



COON CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT

Agenda Item 11

Council Conference

Nov. 13, 2023 Board Meeting



Purpose

Consider hosting a watershed council conference that will facilitate a unified government approach to achieving the Coon Creek TMDL by 2045.



Background

- Shared responsibility to achieve the TMDL reductions by 2045
- Cost to achieve reductions is not feasible for any one organization
 - ~\$100 Million next 10 years
 - ~\$175 Million by 2045
- Collaboration, Creativity, and Partnerships key to success
 - Common understanding of:
 - The problem
 - The implications
 - The responsibilities



Proposal – Council Conference

Coon Creek Council Conference

Audience

- Council Members
- Leadership Staff
- County Commissioners

Goal

- Facilitate a unified government approach
- Achieve a common understanding
- Situate the District as the technical expert
- Set the stage for updating local water plans to align with our new comp plan



Conference Example

“State of the Watershed”

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Hosted in 2019 & 2022

Attendance around 80 people

Councilmembers, organization leaders, general public

Goal

- Tell the story of the District
- Provide updates on water quality improvements
- Engage partners and stakeholders



Networking Hour



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Summary

- Achieving the TMDL reductions will be a big lift
- Key to success is a unified government approach
- A council conference would help facilitate the unified approach by providing...
 - key insights into the various municipal operational environments
 - opportunities for connections among decision-makers
 - common understanding of the problems, their implications, and potential solutions
 - set the stage for local water plan updates



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Questions?

