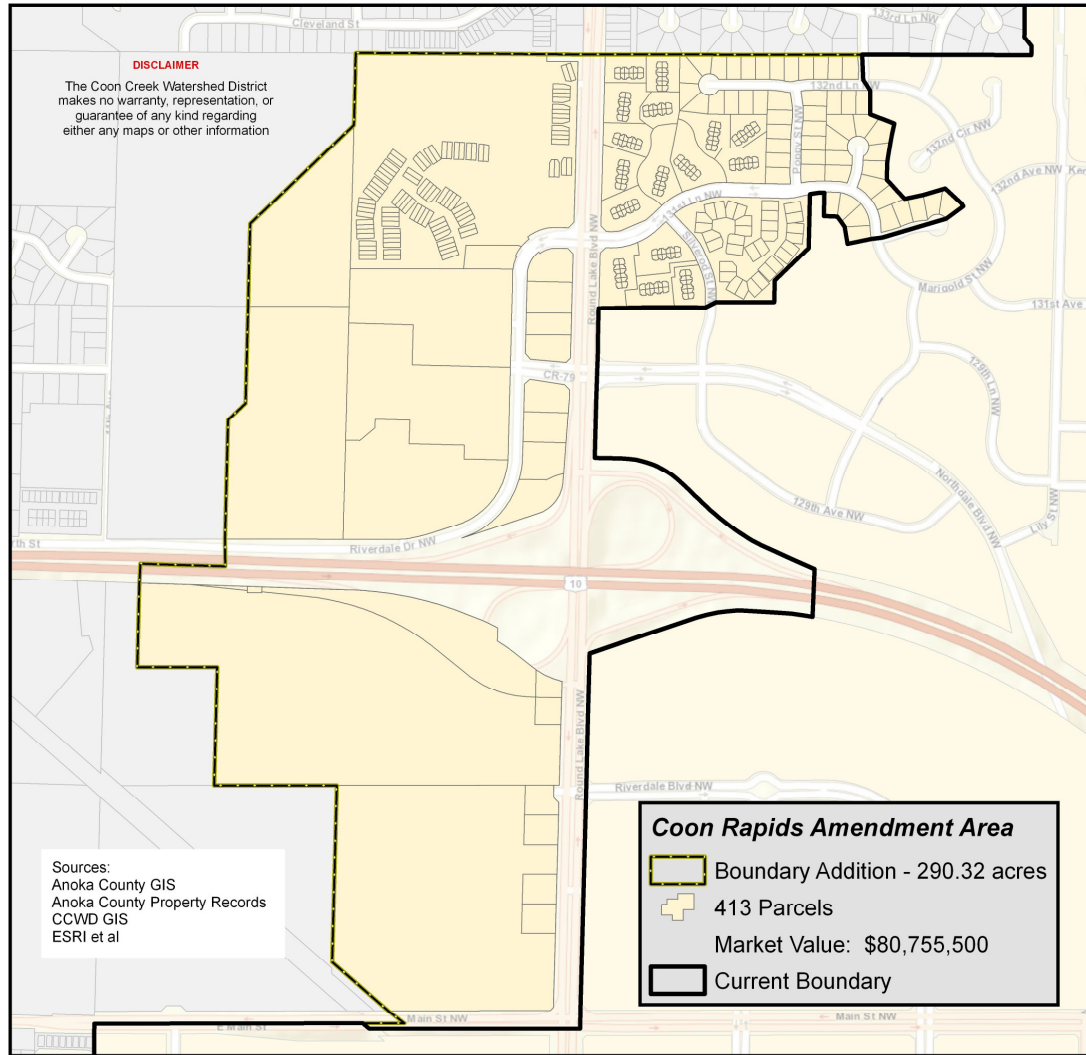
- It would allow for a more efficient use of resources, and minimize the costs of public capital expenditures.
- All water management activities for the City of Coon Rapids would be contained within a single watershed (CCWD); simplifying the planning and reporting requirements, and creating a more uniform set of policies and control.
- It would consolidate the official controls with regard to protection of groundwater, and its beneficial use.

The City of Coon Rapids would greatly appreciate you discussing this matter with the Board of Managers at their next available meeting to determine whether they would be supportive of this request. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional clarification or you have any questions related to this matter. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Himmer
Public Works Director

Cc: Todd Haas, Chair of the LRRWMO Board





May 22, 2013

Mr. Tim Kelly, Administrator
Coon Creek Watershed District
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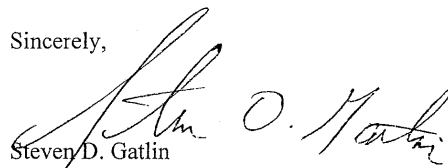
Subject: Statement of Concurrence on Proposed Boundary Change

Dear Tim:

The City of Coon Rapids has reviewed documents describing a proposed boundary change between the Coon Creek Watershed District and Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization in the City of Coon Rapids. The proposed change includes approximately 230 acres (0.36 square miles) that will shift from the LRRWMO to the CCWD.

The City concurs with the boundary change actions and sees it as a means of providing improved protection to the water resources. We understand that this action pertains only to the process of improving the accuracy between the alignment of hydrologic and legal boundaries within our City.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Gatlin
City Manager

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cc: Tim Himmer, Public Works Director

LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
ANDOVER - ANOKA - COON RAPIDS - RAMSEY
2015 First Avenue • Anoka, MN 55303

May 20, 2013

Tim Kelly, District Administrator
Coon Creek Watershed District
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Blaine, MN 55434

Re: Statement of Concurrence on Proposed Boundary Change between Coon Creek Watershed District and Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization in the City of Coon Rapids.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The Lower Rum River Water Management Organization, at its meeting of May 16, 2013, considered the proposed boundary change between the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) and the LRRWMO. It is our understanding that within the City of Coon Rapids, approximately 230 acres (0.36 square miles) will shift from the LRRWMO to the CCWD.

The LRRWMO, by motion of the Board, supported the Statement of Concurrence for the proposed watershed boundary change resulting in the removal of property within the City of Coon Rapids from the LRRWMO and inclusion in the CCWD.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (763) 767-5131.

Sincerely,



Todd J. Haas
Chair

cc: Tim Himmer, Coon Rapids Public Works Director
Chris Lord, ACD
LRRWMO