

Technical Advisory Committee

August 8th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- Andover
 - Dave Berkowitz, Director of Public Works
 - Jason Law, Assistant City Engineer
 - Kameron Kytonen, Natural Resources Technician
- Anoka County Highways
 - Michelle Pritchard, Design Engineer
- Blaine
 - Megan Hedstrom, Water Resources Coordinator
- Coon Creek Watershed District
 - Tim Kelly, Administrator
 - Jon Janke, Director of Operations/Operations & Maintenance Coord.
 - Justine Dauphinais, Water Quality Coordinator
 - Erik Bye, Planning Coordinator
 - Jessica Lindemyer, Engagement Coordinator
 - Dawn Doering, Information Coordinator
 - Abbey Lee, Watershed Development Manager
 - Tyler Thompson, Field Operations Manager
 - Eileen Weigel, Senior Water Resource Engineer (Stantec)
- Coon Rapids
 - Mark Hansen, City Engineer
 - Olivia Hovland, Sustainability Planner
- Ham Lake
 - Dave Krugler, City Engineer (RFC)
- Spring Lake Park
 - Dan Bucholtz, Administrator*
 - George Linngren, Public Works Director

*Otter.ai notetaker attended on behalf of TAC member

Absent: Anoka Conservation District, Board of Water and Soil Resources, Columbus, Fridley

1. Management Situation

Jon Janke provided the TAC with a brief update on recent weather and hydrology. The District is currently 5-10% above average for rainfall during the growing season. There has been more instances of minor maintenance work such as downed trees and debris than there has been instances of actual flooding. Soil moisture has been consistently wet throughout the season.

Tim Kelly informed the TAC that the Army Corps of Engineers, MnDNR, PCA, and BWSR have put together a regional wetland assessment tool. While this tool will not currently affect the group on a day-to-day basis, it is expected to be the tool that will be used to assess the affect on the quality of wetland impacts when it comes to water quality improvement projects.

The Metropolitan Council has put out their 2050 Regional Development Guide for public review. This includes a Water Policy Plan. The review period is August 15 - October 2nd.

2. Concerns

Jon Janke gave a brief update on the Lower Coon Creek Corridor Restoration Project at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park stating that the County is currently working on the bridge and culvert replacements. The CCWD creek restoration work will occur over the winter with the bidding process to occur in the next month or so.

The watershed has received quotes for geotechnical work in the Ditch 39 subwatershed. This work will assess the viability of three potential site for the implementation of a large regional stormwater filter. The contract will be awarded next week and more details should be available at the next TAC meeting in September.

Tim Kelly inquired about instances of downed trees throughout the watershed. Both Kameron Kytonen of Andover and Megan Hedstrom of Blaine reported an uptick in reports of downed trees recently.

Justine Dauphinais informed the TAC that the deadline for Clean Water Fund competitive grant applications is August 22nd. CCWD will be submitting a grant application for the Ditch 39 regional filters and is also assisting Spring Lake Park in submitting and application to purchase a street sweeper. Grant awards are announced in December.

3. Briefs

2025 Budget

A copy of the CCWD 2025 draft budget will be sent out to the TAC after the meeting. TAC members should review the budget and provide any comments or concerns to Tim Kelly by August 20th.

2025 Cost Share Project Summary

Erik Bye gave a presentation on the cost-shared projects scheduled for 2025. These projects include Bridgewater South IESF, MnDOT Pond Smart Outlet Retrofit, and Spring Brook Creek Nature Center Outlet Retrofit.

Comprehensive Plan

Tim Kelly summarized the timeline of events surrounding the development of the 2024-2033 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. On August 12th the CCWD Board of Managers will approve the plan for the 90-day review by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Once BWSR has approved the Plan, CCWD will formally adopt it.

CCWD will be presenting to the regional committee on the Plan in early October and may ask a few of the TAC members to accompany.

4. Other Water Management Concerns

Floodplain Maps

Jason Law raised concerns regarding draft Atlas 14 floodplain maps and the DNR HUC 8 study. He was concerned that the draft Atlas 14 floodplain map didn't include 2022 LIDAR and any topography changes since the last LIDAR wouldn't be included in the DNR-approved FEMA maps. He was also concerned that LOMAs done for recent developments wouldn't be included in updated DNR FEMA maps and that the City would need to go through the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) process again once the updated FEMA maps came out. He was also concerned about developments completed after 2022 being included in updated FEMA maps because they wouldn't be included in 2022 LIDAR.

Eileen Weigel noted that the DNR will use the best available data to recreate the final FEMA maps. She also noted that cities should not need to go through the entire LOMA process again and that it should be more of a verification process for the LOMAs. DNR will work directly with the cities on this. Eileen also stated the DNR should have grading plans for LOMAs done since 2022 and that the updated FEMA maps should account for those.

Tim Kelly confirmed that he would work on getting a representative from the DNR to one of the next TAC meetings.

5. Announcements

HOA Stormwater Toolkit:

Dawn Doering shared the HOA Stormwater Toolkit that was put together by Washington Conservation District. The purpose of this toolkit is to provide HOAs with educational information regarding their stormwater responsibilities. The Minnesota Stormwater Council was involved in the development of the toolkit.

Sweeping & Salting Showdown Equipment Showcase

Erik Bye notified the TAC that the Clean Sweep Education & Training Program is hosting an equipment showcase on August 28th. The event will be held at the Minnetonka Public Works Facility and feature a variety of presentations and equipment demonstrations.

All handouts, materials, and presentations for this meeting can be found on the TAC Resource Webpage: <https://www.cooncreekwd.org/tac/>