

# Notice of Intent to Update Watershed Management Plan of the Coon Creek Watershed District

## AGENCY

Coon Creek Watershed District

## ACTION

Notice of Intent to Update Watershed Management Plan

## SUMMARY

Minnesota Statutes 103B & 103D require the District to develop and maintain a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The current Comprehensive Plan expires August 29, 2023.

Minnesota Rule 8410.0045 requires the District to conduct an “Issue Identification and Assessment”. The assessment is intended to identify priority issues in consideration of:

1. Water management problems, including prevention of future water management problems
2. Funding levels
3. Regional, County, City, State and Federal water and related resource management priorities

## Review Agencies

Review agencies are requested to note the following:

- Their management expectations for the Watershed Management Plan
- Their priority water management issues
- A summary of their relevant water management goals and water resource information
- Official Controls
- Water Management Programs

## DATES:

This Notice initiates the public scoping process for the Coon Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan.

## Comments Due

- **July 2, 2022** Issues and comments must be submitted in writing to the District

Initial planning meetings will be held:

- **June 8, 2022, at 4:45 PM** as part of the District’s monthly CAC meeting
- **June 9, 2022, at 8:30 AM** as part of the District’s monthly TAC meeting
- **June 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM** as part of the Board of Manager’s regularly scheduled meeting

### **Review of comments received**

Meetings to review comments and preliminary mission and problem analysis will be held

- **July 11, 2022** The Board of Managers will review the comments submitted at their regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- **July 13, 2022 at 4:45 PM**, That comments received will be reviewed and discussed at the District's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting
- **July 14 at 8:30 AM** That comments received will be reviewed and discussed at the District's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

The dates and locations of meetings to further address the mission and problem analysis as well as preliminary courses of action will be announced at least 14 days in advance of the meeting through

- This email list
- local news media,
- newspapers public notice
- District web site at [www.cooncreekwd.org](http://www.cooncreekwd.org).

The District will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

### **ADDRESSES**

You may submit comments on issues and concerns related to water and related resource management in the Coon Creek Watershed or on the scope of the Watershed Management Plan using the following:

1. E-mail:[info@cooncreekwd.org](mailto:info@cooncreekwd.org)
2. Written: Watershed Management Plan  
Coon Creek Watershed District  
12301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 100  
Blaine, MN 55434

The following is a list of District contacts and locations where supporting documents may be examined.

**Web:** [www.cooncreekwd.org](http://www.cooncreekwd.org)

**Plan and Process:** Tim Kelly: telephone: 763-755-0975; email: [info@cooncreekwd.org](mailto:info@cooncreekwd.org)

If your comments, issues, or concerns are specific to an individual area, water resource type or ditch system, please specify that in your comments.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the addresses listed below in

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

See below

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tim Kelly, District Administrator at (763) 755-0975, email [info@cooncreekwd.org](mailto:info@cooncreekwd.org)

For a list of District contacts, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below or go to the District web site ([www.cooncreekwd.org](http://www.cooncreekwd.org))

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Authorizing Legislation

M.S. 103B

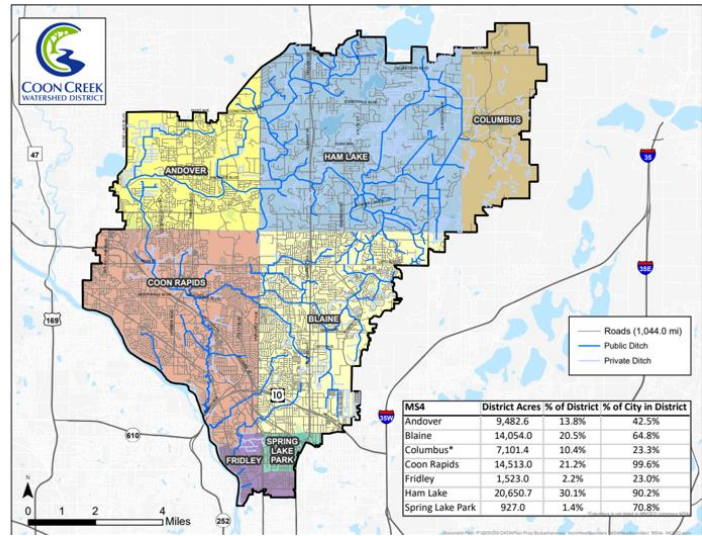
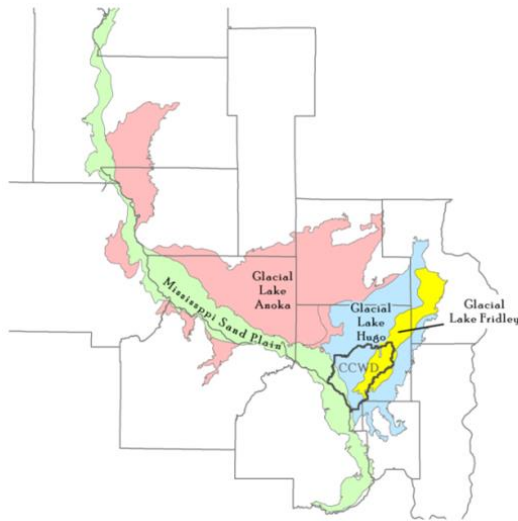
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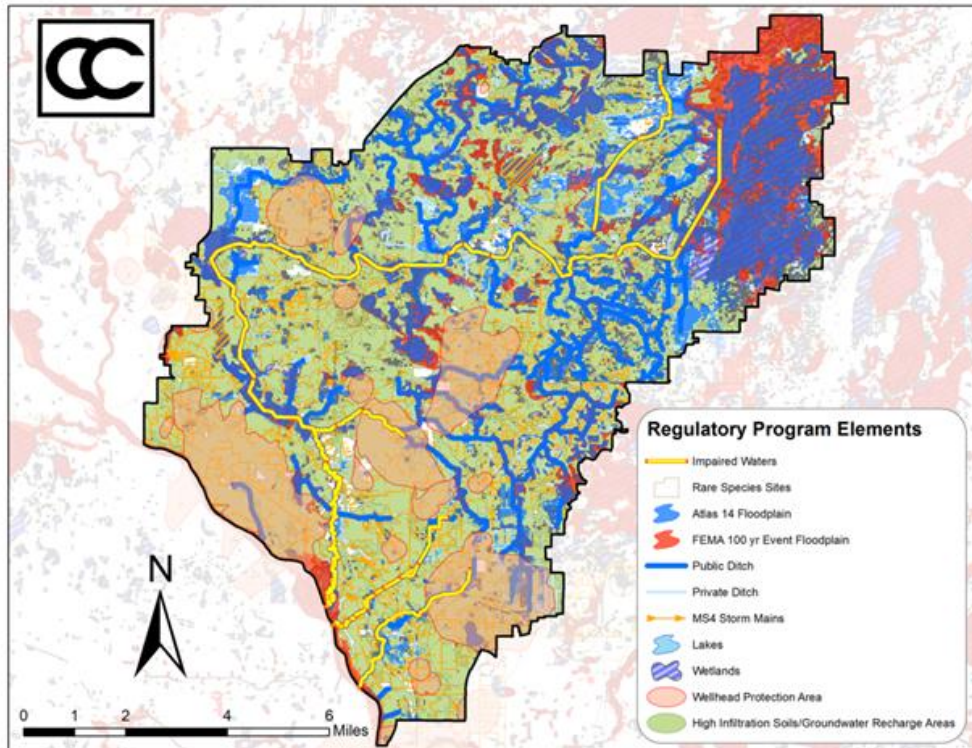
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## Situation

### 1. Area of Interest



### 2. Area of Operations



### 3. Water Resource Problems, Issues and Concerns to be Evaluated & Assessed

Legislated, Critical & Sensitive Resources	Underlying Stressors & Causal Factors	Problems, Issues and Concerns & Beneficial Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Life</li> <li>• Aquatic Consumption</li> <li>• Aquatic Invasive Species</li> <li>• Creeks &amp; conveyances</li> <li>• Drinking water supply - protection</li> <li>• Floodplains</li> <li>• Ground water recharge</li> <li>• High infiltration soils</li> <li>• Lakes</li> <li>• Public ditches</li> <li>• Riparian Lands</li> <li>• Steep slopes</li> <li>• Threatened and Endangered Species</li> <li>• Water based recreation areas</li> <li>• Water Quality Impairments &amp; Exceedances</li> <li>• Wetlands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Altered hydrology</li> <li>• Fish passage/barriers</li> <li>• Chloride</li> <li>• Contaminants of emerging concern</li> <li>• Declining surficial water table</li> <li>• Dissolved oxygen</li> <li>• Drinking Water Supply Management Areas</li> <li>• E. coli</li> <li>• Poor habitat</li> <li>• Phosphorus loading</li> <li>• Reverse flows</li> <li>• Soil Health</li> <li>• Suspended Solids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aesthetics</li> <li>• Aquatic life</li> <li>• Drainage</li> <li>• Drinking water Contamination</li> <li>• Fish &amp; wildlife</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Ground water dependent surface water resources</li> <li>• Industrial use and cooling</li> <li>• Irrigation</li> <li>• Livestock and wildlife watering</li> <li>• Recreation</li> <li>• Water-borne pathogens</li> <li>• Wetland Sustainability</li> </ul>

### 4. Collaborators

- Andover, City of
- Anoka Conservation District
- Anoka County
- Blaine, City of
- Columbus, City of
- Coon Rapids, City of
- Fridley, City of
- Ham Lake, City of
- Spring Lake Park, City of

### 5. State & Federal Agency Involvement

- Board of Water & Soil Resource
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Health
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Transportation
- Environmental Protection Agency

- Metropolitan Council
- Pollution Control Agency
- U.S. Geological Survey

**6. Coordinating & Nongovernmental Entities**

- Crooked Lake Area Lake Association
- Ham Lake Lake Association
- Lakes of Radisson Homeowners Association
  
- Lower Rum river WMO
- Upper Rum River WMO
- Sunrise River WMO
- Rice Creek WD

**Goal (Planning)**

To identify how changing physical, social and managerial factors may affect management of the watershed district and to develop a conceptual framework for responding to and using those factors in allocating and employing the District’s money, authority and know-how to sustain or improve the water resources of the District and protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

**Approach**

**7. Intent**

To address water resource problems, issues and concerns affecting 160,000 people and sustain approximately 60,000 acres of water and related land resources will require a planning process that seeks to build *common understanding* and facilitate *unified action* in addressing the best mix local, state and federal capabilities to achieve local and legislative goals.

Upon completion, water management partners should have a common understanding of the critical water resource issues and the needed individual and combined actions to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and improve and sustain the physical, biological and chemical functions of the water resource system.

**8. Plan Development Approach**



**9. Task & Request for State Agencies**

Please provide:

- Relevant and priority water and related resource management issues
- Relevant water and related resource management goals
- Summary of water resource information

## 10. Task & Request for Local Agencies

Please provide:

- Relevant and priority water and related resource management issues
- Relevant water and related resource management goals
- Official controls relating to water resource problems, issues, concerns and goals
- Outline of goal and intent (purpose, method and outcome) of water resource management programs

### Coordinating Instructions

The public is encouraged to help identify any issues, management questions, or concerns that should be addressed in the plan amendment(s). The District will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, state or national concerns.

Issues may also address potentially serious resource conditions that may require immediate attention because the condition presents a serious problem on the current or future provision of a beneficial use or because there is no known management strategy or technology for dealing with the condition or situation. Issues also describe areas in which we anticipate the need for expanded involvement in the future. The District will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment(s) in order to consider the variety of water and related resource issues and concerns identified.

The Districts hopes that the public agencies will assist by adopting the following format for identifying their issues and concerns.

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| <u>Issue Statement</u>                  | Describes the nature and impacts of the issue being discussed. The purpose of the Issue Statement is to zero in on the impact and importance to the people and water resources within Coon Creek Watershed. |
| <u>Goals and Objectives</u>             | Suggests the direction or specific outcomes to address the issue as described.  |
| <u>Background</u>                       | Provides additional background on the issue that pertains to successfully addressing the issue.   |
| <u>Current Situation</u>                | Provides a description of current physical, social financial or policy that directly or indirectly pertains to the issue.   |
| <u>Suggested Strategies and Actions</u> | List more specific actions that might be taken to address the issue and who should take those actions.  |

### **Evaluation and Requested Form of Comments, Issues and Concerns**

The District will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan.
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action.
3. Issues beyond the scope of the plan or the authorization of the District.

The District will pay particular attention to water resource issues that are growing in importance by presenting risks to the public health, safety, and welfare as a result of current economic and demographic trends and in response to more recent legislative actions and mandates.

Tim Kelly  
District Administrator