

AGENDA

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

August 10, 2026
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Announcements
4. Open Mic

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes
6. Receive Administrator's Report
7. Advisory Committee Report
8. Bills/Accounts Payable

POLICY ITEMS

9. MN Watersheds Delegates and Annual Resolutions Meeting

PERMIT ITEMS

10. Andover Cinema Retail
11. MarNicArt Fire Station Redevelopment

DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. Draft 2027 Budget #2
13. Board Tour and Open House Follow-Up
14. District Staffing and Organizational Capacity

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

15. Springbrook Community Survey
16. Invasive Phragmites in Minnesota

ADJOURN

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Board Room
Coon Creek Watershed District Offices
Monday, August 10, 2026
5:30 p.m.

Board of Managers:

Jim Hafner, President; Jason Lund, Secretary; Mary Campbell, Treasurer; Dwight McCullough, Member at Large

Note: Individuals with items on the agenda or who wish to speak to the Board are encouraged to be in attendance when the meeting is called to order.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** (*Additions/Corrections/Deletions*)
- 3. Announcements**
- 4. Open Mic/Public Comment**

*Members of the public at this time may address the Board, for up to three minutes, on a matter not on the Agenda. Individuals wishing to be heard must sign in with their name and address at the door. Additional comments may be accepted in writing. Board action or discussion should **not** be expected during the presentation of public comment/open mic. Board members may direct staff to research the matter further or take the matter under advisement for consideration at a future Board meeting.*

CONSENT ITEMS

The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member, staff member or a member of the audience.

- 5. Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2026**
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ADJOURN

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held their regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: Jim Hafner, Jason Lund, Mary Campbell and Dwight McCullough.

Staff Present: Jon Janke, Erin Margl, and Hattie Hillukka

Present via Zoom: Michelle Ulrich and Eileen Wiegel

Guest Present: Harlan Worsham, Solid Rock Construction

2. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member Campbell moved to add permit items #12 P26-032 BTC Redevelopment West Side Private, #13 P26-028 River North Industrial Center, #15 P26-038 BTC West Redevelopment West Side Parking Ramp/Retail to the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Board member Lund. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members, Hafner, Campbell, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

Board Member Hafner moved to advance permit item #17 P26-036 Solid Rock Construction Building for consideration as the first item under the Policy Agenda. Seconded by Board Member Campbell. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members, Hafner, Campbell, Lund, and McCullough) and no nays.

Board Member Lund moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

3. Announcements

No Announcements

4. Open Mic/Public Comment

No one was present for comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2026

6. Receive Administrator's Report

7. Advisory Committee Report

8. Bills/Accounts Payable

Claims totaling \$62,676.13 on the following disbursement(s) list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

Vendor	Amount
V0008--US BANK	9,807.59
V0010--A1 FLOOR AND CARPET CARE	1,119.30
V0014--ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT	1,583.82
V0037--ECM PUBLISHERS INC	226.80
V0096--RANDY WESP EXCAVATING LLC	16,700.00
V0111--WELL GROOMED LAWNS INC	1,486.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	195.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	130.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	91.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	864.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	851.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	228.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	152.00
V0221--ABDO LLP	3,333.33
V0242--METRO I NET	170.00
V0242--METRO I NET	149.56
V0249--PLAUDIT DESIGN	1,080.00
V0351--DELTA DENTAL OF MN	2,130.31
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	456.00
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	1,043.35
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	900.00
V0362--PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION	8,668.37
V0363--MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,365.00
V0442--MN PAID LEAVE FUND	855.70
V0443--ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAYS	8,000.00
V0444--LINCOLN STREET COMMERCIAL LLC	1,090.00
	62,676.13

The following permit items were moved to the Consent Agenda

12. P26-032 BTC Redevelopment West Side Private

The purpose of this project is the construction of a parking area and stormwater treatment features located between 105th and 109th, East of NSC and west of Radisson Road NE, Blaine, Minnesota.

The applicant is proposing the construction of a new parking lot and stormwater treatment features which will treat this project as well as additional impervious from P26-038 and P26-037. The project will disturb 21.7 acres and create 11.29 acres of regulated impervious. The proposed ponds will treat a total of 16.4 acres of regulated impervious. The area drains to County Ditch 44. The relevant water resource concerns are stormwater management, soils and erosion control and floodplain which correspond to District Rules 3, 4, and 6.

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to Approve with five (5) Conditions and four (4) Stipulations.

Conditions:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Provide a performance escrow in the amount of \$80,000.00 and execute a signed escrow agreement.
2. Provide an additional review fee of \$900. (See Fees and Escrows section)

Rule 3.0 – Stormwater Management

3. Provide proof of recording of a fully executed Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the perpetual inspection and maintenance of all proposed stormwater management practices after review and approval by the District.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

4. Provide details for temporary and permanent stabilization techniques.
5. Show energy dissipation at all pipe outlets on plans.

Stipulations:

The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001)
2. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Tables 2 and 3, including volume, critical elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.
3. Completion of post construction infiltration test(s) on Biofiltration

Basins 6 by filling the basin to a minimum depth of 6 inches with water and monitoring the time necessary to drain, or multiple double ring infiltration tests to ASTM standards. The Coon Creek Watershed District shall be notified prior to the test to witness the results.

4. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.

13. P26-028 River North Industrial Center

The purpose of this item is the construction of a new industrial building and associated stormwater treatment features located at the SW Quadrant of Coon Rapids Blvd. & Norway St. NW, Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

The applicant is proposing the construction of a large industrial building with associated parking and stormwater treatment features. The project does have wetland impacts associated. It will disturb 11.4 acres and create 7.78 acres of regulated impervious surface. The parcel drains to Lower Coon Creek. The applicable District Rules are Rule 3 – Stormwater Management, Rule 4 – Soils & Erosion Control and Rule 5 – Wetlands.

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was Approve with five (5) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations.

Conditions:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Provide a performance escrow in the amount of \$45,600.00 and execute a signed escrow agreement.

Rule 3.0 – Stormwater Management

2. Provide proof of recording of a fully executed Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the perpetual inspection and maintenance of all proposed stormwater management practices after review and approval by the District.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

3. Update the erosion and sediment control plan to include the following:
 - a. a note to secure portable toilets to prevent tipping.
 - b. standard details for stabilized construction entrance and perimeter controls.

- c. a note that state soils and soil stockpiles must be stabilized within 7 days of inactivity.

Rule 5.0 – Wetlands

4. TEP approval of the replacement plan is required.
5. Provide verification of Withdrawal of Wetland Bank credits as required by an approved replacement plan.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001)
2. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
3. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Table 2, including volume, critical elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.

15. P26-038 BTC Redevelopment West Side Parking Ramp/Retail

The purpose of this item is construction of a parking ramp and retail building located east of Jenkins, south and west of London, north of 105th, Between 105th and 109th, East of NSC and west of Radisson Road NE, Blaine, Minnesota.

The project proposes the construction of a parking ramp and retail store within the Blaine Town Center Development. Stormwater treatment for the project is being provided by stormwater ponds proposed in permit application P26-032. The project will disturb 2.98 acres and create 2.33 acres of regulated impervious surface. The area drains to County Ditch 41. The relevant water resource concerns are stormwater management and soils and erosion control, which are District Rules 3 and 4.

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to approve with two (2) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations.

Conditions:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Submittal of a performance escrow in the amount of \$11,920.00 and execution of a signed escrow agreement.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

2. Provide standard details for energy dissipation at pipe outlets and for temporary stabilization of soils.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001).
2. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction
3. Required stormwater volume must be adequately treated through District permit P26-032 or elsewhere off site.

Board Member Lund moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Board Member Campbell. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

The following permit item was moved to the Policy Agenda

17. P26-036 Solid Rock Construction Building

The purpose of this project is the construction of a new building with adjacent parking facilities located at the end of Johnson St NE cul-de-sac, south of Coon Creek, 14376 Johnson St NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota.

The applicant is proposing the construction of a new building with associated parking facilities. This parcel is within the Elwell Commercial Park development (P24-048) and utilizes the regional pond for the required stormwater treatment. The project will disturb 1.7 acres and create 0.91 acres of impervious surface that is regulated under the Elwell Commercial Park development project. The parcel drains to County Ditch 57. The relevant water resource concern is erosion and sediment control. This corresponds to District Rule 4

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to Approve with two (2) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations

Conditions:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Submittal of a performance escrow in the amount of \$6,800.00.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

2. Update plans to include the following:
 - a. A note to stabilize exposed soils within 7 days.
 - b. A note to sweep tracked sediment at the end of the day.
 - c. Provide perimeter controls down gradient of all exposed soils for entirety of site.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
2. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001).
3. Follow Soil Amendment Plan (C3.1) that was provided for P24-048 Elwell Commercial Park permit for this site.

Board Member Hafner moved to approve permit item #17 P26-036 Solid Rock Construction Building with two (2) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations. Seconded by Board Member Campell. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

Member Hafner acknowledged the presence of guest Mr. Harlan Worsham from Solid Rock Construction and his interest in the Board's consideration of permit item #17 P26-036 Solid Rock Construction Building. A discussion was had regarding the permit approval.

POLICY ITEMS

9. Interest Proposals Review

District Administrator Jon Janke presented information regarding the requirement to solicit Interest Proposals. Direction from the Board at a previous meeting was to post a standard posting on the Coon Creek Watershed District Website. The posting was uploaded on July 3, 2026. There were 9 submittals received, 4 from current service providers, 4 from engineers, and 1 from IT security service.

Mr. Janke reviewed and summarized the companies and what they do stating compliance has been satisfied and due diligence has been done. Mr. Janke asked for direction from the Board moving forward. A discussion was had regarding the IT security services, and it was decided that there would be more discussion regarding that item.

Board Member Lund moved to approve option #4 to provide other direction to work with manager Lund to look at IT service details. Seconded by Board Member Hafner. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

10. 2025 Audit and Annual financial Report

The purpose of this item is to receive the audit of the District's financial affairs for the 2025 calendar year.

Mr. Janke discussed the Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D requirements that the District's financial affairs be audited annually and the annual audit report be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Office of the State Auditor. An audit exit meeting was held on June 16, 2026, with the auditor, staff, and Board representatives to review the audit report, findings, and recommendations.

The auditor issued an unqualified (clean) opinion on the District's 2025 financial statements which is the highest rating.

Board Member Lund moved to formally receive the 2025 Audit and Annual Financial Report. Seconded by Board Member Campbell. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

11. Bridgewater Filter JPA

The purpose of this item is to authorize execution of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Blaine, City of Coon Rapids, and Anoka County for

implementation of the Bridgewater Biochar and Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Project.

The attached JPA establishes the framework for implementation of the Project among the District, City of Blaine, City of Coon Rapids, and Anoka County. The JPA defines partner responsibilities for project funding, final design, bidding, construction, access, operations and maintenance, future non-routine repair and replacement, grant compliance, insurance, and long-term responsibilities for the 25-year effective life of the practice.

Mr. Janke indicated the project will be constructed on public land within the City of Coon Rapids. Following construction, Coon Rapids will be responsible for routine operation and maintenance of the completed practice. The District will continue to provide technical assistance, monitoring, grant coordination, and project oversight as identified in the JPA. Future non-routine repair or replacement costs will be shared by the project partners according to the allocation established in the JPA.

The Board discussed details regarding the JPA including the cost allocation to other partners, and the payment structure.

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to approve the attached Joint Powers Agreement and authorize execution by the Board President.

Board Member Campbell moved to approve the JPA and authorize execution by the Board President. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

PERMIT ITEMS

14. P26-021 Montean Meadows

The purpose of this project is a single-family home development with streets, utilities and associated stormwater management features located at 3621 - 131st Ave NE, Blaine, Minnesota.

The project is proposing the construction of a new 86 lot single family home development with streets, utilities, and associated stormwater treatment features. The project will disturb 41.5 acres and create 13.82 acres of regulated impervious surface. The applicable District Rules are stormwater management (Rule 3), Soils and Erosion Control (Rule 4), Wetland (Rule 5) and Floodplain (Rule 6).

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to approve with Approve with six (6) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations.

Conditions:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Provide a performance escrow in the amount of \$166,000.00 and execute a signed escrow agreement.

Rule 3.0 – Stormwater Management

2. Provide written authorization from the City of Blaine for the increase in discharge rates.
3. Provide written authorization from the City of Blaine for retrofit and utilization of the offsite stormwater practice.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

4. Update the Erosion Control Plan to include the following:
 - a. A note to stabilize soils and soil stockpiles within 24 hours of inactivity.
 - b. Show inlet protection on construction plans.

Rule 5.0 – Wetlands

5. TEP approval of the replacement plan is required.
6. Provide verification of withdrawal of wetland credits as required by an approved replacement plan.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001)
2. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
3. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Table 2, including volume, critical

elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.

The Board discussed the impact on wetland areas, and the impact of the wetland on building sites. Board recommendation was to inform applicant when there may be impacts on foundations.

Board Member Lund moved to approve permit item #14 P26-021 Montean Meadows with six (6) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations. Seconded by Board Member Campbell. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

16. P26-037 BTC Stadium

The purpose of this item is the construction of a baseball stadium located inside the 105th Avenue Redevelopment District, 1985 105th Ave NE, Blaine, Minnesota.

The application proposes the construction of a baseball stadium in the Blaine Town Center Development. The stormwater treatment features for this project are being constructed under P26-032. The project will disturb 7.3 acres and create 2.62 acres of new impervious. The area drains to County Ditch 41. The applicable District Rules are stormwater management (Rule 3) and soils and erosion control (Rule 4).

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to Approve with two (2) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations.

Conditions:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Provide a performance escrow in the amount of \$29,200.00 and execute a signed escrow agreement.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

2. Update the erosion control plan to include the following:
 - d. A note to stabilize soils and soil stockpiles within 7 days of inactivity
 - e. A note that hazardous materials and stormwater contaminants are to be stored in covered and/or sealed containers.
 - f. Provide an inlet protection standard detail.
 - g. A note to secure portable toilets to prevent tipping.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001)
2. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
3. Required stormwater volume must be adequately treated through District permit P26-032 or elsewhere off site.

Board Members had a brief discussion regarding the application, the size of the project, and various details regarding the stadium.

Board Member Campbell moved to approve permit item #16 P26-037 BTC Stadium with two (2) Conditions and three (3) Stipulations. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

18. Data Practices Policy and Procedure

Presented by Mr. Janke, the purpose of the Data Practices Policy and Procedure is to promote transparency and public access to Coon Creek Watershed District (District) government data while protecting data classified as not public under applicable law.

A discussion was had regarding the response time to requests of either having a consistent response such as "as soon as reasonably possible" or if a timeframe to produce information could be assessed regarding specific requests. It was decided that this topic can be discussed at a future time.

Resolution No. 2026-05 would adopt the Data Practices Policy and designate the District Administrator as the District's Responsible Authority. If the Responsible Authority designation needs to change in the future, the Board could update that designation by resolution without needing to amend the policy itself.

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to discuss the proposed Data Practices Policy, related

administrative procedures, and consider adoption of Resolution No. 2026-05 approving the policy and designating the District Responsible Authority.

Board Member Campbell moved to adopt Resolution 2026-05, Adopting the Coon Creek Watershed District Data Practices Policy and Designating Responsible Authority. Seconded by Board Member McCullough.

Upon a vote, there were 3 yeas and 1 Nays as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Campbell	x			
Hafner	x			
Lund		x		
McCullough	x			
Vacant				

Motion carries.

19. Draft 2027 Budget #1

Presented by Mr. Janke, the purpose of this item is to present the first full draft of the 2027 District budget, including preliminary expenditures, revenues, and estimated levy impact.

1. The draft budget is currently estimated to result in an approximately 0.9% decrease from the 2026 ad valorem levy. Also leadership changes and delays in project management there are fewer projects.
2. Several budget components remain subject to refinement, including final project timing, grant revenue assumptions, partner funding, and any remaining 2027 project or implementation needs identified by staff before the next draft budget review.
3. Following Board review, staff will make any requested changes and continue refining the draft budget.
4. The remaining budget calendar is:
 - 8/10 Draft Budget #2 and Approve Advisory Committee Review
 - 8/24 Draft Budget #3 and Order Public Hearing on Budget
 - 9/14 Budget Hearing, Budget Adoption, and Proposed Tax Levy Certification
 - 12/14 Adoption of Final Property Tax Levy

A discussion was had regarding the PFML and if the state is used or a private company. At this time the district is utilizing the state for services.

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to review, discuss and receive the first draft budget.

Board Member Lund moved to receive the Draft 2027 Budget #1. Seconded by Board Member Campbell. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

20. District Staffing and Organizational Capacity

The purpose of this item is to discuss that staff have been reviewing District staffing and organizational capacity in relation to the District's statutory responsibilities, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, current and anticipated workload, internal staff capacity, external service support, facility capacity, and anticipated succession planning needs.

Mr. Janke discussed the District's current staffing and operating model developed over time in response to changing development activity, regulatory requirements, implementation demands, partner expectations, and staff expertise. Based on the review to date, the District remains generally aligned with what the agency needs to do to carry out its mission. The current need is targeted refinement: clarify ownership, manage succession transitions, align workload with program purpose, and determine where additional internal or external capacity may be needed.

Discussion followed that the Board would like to see organization charts and the 10-year summary as well as meet with new staff at a Board meeting. Also it was discussed that there is a 3 month backlog of work going into 2027.

Based on the findings and exhibits presented in the staff report, the staff recommendation was to receive update and provide feedback as desired.

Board Member Lund moved to table for further discussion. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Campbell moved to adjourn at 6:55pm. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with four (4) yeas (Board Members Hafner, Lund, Campbell and McCullough) and no nays.

President

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**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action**

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 6
ITEM: Administrator's Report

AGENDA: Consent

REQUESTED ACTION:
Receive report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S EVALUATION

District Capacity and Capability

District operations remain generally stable during the peak field season. Staff are maintaining progress on planned and routine work while responding to citizen concerns at levels generally consistent with recent years. Staff will continue monitoring workload trends and evaluating longer-term staffing, consultant support, and operational needs through the budget and organizational planning processes.

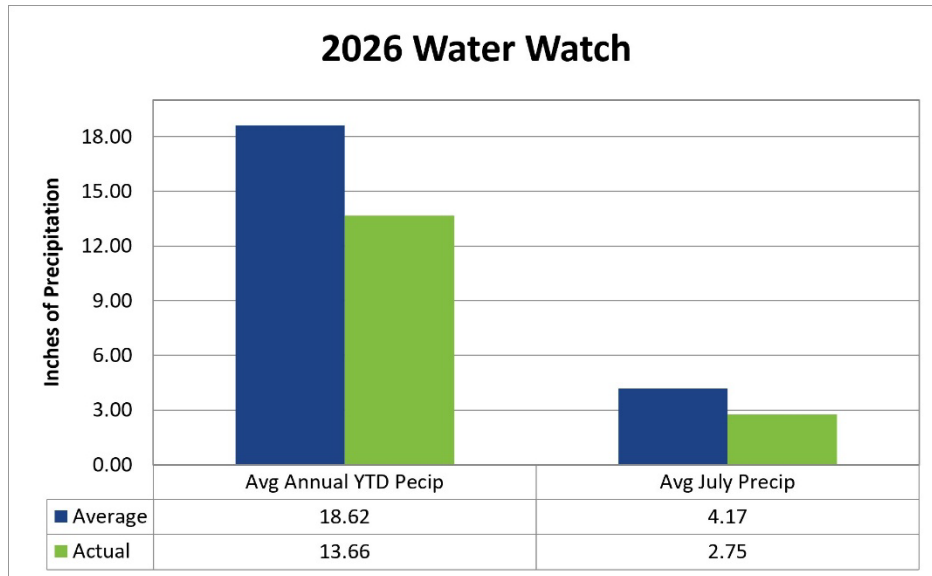
MANAGEMENT SITUATION

Natural Environment

The District received an average of **2.75** inches of precipitation during July. This puts the District 1.4 inches (34%) below average for the month and 4.96 inches (27%) below average for the year. Growing season precipitation is 4.4 inches (36%) below average.

According to the latest [U.S. Drought Monitor release](#) (July 30th), all of Anoka County is experiencing Moderate Drought. Recent precipitation helped relieve this slightly, but baseflows are still low for this time of year and surface water storage capacity is adequate to handle forecasted precipitation.

Staff continue monitoring District water resources through changing summer conditions, including periods of heat, drought, heavy rainfall, strong storms, and seasonal aquatic vegetation growth. These combined conditions can affect drainage function, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, water quality, aquatic life, and recreational use. No conditions outside expected seasonal ranges have been identified locally to date, although fish kills, excessive vegetation growth, and recreational water quality concerns have been reported elsewhere in the region. Staff will continue monitoring and respond as appropriate if local conditions worsen.



Management Environment

Agency	Status
Federal Government	NOAA anticipates releasing preliminary Atlas 15 precipitation-frequency estimates for public review in September 2026. The updated estimates may affect future stormwater design, flood modeling, infrastructure planning, and project costs.
State Government	No report
Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)	No report
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	No report
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)	MPCA continues preparing the next MS4 General Permit and is now targeting reissuance in fall 2026. A formal public notice draft is expected before issuance.
Minnesota Watersheds	Minnesota Watersheds continues working with state agencies and member organizations to improve the efficiency and predictability of state permitting for water-resource projects. Current efforts are focused on the DNR Public Waters Work Permit process.

COLLABORATOR ACTIONS CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

Collaborator	Description
Anoka County	No report
Anoka Conservation District	The Anoka Conservation District has begun implementing the District-supported rain garden revitalization program. Site evaluations are underway to identify aging residential rain

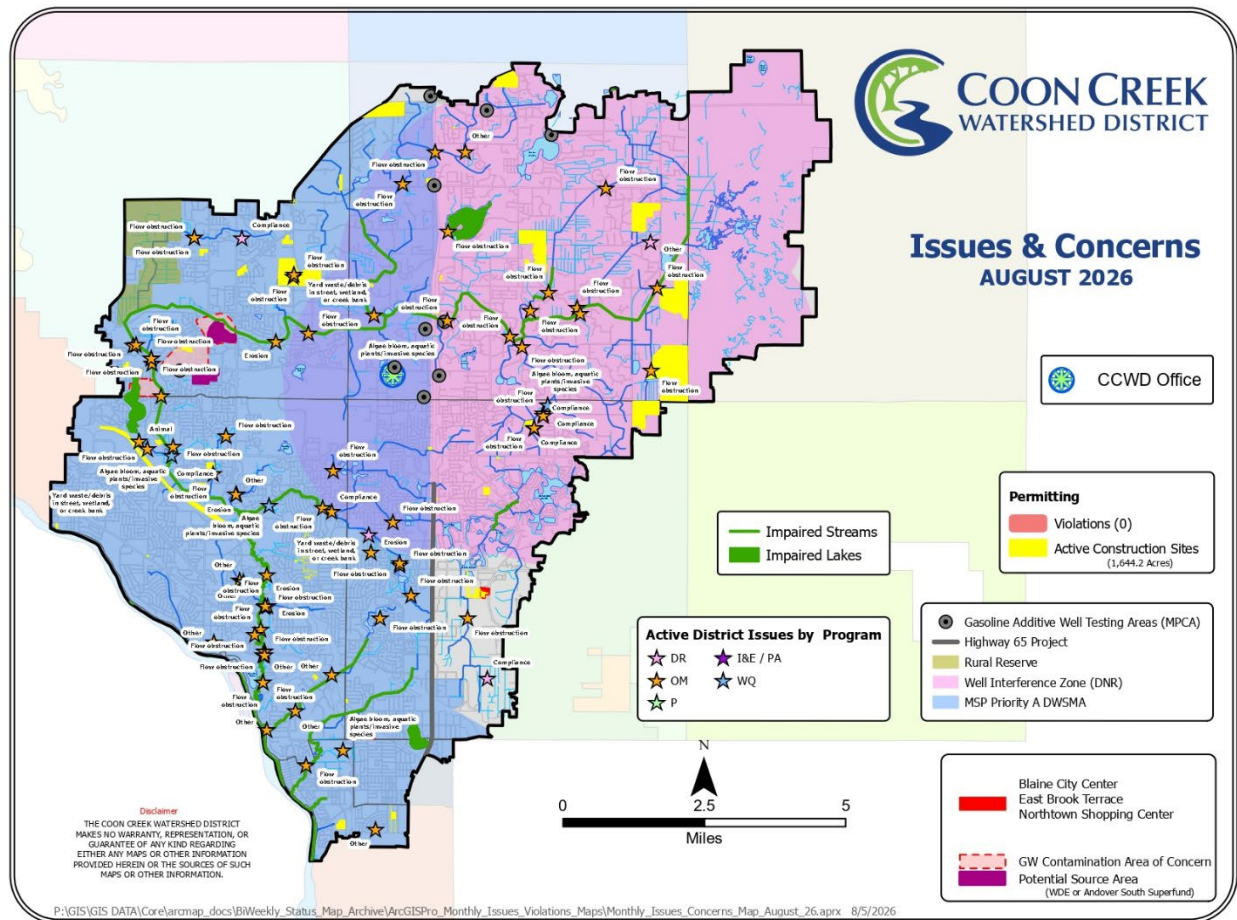
	gardens for rehabilitation and continued water quality benefits.
Coon Rapids	The City of Coon Rapids updated its Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trail System Master Plan. District staff will review and use the plan to support future coordination, project alignment, and funding opportunity discussions with the City.

PROBLEMS, ISSUES, AND CONCERNS

Strategic Issues and Concerns

- **Stormwater Reuse and Plumbing Code Restrictions:** The Chapter 15 Rulemaking Committee reconvened, received stakeholder testimony, and indicated it would consider the concerns raised regarding stormwater reuse. One potential path discussed was removing the reuse provisions from the current rule update so the remaining Chapter 15 revisions could proceed while additional time is provided to develop an appropriate Minnesota approach to reuse. This appears to reduce the immediate risk of new restrictions, but longer-term uncertainty remains regarding how Minnesota will address reuse within the plumbing code.
- **Adaptive Management and Emerging Information:** Several important updates are expected over the next few months, including the next MS4 permit, NOAA Atlas 15, HUC 8 planning information, and updated District water-quality analysis. This information may change some of the assumptions behind current plans and priorities. Staff will review the information as it becomes available and bring forward any recommended changes.

Operational Issues and Concerns

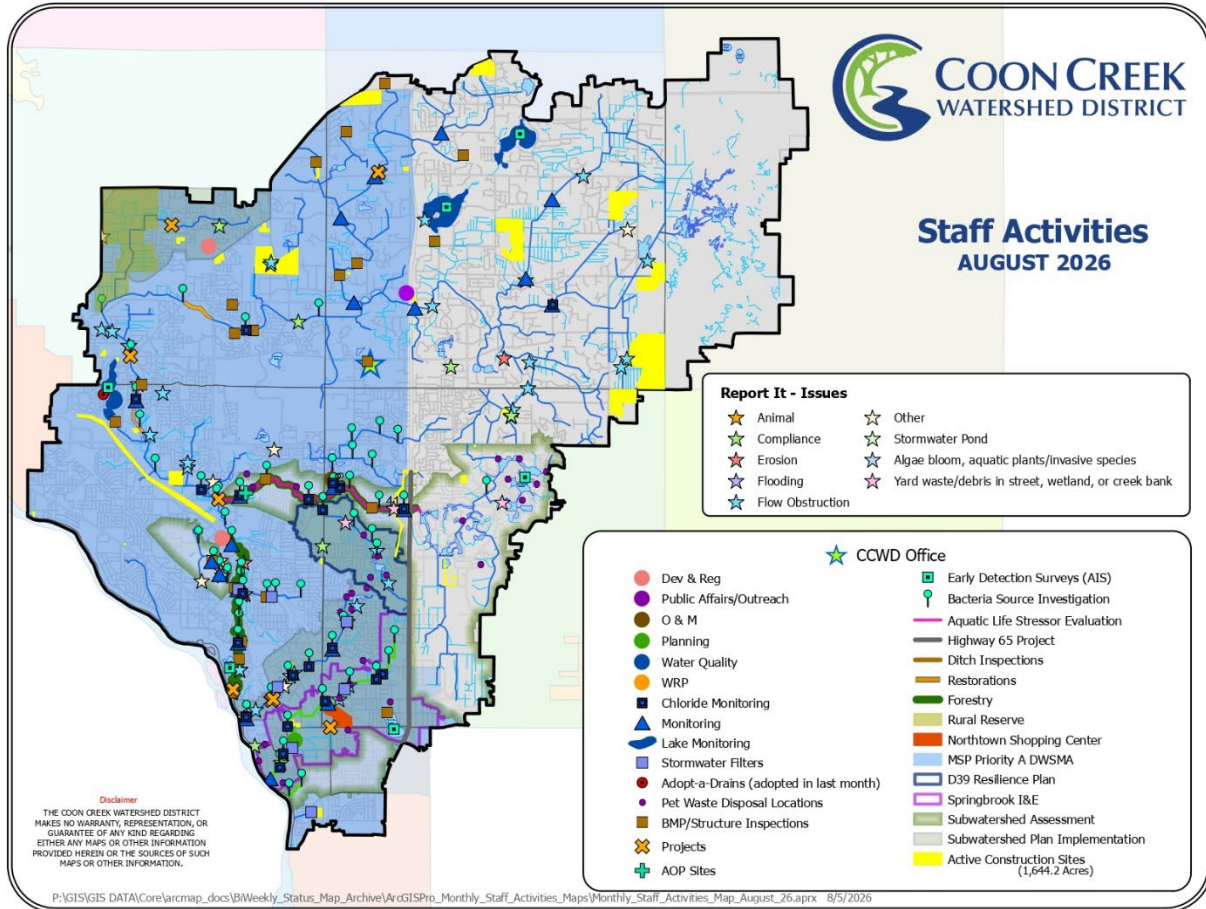


STAFF ACTIVITIES

Strategic Management Activities

- 1) **State Permitting Coordination:** Staff continue working through several statewide efforts to improve permitting and project delivery. This includes work with Minnesota Watersheds and the DNR on the Public Waters Work Permit process, participation in a statewide creek restoration workgroup, and coordination with other stakeholders on issues such as MPCA Section 401 certifications and DNR natural heritage reviews.
- 2) **Districtwide Water Quality Modeling:** Preliminary results from the District's watershed-scale water quality model are complete. Staff are reviewing and finalizing the results and expect to present the findings and potential planning implications to the Board this fall.
- 3) **BWSR Clean Water Fund Grant:** Staff submitted a draft work plan to BWSR for review for the Blaine Parks Targeted Water Quality Improvements Phase 1 project. Staff will return to the Board for grant acceptance once BWSR provides the grant agreement and legal review is complete.
- 4) **District Rule Revisions:** Staff distributed the proposed rule revisions and Notice of Intent to Adopt Rule Revisions to reviewing agencies. The agency review period ends on September 11, 2026. Staff will compile comments and return to the Board as the rulemaking process advances.
- 5) **Lower Coon Creek Corridor Restoration:** Despite numerous delays and complications during implementation, the project has moved into the closeout phase and remains on track to meet its project goals and applicable deadlines. Staff are completing the remaining punch-list, permit, and contract closeout items.

Operations Activities



DISTRICT CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

Equipment:

- Planning is underway to replace one fleet vehicle after the heavy field season fleet usage.

Facilities:

- No report

Staffing:

- Complement & Strength: 14.55 FTE
- Staffing plan: Staff continue evaluating workload, succession planning, program needs, and implementation capacity.

Sustaining:

- Recent cyberattacks affecting Minnesota drinking-water systems have prompted increased monitoring across the water sector. CCWD does not operate drinking-water infrastructure and has identified no related impacts. District staff, Metro-INET, and specialized system vendors continue monitoring District systems and relevant threats.

Budget & Financials

- Electronic payments: Staff are working with U.S. Bank/Elavon to enable an optional online payment method through the District's existing banking system. The initial focus is permit-related payments to provide applicants with an additional payment option. Existing payment methods will remain available.

**Coon Creek Watershed District
CCWD - Budget Report**

As of Date:

07/31/2026

	Year Ending 12/31/2026	Year To Date 07/31/2026			
	CCWD 2026 Budget	CCWD 2026 Budget	Actual Expenses YTD	Variance YTD	
Revenue					
Property Taxes	6,924,414.00	4,039,245.00	3,638,550.98	400,694.02	-10%
Fees & Charges	180,573.00	105,336.00	140,341.00	(35,005.00)	33%
Grants	2,372,179.00	1,383,774.00	0.00	1,383,774.00	-100%
Other Revenue	180,000.00	105,000.00	107,904.95	(2,904.95)	3%
Total Revenue	9,657,166.00	5,633,355.00	3,886,796.93	1,746,558.07	-31%
Expense					
Salaries & Benefits	2,711,666.00	1,581,811.00	1,264,817.07	316,993.93	-20%
Professional Services	527,084.00	307,461.00	239,419.91	68,041.09	-22%
Operating Expenses	367,759.00	214,536.00	143,352.92	71,183.08	-33%
Program Expense	6,713,313.00	3,916,122.00	823,505.98	3,092,616.02	-79%
Capitalized Expenses	71,000.00	41,419.00	8,508.00	32,911.00	-79%
Total Expense	10,390,822.00	6,061,349.00	2,479,603.88	3,581,745.12	-59%

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**Coon Creek Watershed District
Cash Balance**

As of Date:

07/31/2026

	Escrow Fund	General Fund	All Funds
	Month Ending 07/31/2026	Month Ending 07/31/2026	Month Ending 07/31/2026
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash	1,786,674.12	(2,154,439.05)	(367,764.93)
Petty Cash	0.00	250.00	250.00
Investment Account	23,060.00	8,770,361.95	8,793,421.95
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,809,734.12	6,616,172.90	8,425,907.02

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July started with an operational fund balance of approximately \$3,382,669.43

Change in net cash position was + \$3,233,503.47

Balance of the escrow trust fund is \$1,764,959.12

Seven month into the fiscal year, the budget variance is -28%

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 7
ITEM: Advisory Committees Report

AGENDA: Policy Discussion Information

ACTION REQUESTED

Receive Report

BACKGROUND

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Wednesday, July 8th. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) did not meet in the month of July.

- The next CAC meeting is scheduled: August 12th at 4:30 p.m. hybrid with Zoom.
- The next TAC meeting is scheduled: August 13th at 8:30 a.m. hybrid with Zoom.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

The majority of the CAC was present at the meeting. Absent were Gary Nereson and Joe MacPherson.

1. Open Forum

No comments.

2. District Update

Jessica Lindemyer gave a brief update on various District activities including recent weather conditions and water levels across the District. While rainfall has been below average, water levels across the District remain on the low end of normal and Anoka County is considered free of drought according to the latest US Drought Monitor (July 2nd)

Former CAC Member, David Petry, has joined CCWD staff as the Water Restoration and Protection Coordinator. David stepped down from his role on the CAC in May when he accepted the position.

Jessica shared updates regarding the open position on the CCWD board of managers, Jon Janke's interview with QCTV on Andover Live & Local, and the recent Creek Connections: Pocket Watersheds event at Torg Brewery.

There was general discussion about how board members are appointed and John Lilly asked that the QCTV interview link be sent out to the CAC.

3. Water Quality Model & TMDL Evaluation

Justine Dauphinais, Water Quality Coordinator, gave a presentation on the District's new water quality model, providing context for CCWD's TMDL and WRAPS.

Justine explained that a TMDL, or Total Maximum Daily Load, is a measurement assigned to a body of water that indicates how much pollution a lake or stream can handle before it is no longer considered fishable, swimmable, or drinkable. A TMDL is determined by a combination of factors:

TMDL	=	WLA	+	LA	+	RC	+	MOS
Total Maximum Daily Load	=	Wasteload Allocation	+	Load Allocation	+	Reserve Capacity	+	Margin of Safety
Allowable amount of a pollutant	=	regulated pollution	+	unregulated pollution	+	buffer for future growth & error		
								

Once a TMDL has been determined, a Watershed Restoration And Protection Strategy (WRAPS) is developed. WRAPS is a watershed-based implementation plan that outlines how local partners will work together to restore federally impaired waters (aka comply with TMDLs) and protect unimpaired waters.

Justine provided an overview of CCWD's 2016 [TMDL study](#) and [WRAPs plan](#) that address 8 recreation and aquatic life impairments across 4 streams listed in 2006. The TMDL study was based on data from 2005-2014 and was approved by the EPA in 2016. CCWD's TMDL and WRAPs set pollutant loading targets and strategies for Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Total Phosphorus (TP), and *E. Coli* bacteria. Non-pollutant stressors, such as altered hydrology and poor habitat are also included.

Justine introduced the new districtwide water quality model, which is set to be completed within the next month. The model can be used to conduct a 10-year progress evaluation on the 2016 TMDL analysis. Justine provided a brief summary of the goals and objectives as well as the model selection and evaluation process. The model incorporates water monitoring data collected over the past 10 years, completed watershed management activities and capital projects, as well as changes to the landscape and precipitation patterns.

There was general discussion about how the District's engineering firm, Stantec, was involved in the development of the model and how often the model will be updated with new data. Justine confirmed that the current plan is to update the model every 5 years.

Key takeaways from the districtwide modeling process include:

- CCWD now has a Districtwide Water Quality model to track progress and evaluate scenarios

- After 10 years of watershed management efforts and better monitoring data, preliminary modeling results suggest remaining pollutant load reduction targets are much more reasonable
- District goals of reducing pollutant loading to meet TMDL targets, addressing non-pollutant stressors, and protecting unimpaired waters remain

Justine wrapped up her presentation stating that the next steps will include reviewing the finalized modeling results and discussing implications with the District's Board of Managers and partnering organizations.

There was general discussion about how a districtwide model could be used to assist in the assessment of water quality projects and regulatory efforts.

4. Board Tour Feedback

CCWD hosted a District Tour Open House on Monday, June 8th from 2:30 – 4:00 at the District Office. The intent of this event was to provide a 'tour' of District programs, equipment, and workspaces. Invitations were sent to members of the District's advisory committees including the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

Jessica shared that the CCWD Board of Managers has requested feedback from the CAC on the event and opened the floor to feedback with the following guided questions:

- What did you like?
- What do you think could be improved?
- What subjects would be interesting for future events?
- If you did not attend, why not?

The consensus among those who did not attend was that the timing conflicted with their work schedule. Suggestions were made to extend the event time outside of the normal 9-5 workday.

Among the committee members present, Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff, Paddy Jones, and Jason Margl attended the 2026 District Tour Open House.

Barbara stated that she did not care for the event and left early. She felt the event was not well planned and pointed out that the format was nothing like past tour events. She inquired how the funds designated for a bus rental were used and if they were not used, what happened to them. Barbara suggested the word 'tour' be removed from the event title if the District hosts another event like this. She expressed that she would not attend another event like this one in the future.

Jason stated that he enjoyed the hands-on aspects of the event and the ability to visit with staff from each of the District's program areas. He particularly enjoyed learning about how to identify soils and seeing some of the equipment used in the field. Jason shared that he enjoyed this format much more than a traditional bus tour.

Paddy stated that he had no thoughts on the topic.

CCWD Board Member and CAC Liaison, Dwight McCullough, added some context to the conversation regarding the Board's decision to pursue an annual tour event that did not involve a physical bus tour of the District. He shared that historically the District has run

into several logistical issues with using a physical bus particularly as it relates to audio issues.

A larger discussion was had regarding potential ideas for future events. Jim Lindahl suggested the incorporation of aerial photography and videography to showcase sites that may be difficult to see in person. Several members suggested the idea of developing a self-guided tour that individuals could pursue on their own time. Jessica shared that the District is in the process of capturing aerial photography and videography to help highlight hard-to-reach places in the District.

Jessica asked for feedback regarding the invite list. This year, as with past years, the invite list was limited to the CCWD Board of Managers, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the CAC. General discussion was had regarding the invite list for the event and if it made sense to promote the event to the general public or if the event is more effective with a smaller group. Jim suggested a rotating invitation to city council members and county commissioners, suggesting that should a program or project highlight be of relevance to a specific community or agency, interested parties could be specifically invited to that year's event.

Jessica asked the Committee to consider what topics may be of interest to cover in future tour events. While no specific ideas were shared at the time, committee members were encouraged to take note of any ideas they may have down the line and share them with staff at a future meeting or via email.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC did not meet in the month of July.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the report.

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 8
ITEM: Bills to Be Paid

FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted
POLICY IMPACT: Policy

REQUEST

Approve bills

BACKGROUND

Claims totaling \$199,520.58 for 07/27/2026 and \$89,513.94 for 08/10/2026 on the following disbursement(s) list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

Vendor	Amount
V0033--DELL MARKETING LP	2,470.48
V0054--MICHELLE J ULRICH PA	2,435.00
V0102--US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	49,623.00
V0110--RESPEC COMPANY LLC	9,136.25
V0128--YTS COMPANIES LLC	6,080.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	195.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	104.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	130.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	76.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	247.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	304.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	195.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	323.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	171.00
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	18,854.75
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	53,166.75
V0197--VANDERBILT, CHASE	174.07
V0221--ABDO LLP	1,280.00
V0242--METRO I NET	7,330.00
V0348--BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MN	26,321.27
V0350--FIRST UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	746.24
V0351--DELTA DENTAL OF MN	1,958.93
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	37.10
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	331.00
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	1,043.35
V0360--PAYLOCITY	572.68
V0362--PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION	8,436.81
V0363--MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,365.00
V0366--KRAUSE, EMMA	152.90
V0387--SHOT BY SCHULTZ LLC	1,260.00
V0394--RECTANGLE DESIGNS LLC	5,000.00
	199,520.58

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Vendor	Amount
V0008--US BANK	11,564.94
V0010--A1 FLOOR AND CARPET CARE	1,119.30
V0026--CITY OF COON RAPIDS	11,700.00
V0051--LENNAR CORP FAMILY OF BUILDERS	10,922.07
V0063--NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY	3,028.75
V0111--WELL GROOMED LAWNS INC	546.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	195.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	260.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	195.00
V0221--ABDO LLP	3,333.33
V0221--ABDO LLP	1,160.00
V0229--TRUE BLUE PLUMBING LLC	385.00
V0242--METRO I NET	109.00
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	1,043.35
V0352--HEALTH EQUITY INC	662.00
V0362--PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION	8,425.20
V0363--MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,365.00
V0445--EB BLAINE DEVELOPMENT LLC	33,500.00
	89,513.94

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Company name: Created on:	Coon Creek Watershed District 8/5/2026										
	Vendor name	BILL number	Date	Fund name	Department name	Account	Capital Project ID	Grant ID	Transaction amount	Memo	
	7232026 TRUEBLUE RUMBING LLC	07232026	7/23/2026	General Fund	Administration	61250			385.00	REFL CARTRIDGE, VALVE, SCREEN UPSTAIRS BTH RM	385.00
Sum for 07232026											
	7312026 MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	07312026	8/3/2026	General Fund	Public & Governmental Relations	60718			25.00	07312026 MRSR PYRL	
	MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	07312026	8/3/2026	General Fund	Water Quality	60718			435.00	07312026 MRSR PYRL	
	MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	07312026	8/3/2026	General Fund	Operations & Maintenance	60718			105.00	07312026 MRSR PYRL	
	MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	07312026	8/3/2026	General Fund	Watershed Development	60718			200.00	07312026 MRSR PYRL	
	MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	07312026	8/3/2026	General Fund	Administration	60718			150.00	07312026 MRSR PYRL	
Sum for 07312026									450.00	07312026 MRSR PYRL	
0826COWD	A1 FLOOR AND CARPET CARE	0826COWD	8/4/2026	General Fund	Administration	61105			1,119.30	AUGUST 2026 CLEANING SERVICES	1,119.30
Sum for 0826COWD											
1TCMCKX	HEALTH/EQUITY INC	1TCMCKX	8/3/2026	General Fund	Public & Governmental Relations	60713			73.07	07312026 HSA REDUCTIONS	
	HEALTH/EQUITY INC	1TCMCKX	8/3/2026	General Fund	Planning	60713			144.23	07312026 HSA REDUCTIONS	
	HEALTH/EQUITY INC	1TCMCKX	8/3/2026	General Fund	Water Quality	60713			144.00	07312026 HSA REDUCTIONS	
	HEALTH/EQUITY INC	1TCMCKX	8/3/2026	General Fund	Administration	60713			532.05	07312026 HSA REDUCTIONS	
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Sum for 1TCMCKX											1,043.35
	27886 WELL GROOMED LAWNS INC	27886	7/31/2026	General Fund	Administration	61250			546.00	MOWING JULY 2026	546.00
Sum for 27886											
	3659 METRO I NET	3659	7/21/2026	General Fund	Administration	61575			109.00	ADOBE SUBSCRIPTION QP	109.00
Sum for 3659											
	526968 ABDO LLP	526968	7/31/2026	General Fund	Administration	63052			3,333.33	ACCT 90223FS.JULY FS SVCS 2026	3,333.33
Sum for 526968											
	527172 ABDO LLP	527172	7/31/2026	General Fund	Administration	63052			1,160.00	ACCT 300036 WS.PYRL JUL 26	1,160.00
Sum for 527172											
B023973	RVB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B023973	7/27/2026	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PRQJ26-504		195.00	WOB023973 MONITORING	195.00
Sum for B023973											
B024003	RVB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B024003	7/24/2026	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PRQJ24-519		195.00	WOB024003 GRDWTRCH LORIDE SAMPLING	195.00
Sum for B024003											
B024004	RVB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B024004	7/24/2026	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PRQJ24-519		260.00	WOB024004 GRDWTRCH LORIDE SAMPLING	260.00
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	US BANK	Charge payoffs - 3430	8/4/2026	General Fund	Administration	20020			156.43		
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Sum for XTASWINN											
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COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 9
ITEM: MN Watersheds Delegates and Annual Resolutions Meeting

AGENDA: Policy

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the 2026 Minnesota Watersheds Delegate Appointment Form.

PURPOSE

To identify District representation for the August 31, 2026 MN Watersheds Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions and provide the Board an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed resolutions and legislative platform.

BACKGROUND

At the April 13, 2026 Board meeting, the Board reviewed the 2026 MN Watersheds request for resolutions and directed staff to take no additional action on submitting a District resolution for this cycle.

On July 1, 2026, MN Watersheds distributed the 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions materials to member organizations. The meeting will be held by Zoom on August 31, 2026. Delegates will consider and act on proposed updates to the legislative platform and nine proposed resolutions.

The MN Watersheds annual meeting packet is attached.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

Appointments: The District's President and Vice President serve as the District's delegates to MN Watersheds. The Board may identify one additional manager to serve as an alternate.

Delegate #1	President
Delegate #2	Vice President
Alternate	_____

Proposed Resolutions: Nine resolutions are proposed for consideration at the August 31 meeting:

1. Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water
2. Supporting Dedicated State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance
3. Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff
4. Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance
5. Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management
6. Seeking Revision of Minnesota Statute 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid
7. Seeking Establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Fund
8. Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Source for Outdoor Uses
9. To Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts

Legislative Platform: MN Watersheds is also proposing updates to its Legislative Platform. The Board may discuss the proposed changes and provide direction to its delegates as appropriate.

Process: MN Watersheds' annual resolutions process is attached. Resolutions adopted at the August meeting become active MN Watersheds policy, while annual legislative priorities are considered later at the annual business meeting held during the December conference.

RECOMENDATION

Approve the 2026 Minnesota Watersheds Delegate Appointment Form naming the Board President and Vice President as delegates and Manager _____ as alternate.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2026
TO: Minnesota Watersheds Members
FROM: Don Pereira and Michelle Overholser, Resolutions Committee Co-Chairs
RE: **2026 REQUEST FOR RESOLUTIONS**



It is the time of year for Minnesota Watersheds members to submit their policy recommendations through our resolutions process. This is YOUR organization and policy statements start with YOU! Here are the next steps and timeline:

- April / May** Members write, discuss, and approve resolutions at your WD/WMO meetings. As you are aware, a well-written, well-researched, concise resolution will fare better in the review process.
- June 1** Administrators submit resolutions and background information documents to Jan Voit, Executive Director at jvoit@mnwatersheds.com by **June 2**. The submitted resolutions will be compiled and distributed to members as soon as possible.
- NOTE: If all the requested information is not included, the resolution will NOT be accepted.**
- June 12** Deadline for members to submit comments during the 10-day early review of resolutions.
- The Legislative Committee will review the resolutions, gather more information, or ask for further clarification when deemed necessary; work with the submitting watersheds to combine similar resolutions; reject resolutions already active; and discuss and make recommendations to the membership on the passage of resolutions.
- July 1** Resolutions (with committee feedback) will be emailed to each Minnesota Watersheds member organization by **July 1**.
- NOTE: If possible, please hold a regional meeting to discuss the resolutions BEFORE the Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions.**
- July** Members should discuss the resolutions at their July meeting(s) and decide who will be voting on their behalf at the Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions (2 voting members and 1 alternate are to be designated by watershed organization)
- August 31** Delegates discuss and vote on resolutions at the **Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions** hearing. Please be prepared to present and defend your resolution.
- October** The Legislative Committee will review existing and new resolutions and make a recommendation to the Minnesota Watersheds members for the 2026 legislative priorities.
- December** Minnesota Watersheds membership will vote on legislative priorities at the Annual Business Meeting. The Board of Directors will finalize the 2026 legislative platform.

NOTE: Resolutions passed by the membership will remain Minnesota Watersheds policy for five years after which they will sunset. If a member wishes to keep the resolution active, it must be resubmitted and passed again by the membership. Included with this memorandum are the **active resolutions** and **those that will sunset on 12/31/26**. Also included is the **Legislative Platform** that was adopted in 2025. If you have questions, Please feel free to contact co-chairs at dpereira@vbwd.org or 651-968-9788, michelle.overholser@ymrwd.com or 320-226-8223, or our executive director at jvoit@mnwatersheds.com or 507-822-0921.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN OUR POLICY DEVELOPMENT!

**Minnesota Watersheds
2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions
August 31, 2026
Via Zoom**

Member Meeting Materials

Enclosed are the following items:

1. Notice of Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions
2. Delegate Appointment Form
3. Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions
5. Proposed Legislative Platform Updates
6. Proposed Resolutions
7. Active Resolutions

Please note that the Delegate Appointment Forms are **REQUIRED**. For the Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions to be held, **a quorum of 22 delegates MUST be present and must include at least one delegate from each of the three regions.** Please return your Delegate Appointment Forms to Jan Voit at jvoit@mnwatersheds.com at your earliest convenience.

This packet has been distributed to managers, commissioners, administrators, and staff via email. No paper copies of this packet will be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

**We are looking forward to your participation in this year's
virtual Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions!**

Minnesota Watersheds

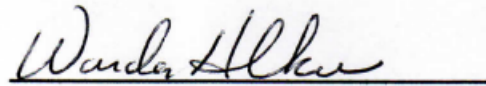
2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions

Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2026 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions will be held by Zoom beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31 for the following purposes:

1. to receive and accept the report of the Secretary regarding the 2025 Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions,
2. to consider and act upon proposed Legislative Platform updates, and
3. to consider and act upon proposed Resolutions.

Sincerely,



Wanda Holker
Secretary

Minnesota Watersheds 2026 Delegate Appointment Form

The _____ hereby certifies that it is
name of watershed organization

a watershed district or watershed management organization duly established and in good standing pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B or 103D and is a member of Minnesota Watersheds for the year 2026.

The _____ hereby further certifies
name of watershed organization

the following individuals have been appointed as delegates, or as an alternate delegate, all of whom are managers in good standing with their respective watershed district or watershed management organization.

Delegate #1: _____

Delegate #2: _____

Alternate: _____

Authorized by: _____
Signature Date

Title

** Please return this form to jvoit@mnwatersheds.com at your earliest convenience. **



Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions

AGENDA

Monday, August 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Join online: [CLICK HERE](#)

Join by phone: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 819 9915 5892

Passcode: 362794

GENERAL BUSINESS

10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Process Overview

10:05 a.m. Approval of Agenda (Action)

ACTION ITEMS

10:05 a.m. **2025 MEETING MINUTES** (Action)

10:10 a.m. **LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM** (Action)

10:30 a.m. **RESOLUTIONS HEARING** (Action)

Note: If you wish to testify "FOR" or "AGAINST", please raise your hand. You must be recognized by the chair before you speak. Limit your comments to two (2) minutes. Voting on each resolution will be done by hand raising.

Resolution 2026-01 – Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water

Resolution 2026-02 – Supporting Dedicated State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance

Resolution 2026-03 – Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff

Resolution 2026-04 – Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance

Resolution 2026-05 – Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management

Resolution 2026-06 – Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

Resolution 2026-07 – Seeking Establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Fund

Resolution 2026-08 – Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Source for Outdoor Uses

Resolution 2026-09 – To Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts

12:30 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minnesota Watersheds | 1005 Mainstreet | Hopkins, MN 55343 | mnwatersheds.com

For more information, contact Jan Voit, jvoit@mnwatersheds.com | 507-822-0921

Minnesota Watersheds

Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions

By Zoom

August 25, 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2025 Minnesota Watersheds Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions was convened at 10:00 a.m. by President Brad Kramer, Shell Rock River Watershed District (SRRWD). Twenty two delegates, with at least one delegate from each region, were required for a quorum. There were 33 delegates in attendance when the meeting began, representing all three regions. A quorum was present. The list of delegates can be found at the end of these minutes.

President Kramer explained meeting etiquette. Hand raising was practiced.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Agenda

Marcie Weinandt, Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) moved to approve the agenda. Mike Lee, SRRWD seconded the motion. The motion passed by hand raising.

3. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM CHANGES

President Kramer reported on the proposed changes to the Legislative Platform as provided in the meeting packet. Don Pereira, Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD) moved to approve the Legislative Platform changes. James Johnson, Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) seconded the motion. The motion passed by hand raising.

4. RESOLUTIONS HEARING

Don Pereira, VBWD moved to open the Resolutions Hearing. The motion was seconded by Jill Crafton, Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) which passed by hand raising. Don Pereira, VBWD, presided over the Resolutions Hearing.

Resolution 2025-01 Resolution Supporting a Legislative Amendment to Expand the Wetland Conservation Act Exemption of Public Drainage System Repairs

Nick Tomczik, RCWD presented the resolution. Marcie Weinandt, RCWD, moved to adopt Resolution 2025-01. Shawn Mazanec, Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01 was passed by hand raising: 30 in favor, nine opposed.

- **Adopted Resolution 2025-1: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of new legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 103G.2241 and MN Rule 8420.0420 to expand the WCA exemption to include all public drainage system repairs and commits its staff to further discussion through the Drainage Work Group in 2025 to promote passage of such legislation in upcoming sessions.

Resolution 2025-02 Resolution Seeking Revision to MN Statute 383B.79 to Include Watershed Management Organizations

Laura Jester, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission presented the resolution. Jill Crafton, RPBCWD, moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02. Chris-Ann Lauria, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02 was passed by hand raising: 40 in favor, three opposed.

- **Adopted Resolution 2025-02: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Minnesota Watersheds seeks a revision to Minnesota Statutes, section 383B.79, Subd. 1 to explicitly include “joint powers watershed management organizations entirely or partially located in Hennepin County” to the list of political subdivisions that can participate in the county’s multijurisdictional reinvestment programs.

Resolution 2025-03 Resolution Seeking Legislative Reform to Increase MDNR and MPCA Permit Efficiency and Define Permit Application Completeness

Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds and Tim Kelly, Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) presented the resolution. Jason Lund, CCWD moved to adopt Resolution 2025-03. James Johnson, RRWD, seconded the motion. The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-03 was passed by hand raising: 38 in favor, two opposed.

- **Adopted Resolution 2025-03: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Minnesota Watersheds shall pursue legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 15.99, 84.027, and 116.03 to:
 - separate permit completeness review from compliance standards review so that statutory deadlines for permit decisions are meaningfully triggered.
 - require MDNR and MPCA to develop and publish a list of practical, reasonable information and criteria that constitutes a complete permit application.
 - mandate that, once submitted by the applicant, the application is deemed complete and allows review timelines to begin.
 - require MDNR and MPCA to notify an applicant in writing, within 30 days of receiving a permit application, whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the agency determines the application is incomplete, specific provisions of applicable rules and statutes must be cited, an explanation of what additional information is needed must be provided, and the agency must advise the applicant how the deficiencies can be remedied. If action on the permit application is not completed within 150 days, the permit is deemed to be granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- the Board of Water and Soil Resources establish a formal process to distribute, on an annual basis, an accurate and complete list identifying Calcareous Fens to all watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts.
- pre-application meetings shall be required upon request by a qualified local agency with a project identified in state-approved plans, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies, or other recognized water quality studies. Such meetings shall be scheduled within four weeks of the request.
- local agencies requesting such meetings must provide 10% - 20% design-level plans with sufficient specificity to identify natural resource concerns and constraints.
- failure of either MDNR or MPCA to attend a requested pre-application meeting shall be construed as satisfaction of relevant permitting standards, allowing the project to proceed toward final design and permitting.

Shawn Mazanec, CRWD, moved to close the resolutions hearing. Jill Crafton, RPBCWD, seconded the motion which passed by hand raising.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Kramer thanked the members for their participation in the meeting. He thanked Don Pereira for chairing the Resolutions Hearing. The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Wanda Holker, Secretary

REGION 1	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Alternate
Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Linda Vavra		
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	Peter Fjestad	Cathy Affield	
Cormorant Lakes Watershed District	None		
Joe River Watershed District	None		
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers	Bill Petersen	Lein Schiller	
Pelican River Watershed District	Laurie Olson	Rick Michaelson	
Red Lake Watershed District	Gene Tiedemann		
Roseau River Watershed District	Jim Johnson	LaVerne Voll	
Sand Hill River Watershed District	Don Andringa		
Two Rivers Watershed District	Jerry Olsonawski	Daryl Klegstad	
Warroad River Watershed District	None		
Wild Rice Watershed District	Mike Christensen	Duane Erickson	
REGION 2	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Alternate
Buffalo Creek Watershed District	None		
Cedar River Watershed District	None		
Clearwater River Watershed District	None		
Crooked Creek Watershed District	None		
High Island Creek Watershed District	None		
Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District	None		
Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District	Andrew Weber		
Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District	Ruth Schaefer	Jeff Gertgen	
North Fork Crow River Watershed District	Bob Brauchler	Jim Barchenger	Jim Weller
Okabena Ocheda Watershed District	Casey Ingenthron	Tom Ahlberg	
Shell Rock River Watershed District		Mike Lee	Brad Kramer
Turtle Creek Watershed District	None		
Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	Wanda Holker	Jon Bork	
Yellow Medicine River Watershed District	Tim Buysse	Randy Kamrath	
REGION 3	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Alternate
Bassett Creek WMC	Joan Hauer		
Brown's Creek Watershed District	Celia Wirth		
Capitol Region Watershed District	Hawona Sullivan Janzen	Shawn Mazanec	Joe Collins
Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District	Paul Richert	Nick Bancks	
Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed District	Jackie Anderson		
Coon Creek Watershed District	Jim Hafner	Jason Lund	
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Bill Olson	Steve Sando	
Mississippi WMO	None		
Nine Mile Creek Watershed District	Chris-Ann Lauria	Brian Kirk	
Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District	Beverly Burnett	Bruce Loney	
Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District	Benjamin Karp		Mark Gernes
Rice Creek Watershed District	Marcie Weinandt		
Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District	Jill Crafton	Tom Duevel	
South Washington Watershed District	Mike Madigan	Emily Stephens	
Vadnais Lake Area WMO	None		
Valley Branch Watershed District	Don Pereira	Ed Marchan	



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2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Abstract

This document articulates clearly defined legislative policies so members and Minnesota Watersheds representatives on the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board, Clean Water Council, and Local Government Water Roundtable can accurately state our positions.

Adopted December 5, 2025

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Purpose

Minnesota Watersheds represents both watershed districts and watershed management organizations (collectively referred to as Watersheds). That representation underscores the necessity of protecting Watershed powers, duties, and planning responsibilities on a watershed basis.

This legislative platform outlines Minnesota Watersheds positions on legislative matters and serves as the foundation for our organization to support or oppose various local, state, and federal legislation. The legislative platform is based on adopted resolutions and emerging issues as identified by the MAWA Legislative Platform Committee and the Minnesota Watersheds Resolutions and Legislative Committees and adopted by the membership. It also is designed to clearly articulate defined legislative policies so members and Minnesota Watersheds representatives on the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board, Clean Water Council, and Local Government Water Roundtable can accurately state our positions.

When a resolution sunsets at the end of five years, it is removed from our Active Resolutions but remains as a policy in the Legislative Platform.

Emerging Issues

New or developing problems or concerns may arise that require attention before or during the legislative session. Those problems or concerns likely have not been addressed through the resolutions process, may or may not be identified in the legislative platform, but will need to be addressed by the lobbying team and executive director through attendance and meetings, written comments, testifying at hearings, or legislation. Flexibility is necessary so that the lobbying team and executive director can be proactive on behalf of Minnesota Watersheds with state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and at the legislature.

The Minnesota Watersheds Manual of Policy and Procedures states: *In the event legislation or state agency policy is introduced that may cause harm to Minnesota Watersheds members and there is no policy adopted by Minnesota Watersheds on the issue, the Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors may review the legislation or policy and adopt a temporary position on the issue on behalf of the organization. The policy position will be in effect until the next annual resolutions hearing. At that time, the membership must review the policy position and vote on whether it should become a permanent policy position or should expire.*

Finance

Watersheds are tasked with many responsibilities by Minnesota statute and local priorities are set by their boards. To effectively perform those duties, adequate funding is necessary. Although some Watersheds have levy authority, there are many other avenues of funding that are important for achieving local water management, as well as water quality and quantity goals.

1. Capacity

- a. Support Clean Water Funds for implementation, not capacity (Resolution 2021-01A and B)
- b. Support capacity funding for watershed districts (Resolution 2021-02)
- c. Seek Revision to MN Statute 383B.79 to Include Watershed Management Organizations (Resolution 2025-02)
- d. Support General Fund repayment of Soil and Water Conservation District capacity funds to the Clean Water Fund

2. Grant Funding

- a. Support metro watershed-based implementation funding for approved 103B plans only (Resolution 2021-07)
- b. Support a more equitable formula for watershed-based implementation funding in the metro
- c. Lobby for watershed-specific grant funding
- d. Lobby for the flood hazard mitigation grant program

Urban Stormwater

Watersheds and land use management partners work to reduce polluted stormwater runoff and/or increase infiltration from urbanization and hard surfaces. Many Watersheds in the state have adopted regulatory standards and/or official controls to successfully manage urban stormwater when land alterations occur. Watersheds also implement a variety of urban stormwater management practices to treat runoff before it enters our lakes, streams, and wetlands.

1. Stormwater Quality Treatment

- a. Support limited liability for certified commercial salt applicators (Resolution 2022-02)
- b. Support, partner/collaborate with a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4s – municipal separate storm sewer system) (if/where appropriate) in permit compliance activities
- c. Support the use of green infrastructure and minimizing impervious surfaces, where practical, in urban development and planning
- d. Where it may exist, support removing duplication of urban stormwater regulatory standards and controls
- e. Support the rescission of the Department of Labor and Industry/Plumbing Board Final Interpretation of Inquiry PB0159, storm drainage surcharge to return to common engineering practice for stormwater pond design

2. Water Reuse

- a. Support the Stormwater Reuse Task Force and for the Minnesota Department of Health to complete a review process (Resolution 2022-01)
- b. Support efforts to clarify and simplify State Plumbing Board rulings and requirements to facilitate more reuse of rainwater/stormwater

Water Quantity

Watersheds are directed by statute to conserve the natural resources of the state by land use planning, flood control, and other conservation projects. Specific purposes refer to flood damage reduction, stream flows, water supply, and drainage systems, as well as to identify and plan for effective protection and improvement of surface water and groundwater, and to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities. Numerous past, present, and future legislative initiatives have affected how water quantity issues are managed at the local level. This very broad-based topic includes management of the volume of water (drought, flooding, water supply), the flow of water (drainage, storm water, channel restoration, habitat), and recreational (lakes, rivers, wetlands) activities like fishing, boating, and hunting.

1. Drainage

- a. Support the current statutory requirements for notification and coordination in the development of petitioned repairs, drainage improvement projects, and new drainage systems
- b. Support the addition of a classification for public drainage systems that are artificial watercourses
- c. Seek increased support for and participation in the Drainage Work Group (Resolution 2022-03)
- d. Oppose the drainage registry information portal
- e. Oppose incorporating increased environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management criteria (M.S. 103E.015 requirements)
- f. Support new legislation modeled after HF2687 and SF2419 (2018) regarding Department of Natural Resources regulatory authority over public drainage maintenance and repairs (Resolution 2023-03)
- g. Support a Legislative Amendment to Expand the Wetland Conservation Act Exemption of Public Drainage System Reports (Resolution 2025-01)
- h. Oppose mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheets for drainage projects
- i. Investigate ways of maintaining water flow during periods of drought and explore opportunities for aquifer recharge
- j. Support increased state funding for planning and implementation of multipurpose drainage projects
- k. Oppose state rulemaking to regulate agricultural drainage
- l. Clarify that MPCA and DNR coordinate their activities, wherever appropriate, with the activities of watershed organizations and give deference to local government units implementing approved watershed management plans, comprehensive watershed management plans adopted under section 103B.801, total maximum daily load studies, and watershed restoration and protection strategies

2. Funding

- a. Obtain stable funding for flood damage reduction and natural resources enhancement projects (Resolution 2022-05)
- b. Clarify county financing obligations and/or authorize watershed district general obligation bonding for public drainage projects

3. Flood Control

- a. Support crop insurance to include crop losses within impoundment areas (Resolution 2021-05)
- b. Seek action for streamlining the Department of Natural Resources Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Resolution 2023-04)

4. Regulation

- a. Support temporary water storage on Department of Natural Resources wetlands during major flood events
- b. Support managing water flows in the Minnesota River Basin (statewide) through increased water storage and other strategies and practices

- c. Work with Minnesota Department of Transportation to support flood control and how to handle increased water volume issues along state and federal highway systems (example from Bemidji district of the Minnesota Department of Transportation)

5. Policy

- a. Support funding for watershed-based climate resiliency projects and studies
- b. Support funding for best management practices that protect and enhance groundwater supply
- c. Seek the ability to allow resale of acquisition buyout property (Resolution 2024-04)

Water Quality

Protecting and improving the quality of surface and ground water in our Watersheds is an essential component of managing water resources on a watershed basis.

1. Lakes

- a. Support limiting wake boat activities (Resolution 2022-06)
- b. Support designation change and research needs for the Chinese Mystery Snail
- c. Support temporary lake quarantine authorization to control the spread of aquatic invasive species
- d. Support streamlining permit applications for rough fish management
- e. Support dredging as a best management practice to manage internal phosphorus loads in lakes

2. Wetlands

- a. Support a statutory requirement for water level control structures in wetland restorations and wetland banks
- b. Support federal, state, and local funding for wetland restoration and protection activities
- c. Seek clarification of the statutorily modified definition of wetlands and the effects on watershed implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act ([Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 90, Article 3, section 77](#))

3. Rivers and Streams

- a. Support a statutory deadline for Department of Natural Resources Public Waters Work Permits (45-60 days)
- b. Support automatic transfer of public waters work permits to Watersheds (M.S. Chapter 103G.245 Subd.5)

4. Policy

- a. Support funding for watershed-based climate resiliency projects and studies
- b. Support funding for best management practices that protect groundwater quality
- c. Support development, adoption, and implementation of regulatory approaches to reducing chloride contamination in waters of the state (Resolution 2024-01)

Watershed Management and Operations

Protecting, enhancing, defending, and supporting existing Watershed statutory powers, duties, and planning responsibilities is necessary for effective and efficient watershed management and operations.

Specific Watershed powers, duties, and planning responsibilities are contained in Minnesota Statutes [Chapter 103B](#) and [Chapter 103D](#).

1. Watershed Powers

- a. Support and defend eminent domain powers [and the statutory appeals process](#) for watershed districts [as provided in M.S. 103D and 103E](#)
- b. Support Watershed powers to levy property taxes and collect special assessments
- c. Support a watershed district's power to accept the transfer of drainage systems in the watershed; to repair, improve, and maintain the transferred drainage systems; and to construct all new drainage systems and improvements of existing drainage systems in the watershed
- d. Support a Watershed's power to regulate the use and development of land within its boundaries

2. Watershed Duties

- a. Support a Watershed's duty to initiate projects
- b. Support a Watershed's duty to maintain and operate existing projects
- c. Allow alternative notice of watershed district proceedings by publication on the district's website (Resolution 2024-02)
- d. Support a Legislative Amendment to Clarify the Deadline for Watershed Districts to Certify Levies (Resolution 2025-06)

3. Watershed Planning

- a. Support a Watershed's ability to jointly or cooperatively manage and/or plan for the management of surface and ground water
- b. Support the connection between watershed-based implementation and funding
- c. Support development of a soil health goal for metropolitan watershed management plans
- d. Support education and outreach to encourage formation of watershed districts in unserved areas (Resolution 2023-06)

~~4. Human Resources~~

- ~~Seek revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617 to Include Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations (Resolution 2025-04)~~

Agency Relations

Watershed organizations work with many federal and state agencies to accomplish their mission. While relationships vary from administrative to funding and regulatory, agency policies and procedures can have a major impact on Watershed operations and projects. Maintaining strong, positive relations and ensuring Watersheds have a role in policy making is key to successful watershed management and operations.

1. Advocacy

- a. Require a 60-day review period before state agencies adopt new policies related to water and watershed management (Resolution 2021-06)
- b. Increase collaborative efforts between Minnesota Watersheds and all state agencies involved in water management

2. Representation

- a. Support watershed district managers being appointed, not allowing county commissioners to serve as managers

3. Regulation

- a. Streamline the Department of Natural Resources permitting process by increasing responsiveness, decreasing the amount of time it takes to approve permits, providing a detailed fee schedule prior to application, and conducting water level management practices that result in their reaction more quickly to serious, changing climate conditions
- b. Require watershed district permits for all state agencies (Resolution 2023-01)
- c. Oppose mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheets for drainage projects
- d. Request support to request new legislation to set permit review time limits upon the Department of Natural Resources (Resolution 2024-13)
- e. Seek Legislative Reform to Increase MDNR and MPCA Permit Efficiency and Define Permit Application Completeness (Resolution 2025-03)
- f. Improve Mitigation Under the Minnesota Endangered Species Act (Resolution 2025-05)

Regulations

Watershed representation on state and local panels and committees and the ability for Watersheds to regulate development and use of land within the organization's boundaries without prohibitive regulatory restrictions is necessary.

- a. Oppose legislation that forces spending on political boundaries
- b. Support the ability to appeal public water designations
- c. Seek Watershed membership on Wetland Technical Evaluation Panels (Resolution 2024-03)

Natural Resources

Minnesota Statutes direct Watersheds to conserve the natural resources of the state. Some of the purposes listed in statute are to conserve water in streams and water supply, alleviate soil erosion and siltation of water courses or water basins, regulate improvements by riparian property owners of the beds, banks, and shores of lakes, streams, and wetlands for preservation and beneficial public use; protect or enhance the water quality in water courses or water basins; and protect and preserve groundwater resources.

1. Planning

- a. Ensure timely updates to Wildlife Management Area plans
- b. Support Watershed inclusion in development of state plans (i.e., Prairie Plan, State Water Plan, etc.) related to water and watershed management

2. Policy

- a. Support funding for climate resiliency
- b. Seek clarification in the statutory language regarding funding for and updating the public waters inventory ([Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 116, Article 3, section 47](#))
- c. Seek the Department of Natural Resources to establish a "Comprehensive Guideline for Calcareous Fen Management" (Resolution 2024-05)

- d. Seek the Department of Natural Resources to adopt a program to incentivize calcareous fen management on private lands (Resolution 2024-07)
- e. Seek a formal process to distribute a complete list of calcareous fens annually (Resolution 2024-10)
- f. Seek the development of a calcareous fen work group (Resolution 2024-12)

3. Habitat

- a. Clarify buffer rule issues
- b. Support funding to reduce erosion and sedimentation
- c. Support funding for the enhancement, establishment, and protection of stream corridors and riparian areas
- d. Support funding for the enhancement and protection of habitats

Results

This section will document when an issue is resolved.

Water Quantity

Drainage (2024)

- Comply with the legislative mandate to review outlet adequacy and notification requirements in the Drainage Work Group
 - During the 2023 legislative session ([Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 60, Article 5, section 21](#)), BWSR and the DWG were directed by the legislature to evaluate and develop recommendations on the definition and application of outlet adequacy as provided in M.S. Chapter 103E.261 and public notice requirements for drainage activities, including a drainage registry portal. The report was developed during DWG meetings following the 2023 legislative session. The report was submitted to the legislature on February 1, 2024 as required by the statutory language.

Watershed Management and Operation

Human Resources (2026)

- Seek revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617 to Include Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations (Resolution 2025-04)
 - SF3887 Pratt, Klein/HF3571 Bakeberg, Tabke, Cha, McDonald. A bill for an act relating to local government; allowing watershed districts to self-insure for certain employee health benefits; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 471.617, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 4a. Passed both the House and Senate. Signed into law by Governor Walz on May 5.

Watershed Duties (2025)

- Support increased flexibility in the open meeting law
 - During the 2025 legislative session, the Open Meeting Law was amended to remove some of the requirements for remote meeting participation using interactive technology. Watershed boards and other local government bodies may conduct their meetings using interactive technology so long as:

- all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear and see one another and can hear and see all discussion and testimony presented at any location at which at least one member is present;
- members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the body can hear and see all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the body;
- at least one member of the body is physically present at the regular meeting location; and
- all votes are conducted by roll call so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

Watershed Planning (2024)

- Support watershed autonomy during and following a One Watershed, One Plan development process
 - Changes were made to clarify and modernize M.S. Chapter 103D during the 2024 legislative session ([Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 90, Article 3, section 42](#)). M.S. Chapter 103D.401 was clarified that a watershed district maintains the authority to adopt a plan even when participating in a comprehensive watershed management planning program under section 103B.801 (One Watershed, One Plan/1W1P).

Legislative Committee Recommendations



The committee's recommendations on resolutions are as follows.

#	Resolution Title	Committee Recommendation
1	Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water	Recommends adoption
2	Supporting Dedicated State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance	Recommends adoption
3	Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff	Recommends adoption
4	Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance	Recommends adoption
5	Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management	Recommends adoption
6	Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid	Recommends adoption
7	Seeking Establishment of Hazard Mitigation Fund	Recommends adoption
8	Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Sources for Outdoor Uses	Recommends adoption
9	To Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts	Recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-01

Resolution Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water

Proposing District: Wild Rice Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution:

Our Board of Managers feels that land owned by DNR and USFWS would provide opportunities for retention sites to store excess waters on wetlands owned and controlled by DNR and USFWS.

The primary goal outlined in the resolution is to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding impacts across Minnesota by increasing the capacity to temporarily store excess water during major flood events. The resolution emphasizes the strategic use of existing wetlands owned and managed by the DNR and USFWS as potential retention sites. This approach is intended to protect both public and private property by reducing downstream flood risks and providing opportunities for habitat improvements.

Additionally, the resolution supports a coordinated, interagency approach, including watershed districts, state agencies, and federal partners, to evaluate and implement these opportunities through a formal review process. The resolution does not establish detailed technical criteria or reference specific management plans; rather, it sets a policy direction and framework for further evaluation and collaboration.

The resolution proposes the establishment of a committee to work collaboratively with the DNR and USFWS to identify existing wetlands on public lands that could serve as floodwater retention sites.

While the resolution itself does not specifically reference LiDAR or other geospatial tools, the intent is to conduct a systematic identification and evaluation process of publicly owned wetlands. This effort will be improved by the high-resolution LiDAR that has been collected across the state of Minnesota. The ultimate tools and methodologies for that evaluation are not defined within the resolution and would be determined through coordination with the participating agencies.

Efforts to solve the problem

Our staff has worked with DNR to construct a control structure on the Goose Prairie WMA to allow excessive flood waters to be held during an identified date range in the spring. This structure allows excess floodwaters to be temporarily retained during a defined window in the spring, demonstrating the feasibility of using existing public wetlands for managed floodwater storage. This effort provides a successful, real-world example of how interagency coordination can result in functional projects that help reduce downstream flood impacts while also providing opportunities to improve habitat.

We would like there to be more effort and communication to encourage DNR and USFWS to review other parcels in which water could be stored to alleviate downstream flooding impacts.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Communicate the possibility to utilize public lands to store water with legislators in an effort to have them support the resolution and develop a committee to review public lands and potential storage opportunities which can occur on them.

Anticipated support or opposition

This resolution would be of interest to other watershed districts, counties, cities and wildlife organizations.

This issue: (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-01

Resolution Encouraging DNR and USFWS to Construct Retention Sites on DNR and USFWS Lands for Storing Water

WHEREAS, the WRWD discussed the frequent, severe floods within the State of Minnesota and further discussed ways to reduce flood impacts; and

WHEREAS, it is the WRWD's desire for watershed districts and other drainage authorities within the State of Minnesota to discuss with the DNR and the USFWS about the construction of retention sites on certain existing wetlands owned by the Minnesota DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the temporary diversion and storage of excess water in times of major flood events within said retention sites as doing so would reduce flood impacts to both private and public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds appoint a committee to meet with the DNR and USFWS, identify existing wetlands owned by DNR and USFWS that could serve as retention sites, and discuss the potential for construction of retentions sites and storage of excess waters on said existing wetlands owned and controlled by DNR and USFWS in times of major flood events.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

Summary Background and Rationale for Shoreline Management Resolutions #2 - #5

Background that led to the submission of these resolutions

Minnesota's natural shorelines are continuing to disappear, contributing to degraded lake water quality, reduced habitat, and declining aquatic biological health. The 2023 Natural Shoreline Partnership report, *Minnesota's Vanishing Natural Shorelines: A Loss that Contributes to Degraded Lake Quality*, found that approximately 40 to 50 percent of Minnesota's natural shorelines have already been lost, and that natural shoreline loss is continuing at an estimated rate of 1 to 2 percent per decade. The report also found that mowed "lawn down to lake" shorelines allow 7 to 9 times more phosphorus to enter lakes than naturally vegetated shorelines and recommends a reasonable protection and restoration goal that 75 percent of a shoreline exist in natural vegetation at least 25 feet landward from the lake.

To explore this issue in greater depth, the statewide Natural Shoreline Partnership formed a Shoreline Protection Subcommittee to identify ways to improve how state agencies, local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, and other partners regulate and provide technical services for shoreline property owners. The Subcommittee met several times between September 2024 and April 2025 to review challenges with existing state and local rules, DNR Public Water Restoration Rules, shoreline assessments, sand blankets, ice heaves, general permits, and DNR enforcement procedures.

A central conclusion of the Subcommittee was that Minnesota's public waters rules are not necessarily the primary barrier to natural shoreline protection. Rather, many of the most significant challenges arise from how shoreline alteration rules are explained to the public, how those rules are administered, how consistently they are applied, and how state and local governments coordinate on projects that often affect areas both above and below the ordinary high water level.

Several recurring issues were identified. Public-facing DNR guidance for riprap, sand blankets, and ice-heave repair may be outdated, misunderstood, or applied inconsistently. "No permit required" shoreline activities can be difficult to track and verify. Criteria for determining demonstrated erosion need are not always clear. Coordination among DNR, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, and townships varies across the state. Public agencies have also lost technical capacity for natural shoreline restoration, bioengineered stabilization, and field-based landowner assistance.

These issues create practical problems for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies. Landowners may receive inconsistent information. Contractors may rely on long-standing practices that do not fully protect natural shoreline functions. Local governments may be asked to respond to shoreline impacts without adequate funding, training, or technical support. DNR staff may face increasing expectations without updated guidance, consistent procedures, or sufficient interagency coordination.

The following four resolutions are intended to address these related but distinct needs:

1. **Dedicated State Funding for Local Shoreline Management Assistance** — to build local capacity for landowner assistance, site evaluations, project review, restoration support, and permit coordination.
2. **Statewide Shoreline Management Training and Certification Program** — to improve consistency and technical understanding among state and local staff involved in shoreline evaluation, restoration, permitting, compliance, and landowner assistance.
3. **Updated Public Shoreline Guidance and Education** — to replace outdated public-facing shoreline alteration guidance and improve statewide communication about natural shoreline protection, bioengineering, riprap, sand blankets, ice-heave repair, permits, and alternatives to hard armoring.
4. **Public Waters Rule and Process Improvements for Shoreline Alterations** — to improve consistency in DNR implementation, develop clearer shoreline evaluation procedures, strengthen coordination among agencies and local governments, address recurring contractor violations, and improve rule and process clarity.

Together, these resolutions request that Minnesota Watersheds support state agency advocacy and, where necessary, legislative action to improve natural shoreline protection and restoration. The intent is not to create unnecessary regulation, but to make shoreline management more consistent, practical,

understandable, and effective for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies while better protecting Minnesota's public waters and natural shoreline functions.

This issue applies statewide and affects watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, counties, cities, townships, lake associations, landowners, contractors, DNR, BWSR, MPCA, and other partners involved in shoreline management and public waters protection.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-02

Resolution Supporting Dedicated State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to the submission of this resolution

Minnesota's natural shorelines continue to be lost or degraded through cumulative shoreline alterations, vegetation removal, hard armoring, grading, sand blankets, and other activities that reduce water quality, habitat, and lake resilience. Local governments, including Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, counties, cities, and townships, are often the first point of contact for landowners seeking help with shoreline stabilization, restoration, permitting, and natural shoreline alternatives.

As the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other partners improve shoreline evaluation, guidance, and implementation of public waters restoration and shoreline management requirements, additional workload will likely fall on local partners. Many SWCDs and watershed districts do not currently have dedicated funding or staff capacity to provide consistent technical assistance, site visits, project review, landowner support, monitoring, and follow-through for shoreline management.

Successful shoreline protection depends on timely, locally available assistance that helps landowners understand and implement natural shoreline practices before hard armoring or other damaging alterations occur.

Efforts to solve the problem

The statewide Natural Shoreline Partnership has documented the continuing loss of natural shoreline and the need for stronger coordination, education, technical assistance, incentives, and restoration support. A Shoreline Protection Subcommittee later examined shoreline alteration management in more detail and identified a need to rebuild local and state technical capacity for natural shoreline restoration, bioengineering, landowner assistance, and coordinated review.

Local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, and lake associations already provide outreach and technical support where capacity exists. However, this assistance is inconsistent statewide because it often depends on local funding, grants, or limited staff availability.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Yes. Legislative action is likely needed to establish dedicated and ongoing state funding for local shoreline management assistance.

The purpose of legislative action would be to create a stable state funding source that supports SWCDs, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and other local partners in providing shoreline technical assistance, landowner site visits, project design support, permit coordination, monitoring, and implementation assistance.

If legislative action is not immediately pursued, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate with DNR, BWSR, MPCA, and legislative committees to recognize shoreline management as a shared state-local responsibility and to include shoreline technical assistance in future state funding programs.

Anticipated support or opposition

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, lake associations, local governments, fisheries and habitat advocates, and organizations working to protect water quality and aquatic life.

Opposition or concern may come from parties concerned about new state spending or increased local government involvement in shoreline projects. These concerns can be addressed by emphasizing that the funding is intended to provide practical landowner assistance, improve consistency, reduce confusion, and support voluntary natural shoreline restoration before enforcement or regulatory conflicts occur.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions	x	Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state		Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-02

Resolution Supporting State Funding for SWCD and Watershed District Shoreline Management Assistance

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s lakes, rivers, and public waters provide substantial public benefits, including water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, flood resilience, recreation, and property value protection; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s natural shorelines continue to be lost or degraded through cumulative shoreline alterations, vegetation removal, hard armoring, grading, and other activities that reduce habitat and water quality benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is working to improve shoreline evaluation, guidance, and implementation of public waters restoration and shoreline management requirements; and

WHEREAS, improved shoreline evaluation and implementation will likely create additional workload for local governments, including Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, counties, and other local partners; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 383B.79 does not expressly include joint powers watershed management organizations (WMOs) in the list of political subdivisions allowed to officially participate in these programs.

WHEREAS, local governments are often the first point of contact for landowners seeking assistance with shoreline stabilization, restoration, permitting, and natural shoreline alternatives; and

WHEREAS, many SWCDs and watershed districts do not currently have adequate dedicated funding or staff capacity to provide consistent technical assistance, site evaluations, landowner support, and project follow-through for shoreline management; and

WHEREAS, successful shoreline protection and restoration depends on timely, practical, and locally available technical assistance that helps landowners understand and implement natural shoreline practices before hard-armoring or other damaging alterations occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports the creation of dedicated state funding to assist Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and other local government partners with shoreline management technical assistance, project review, landowner support, and implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding should support local staff time, technical evaluations, landowner site visits, project design assistance, permit coordination, monitoring, and follow-up needed to advance natural shoreline protection and restoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports state funding that recognizes shoreline management as a shared state-local responsibility requiring adequate and ongoing local capacity.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-03

Resolution Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Shoreline management decisions often require technical evaluation of erosion causes, shoreline condition, vegetation, soils, slopes, wave energy, ice action, habitat impacts, water quality impacts, and the suitability of proposed stabilization or restoration methods. Inconsistent understanding and application of shoreline standards can result in inconsistent permitting decisions, landowner confusion, unnecessary hard armoring, and continued loss of natural shoreline functions.

The Wetland Conservation Act provides a useful model for structured training, certification, and interagency review that helps support consistent implementation across jurisdictions. Shoreline management would benefit from a similar statewide training and certification program for state and local staff involved in shoreline evaluation, permitting, restoration, compliance, and technical assistance.

Efforts to solve the problem

The Natural Shoreline Partnership's Shoreline Protection Subcommittee reviewed DNR Public Waters Rules, riprap, sand blankets, ice heaves, general permits, enforcement procedures, and local shoreline assessment work. The Subcommittee identified the need for shared training standards, consistent terminology, common evaluation methods, and improved understanding of natural shoreline restoration and bioengineering alternatives.

Local staff, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, and DNR staff currently work on shoreline issues, but training and technical capacity vary significantly across the state. This creates inconsistent outcomes for landowners and natural resource protection.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action may be needed if a formal statewide certification program requires statutory authority, dedicated funding, or direction to state agencies.

The purpose of legislative action would be to direct or fund the development of a statewide shoreline management training and certification program, modeled in part on the structured training and certification approach used for Wetland Conservation Act implementation. The program should include shoreline condition evaluation, erosion drivers, natural shoreline design, bioengineering methods, public waters permitting requirements, restoration standards, vegetation protection, habitat impacts, enforcement considerations, and long-term maintenance.

If legislation is not required, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate for DNR, BWSR, MPCA, SWCDs, watershed districts, and other partners to develop and implement the training program administratively.

Anticipated support or concern

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, SWCDs, local governments, state agency staff, lake associations, and professional organizations seeking more consistent shoreline evaluation and permitting.

Opposition or concern may come from those concerned about additional certification requirements, cost, or administrative burden. These concerns can be addressed by designing the program to improve consistency, provide practical field-based training, and support better landowner service rather than simply adding new requirements.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-03

Resolution Supporting Statewide Training and Certification for Shoreline Management Staff

WHEREAS, shoreline management decisions often require technical evaluation of erosion causes, shoreline condition, vegetation, soils, slopes, wave energy, ice action, habitat impacts, water quality impacts, and the suitability of proposed stabilization or restoration methods; and

WHEREAS, inconsistent understanding and application of shoreline standards can result in inconsistent permitting decisions, landowner confusion, unnecessary hard armoring, and continued loss of natural shoreline functions; and

WHEREAS, the Wetland Conservation Act provides a useful model for technical training, certification, and interagency review that helps support more consistent implementation across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, shoreline management would benefit from a similar structured training and certification program for state and local staff involved in shoreline evaluation, permitting, restoration, compliance, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, counties, cities, townships, and DNR staff would benefit from shared training standards, consistent terminology, and common evaluation methods; and

WHEREAS, certification-based training would help ensure that shoreline evaluations consider the cause and degree of shoreline change, the impacts of proposed alterations, and the availability of natural or bioengineering alternatives before structural hard armoring is authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports development of a statewide shoreline management training and certification program for state and local staff, modeled in part on the structured training and certification approach used for Wetland Conservation Act implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the training program should include evaluation of shoreline condition, erosion drivers, natural shoreline design, bioengineering methods, public waters permitting requirements, restoration standards, vegetation protection, habitat impacts, enforcement considerations, and long-term maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports development of a consistent shoreline evaluation framework that can be used by DNR staff, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, and other local partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports the use of technical evaluation panels or similar interagency review processes for complex shoreline alteration proposals, similar in concept to technical review processes used under the Wetland Conservation Act.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-04

Resolution Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Landowners, contractors, consultants, local officials, and local government staff rely on public-facing information from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources when evaluating shoreline stabilization, restoration, and alteration options.

The Natural Shoreline Subcommittee identified several recurring issues with DNR guidance for riprap, sand blanket, and ice-heave “no permit required” documents. Requirements are often unmet, misunderstood or ignored; “no permit required” shoreline alterations are difficult to track and verify; criteria for determining a demonstrated need for riprap are ambiguous or inconsistently applied;

The outdated or incomplete shoreline alteration guidance documents can create confusion and may encourage practices that are not aligned with current natural shoreline science, restoration standards, state statute, or the protection of public waters.

Older riprap guidance and similar materials contribute to misunderstanding about when riprap is appropriate, what alternatives should be considered, and how natural shoreline functions should be protected. Public education materials should clearly identify the limited circumstances in which riprap, sand blankets, and ice-ridge repair are appropriate, explain the benefits of natural shorelines, including water quality protection, fish and wildlife habitat, slope stability, wave energy dissipation, climate resilience, and long-term property protection.

Efforts to solve the problem

The Natural Shoreline Partnership developed Minnesota’s Vanishing Natural Shorelines, which documented the scale of natural shoreline loss and the connection between shoreline alteration and degraded lake quality. The Shoreline Protection Subcommittee then identified the need to update public-facing shoreline materials, improve consistency in messaging, and better explain the difference between natural shoreline restoration, bioengineered stabilization, riprap, retaining walls, beach creation, vegetation removal, grading, and other shoreline alterations.

Local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, lake associations, and state agencies already provide public education, but messaging is not always consistent and may be undermined by older or outdated state guidance still available to the public.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action is not necessarily required if DNR can update all public-facing guidance, webpages, fact sheets, and permit materials administratively.

However, legislative action may be appropriate if agency direction or funding is needed to ensure outdated materials are replaced and updated guidance is developed in coordination with local governments, SWCDs, watershed districts, BWSR, MPCA, lake associations, and other partners.

The purpose or intent would be to ensure that Minnesota’s public shoreline guidance reflects current natural shoreline science, state statute, best available restoration practices, and clear permitting expectations.

If legislation is not pursued, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate directly with DNR and partner agencies to replace outdated shoreline alteration guidance, including older “Shoreline Alterations: Riprap” materials, and to coordinate statewide public education on natural shoreline protection and restoration.

Anticipated support or concern

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, SWCDs, lake associations, local governments, habitat advocates, and organizations working to improve water quality and shoreline stewardship.

Opposition or concern may come from various divisions or regional offices within the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that have relied on existing shoreline alteration guidance, fact sheets, and implementation practices for decades. Concerns may include staff capacity to update guidance, uncertainty about changing long-standing interpretations, the need for internal consistency across DNR programs and regions, concern that revised materials could increase review workload, and reluctance to create expectations that existing past practices were inadequate or inconsistent.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-04

Resolution Supporting Improved Public Education and Updated Shoreline Management Guidance

WHEREAS, landowners, contractors, consultants, local officials, and local government staff rely on public-facing information from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources when evaluating shoreline stabilization, restoration, and alteration options; and

WHEREAS, outdated shoreline alteration guidance can create confusion and may encourage practices that are not fully aligned with current natural shoreline science, restoration standards, state statute, or the protection of public waters; and

WHEREAS, the continued public availability of older shoreline riprap guidance may contribute to misunderstanding about when riprap is appropriate, what alternatives should be considered, and how natural shoreline functions should be protected; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s public education materials should clearly explain the benefits of natural shorelines, including water quality protection, fish and wildlife habitat, slope stability, wave energy dissipation, climate resilience, and long-term property protection; and

WHEREAS, effective public education should help landowners understand the difference between natural shoreline restoration, bioengineered stabilization, riprap, retaining walls, beach creation, vegetation removal, grading, and other shoreline alterations; and

WHEREAS, updated public education materials should support consistent messaging by DNR, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, lake associations, contractors, consultants, and other partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources updating its public-facing shoreline management webpages, guidance documents, permit materials, and educational resources to reflect current natural shoreline science, state statute, and best available restoration practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports replacing outdated “Shoreline Alterations: Riprap” guidance and similar materials with updated guidance that more clearly prioritizes avoidance, minimization, natural shoreline restoration, bioengineering, vegetation protection, and long-term shoreline function.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that updated public education materials should clearly identify when permits or notifications are required, what activities may violate public waters rules, and what alternatives are available to landowners before hard armoring is pursued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports coordinated public education among DNR, BWSR, SWCDs, watershed districts, counties, cities, townships, lake associations, and other partners to promote consistent shoreline management information statewide.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-05

Resolution Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management

Proposing District: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 establishes requirements for restoration and alteration of public waters, including activities that affect shorelines, beds, banks, and public water resources. Consistent implementation of Minnesota's public waters rules is necessary to protect natural shorelines, water quality, aquatic habitat, and the public interest in lakes, rivers, and streams.

Watershed districts and other local government partners have identified discrepancies and inconsistencies in the implementation of shoreline alteration rules, guidance, permitting, notification, and enforcement. These inconsistencies can result in landowner confusion, uneven regulatory outcomes, continued shoreline degradation, and reduced confidence in state and local shoreline management programs.

Shoreline alteration decisions should include a clear evaluation of existing shoreline condition, the cause and degree of shoreline change, the proposed alteration, less-impactful alternatives, and cumulative impacts to public waters. Contractors who repeatedly conduct shoreline alterations without required notice, permits, or approvals can create significant damage to public waters and place landowners and local governments in difficult compliance situations.

Efforts to solve the problem

The Natural Shoreline Partnership's Shoreline Protection Subcommittee reviewed challenges with existing state and local shoreline rules, DNR Public Waters Restoration Rules, shoreline assessments, sand blankets, ice heaves, general permits, and DNR enforcement procedures. The Subcommittee concluded that DNR Public Waters Rules are not necessarily the primary barrier to natural shoreline protection. Rather, the more significant problems are how shoreline alteration rules are expressed to the public, how those rules are administered, and how governments coordinate with each other on projects that span jurisdictional boundaries.

The Subcommittee developed recommendations to update DNR guidance, improve coordination among DNR and local governments, develop administrative procedures for "no permit required" shoreline work, create tools to determine demonstrated erosion need, strengthen training, clarify grading and filling requirements, encourage contractor training or certification, review General Permit barriers, and rebuild technical capacity for natural shoreline restoration and bioengineered shoreline design.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action may be needed if rule changes, agency direction, funding, or statutory clarification are necessary to ensure consistent statewide implementation of public waters shoreline alteration requirements.

The purpose or intent of legislative action would be to support clearer, more consistent, and more coordinated implementation of Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 and related public waters shoreline alteration requirements. This may include direction or support for DNR to:

1. Develop a consistent shoreline evaluation process;
2. Clarify how demonstrated erosion need is evaluated before riprap or other hard armoring is authorized;
3. Establish administrative procedures for "no permit required" shoreline work;
4. Improve coordination between DNR, local governments, SWCDs, and watershed districts;

5. Create a technical evaluation panel or similar interagency review process for complex or sensitive shoreline alteration proposals;
6. Ensure consistent DNR processes and determinations across regions and area offices;
7. Strengthen procedures for recurring contractor violations involving shoreline modifications completed without required notification, permits, or approvals; and
8. Review General Permit processes that may discourage natural or bioengineered shoreline alternatives.

If legislative action is not immediately pursued, Minnesota Watersheds should advocate directly with DNR, MPCA, BWSR, counties, SWCDs, watershed districts, and other partners to implement these process improvements administratively.

Anticipated support or concern

Support is anticipated from watershed districts, watershed management organizations, SWCDs, local governments, lake associations, fisheries and habitat advocates, and organizations working to protect water quality, aquatic life, and public waters.

Opposition or concern may come from shoreline contractors, some riparian landowners, and parties concerned about additional process requirements, delays, or limits on shoreline hardening. These concerns can be addressed through clear guidance, timely review procedures, contractor training, practical landowner assistance, and recognition that the resolution seeks consistency, coordination, and protection of public waters rather than unnecessary regulation.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-05

Resolution Supporting Rule and Process Improvements for Public Waters Shoreline Alteration Management

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 establishes requirements for restoration and alteration of public waters, including activities that affect shorelines, beds, banks, and public water resources; and

WHEREAS, consistent implementation of Minnesota’s public waters rules is necessary to protect natural shorelines, water quality, aquatic habitat, and the public interest in lakes, rivers, and streams; and

WHEREAS, watershed districts and other local government partners have identified discrepancies and inconsistencies in the implementation of shoreline alteration rules, guidance, permitting, notification, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, inconsistent application of public waters rules can result in landowner confusion, uneven regulatory outcomes, continued shoreline degradation, and reduced confidence in state and local shoreline management programs; and

WHEREAS, shoreline alteration decisions should include a clear evaluation of the cause, severity, and extent of shoreline change, the proposed alteration, the availability of less-impactful alternatives, and the cumulative impact to public waters; and

WHEREAS, contractors who repeatedly conduct shoreline alterations without required notice, permits, or approvals can create significant damage to public waters and place landowners and local governments in difficult compliance situations; and

WHEREAS, clearer rules, procedures, and enforcement expectations would improve consistency, fairness, and environmental outcomes for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports rule, guidance, and process improvements by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to ensure consistent implementation of Minnesota Rules part 6115.0215 and related public waters shoreline alteration requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports development and implementation of a consistent shoreline evaluation process that considers the existing shoreline condition, the cause and degree of shoreline change, the proposed alteration, natural shoreline alternatives, and the public water impacts of the proposed work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports creation of a technical evaluation panel or similar interagency process for complex or potentially impactful shoreline alteration proposals, similar in concept to review processes used under the Wetland Conservation Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports improved procedures to ensure consistent DNR processes and determinations across regions and area offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports stronger and more consistent enforcement for recurring contractor violations involving shoreline modifications completed without required notification, permits, or approvals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports rule and process changes that make shoreline management more understandable, consistent, timely, and effective for landowners, contractors, local governments, and state agencies while better protecting Minnesota’s public waters and natural shorelines.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-06

Resolution Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

Proposing District: Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

For over a decade \$10 million has been annually appropriated from the state general fund for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Aid pursuant to Minnesota Statute 477A.19. The commissioner of revenue computes an amount of AIS prevention aid payable to each county in the state for the following year. Counties must use the proceeds solely to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of AIS at all access sites within the county. In recent years, Scott County has allocated AIS Prevention Aid to Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) to perform Curly-leaf pondweed treatments in district lakes and to offset the cost of boat inspections in district lakes.

As part of the 2025 legislative session, Minnesota Statute 477A.19 was revised to reduce the annual appropriation by 50 percent (\$5 million) for aid payable in 2027 and thereafter. At current funding levels, the AIS Prevention Aid comprises 37 percent of PLSLWD's aquatic vegetation management funding and comprises 50 percent of the PLSLWD's boat inspection funding.

Prior Lake is an extremely popular lake in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, with large numbers of boaters bringing their watercraft to the lake and thus increasing the risk of AIS spread. This issue is not limited to PLSLWD. The reduced funding negatively impacts counties, watershed organizations, soil and water conservation districts, lake associations, and other public agencies that work to prevent the spread of AIS.

Efforts to solve the problem

In 2025, when the proposed funding reduction was first brought forward, numerous organizations lobbied to retain historic funding levels. These efforts were successful in preserving the \$10 million funding levels for 2025 and 2026 and delaying the reduced \$5 million funding level to 2027. A coalition of lake associations are currently organizing to lobby for the preservation of the \$10 million funding levels during the 2027 legislative session. Watershed organizations should join with partners to lobby for the preservation of the \$10 million funding level.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative action is the only means of addressing the matter as Minnesota Statute 477A.19 calls for the funding level to be reduced to \$5 million in 2027. The intent of this proposal is to request that Minnesota Statute 477A. 19 be revised to change 2027 funding to \$10 million and to remain at the \$10 million level thereafter.

Anticipated support or concern

The DNR could also be a partner as they administer and support the program. Lake associations, soil and water conservation districts, lake resorts, and communities that rely on lake activities for economic development are likely partners in supporting this legislative revision. Likely detractors from this legislation may be organizations that advocate for smaller government spending.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-06

Resolution Seeking Revision of Minnesota State 477A.19 to Preserve \$10 Million of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 477A.19 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid, allocates funds to counties within Minnesota for the purpose of preventing the introduction of or limiting the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within counties that receive the funding; and

WHEREAS, counties may appropriate a portion of the proceeds received from the state to provide funding for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a soil and water conservation district in the county, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located in the county; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, the state has annually appropriated \$10 million from the general fund for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid to Minnesota counties; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 477A.19 was revised in 2025 to reduce the annual appropriation from \$10 million to \$5 million starting in 2027; AND

WHEREAS, watershed districts, soil and water conservation districts, and lake associations in the state depend on Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid to prevent the introduction of and limit the spread of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid will result in reduced prevention efforts that will harm water resources in the state and negatively impact habitat, recreation, and economic development within the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds seeks to revise Minnesota State 477A.19 to preserve annual Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid at \$10 million payable in 2027 and annually thereafter.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-07

Resolution Seeking Establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Fund

Proposing District: Two Rivers Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

Watershed districts have a long history of fighting floods and reducing flood damages. Severe and repeated flooding is documented throughout MN. Current state funding to recover from disasters is available through MN Statute 12A, and funding to prevent/mitigate flooding is available through DNR's Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under MN Statute 103F. According to DNR, the current known funding needs total \$213 million, however in the 2026 session the legislature only approved \$9 million in the bonding bill to address the problem. In fact, since 2010 there has been a steady decline in the funding of this program, and no funding was approved in 2016, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2024. Therefore, it is apparent that other sources of funding are needed to meet the significant need.

Efforts to solve the problem

Over the past 5 years, meetings have been held with MN DNR to streamline their grant program and bring attention to the needs. This resulted in DNR overhauling the application process and this past session DNR asked for \$45 million to fund the program.

In addition, several meetings were held with various Senators and Representatives. While this was mildly effective, the result was still a significant under-funding of the program. However, HF 4581 and SF 5002 were introduced in 2026 to establish an additional program through the MN Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management that would provide an additional resource to provide funding for prevention / mitigation of natural disasters, including flooding. Although introduced, these bills were not heard in committee.

This resolution seeks to build upon Minnesota Watersheds 22-05 resolution that seeks stable funding for this issue. It is suggested that this issue should be considered one of the highest legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

YES. In order to provide a more stable, reliable source of funding that will help to mitigate the effects of severe and repeated flooding HF 4581/SF 5002 are proposed. These bills will create a new program and a new funding source to supplement existing sources which are dreadfully underfunded. It is proposed that the fund be used for hazard mitigation planning and projects that diminish the potential effects of emergencies through long term risk reduction. The new proposal is modelled after MN Statute 12A and therefore follows a tried and true example of success.

Anticipated support or concern

Potential Support: MN Homeland Security Emergency Management; MN Association of Emergency Managers; Association of MN Counties; Association of Townships; League of MN Cities

Potential Opposition: unknown.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-07

Resolution Seeking Establishment of a Hazard Mitigation Funding

WHEREAS, Severe flooding is known to occur repeatedly within the State of Minnesota, costing both public and private entities millions of dollars for repair and replacement of infrastructure, damage to homes, erosion and sediment control, and damage to cropland, and

WHEREAS, flooding also has severe and repeated impacts to water quality and habitat from erosion, sedimentation, nutrient loading, raw sewage discharges, and chemical spillage, and

WHEREAS, economic studies have estimated that for every dollar spent on flood damage reduction there is a six dollar return on investment, and

WHEREAS, The DNR's Flood Damage Reduction grant program (FHMG) under MN Statute 103F has historically been a successful tool for local governments to utilize to design and build projects to reduce and prevent flooding, protect the environment, and prevent social and economic losses, and

WHEREAS, The DNR's FHMG has not recently been funded adequately by the Legislature, in fact annual bonding appropriations have been significantly declining over the past 10 years with no funding appropriated in 5 out of the past 11 years. Current 2026 legislative appropriations for hazard mitigation funding only amount to 4% of the documented need, and

WHEREAS, The cost of construction continues to increase as proposed shovel ready projects continue to go unfunded, and

WHEREAS, additional funding sources and programs will be necessary to keep up with the need for hazard mitigation projects. In the 2026 legislative session HF 4581 and SF 5002 were introduced to address the problem but were not passed out of committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts pass a resolution to make hazard mitigation funding a top 2027 legislative priority and direct its lobbyist to work on passage of HF 4581 and SF 5002 as introduced in the 2026 legislative session.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-08

Resolution Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Source for Outdoor Uses

Proposing District: Capitol Region Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

The MN Plumbing Board, a board of the MN Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), is proposing revisions to Chapter 15 of the Uniform Plumbing Code and the 2020 MN Plumbing Code that would effectively prohibit stormwater as an alternative source of water for non-potable uses. Key proposed changes include prohibiting stormwater as an allowable source of water for irrigation and other outdoor uses, expanding plumbing code jurisdiction from buildings to entire sites, and requiring installation of irrigation systems by licensed plumbers which would displace existing landscape and irrigation professionals, and requiring usage of plumbing code-certified materials.

Stormwater reuse is a proven, cost-effective practice that protects lakes and rivers, conserves groundwater, improves water quality, reduces flooding, and supports climate resilience. Eliminating or restricting reuse would remove a critical tool used by municipalities who depend on groundwater for drinking water and seek to conserve it for that use, and watershed districts and municipalities that rely on reuse projects to meet MS4 permit requirements, particularly in areas where infiltration is not feasible.

The proposed changes create significant environmental, financial, and regulatory concerns. They could render existing reuse systems non-compliant, require costly retrofits, and jeopardize millions of dollars in public investments funded through Clean Water Fund grants administered by MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and Metropolitan Council (Met Council), and local capital budgets.

Additionally, the proposal conflicts with longstanding state policies and guidance encouraging stormwater reuse, including MPCA stormwater guidance, the Metropolitan Council's 2050 Water Plan, and legislative directives to advance a framework for water reuse practices. It also conflicts with local ordinances, such as one in Lake Elmo, that require stormwater reuse to conserve groundwater. It also contradicts the purpose of the State Interagency Workgroup for Stormwater Capture and Use (SCU), of which the MN Department of Labor and Industry is a member of, for advancing the development and implementation of safe and sustainable stormwater capture and use practices. This group committed to continue active participation in the work group and support for a broad stakeholder engagement process to ensure a coordinated, collaborative and transparent approach to SCU guidance and policy in Minnesota.

Efforts to solve the problem

Minnesota Watersheds and Capitol Region Watershed District are working closely with a large and broad coalition group who share similar concerns. Key members of the coalition so far include the League of MN Cities, MN Cities Stormwater Coalition, MN Nursery and Landscape Association, MN Farmers Union and many others. For a full list, see the information below. Efforts to address these concerns include:

- Communicating with watershed districts and watershed management organizations to raise awareness of the issue, keep them informed of how they can help, and the activities of the coalition group
- Reaching out to various state agencies and boards including the Minnesota Plumbing Board, MN Department of Labor and Industry, MN Department of Public Health, MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources, and others. The outreach has included notifying them of the proposed changes and our concerns
- Initiating outreach to legislators, counties, and conservation organizations
- Developing shared messaging, talking points and response strategies with the broad coalition group
- Raising concerns about the lack of coordination with agencies responsible for water quality and

stormwater management

To date, stakeholders are responding quickly and helping to get the word out to the groups and individuals listed above and in turn, they are also reaching out to State agency leaders and legislators and expressing their concerns. In addition, a request has been made for a special Plumbing Board meeting to show opposition to their proposed changes.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

Legislative actions are needed to address this issue. The intent of this resolution is to:

- Prevent adoption of plumbing code revisions that prohibit stormwater reuse
- Explicitly allow for stormwater capture and use for irrigation and other outdoor non-potable uses in State law
- Ensure coordination between the Plumbing Board, MPCA, MDH, BWSR, cities, watershed organizations, and other local governments
- Align plumbing regulations with existing state policies and guidelines supporting stormwater reuse, water conservation, groundwater protection, and climate resilience
- Protect prior public investments in stormwater reuse systems
- Maintain stormwater reuse as a viable strategy for MS4 compliance
- Ensure decisions on regulation and design for stormwater infrastructure are made by the appropriate agencies and practitioners

Recommended actions include:

- Legislation that allows stormwater reuse for irrigation and other outdoor uses. In 2025, Senate bill (S.F. No. 2442) was introduced and brought to the Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee. This committee passed an amended bill and referred it to the Health and Human Services Committee in 2026. It is our understanding that it remains in the hands of the Health and Human Services Committee who has not and will not conduct a hearing in the 2026 legislative session.
- Direction to the Minnesota Plumbing Board to pause all revisions to plumbing code (including Chapter 15) until interagency coordination and alignment is achieved
- Continued coordination and advocacy with state agencies and policymakers

Anticipated support or opposition

There is a growing broad coalition of groups who are partnering in efforts to prevent changes to the Minnesota Plumbing Code that would explicitly eliminate stormwater as an alternative source of water for outdoor uses. As of May 14, 2026, the list of partners include:

- League of Minnesota Cities
- Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition
- Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association
- Minnesota Farmers Union
- Minnesota Watersheds
- LiUNA
- Associated General Contractors
- Housing First
- Minnesota Association of Cemeteries
- Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation
- Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs
- Irrigators Association of Minnesota
- Hospitality Minnesota
- Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association
- Freshwater Society
- American Society of Landscape Architects MN Chapter
- Anoka County

- Minnesota Chapter of the American Public Works Association

Groups who are or may be opposed to our efforts include:

- Minnesota Plumbing Board
- Minnesota Pipe Trades Association
- Minnesota Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors
- Plumbing unions

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-08

Resolution Seeking Legislation that Allows Stormwater as an Alternative Water Source for Outdoor Uses

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Plumbing Board, under the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), is proposing revisions to Chapter 15 of the Uniform Plumbing Code and related provisions of the Minnesota Plumbing Code that would prohibit stormwater as an alternate source of water for irrigation and other outdoor non-potable uses; and

WHEREAS, stormwater reuse is a proven and cost-effective practice that protects lakes and rivers, conserves groundwater, improves water quality, reduces flooding, and supports climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, restricting stormwater reuse would remove a critical compliance and water-management tool for municipalities, watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and other local governments, particularly where groundwater resources are limited, where infiltration is not feasible and where reuse projects help meet MS4 permit requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed code changes could render existing reuse systems non-compliant, require costly retrofits, and jeopardize significant public investments funded through local budgets and grants administered by Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Metropolitan Council (Met Council); and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes conflict with the directives of the MN Legislature in 2015, 2017, and 2021 to advance safe and sustainable water reuse in Minnesota, including stormwater capture and use; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes conflict with longstanding state and local policies and guidance encouraging stormwater reuse including MPCA's Stormwater Manual and Met Council's 2025 Water Policy Plan;

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of local governments, watershed organizations, professional associations, businesses, and nonprofit partners has formed in support of preserving stormwater reuse as a lawful and practical water-management strategy; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Senate Bill SF2442, a 2025 bill relating to the outdoor use of rainwater and stormwater, would authorize state agencies and local governments to allow untreated rainwater or stormwater for outdoor purposes when the probability of human or animal consumption or immersion is low or nonexistent, and was reported out of the Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee to the Health and Human Services Committee in March 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports legislation to explicitly allow stormwater as an alternate water source for outdoor non-potable purposes, including irrigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports legislation to assign MPCA as the State agency responsible for oversight of stormwater capture and use systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds requests that the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry and the Minnesota Plumbing Board pause proposed plumbing code revisions affecting stormwater reuse until interagency coordination and meaningful stakeholder engagement are completed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any future regulation of stormwater capture and use should align with existing State policy and guidelines, protect prior public investments, and preserve stormwater reuse as a viable strategy for water conservation, groundwater protection, and stormwater management.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

RESOLUTION 2026-09

Resolution to Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts

Proposing District: Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District
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Background that led to submission of this resolution

There is increasing evidence, including recent studies by the University of MN, Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory (SAFL), that the operation of wake boats produce significant erosive forces both horizontally¹ and vertically. This results in shoreline degradation and loss as well as suspension of sediments from the lake substrate. The vertical prop wash damages aquatic vegetation and degrades aquatic habitat². Currently, there is only voluntary guidance regarding the operation of these watercrafts in relation to shorelines and no guidance on depth of water in which operation should occur.

Any regulations on the operation of these watercraft is through locally enacted ordinances. As this is an issue with statewide implications, reliance on local ordinances is insufficient to address.

Efforts to solve the problem

The RPBCWD has funded the research performed by SAFL. The RPBCWD has provided education to Lake Associations and local municipalities on the impacts of wake boat operation. The RPBCWD, or any watershed district, does not have the authority to regulate surface water usage for watercraft.

Is legislative action the best means of addressing the matter? If yes, what is the purpose or intent of your proposal? If not, what advocacy steps could be taken with state or local government officials?

As this is a statewide issue and the Department of Natural Resources largely relies on local ordinances to implement their regulatory framework, this is an issue that is best addressed through statewide regulation on one or more of the following:

- A minimum water depth for wake-surfing operations, consistent with SAFL research on lakebed disturbance and sediment resuspension;
- A minimum setback distance from shorelines, docks, and emergent vegetation as necessary to protect shoreline stability, habitat integrity, and water quality, consistent with SAFL research; and
- Require that new and existing wake boats be equipped with ballast systems that can be fully drained and effectively decontaminated to prevent the transfer of aquatic invasive species and contaminants between water bodies.

Anticipated support or opposition

Support for this will vary. Numerous lake association groups will support this while many others will oppose. The same holds true for various recreation groups. Angling associations and groups would be anticipated to support while recreational boaters may be in opposition. Municipalities that are within RPBCWD have been reticent to enacting unilateral code changes to address the operation of wake boats but may be more amenable to a statewide initiative.

This issue (check all that apply)

Applies only to our district		Requires legislative action	x
Applies only to 1 or 2 regions		Requires state agency advocacy	x
Applies to the entire state	x	Impacts MW bylaws or MOPP	

¹ [A Field Study of Maximum Wave Height, Total Wave Energy, and Maximum Wave Power Produced by Four Recreational Boats on a Freshwater Lake](#)

² [A Field Study of Recreational Powerboat Hydrodynamics and their Impacts on the Water Column and Lakebed](#)

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS RESOLUTION 2026-09

Resolution to Protect Lake Ecosystems and Shoreline Integrity from Wake Boat Impacts

WHEREAS, in 2022, Minnesota Watersheds adopted a Resolution to Limit Wake Boat Activities, which called for the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts to work with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to utilize the research findings from the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory and seek legislation to achieve one or more of the following:

- a) limit lakes and areas of lakes in which wake boats may operate;
- b) require new and existing wake boats to be able to completely drain and decontaminate their ballast tanks;
- c) Provide funding for additional research on the effects of wake boats on aquatic systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Watersheds Manual of Policy and Procedures, this Resolution will sunset in 2027, but the impacts from wake boat activities on lake ecosystems and shorelines have persisted and grown worse; property owners and lake users continue to report widespread damage to property, disruptions to fishing, and degradation of lake environments from wake boats; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the statutory authority to adopt rules relating to the “rules of the road” for watercraft navigation, and, at the request of local government, the use of the waters of the state by watercraft; currently, the DNR’s primary approach to dealing with wake boat impacts is through review of locally enacted ordinances and an “Own Your Wake” campaign to promote voluntary compliance with general wake guidelines; these guidelines suggest staying at least 200 feet from shore or other structures to reduce the likelihood wakes will cause damage, these guidelines are silent on a minimum water depth for wake surfing; and

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Laboratory (SAFL) has published two studies of the impacts of wake boats; the first study, A Field Study of Maximum Wave Height, Total Wave Energy, and Maximum Wave Power Produced by Four Recreational Boats on a Freshwater Lake, concluded that when operating under typical wake surfing conditions, wake surf boats required distances greater than 500 ft to attenuate wake wave characteristics (height, energy, and power) to levels equivalent to non-wake surf boats operating under typical planing conditions; SAFL’s second study, A Field Study of Recreational Powerboat Hydrodynamics and their Impacts on the Water Column and Lakebed published July 2025, recommends that wake boats operate in 20 feet of water or greater when in semi-displacement mode to minimize impacts to the lake bottom; and

WHEREAS, the SAFL studies demonstrate that the DNR’s current voluntary guidelines are insufficient to protect lake ecosystems and shorelines; only four percent (4%) of Minnesota’s lakes currently have local ordinances restricting wake boat operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports legislation that would require the DNR to establish minimum operational and design standards for inboard motorized recreational vessels equipped with ballast or wake-enhancement systems (wake boats), including:

- A minimum water depth for wake-surfing operations, consistent with SAFL research on lakebed disturbance and sediment resuspension;
- A minimum setback distance from shorelines, docks, and emergent vegetation as necessary to protect shoreline stability, habitat integrity, and water quality, consistent with SAFL research; and
- Require that new and existing wake boats be equipped with ballast systems that can be fully drained and effectively decontaminated to prevent the transfer of aquatic invasive species and contaminants between water bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minnesota Watersheds supports funding for SAFL to pursue further research to focus on the impact of boat and wind waves on the environment close to shore, including plants.

Notes: Committee recommends adoption

Active Minnesota Watersheds Resolutions

June 29, 2026



FINANCE

Capacity

2025-02: Seeking Revision to MN Statute 383B.79 to Include Watershed Management Organizations

Minnesota Watersheds seeks a revision to Minnesota Statutes, Section 383B.79, Subd. 1 to explicitly include “joint powers watershed management organizations entirely or partially located in Hennepin County” to the list of political subdivisions that can participate in the county’s multijurisdictional reinvestment programs.

URBAN STORMWATER

Stormwater Quality Treatment

2022-02 Limited Liability for Certified Commercial Salt Applicators

Minnesota Watersheds supports enactment of state law that provides limited liability protection to commercial salt applicators and property owners using salt applicators who are certified through the established state salt-applicator certification program and follow best management practices.

Water Reuse

2022-01 Creation of a Stormwater Reuse Task Force

Minnesota Watersheds supports administratively or legislatively including at least one Minnesota Watersheds member on the Minnesota Department of Health’s workgroup to move forward, prioritize, and implement the recommendations of the interagency report on reuse of stormwater and rainwater in Minnesota.

WATER QUANTITY

Drainage

2022-03: Seek Increased Support and Participation for the Minnesota Drainage Work Group (DWG)

- Minnesota Watersheds communications increase awareness of the DWG (meeting dates and links, topics, minutes, reports) amongst members.
- Minnesota Watersheds training opportunities strongly encourage participation in the DWG by watershed staff and board managers (for watersheds that serve as ditch authorities or work on drainage projects) – for e.g., add agenda space for DWG member updates, host a DWG meeting as part of a regular event.
- In preparation for Minnesota Watersheds member legislative visits, staff add a standing reminder for watershed drainage authorities to inform legislators on the existence, purpose, and outcomes of the DWG, and reinforce the legitimacy of the DWG as a multi-faceted problem-solving body.
- During Minnesota Watersheds staff Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) visits, regularly seek updates on how facilitation of the DWG is leading to improvements for member drainage authorities and convey this information to members.

2023-03: Support New Legislation Modeled after HF4863 and SF4814 (2026) Regarding DNR Regulatory Authority over Public Drainage Maintenance and Repairs

Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of new legislation modeled after [HF4863](#) and [SF4814](#) and commits its lobbying efforts toward promoting the passage of the bills in subsequent sessions.

2025-01: Supporting a Legislative Amendment to Expand the Wetland Conservation Act Exemption of Public Drainage System Repairs

Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of new legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 103G.2241 and MN Rule 8420.0420 to expand the WCA exemption to include all public drainage system repairs and commits its staff to further discussion through the Drainage Work Group in 2025 to promote passage of such legislation in upcoming sessions.

Funding

2022-05: Obtain Stable Funding for Flood Damage Reduction and Natural Resources Enhancement Projects

Minnesota Watersheds supports collaborating with the Red River Watershed Management Board and state agencies to seek funding from the Minnesota Legislature to provide stable sources of funding through existing or potentially new programs that provide flood damage reduction and/or natural resources enhancements. A suggested sustainable level of funding is \$30 million per year for the next 10 years.

Flood Control

2023-04 Seeking Action for Streamlining the DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Minnesota Watersheds seeks action requiring the DNR to establish transparent scoring, ranking, and funding criteria for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (M.S. Chapter 103F) and asking the Minnesota Legislature to fully fund the state's share of eligible projects that are on the DNR's list within each two-year bonding cycle. Information regarding scoring, ranking, and funding should be provided annually to project applicants.

Policy

2024-04: Seeking the Ability to Allow Resale of Acquisition Buyout Property

Minnesota Watersheds seeks federal legislation to allow the conveyance by an LGU of flood acquisition buyout real estate to a public entity or to a qualified conservation organization, or alternatively a resale to a private taxpayer, subject to the FEMA Model Deed Restrictions as stated in Exhibit A.

WATER QUALITY

Lakes

2022-06: Limit Wake Boat Activities

Minnesota Watersheds supports working with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to utilize the research findings from the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory and seek legislation to achieve one or more of the following:

- Limit lakes and areas of lakes in which wake boats may operate;
- Require new and existing wake boats to be able to completely drain and decontaminate their ballast tanks; and
- Providing funding for additional research on the effects of wake boats on aquatic systems.

Policy

2024-01: Regulatory Approaches to Reducing Chloride Contamination

Minnesota Watersheds supports development, adoption, and implementation of regulatory approaches to reducing chloride contamination in waters of the state.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Duties

2025-06: Support a Legislative Amendment to Clarify the Deadline for Watershed Districts to Certify Levies

Minnesota Watersheds supports the introduction of legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes §§103D.911 and 103D.915 to specify a levy certification deadline of September 30.

2023-05: Support Increased Flexibility in Open Meeting Law

Minnesota Watersheds hereby supports changes to the Open Meeting Law to provide greater flexibility in the use of interactive technology by allowing members to participate remotely in a nonpublic location that is not noticed, without limit on the number of times such remote participation may occur; and allowing public participation from a remote location by interactive technology, or alternatively from the regular meeting location where interactive technology will be made available for each meeting, unless otherwise noticed under Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021; and that Minnesota Watersheds supports changes to the Open Meeting Law requiring watershed district to prepare and publish procedures for conducting public meetings using interactive technology.

2024-02: Alternative Notice of Watershed District Proceedings by Publication on the District's website

Minnesota Watersheds supports amending Watershed Law to provide for publication on a watershed district's website as an alternative to publication in a legal newspaper.

Watershed Planning

2023-06 Education and Outreach to Encourage Formation of Watershed Districts in Unserved Areas

Minnesota Watersheds, in consultation with its membership, will develop a framework for education and outreach intended to encourage petition and advocacy for the formation of watershed districts in areas of the state not presently served by watershed-based public agencies.

Human Resources

2025-04 Revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617 to Include Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations

Minnesota Watersheds seeks revision to Minnesota Statute 471.617, Subdivisions 1 and 2 to explicitly include "Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations" on the list of political subdivisions allowed to self-insure for employee health benefits.

AGENCY RELATIONS

Regulation

2023-01 Require Watershed District Permits for all State Agencies

Minnesota Watersheds supports amending Minnesota Statutes § 103D.345, Subd. 5 to read as follows: **Subd. 5. Applicability of permit requirements to state.** A rule adopted by the managers that requires a permit for an activity applies to all state agencies, including the Department of Transportation.

2024-13 Request New Legislation to Set Permit Review Time Limits upon the DNR

Minnesota Watersheds supports amending Minnesota Statutes to implement a 60-day permit review limit following a negative declaration on an EAW.

2025-03 Seeking Legislative Reform to Increase MDNR and MPCA Permit Efficiency and Define Permit Application Completeness

Minnesota Watersheds shall pursue legislation to amend Minnesota Statutes 15.99, 84.027, and 116.03 to:

- Separate permit completeness review from compliance standards review so that statutory deadlines for permit decisions are meaningfully triggered.
 - Require MDNR and MPCA to develop and publish a list of practical, reasonable information and criteria that constitutes a complete permit application.
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- Mandate that, once submitted by the applicant, the application is deemed complete and allows review timelines to begin.
- Require MDNR and MPCA to notify an applicant in writing, within 30 days of receiving a permit application, whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the agency determines the application is incomplete, specific provisions of applicable rules and statutes must be cited, an explanation of what additional information is needed must be provided, and the agency must advise the applicant how the deficiencies can be remedied. If action on the permit application is not completed within 150 days, the permit is deemed to be granted; and that
- The Board of Water and Soil Resources establish a formal process to distribute, on an annual basis, an accurate and complete list identifying Calcareous Fens to all watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts.
- Pre-application meetings shall be required upon request by a qualified local agency with a project identified in state-approved plans, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies, or other recognized water quality studies. Such meetings shall be scheduled within four weeks of the request.
- Local agencies requesting such meetings must provide 10% - 20% design-level plans with sufficient specificity to identify natural resource concerns and constraints.
- Failure of either MDNR or MPCA to attend a requested pre-application meeting shall be construed as satisfaction of relevant permitting standards, allowing the project to proceed toward final design and permitting.

2025-05 Improving Mitigation Under the Minnesota Endangered Species Act

Minnesota Watersheds should pursue legislation that addresses the need to improve threatened and endangered species mitigation by addressing past gaps and future challenges arising from approved water quality restoration projects, and

- that Minnesota Statute 84.0895 should be amended to require the Commissioner of Natural Resources to develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of state listed endangered and threatened species, and
- the Commissioner shall cooperate to the maximum extent practicable with local land and water management authorities. Such cooperation in implementing the endangered species act shall allow the Commissioner to:
 - Enter into management agreements with any local land managing unit of government for the administration and management of an area established for the conservation of endangered or threatened species.
 - Enter into cooperative agreements which establishes and maintains an adequate and active program for the conservation of endangered and threatened species.
 - Conduct periodic review of locally administered programs at no greater frequency than annual intervals.
- Minnesota Statutes 84.0895 Subd 7, which outlines general exceptions, should be amended by adding (f) the commissioner must give approval under this subdivision to water management projects that are part of a state approved:
 - Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans and capital improvement plans under MS 103B or MS 103D;
 - Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS);
 - Load reduction studies,
 - Impairment monitoring and other studies, particularly studies involving impairments for fish and aquatic life.
- Minnesota Statutes 84.0895 should be amended to provide for “conservation banking” defined by a site or suite of sites that provide the ecological functions and services expressed as credits that are conserved and managed in perpetuity for a species and used expressly to offset impacts occurring elsewhere to the same species.

REGULATIONS

2024-03: Provide for Watershed Management Organization Representation on Wetland Technical Evaluation Panels

Minnesota Watersheds supports amendment of Minnesota Statutes 103G.2242, subdivision 2 to include a watershed management organization representative on TEPs that are convened in cases where the organization is not the WCA LGU.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Policy

2024-5: Seeking the DNR to Establish a “Comprehensive Guideline for Calcareous Fen Management”

Minnesota Watersheds supports DNR establishing a “Comprehensive Guideline for Calcareous Fen Management” as a tool for project proposers to analyze a project’s feasibility or cost effectiveness.

2024-7: Seeking the DNR to Adopt a Program to Incentivize Calcareous Fen Management on Private Lands

Minnesota Watersheds supports the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources adopting a program through which a fee is paid to landowners to incentivize them to manage the quantity and quality of the Calcareous Fens on private lands, which program is made similar to the USDA Conservation Reserve Program or similar to a perpetual easement through the Board of Water and Soil Resources Reinvest in Minnesota.

2024-10: Seeking a Formal Process to Distribute a Complete List of Calcareous Fens Annually

Minnesota Watersheds supports the Board of Water and Soil Resources establishing a formal process to distribute on an annual basis an accurate and complete list identifying Calcareous Fens to all watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and soil and water conservation districts.

2024-12: Seeking the Development of a Calcareous Fen Work Group

Minnesota Watersheds supports the relevant state agencies, together with relevant stakeholders (including watershed districts), convene a work group to develop by consensus clear, objective and measurable criteria for determining the presence and quality of Calcareous Fen, which criteria shall thereafter be used by all state and local units of government.

Resolutions to Sunset

Effective December 31, 2026

All resolutions cease to be active at the end of the fifth year following the resolution’s adoption.

2021-01A: Support SWCD Capacity Fund Sources

Minnesota Watersheds supports SWCD capacity funds to come from county and state general funds.

2021-01B: Support Clean Water Funds for Implementation, Not Capacity

Minnesota Watersheds supports Clean Water Funds being used for implementation and not for capacity.

2021-04: Support Crop Insurance to Include Crop Losses Within Impoundment Areas

Minnesota Watersheds supports expansion of Federal Multi-Peril Crop Insurance to include crop losses within impoundment areas.

2021-05: Support 60-day Review Required for State Agencies on Policy Changes

Minnesota Watersheds supports requiring state agencies to provide a meaningful, not less than 60-day review and comment period from affected local units of government on new or amended water management policies, programs, or initiatives with a response to those comments required prior to adoption.

2021-06: Support Metro Watershed-based Implementation Funding (WBIF) for Approved 103B Plans Only

Minnesota Watersheds supports BWSR distribution of metro WBIF among the 23 watershed management organizations with state-approved comprehensive, multi-year 103B watershed management plans. Those plans implement multijurisdictional priorities at a watershed scale and facilitate funding projects of any eligible local government unit (including soil and water conservation districts, counties, cities, and townships).

Permit Application Review Report
Date: 8/5/2026

Board Meeting Date: 8/10/2026
Agenda Item: 10

Applicant/Landowner:

Java Companies
Attn: Mark Krogh
255 E Street
Mendota, MN 55150

Project Name: Andover Cinema Retail

Project PAN: P-26-023

Project Purpose: construction of 2 retail buildings and reconstruction of parking and drive aisles

Project Location: northeast corner of the existing Andover Cinema parking lot at 1836 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover

Site Size: size of parcel - 0.68 acres; size of disturbed area - 1.8 acres; size of regulated impervious surface - 1.04 acres

Applicable District Rule(s): Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 4

Recommendation: Approve with 2 Conditions and 5 Stipulations

Description: The application proposes the construction of 2 new retail buildings and reconstruction and reconfiguration of parking areas and drive aisles. The project will disturb 1.85 acres and create 1.04 acres of fully reconstructed impervious surface. The area drains to County Ditch 57. The relevant water resource concerns are stormwater management (District Rule 3) and Soils and Erosion Control (District Rule 4). See attached Figure 1: Project Location and Figure 2: Site Plan.

Conditions to be Met Before Permit Issuance:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Submittal of a performance escrow in the amount of \$7,200.00 and execution of a signed escrow agreement.

Rule 3.0 – Stormwater Management

2. Provide proof of recording of a fully executed Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the perpetual inspection and maintenance of all proposed stormwater management practices after review and approval by the District.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a

DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.

2. Notify the District when construction of Underground Filtration System UI-1 is beginning. District staff or a District engineer must be on site to witness construction of the underground system.
3. Completion of post excavation (prior to rock placement) infiltration test on Underground Infiltration System UI-1) by filling the basin to a minimum depth of 6 inches with water and monitoring the time necessary to drain, or multiple double ring infiltration tests to ASTM standards. The Coon Creek Watershed District shall be notified prior to the test to witness the results.
4. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Tables 2 and 3, including volume, critical elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.
5. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001)

Exhibits:

Exhibit Type	Exhibit Author	Signature Date	Received Date
MIDS	Design Tree	05/13/2026	06/18/2026
Stormwater Management Study	Design Tree	05/18/2026	06/17/2026
Report of Geotechnical Exploration	American Engineering Testing	09/24/2024	04/22/2026
High Water Line memo	American Engineering Testing	10/23/2025	04/22/2026
Construction Plans	Design Tree	06/30/2026	06/30/2026

Findings

Fees and Escrows (Rule 2.7):

The applicant has submitted a \$5,000.00 review and inspection fee and deposit which corresponds with the sum of fees associated with the following rules. Rule 3.0 (\$3,000) and Rule 4.0 (\$2,000 for 1.8 acres of land disturbance proposed).

The applicant will be required to submit a performance escrow in the amount of \$7,200.00. This corresponds to \$4,000/acre of disturbance (1.8 acres of land disturbance proposed).

Stormwater Management (Rule 3.0):

Rule 3.0 applies to the proposed project because it includes land disturbing activities creating a cumulative total of 10,000 sf or more of new or fully reconstructed impervious surface.

The Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) of soils on site are HSG A. Curve numbers have been shifted down ½ classification to account for the impacts of grading on soil structure.

Rate Control: Peak stormwater flow rate at each point of site discharge does not increase from the pre-development condition for the 24-hour precipitation event with a return frequency of 2-, 10-, 100- years as shown in Table 1. The project will not impact Drainage Sensitive Use areas. The rate control standard is met.

Point of Discharge	2-year (cfs)		10-year (cfs)		100-year (cfs)	
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
West	7	5	11	9	20	18

Table 1.

Volume Control: The application proposes redevelopment which disturbs more than 50% of the site or reconstructs more than 50% of the existing impervious surface, therefore the volume reduction requirement is equal to 1.1 inches over the area of all impervious surface including existing impervious surface that is not proposed to be reconstructed. The amount of proposed impervious required to be treated is 45,548 ft².

The applicant is proposing the Stormwater Management Practices (SMPs) described below:

Drainage Area	Impervious required to be treated (ft²)	Proposed SMP	TP Removal Factor	Required Water Quality Volume (ft³)	Water Quality Volume Provided (ft³)
Underground Infiltration System UI-1 (P-1a, P-1c, P1-d)	31,430	Underground Infiltration System UI-1	1	2,881	2,881
Onsite Untreated	14,157	Untreated	1	1,298	0
Offsite Treated (In-Kind Trade)*	6,838	Underground Infiltration System UI-1	1	0	627
Offsite treated (area exceeding the allowable in-kind trade)**	31,712	Underground Infiltration System UI-1	1	0	797
Totals:	45,548			4,178	4,305

Table 2.

*Total amount of treatment swapping allowed for volume credit per Rule 3.3.4.1 – in-kind area may not exceed 15 percent of the proposed new or fully reconstructed impervious surface.

** Total amount of offsite treatment provided by proposed project.

The following pretreatment has been provided:

SMP ID	Pretreatment Device/Method	Percent TSS Removal
UG Infiltration System - CB-3	Preserver W/Skimmer and Dissipator	80
UG Infiltration System - STMH-3	Preserver W/Skimmer and Dissipator	80
UG Infiltration System - STMH-2	Preserver W/Skimmer and Dissipator	80

Table 3.

Pretreatment is required to be designed such that the device/method provides removal of 80% TSS entering an infiltration or filtration Stormwater Management Practice. The proposed project meets pretreatment requirements as shown in Table 3.

The volume control standard has been met to the maximum extent practicable as shown in Table 2.

Water Quality: The total Water Quality Volume for the project has been provided.

Stormwater treatment on site must remove at least 80% of the average annual post development TSS per discharge location. The following TSS removal has been provided:

Discharge Point	TSS Removal Provided
West	82.1

Table 4.

The TSS removal standard is met at each discharge point as shown in Table 4.

Discharges to Wetlands: Stormwater from the proposed project is not being discharged into any wetlands, therefore this section does not apply.

Landlocked Basins: The proposed drainage system does not outlet to a landlocked basin, therefore this section does not apply.

Low Floor Freeboard: The proposed project is new development which includes buildings and habitable structures. Therefore, SMPs must be designed such that the lowest basement floor elevations are at least 2 feet above the 100-yr high water level or 1 foot above the emergency overflow. The lowest basement floor elevation proposed is 898.1 NAVD 88. The applicable 100-year high water level is at 893.8 NAVD 88 and the applicable emergency overflow is at 896.3 NAVD 88. The freeboard requirement is met.

Maintenance:

Access: Sufficient maintenance access has been provided on the plans for all stormwater management practices.

Easements: All required maintenance easements have been provided on the plans.

Maintenance Agreements: The proposed stormwater management practices will not be maintained as part of standard municipal public work activities. Therefore, a maintenance agreement that meets District standards will be required.

Soils and Erosion Control (Rule 4.0)

Rule 4.0 applies to the proposed project because it is a land disturbing activity that requires a permit under another District rule.

The proposed project drains to County Ditch 57. The soils affected by the project include Sartell and do not have a soil erodibility factor of 0.15 or greater. Disturbed areas are proposed to be stabilized within 7 days, as required. The proposed erosion and sediment control plan includes perimeter control, inlet protection, stabilized construction entrance, and street sweeping. The erosion control plan meets District Requirements. The site does require an NPDES permit. See attached Figure 3: Soils and Erosion Control Plan

Wetlands (Rule 5.0)

The proposed project does not include activities which result in the filling, draining, excavating, or otherwise altering the hydrology of a wetland. Rule 5.0 does not apply.

Floodplain (Rule 6.0)

The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities within the floodplain as mapped and modeled by the District. Rule 6.0 does not apply.

Drainage, Bridges, Culverts, and Utility Crossings (Rule 7.0)

The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which construct, improve, repair, or alter the hydraulic characteristics of a bridge profile control or culvert structure on a creek, public ditch, or major watercourse. The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which involve a pipeline or utility crossing of a creek, public ditch, or major watercourse.

The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which construct, improve, repair or alter the hydraulic characteristics of a conveyance system that extends across two or more parcels of record not under common ownership and has a drainage area of 200 acres or greater. Rule 7.0 does not apply.

Buffers (Rule 8.0)

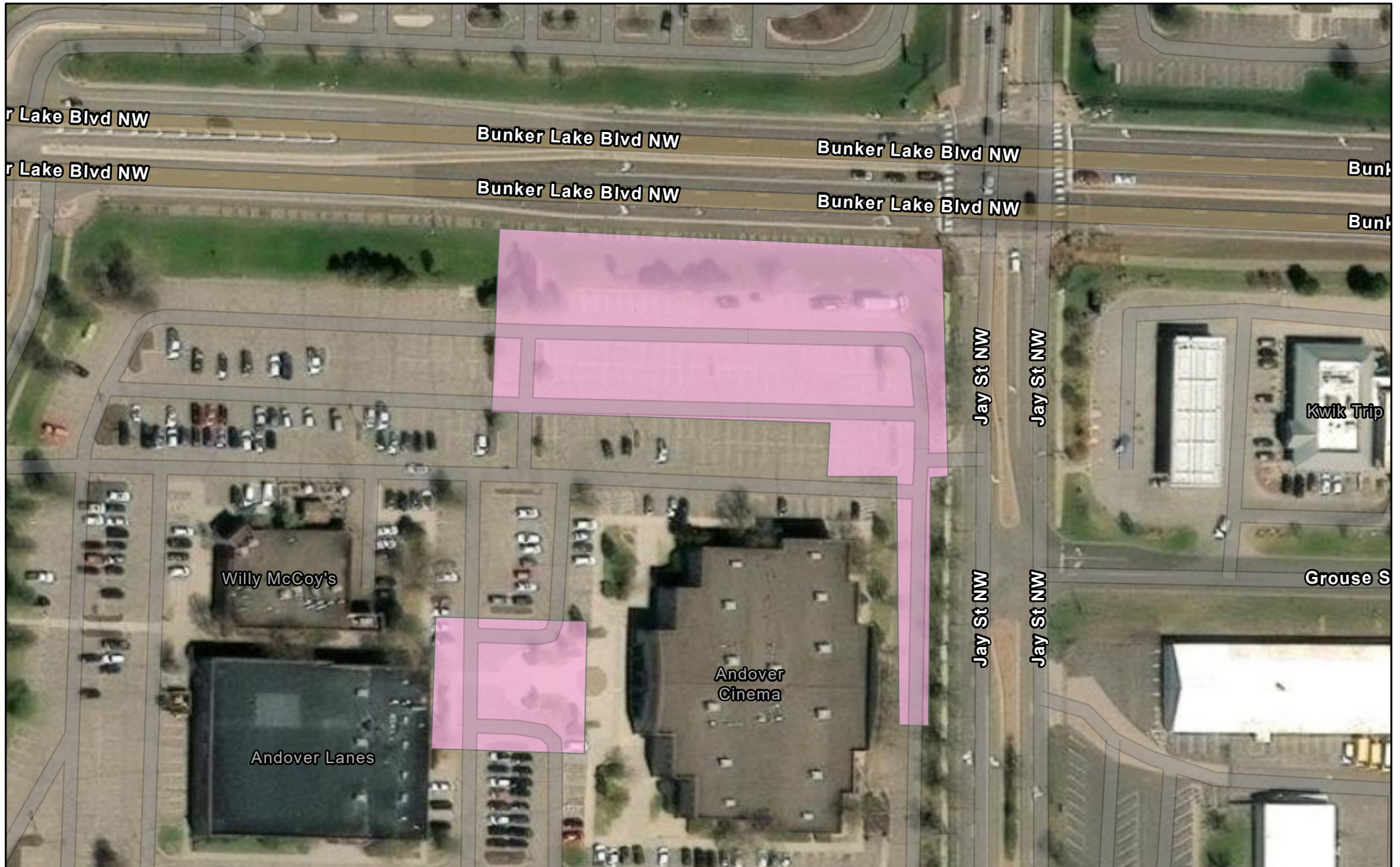
The proposed project does not include a land disturbing activity on land adjacent or directly contributing to a Public Water, Additional Waters, High or Outstanding Ecological Value Waters, a

Public Ditch, or Impaired Waters/waters exceeding state water quality standards. Rule 8.0 does not apply.

Variances (Rule 10.2)

The proposed project is not requesting a variance from the District's rules, regulations, and policies. Rule 10.2 does not apply.

Figure 1: Project Location - Andover Cinema Retail



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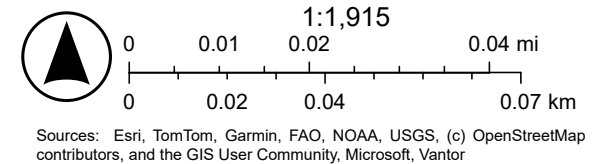
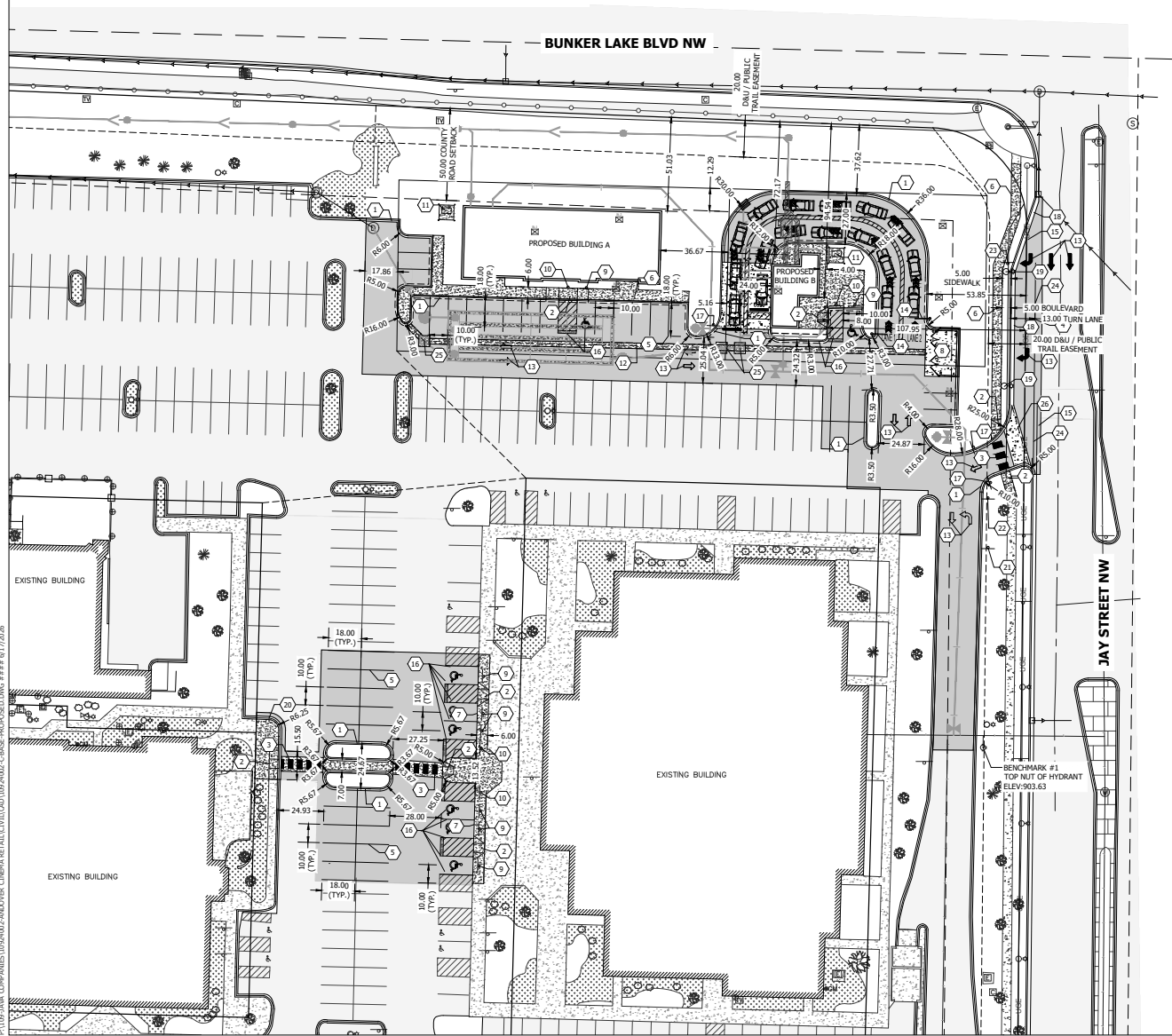


Figure 2: Site Plan



- NOTES:**
- ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE TO FLOW LINE, CENTERLINE OF FENCE, EDGE OF PAVEMENT, OR EXTERIOR FACE OF BUILDING, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 - CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL PLAN AND DETAIL DIMENSIONS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
 - ALL CROSSWALK STRIPING SHALL BE WHITE IN COLOR.
 - ALL INTERIOR PARKING STALL STRIPING SHALL BE 4" AND WHITE IN COLOR PER CITY CODE REQUIREMENTS.
 - ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALL STRIPING, ACCESS AISLE, SYMBOL, AND SIGNAGE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY REQUIREMENTS.
 - CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN FULL ACCESS TO ADJACENT PROPERTIES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY TO AVOID PROPERTY DAMAGE TO ADJACENT PROPERTIES.
 - ALL SITE WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER.
 - CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A TEMPORARY PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ROUTE PLAN FOR ANY WORK PERFORMED WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
 - CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR ANY WORK PERFORMED WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
 - GOPHER STATE ONE CALL DAMAGE PREVENTION SYSTEM FOR BURIED UTILITIES. 1-800-252-1166. CONTRACTOR SHALL HIRE A PRIVATE UTILITY LOCATOR TO ASSIST WITH PRIVATE UTILITY LOCATES.
 - ALL SIGNAGE SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINNESOTA MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MMUTCD).
 - SEE SHEET C203 FOR ADDITIONAL STRIPING INFORMATION.

SITE LEGEND	
	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT
	CONCRETE SIDEWALK
	CONCRETE PAVEMENT
	CURB AND GUTTER
	TIPPED CURB AND GUTTER
	TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAGE
	PAINTED DIRECTIONAL ARROW
	PAINTED ACCESSIBLE PARKING SYMBOL

SITE DATA	
ZONING	- GB (GENERAL BUSINESS)
BUILDING A	- 4,248 S.F. DENTAL OFFICE
BUILDING HEIGHT	- 18'-0"
BUILDING B	- 510 S.F. DRIVE THRU COFFEE
	360 S.F. COOLER
	1,116 S.F. CANOPY
BUILDING HEIGHT	- 19'-4"
PARKING DATA	
CONVENIENCE FOOD	510 S.F. BLDG @ 1/150 (15 MIN) = 15 STALLS
DENTAL OFFICE	4,248 S.F. @ 1/150 (29 MIN) = 29 STALLS
STALLS REQUIRED	= 44 STALLS
TOTAL NET STALLS LOST	= 55 STALLS
PROPERTY INFORMATION	
TOTAL PROPERTY AREA	20.96 AC
RETAIL DISTURBED AREA	1.50 ± AC
*RETAIL EXISTING IMPERVIOUS AREA	0.938 AC
*RETAIL PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS AREA	0.766 AC
THEATER DISTURBED AREA	0.30 ± AC
*THEATER EXISTING IMPERVIOUS AREA	0.202 AC
*THEATER PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS AREA	0.275 AC
*NET DECREASE IN IMPERVIOUS AREA	0.099 AC
*ONLY AREAS WITHIN DISTURBED AREAS CONSIDERED IN CALCULATION, IMPROVEMENTS TO JAY STREET NOT INCLUDED	

- KEY NOTES:**
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| 1 B612 CURB & GUTTER | 14 DRIVE-THRU EQUIPMENT |
| 2 ADA PEDESTRIAN RAMP (SEE DETAILS) | 15 BITUMINOUS STREET REPAIR |
| 3 3' x 5' CROSSWALK BLOCKS (WHITE PAINT) | 16 ACCESSIBLE PARKING STRIPING |
| 4 7' TURN LANE | 17 "DO NOT ENTER" SIGN & POST |
| 5 PARKING STRIPING (WHITE) | 18 B624 CURB & GUTTER |
| 6 CONCRETE SIDEWALK | 19 REINSTALL SALVAGED LIGHT POLE |
| 7 CONCRETE INTEGRAL SIDEWALK | 20 D4 MOUNTABLE CURB & GUTTER |
| 8 TRASH ENCLOSURE | 21 "LEFT TURN ONLY" SIGN & POST |
| 9 "ACCESSIBLE PARKING" SIGN & POST | 22 "STOP" SIGN & POST |
| 10 "NO PARKING" SIGN & POST | 23 R3-BCCA SIGN & POST |
| 11 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT | 24 4" WHITE LANE STRIPING |
| 12 3' WIDE VALLEY GUTTER | 25 CONCRETE COLLAR (SEE DETAIL) |
| 13 PAINTED PAVEMENT MESSAGE AND DIRECTIONAL ARROWS | 26 CONCRETE DRIVE APRON |

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN, SPECIFICATION, OR REPORT WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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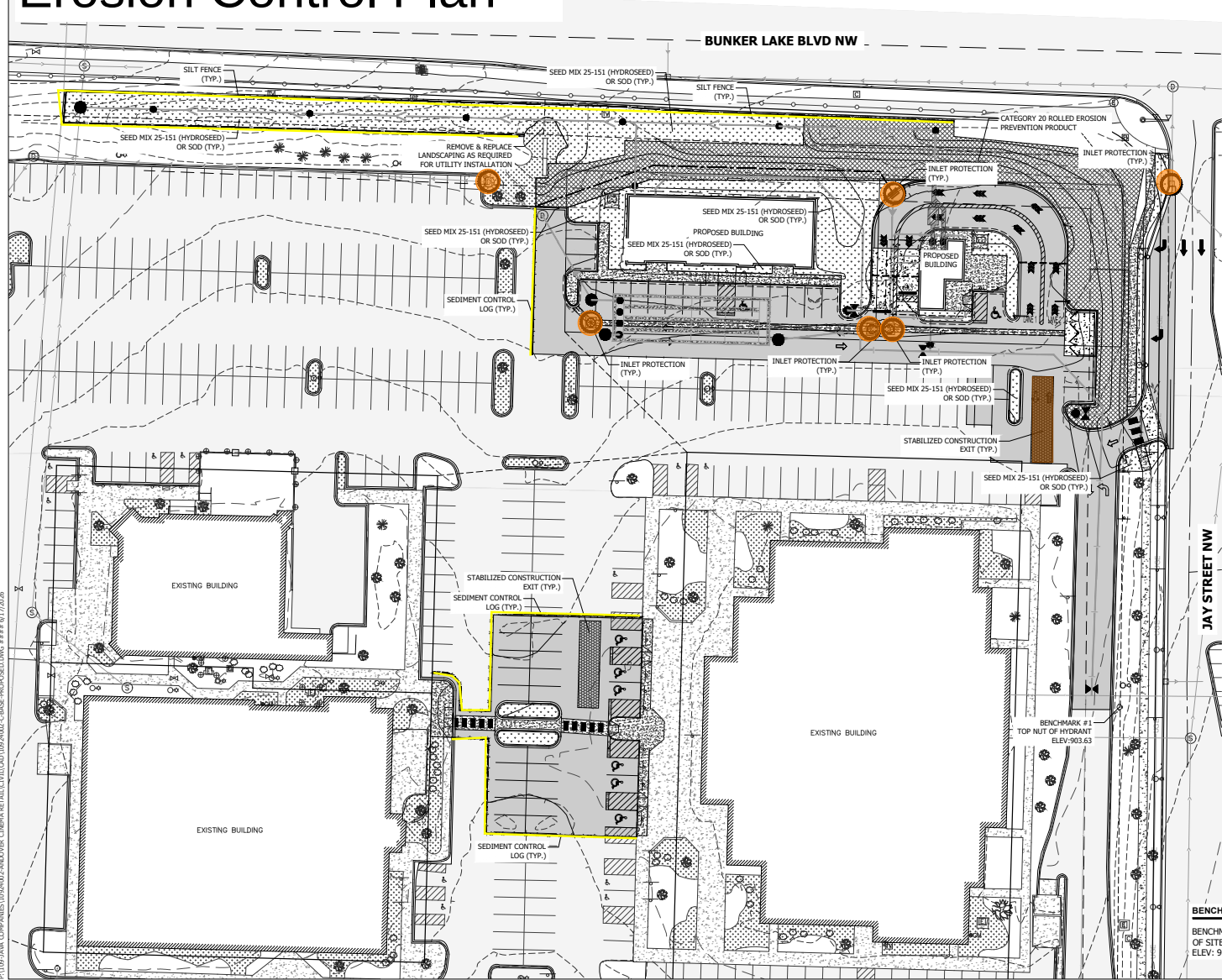
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1	04/15/2026	CITY/TENANT COMMENT REV.
2	06/17/2026	CITY/CCWD COMMENT REV.

SITE PLAN

DRAWING NO.

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Figure 3: Soils & Erosion Control Plan



NOTES:

- ALL DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE FINAL GRADED AND PERMANENTLY STABILIZED WITH THE SEED MIX IDENTIFIED ON PLANS.
- THE SITE MUST BE STABILIZED PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MPCA, NPDES PERMIT, CCWD, AND THE CITY.
- INLET PROTECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED ON ALL CATCH BASINS AND INLETS DOWN GRADIENT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY. INLET PROTECTION SHALL BE REMOVED BY CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO WINTER FREEZE AND REPLACED IN SPRING IF SITE STABILIZATION IS NOT ACHIEVED, OR AT THE DISCRETION OF ENGINEER.
- PROVIDE SILT FENCE PERIMETER CONTROL DOWN GRADIENT OF ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND TEMPORARY STOCKPILES.
- TEMPORARY STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION EXITS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION.
- NO OFFSITE VEHICLE TRACKING IS PERMITTED. STREETS SHALL BE CLEANED AND SWEEPED WHENEVER TRACKING OF SEDIMENTS OCCURS AND BEFORE SITES ARE LEFT IDLE FOR WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.
- REFER TO THE SWPPP AND THE CITY OF ANDOVER EROSION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR FURTHER EROSION CONTROL SEQUENCING.
- GOPHER STATE ONE CALL DAMAGE PREVENTION SYSTEM FOR BURIED UTILITIES. 1-800-252-1166. CONTRACTOR SHALL HIRE A PRIVATE UTILITY LOCATOR TO ASSIST WITH PRIVATE UTILITY LOCATES.
- DEVELOPER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING ALL EROSION CONTROL FEATURES UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT EROSION CONTROL/RESTORATION.

EROSION CONTROL LEGEND & QUANTITIES:

	STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION EXIT	(2 EA)
	SILT FENCE	(795 LF)
	SEDIMENT CONTROL ROLL/LOG	(411 LF)
	MNDOT SEED MIX 25-151 OR SOD	(0.35 AC)
	CATEGORY 20 ROLLED EROSION PREVENTION PRODUCT	(1404 SY)
	INLET PROTECTION	(6 EA)

NOTE: QUANTITIES SHOWN ARE FOR SWPPP PLAN, AND ARE NOT FOR BIDDING PURPOSES. REFER TO LANDSCAPING PLAN FOR FINAL GROUND COVER PLAN

BENCHMARK INFORMATION:

BENCHMARK #1: TOP NUT OF HYDRANT SOUTH OF SITE
ELEV: 903.63



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EROSION
CONTROL PLAN

DRAWING NO.

C501

Permit Application Review Report
Date: 8/5/2026

Board Meeting Date: 8/10/2026
Agenda Item: 11

Applicant/Landowner:

Ibiza LLC
Attn: Aleksey Derevyanko
5113 W 58th St
Edina, MN 55436

Project Name: MarNicArt Fire Station Redevelopment

Project PAN: P-26-039

Project Purpose: construction of 8 single family home lots and stormwater treatment

Project Location: 2831 113th Avenue NW, Coon Rapids

Site Size: size of parcel - 2.03 acres; size of disturbed area - 1.93 acres; size of regulated impervious surface - 0.56 acres

Applicable District Rule(s): Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 4

Recommendation: Approve with 2 Conditions and 4 Stipulations

Description: The project is proposing the construction of 8 single family homes with associated stormwater treatment features. The project will disturb 1.93 acres and create 0.56 acres of regulated impervious surface. The area is within the Riverview Creek subwatershed. The relevant water resource concerns are stormwater management (Rule 3) and Soils & Erosion Control (Rule 4). See attached Figure 1: Project Location and Figure 2: Site Plan.

Conditions to be Met Before Permit Issuance:

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Submittal of a performance escrow in the amount of \$7,720.00 and execution of a signed escrow agreement.

Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control

2. Show energy dissipation at infiltration basin pipe outlet.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. The applicant must apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) Construction Stormwater Permit (Permit No: MNR100001).
2. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
3. Completion of a post construction infiltration test by filling the infiltration basin to a

minimum depth of 6 inches with water and monitoring the time necessary to drain, or multiple double ring infiltration tests to ASTM standards. The Coon Creek Watershed District shall be notified prior to the test to witness the results.

4. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Tables 2 and 3, including volume, critical elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.

Exhibits:

Exhibit Type	Exhibit Author	Signature Date	Received Date
Construction Plans	Civil Methods Inc	07/23/2026	07/27/2026
Subsurface Soil Investigation	Interstate Geotechnical Engineering, Inc.	04/23/2026	07/27/2026
MIDS (3)	Civil Methods Inc	undated	07/27/2026
Stormwater Management Plan	Civil Methods Inc	07/15/2026	07/27/2026

Findings

Fees and Escrows (Rule 2.7):

The applicant has submitted a \$5,800.00 review and inspection fee and deposit which corresponds with the sum of fees associated with the following rules. Rule 3.0 (\$3,000 + \$100/8 lots) and Rule 4.0 (\$2,000 for 1.93 acres of land disturbance proposed).

The applicant will be required to submit a performance escrow in the amount of \$7,720.00. This corresponds to \$4,000/acre of disturbance (1.93 acres of land disturbance proposed).

Stormwater Management (Rule 3.0):

Rule 3.0 applies to the proposed project because it includes land disturbing activities creating a cumulative total of 10,000 sf or more of new or fully reconstructed impervious surface.

The Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) of soils on site are HSG A. Curve Numbers have been shifted down ½ classification to account for the impacts of grading on soil structure.

Rate Control: Peak stormwater flow rate at each point of site discharge does not increase from the pre-development condition for the 24-hour precipitation event with a return frequency of 2-, 10-, 100- years as shown in Table 1. The project will not impact Drainage Sensitive Use areas. The rate control standard is met.

Point of Discharge	2-year (cfs)		10-year (cfs)		100-year (cfs)	
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
NE East	0.10	0	0.2	0	0.6	0.3
South (113th Ave)	1.7	0.4	2.5	1.3	4.5	3.3
North (113th Ln)	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.7	2.7	1.8

Table 1.

Volume Control: The application proposes redevelopment which disturbs more than 50% of the site or reconstructs more than 50% of the existing impervious surface, therefore the volume reduction requirement is equal to 1.1 inches over the area of all impervious surface including existing impervious surface that is not proposed to be reconstructed. The amount of proposed impervious required to be treated is 24,818 ft².

The applicant is proposing the Stormwater Management Practices (SMPs) described below:

Drainage Area	Impervious	Proposed	TP Removal	Required	Water
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	required to be treated (ft ²)	SMP	Factor	Water Quality Volume (ft ³)	Quality Volume Provided (ft ³)
untreated (P1a, P3, P6)	6,530	none	0	599	0
Roof Drainage	2,130	disconnected impervious per rule 3.3.3.3	1	195	195
Infiltration Basin (on site)	16,158	Infiltration basin	1	1,481	1,872
Infiltration Basin (in-kind 15% cap)	0	Infiltration basin	1	0	341
Infiltration Basin (in-kind exceeding 15%)	0	Infiltration Basin	1	0	466
Totals:	24,818			2,275	2,874

Table 2.

The following pretreatment has been provided:

SMP ID	Pretreatment Device/Method	Percent TSS Removal
infiltration basin	vegetated filter strip	96

Table 3.

Pretreatment is required to be designed such that the device/method provides removal of 80% TSS entering an infiltration or filtration Stormwater Management Practice. The proposed project meets pretreatment requirements as shown in Table 3.

The untreated areas are proposed driveways which drain towards street and cannot be captured due to site grades. The applicant is proposing in-kind treatment to make up for the untreated areas. A summary of the in-kind treatment is found below in the water quality section. The volume control standard has been met to the maximum extent practicable as shown in Table 2.

Water Quality: Proposed driveways drain towards street and cannot be captured. Offsite untreated impervious is infiltrated in its place. A total of 24,971 sf impervious area drains to infiltration basin, which consists of 16,158 sf of on-site new impervious and 8,813 sf of existing offsite impervious treated in-kind. The in-kind area does exceed 15% of the proposed new and reconstructed area so the applicant will receive credit for 15%. TSS has been reduced to the maximum extent practicable for the untreated impervious surface. The total Water Quality Volume has been provided in aggregate.

Stormwater treatment on site must remove at least 80% of the average annual post development TSS per discharge location. The following TSS removal has been provided:

Discharge Point	TSS Removal Provided
NE East	N/A
South 113th Ave	86
North 113th Ln	50

Table 4.

The entire site (north and south drainage points) ultimately drains to Cooked Lake Blvd which has an 81% TSS removal rate. The TSS removal standard is met to the maximum extent practicable at each discharge point as shown in Table 4.

Discharges to Wetlands: Stormwater from the proposed project is not being discharged into any

wetlands, therefore this section does not apply.

Landlocked Basins: The proposed drainage system does not outlet to a landlocked basin, therefore this section does not apply.

Low Floor Freeboard: The proposed project is new development which includes buildings and habitable structures. Therefore, SMPs must be designed such that the lowest basement floor elevations are at least 2 feet above the 100-yr high water level or 1 foot above the emergency overflow. The lowest basement floor elevation proposed is 870.8 ft NAVD 88. The applicable 100-year high water level is 867.6 NAVD 88 and the applicable emergency overflow is 868.8 NAVD 88. The freeboard requirement is met.

Maintenance:

Access: Sufficient maintenance access has been provided on the plans for all stormwater management practices.

Easements: Maintenance easements for all stormwater management practices are required for the proposed project.

All required maintenance easements have been provided on the plans.

Maintenance Agreements: All proposed stormwater management practices will be maintained as part of standard municipal public work activities. Therefore, no maintenance agreement will be required.

Soils and Erosion Control (Rule 4.0)

Rule 4.0 applies to the proposed project because it is a land disturbing activity that requires a permit under another District rule.

The proposed project drains to Riverview Creek. The soils affected by the project include Hubbard and do not have a soil erodibility factor of 0.15 or greater. Disturbed areas are proposed to be stabilized within 7 days, as required. The proposed erosion and sediment control plan includes perimeter control, street sweeping and stabilized construction entrance. The erosion control plan does not meet District requirements because stabilization is not provided at the infiltration basin pipe outlet. The site does require an NPDES permit. See attached Figure 3: Soils & Erosion Control.

Wetlands (Rule 5.0)

The proposed project does not include activities which result in the filling, draining, excavating, or otherwise altering the hydrology of a wetland. Rule 5.0 does not apply.

Floodplain (Rule 6.0)

The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities within the floodplain as mapped and modeled by the District. Rule 6.0 does not apply.

Drainage, Bridges, Culverts, and Utility Crossings (Rule 7.0)

The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which construct, improve, repair, or alter the hydraulic characteristics of a bridge profile control or culvert structure on a creek, public ditch, or major watercourse. The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which involve a pipeline or utility crossing of a creek, public ditch, or major watercourse.

The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which construct, improve, repair or alter the hydraulic characteristics of a conveyance system that extends across two or more parcels of record not under common ownership and has a drainage area of 200 acres or greater. Rule 7.0 does not apply.

Buffers (Rule 8.0)

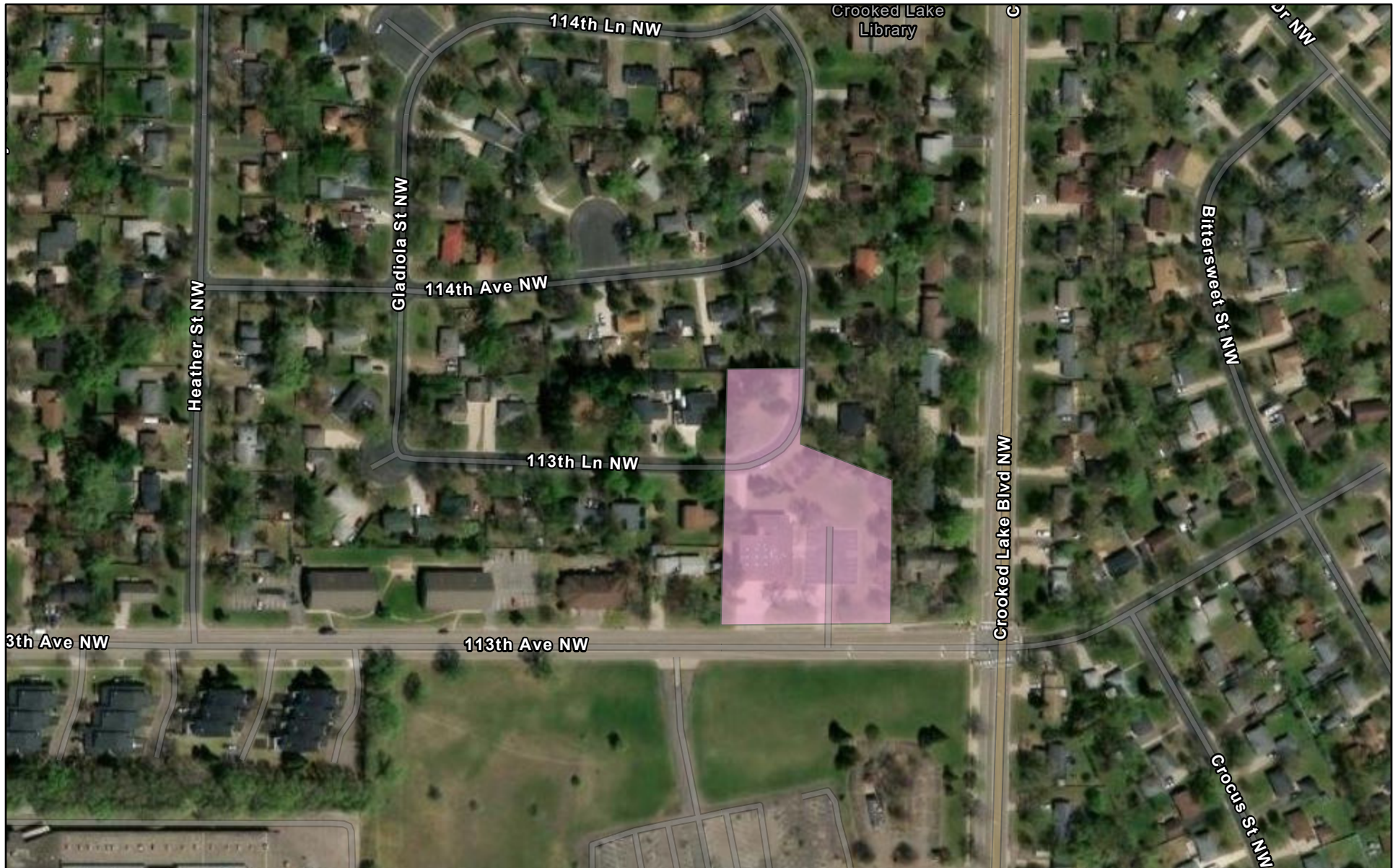
The proposed project does not include a land disturbing activity on land adjacent or directly contributing to a Public Water, Additional Waters, High or Outstanding Ecological Value Waters, a Public Ditch, or Impaired Waters/waters exceeding state water quality standards. Rule 8.0 does not

apply.

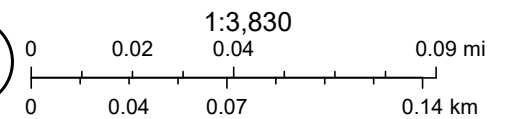
Variances (Rule 10.2)

The proposed project is not requesting a variance from the District's rules, regulations, and policies. Rule 10.2 does not apply.

Figure1: MarNicArt Project Location

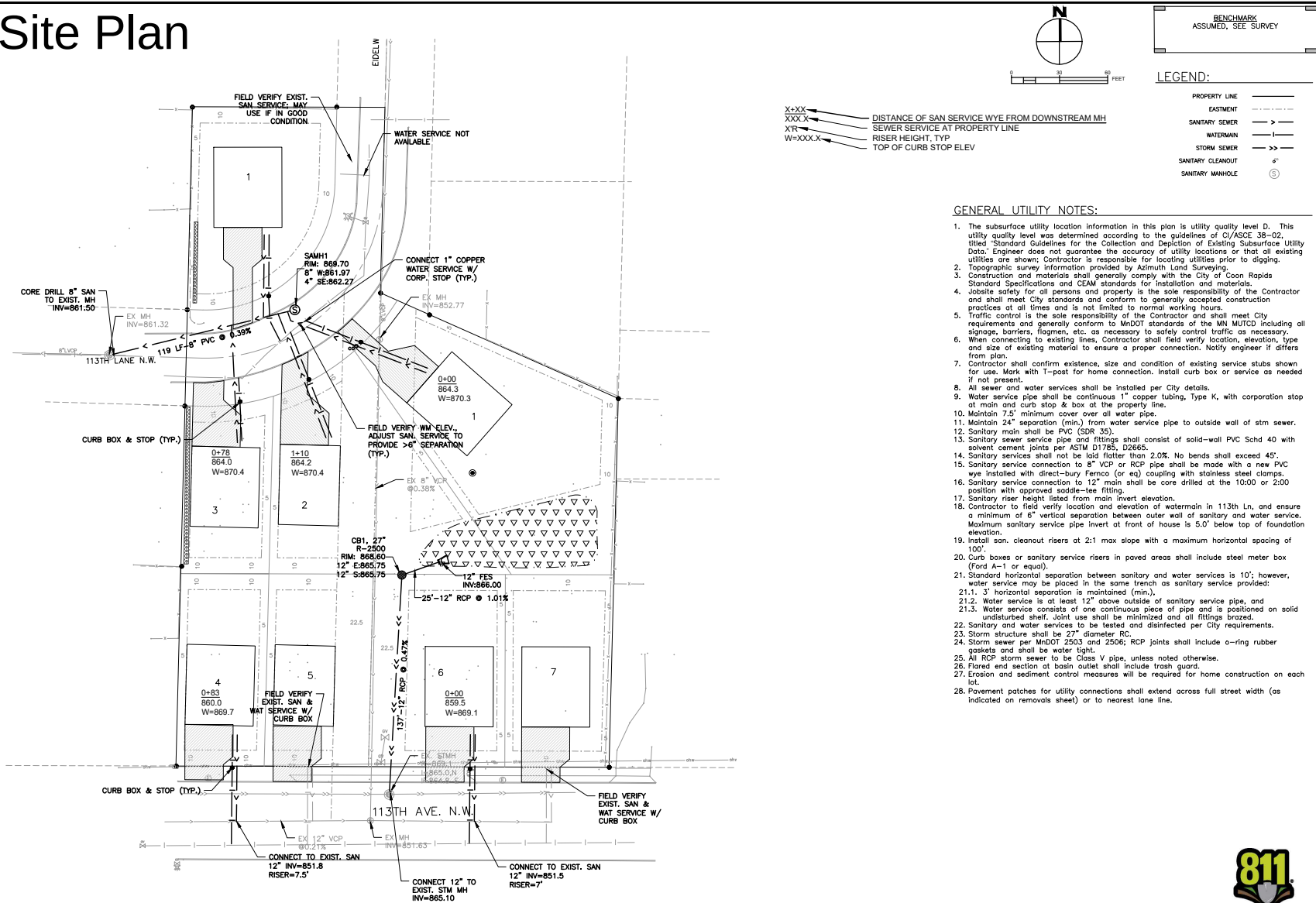


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Figure 2: Site Plan



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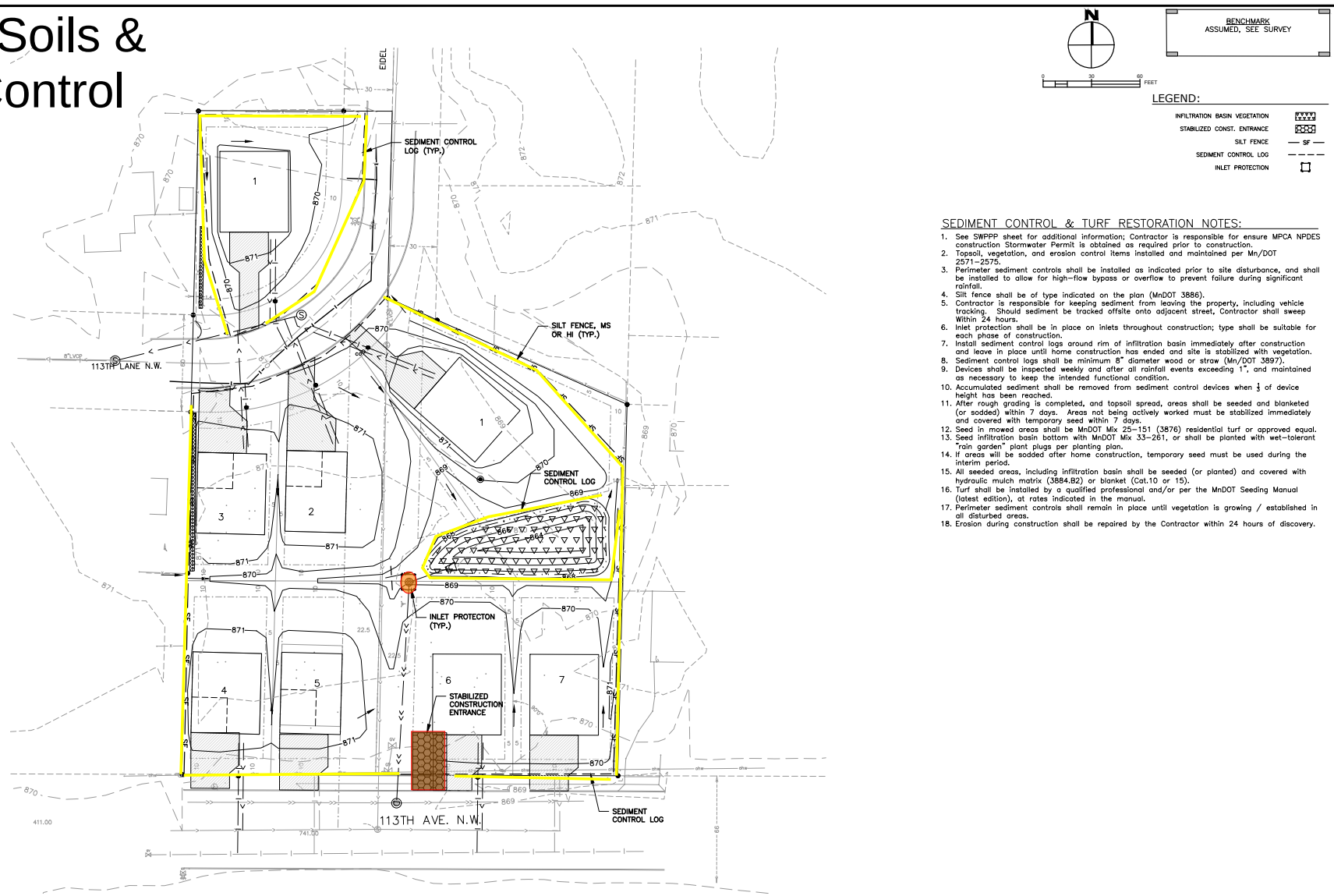
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05-14-2026 Permit Review Set. NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION
05-26-2026 Revised to add RCP joints to Lot 1 (Sheet 2).
07-23-2026 Revised per City & COWD comments.

MarNicArt
ALEKSEY DEREVYANKO
2831 113TH AVE NW, COON RAPIDS, MN

UTILITIES
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Figure 3: Soils & Erosion Control



COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 12
ITEM: Draft 2027 Budget #2

AGENDA: Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED

Review, discuss and receive the second draft budget

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To present the second draft of the 2027 District budget, including preliminary expenditures, revenues, and estimated levy impact.

BACKGROUND

In March the Board adopted a calendar and process for developing the 2027 budget.

The Board has reviewed the major preliminary expenditure categories for the 2027 budget, including operating expenses, professional services, salaries and benefits, program costs, and capital equipment. This report brings those categories together with preliminary revenue estimates to provide the second full draft budget for Board review.

At the July 13, 2026 Board meeting, the Board reviewed the first full draft budget.

The second draft budget was scheduled for review at the July 27 Board meeting, which was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

The second draft budget remains preliminary. Staff will continue refining revenues, project timing, grant assumptions, and other budget details as the budget moves through Board and advisory committee review.

Revenues	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Projected	2027 Request	% Chg
Fund Balance January 1	1,674,493	1,805,768	4,050,782	4,050,782	3,323,386	
Property Tax	4,965,765	6,207,206	6,924,414	6,924,449	6,814,581	-1.587%
Fees & Charges	298,140	175,500	180,573	180,000	270,223	
Grants & Intergovernmental	242,898	1,058,409	2,372,179	1,300,000	2,575,911	
Other Revenue	198,713	202,704	180,000	200,000	200,000	
Fund Balance Used	98,059	468,316	727,396	360,000	40,225	
	5,803,575	8,112,135	10,384,562	8,964,449	9,900,940	
Total Funds Available	7,380,009	9,449,587	13,707,948	12,655,231	13,184,101	
Expenditures						
Salaries & Benefits	1,981,605	2,249,372	2,711,665	2,701,133	2,838,729	
Professional Services	576,900	411,999	527,084	481,304	501,808	
Operating Expenses	278,510	220,551	370,499	341,171	442,234	
Program Costs	2,580,518	2,374,562	6,704,314	2,875,497	5,417,260	
Capital Costs	156,708	142,321	71,000	70,000	700,909	
	5,574,241	5,398,805	10,384,562	6,469,105	9,900,940	
Fund Balance December 31	1,805,768	4,050,782	3,323,386	6,186,126	3,283,161	
Rev - Exp	229,334	2,713,330	-	2,495,344	0	

ISSUES/CONCERNS/OPPORTUNITIES

1. The draft budget is currently estimated to result in an approximately 1.6% decrease from the 2026 ad valorem levy.
2. Several budget components remain subject to refinement, including final project timing, grant revenue assumptions, partner funding, and any remaining 2027 project or implementation needs identified by staff before the next draft budget review.
3. Following Board review, staff will make any requested changes and continue refining the draft budget.
4. Following Board review, staff recommend distributing the second draft budget to the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee for review and comment. Advisory committee comments will be reported to the Board at the August 24 meeting.
5. The remaining budget calendar is:
 - 8/24 Draft Budget #3 and Order Public Hearing on Budget
 - 9/14 Budget Hearing, Budget Adoption, and Proposed Tax Levy Certification
 - 12/14 Adoption of Final Property Tax Levy

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the second draft budget and authorize distribution to the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Code	Prepared 7/23/2026 9:01	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	Change	Request	Change 26-27
	Property Taxes							
41101	Administrative Levy							
41102	Insurance Levy							
41103	MWMA Levy	3,187,281	4,965,765	6,207,206	6,924,449	(109,868)	6,814,581	-1.587%
41104	Survey & Data Levy							
41105	Maintenance Levy							
	Total Property Taxes	3,187,281	4,965,765	6,207,206	6,924,449	(109,868)	6,814,581	-1.587%
	Fees & Charges							
52226	Application Fees	1,850	640	500	500	(350)	150	
53191	Review & Inspect Fees	550,368	297,500	175,000	180,073	90,000	270,073	
	Total Fees	552,218	298,140	175,500	180,573	89,650	270,223	50%
	Grants							
55190	WCA Admin	9,212	7,396	8,197	7,500	-	7,500	
55190	G21-001 BWSR CWF Aurelia Park	38,771	-	-	-	-	-	
55190	G22-001 319 Pet Waste Sand Creek	7,028	13,002	23,135	-	-	-	
55190	G23-001 319 NKE Sand & Coon Creek	-	-	320,705	-	-	-	
55190	G21-002 BWSR CWF PCSIESF	33,000	-	-	-	-	-	
55190	G22-002 BWSR CWF ECIESF	172,500	-	34,500	-	-	-	
55190	G22-003 BWSR CWF WBIF-Retrofits	-	-	108,189	-	-	-	
55190	G24-001 BWSR CWF WBIF LCCCR	-	222,500	178,000	44,500	(44,500)	-	
55190	G25-001 BWSR CWF Bridgewater	-	-	312,500	312,500	-	312,500	
55190	G25-002 BWSR WBIF Xeon Blvd	-	-	73,183	73,183	-	73,183	
55190	G26-xxx 319 NKE AOP Ph II	-	-	-	-	310,191	310,191	
55190	G26-002 SWC D39 Flood Resiliency	-	-	-	69,200	9,120	78,320	
55190	G26-003 CWF WBIF Blaine Parks	-	-	-	250,000	(250,000)	-	
55190	G27-001 CWF WBIF xxx	-	-	-	-	147,050	147,050	
	Task Force Funding							
	D17 Implementation	-	-	-	142,400	-	142,400	
	PC Implementation	-	-	-	108,684	-	108,684	
	D39 Implementation	-	-	-	1,371,083	-	1,371,083	
	Xeon AOP Ph 2	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	
	D41 Implementation	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total Grants	260,511	242,898	1,058,409	2,404,050	171,861	2,575,911	7%
	Other Revenue							
56101	Interest Income	25,926	198,713	202,704	180,000	20,000	200,000	11%
	Fund Balances & Other							
	Building	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	AIS Rapid Response	163	-	1,900	40,000	-	40,000	
	Illicit Discharge Detection	-	-	490	225	-	225	
	Fund Equity Balance	40,225	98,059	465,926	687,171	(687,171)	-	
	Ditch Fund Balances							
	Ditch 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Other Fund Balances	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total Fund Balances	40,388	98,059	468,316	727,396	(687,171)	40,225	-94%
	TOTAL REVENUE	4,066,324	5,803,575	8,112,135	10,416,468	(515,528)	9,900,940	-5%

Code	Prepared 7/23/2026 9:01	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Projected	Change	Request	Change 26-27
Salaries & Benefits									
60110	Salaries	\$ 1,330,378	1,448,994	1,546,939	1,878,695	1,878,695	77,375	1,956,070	4%
60260	Temporary Salaries-Students	\$ -	39,000	9,589	44,533	24,000	(21,455)	23,078	-48%
60713	HSA Payment	\$ 14,466	15,117	92,939	92,215	92,215	(7,557)	84,658	-8%
60714	Health Insurance	\$ 208,094	235,020	317,621	366,120	366,120	54,273	420,393	15%
60715	Life Insurance	\$ 512	526	2,607	2,944	2,944	(827)	2,117	-28%
60716	Social Security (FICA)	\$ 102,845	114,673	120,855	148,045	148,045	4,278	152,323	3%
60717	Retirement (PERA)	\$ 96,674	107,880	114,888	139,434	139,434	4,054	143,488	3%
60720	Dental Insurance	\$ 7,605	7,605	23,487	24,880	24,880	4,495	29,375	18%
60721	LTD Insurance	\$ 1,422	1,790	10,447	12,800	12,800	(6,334)	6,466	-49%
60716	PFML	\$ -	-	-	-	-	8,761	8,761	#DIV/0!
60855	Board & Advisory Expenses	\$ 10,950	11,000	10,000	12,000	12,000	-	12,000	0%
Total Salaries & Benefits		1,772,946	1,981,605	2,249,372	2,721,666	2,701,133	117,063	2,838,729	4%
Professional Services									
63010	GIS Services	111,700	117,286	106,146	150,241	135,200	(10,985)	139,256	-7%
63052	Accounting/HR/Audit	17,690	218,102	142,267	124,637	129,137	8,374	133,011	7%
63066	IT Services	58,366	64,810	81,036	87,967	87,967	5,754	93,721	7%
63246	Engineering Services	143,758	121,000	31,000	104,500	70,000	(32,400)	72,100	-31%
63453	Legal Services	54,080	55,702	51,550	59,740	59,000	3,980	63,720	7%
Total Professional Services		385,594	576,900	411,999	527,085	481,304	(25,277)	501,808	-5%
Operating Expenses									
61101	Small Equipment (furn/off/comp/misc)	18020	37203	35892	51,800	51,800	65,210	117,010	126%
61102	Printing	0	4040	3675	3,708	3,708	1,132	4,840	31%
61105	Cleaning & Janitorial Supp	15,487	16,222	16,022	17,373	17,373	3,408	20,781	20%
61110	Gasoline/Oil/License	16,377	17,377	3,901	17,678	6,530	(11,028)	6,650	-62%
61149	Gen'l Supplies (office)	19,031	20,033	5,503	11,057	11,057	442	11,499	4%
61249	R&M Phone Hardware	2,350	3,450	215	3,400	3,400	-	3,400	0%
61250	R&M Buildings	15,166	22,412	13,068	25,693	25,693	2,456	28,149	10%
61251	R&M Office Machine & Equip	3,588	5,900	4,135	18,145	18,145	3,569	21,714	20%
61263	R&M Security	1,071	1,125	1,465	2,941	2,941	39	2,980	1%
61354	Training & Conferences-Board/Other	2,000	500	-	350	350	700	1,050	200%
61355	Training & Conferences-Staff Dev	13,214	10,620	12,433	15,805	15,805	9,341	25,146	59%
61475	Mileage	2,827	683	890	662	881	289	951	44%
61476	Other Travel Exp, Parking	40	40	145	40	150	170	210	425%
61477	Meals & Staff Enrichment	1,750	2,965	1,664	3,750	3,750	600	4,350	16%
61552	Bank Charges	761	799	1,088	1,174	1,174	35	1,209	3%
61557	Dues & Memberships	15,650	17,000	27,591	32,115	28,615	(1,060)	31,055	-3%
61558	Advertising	1,637	1,650	504	650	650	2,500	3,150	385%
61559	Subscriptions & Publications	2,744	4,243	7,502	7,823	7,823	3,381	11,204	43%
61575	Books & Software	19,398	33,558	15,658	74,450	60,450	(8,770)	65,680	-12%
61810	Misc & Contingency	-	-	-	1,750	1,750	-	1,750	0%
62119	Web Site Server	1,000	1,995	-	3,600	3,600	(1,185)	2,415	-33%
62124	Leases & Rentals	5,818	8,292	6,038	4,804	4,804	(1,340)	3,464	-28%
62225	Utilities-Heat/Natural Gas	2,501	2,626	2,907	3,091	3,091	124	3,215	4%
62226	Utilities-Electric	6,258	5,696	4,747	6,106	6,106	316	6,422	5%
62228	Utilities-Waste/Recycle Disposal	1,300	1,418	1,808	1,774	1,774	266	2,040	15%
62229	Phones	17,884	18,778	13,927	17,850	17,850	536	18,386	3%
62231	Postage	1,027	975	402	517	517	16	533	3%
62273	Cable	7,285	7,649	6,117	7,004	7,004	210	7,214	3%
62370	Insurance-Liability	9,500	19,425	12,667	13,174	13,174	527	13,701	4%
62372	Insurance-Property	4,700	4,935	9,133	9,498	9,498	380	9,878	4%
62373	Insurance-Work Comp	5,437	5,709	10,264	10,458	10,458	418	10,876	4%
62374	Insurance-Vehicles	1,135	1,192	1,190	1,250	1,250	63	1,313	5%
Total Operating Expenses		214,956	278,510	220,551	369,490	341,171	72,744	442,234	20%
Program Costs									
Administration									
63052	Consultant	-	-	-	-	-	65,000	65,000	#DIV/0!
61148	Field Supplies-ADM	735	750	640	750	750	253	1,041	39%
Watershed Development									
61549	Illicit Discharge Detection	850	900	490	900	250	(45)	900	0%
61549	Groundwater-Surface Water Dewatering Study	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	District Rule Amendment	-	-	-	7,950	-	(8,348)	(1)	-100%
63246	BMP Standards	-	-	-	11,236	5,000	(8,400)	-	-100%
63246	Engineering Standards	-	-	-	13,250	5,000	(12,600)	-	-100%
63246	Engineering	-	400,000	242,992	367,500	367,500	-	273,000	-26%
61148	Field Supplies-WD	950	500	462	627	627	15	671	7%

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Planning & Special Studies									
63246	Boundary Adjustments	3,500	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Water Quality Model	70,000	-	116,613	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	H&H Model Upgrades	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	
63246	Model Updates	-	50,000	42,765	53,000	53,000	(2,650)	53,000	0%
63246	Watershed Modeling Pilot Upgrade	20,800	-	101,482	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Infiltration Study	-	-	-	40,000	40,000	(42,000)	-	-100%
63246	LCC Subwatershed Plan	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	
63246	Stonybrook Creek Subwatershed Plan	-	-	-	-	-	90,000	90,000	
63246	Aquatic Organism Passage Enhanc Ph 2	-	75,000	37,300	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Subwatershed Planning/Assessments	-	228,000	185,145	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Altered Hydrology Analysis	-	-	-	-	-	60,000	60,000	
63246	Subwatershed Feasibility Designs	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000	#DIV/0!
63246	Channel Geomorphic Analysis	-	-	6,360	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Springbrook Creek Pumping Optimization	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	
63246	Drainage Atlas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Water Quantity Study	-	-	18,608	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	D39 Stormwater Resilience Planning	-	-	-	-	-	98,956	98,956	
63246	D37 Plan Implementation	-	-	-	45,000	45,000	(47,250)	-	-100%
63246	CC Restoration Impl Analysis	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	
63246	Lifecycle & Replacement Cost Study	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	75,000	
63246	Economic Water Resource Study	-	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	MN Stormwater Research Council-Partner Funding	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	Groundwater Study/Assessment	-	5,000	68,000	100,000	100,000	(105,000)	-	-100%
Operations & Maintenance									
63246	Engineering/Feasibility Studies	30,000	30,000	31,800	33,708	32,000	337	35,730	6%
63246	AOP Crossing Enhancement	-	-	7,364	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	CC Restoration 131st to Main	-	-	10,537	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	University Ave Pond Retrofit	-	-	408	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Non Routine Maintenance-City Coop/Repair	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	#DIV/0!
63246	Flood Mitigation	-	-	-	50,000	35,000	(52,500)	-	-100%
63246	Develop Standards Project Specification	-	-	-	14,326	10,000	(15,042)	0	-100%
63246	Asset Registry	-	-	-	8,427	8,400	85	8,933	6%
63246	BMP Revitalization	-	-	-	7,000	5,000	(2,350)	5,000	-29%
63246	SQT Pilot	-	-	-	79,500	25,000	(83,475)	-	-100%
63595	Bank Repair & Stabilization	58,240	125,000	185,311	161,518	101,000	(82,500)	75,000	-54%
61251	Ditch Repair & Maintenance	137,280	10,000	53,966	50,000	50,000	500	53,000	6%
61549	Non Routine Maintenance	88,400	96,000	67,613	107,866	105,000	2,157	115,416	7%
61148	Field Supplies-O&M	4,625	1,400	1,484	1,500	1,500	442	2,017	34%
Water Quality									
61549	AIS Rapid Response	5,000	20,000	1,900	20,000	10,000	9,500	20,000	0%
61549	Lake Plan Implementation	2,887	5,000	3,030	5,618	5,500	(25)	5,750	2%
61549	Monitoring	99,746	110,489	99,880	124,145	120,000	310	126,310	2%
61549	WQ Cost Share Program	75,000	215,000	217,301	290,000	275,000	1,250	290,000	0%
61549	Groundwater-Surface Water Chlorides Pilot	-	35,000	4,293	108,492	100,000	(105,000)	-	-100%
63246	Biomonitoring	-	-	4,431	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63246	Pond Performance Evaluation	-	-	1,162	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	Pond Mitigation	-	-	-	-	-	35,000	35,000	
61549	Sand Crk Habitat Connectivity	-	-	-	-	-	47,800	47,800	
61549	Leaky Sanitary Sewer Investigation	-	-	-	84,270	84,000	(88,200)	-	-100%
61549	Street Sweeping Testing	-	15,000	12,887	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	Contaminents of Emerging Concern Ph II	-	50,000	28,978	50,000	50,000	(52,500)	-	-100%
61549	FY27 WBIF	-	-	-	-	-	324,099	324,099	
61549	Winer Chloride Monitoring	-	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61148	Field Supplies-WQ	7,547	2,566	2,344	3,350	3,350	989	4,507	35%
Public & Government Relations									
61549	Springbrook I&E Implementation	-	69,900	2,000	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	Targeted Pleasure Cr I&E Implementation	-	19,900	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	NKE Sand Creek Trail Audience Survey	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	Community I & E	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000	
61549	Subwatershed I & E	-	-	-	20,000	15,000	20,000	20,000	0%
61549	Chloride Reduction I & E	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	12,000	
61549	Website Updates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	Digital Communications & Resources	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	4,500	15,000	50%
61549	Creek/Ditch Signage	-	11,000	3,302	3,500	3,500	(175)	3,500	0%
61549	Audience Community Survey	26,000	28,393	22,782	45,000	25,000	(26,250)	-	-100%
61549	Interactive Education/Engagement	-	-	21,200	35,000	35,000	(21,750)	15,000	-57%
61549	Water Education Grants	3,745	3,867	3,948	4,000	2,500	1,375	4,000	0%
61549	Newsletter Communications	-	-	5,825	25,000	20,000	(21,000)	-	-100%
61549	Sponsorships	-	1,750	1,500	2,000	1,500	425	2,000	0%
61549	Adopt-A-Drain	6,864	6,000	5,470	5,000	5,000	(250)	5,000	0%
61549	Pet Waste	18,000	10,288	22,558	21,000	8,000	12,600	21,000	0%
61148	Field Supplies-PGA	6,614	3,815	2,222	2,850	2,850	2,017	5,010	76%

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	Planning & Special Studies								
63246	Boundary Adjustments	3,500	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Waters Restoration & Protection								
63595	AOP Enhancement Ph II	-	-	-	500,000	500,000	(525,000)	-	-100%
63595	PC MNDot Pond Outlet Modification	-	21,000	38,010	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63595	Springbrook Nature Center Outlet Mod	-	22,500	7,729	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
63595	Happy Acres Park D60-P01 Pond	-	-	-	-	-	989,000	989,000	
63595	Happy Acres Park West Infiltration Basin	-	-	-	-	-	23,400	23,400	
63595	Sand Creek AOP Crossing Ehanc @ Xeon	-	115,000	-	171,366	171,000	(179,550)	-	-100%
63595	D60-2 Reroute	-	-	-	-	-	240,720	240,720	
63595	AOP Crossing Enhancement Ph III	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	
63595	PC Pond Outlet Modification Alt	-	-	-	-	-	450,000	450,000	
63595	CC Restoration	-	-	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	
63595	CRD Reg Park LCC Corridor Restoration-Expansion	-	440,000	506,918	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
61549	D17 Springbrook Cr Subwatershed plan impl	-	90,000	30,000	142,400	142,000	(149,100)	-	-100%
61549	Pleasure Cr Subwatershed plan impl	-	87,500	87,500	108,684	108,000	-	-	-100%
63246	Subwatershed Plan-D39 impl	-	-	58,052	2,968,583	968,000	(1,016,400)	-	-100%
63246	Subwatershed Plan-D60 impl	-	-	-	800,000	150,000	(157,500)	-	-100%
61148	Field Supplies-WRRP	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	
	Total Program Costs	666,783	2,580,518	2,374,562	6,704,316	3,805,227	1,507,870	5,417,260	-19%
	Capital Costs								
65180	Building Improvements	8,000	97,350	2,645	9,000	9,000	516,209	525,209	5736%
	~LL remodel				-	-	249,709	-	
	~Office PGR assist				-	-	6,500	-	
	~Landscaping				-	-	-	-	
	~Insulate/Soundproof 2 offices				-	-	9,000	-	
	~Keyless entry				-	-	-	-	
	~Handicap Doors				-	-	-	-	
	~Hex Pave				-	-	-	-	
	~Rear Parking Paving				-	-	-	-	
	~Front Parking Paving				-	-	250,000	-	
	~Parking Lot Netting				-	-	-	-	
	~Bath sinks/counters				-	-	10,000	-	
65230	Monitoring & Field Equipment	13,795	14,000	64,429	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	~Portable Velocity/Depth Sensor				-	-	-	-	
	~Backpack electrofisher				-	-	-	-	
	~GNSS Receiver				-	-	-	-	
65250	Vehicle	-	-	34,421	47,000	46,000	13,000	60,000	28%
65340	Office Furniture & Fixtures	-	16,000		-	-	115,700	115,700	#DIV/0!
65380	Computers & Equipment	-	-	19,344	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
65390	Software-Website migration	-	29,358	21,482	15,000	15,000	-	-	-100%
	Total Capital Costs	21,795	156,708	142,321	71,000	70,000	644,909	700,909	887%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,062,074	5,574,241	5,398,805	10,393,557	7,398,835	2,317,309	9,900,940	

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 13
ITEM: Board Tour and Open House Follow-Up

AGENDA: Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED

Review the feedback received regarding the 2026 Board tour and open house and provide any direction for future planning.

PURPOSE & SCOPE OF ITEM

Continue the Board's June 22 discussion of the Board tour and open house, including the feedback subsequently received from the Citizen Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

The District has historically included an annual tour as part of the budget process to provide Board members with an opportunity to view District activities and projects firsthand. Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) are commonly invited as well.

The June 8 Board meeting was not held due to lack of quorum. The planned site tour and District open house proceeded as informational activities. The tour included site visits to Blaine Town Center and Happy Acres Park. The open house provided an informal opportunity for Board members, staff, CAC members, and TAC members to interact with and discuss District programs, projects, and staff roles.

At the June 22, 2026 Board meeting, the Board discussed the tour and open house. Board feedback was favorable regarding the District vehicle tours, staff conversations, and hands on demonstrations. Low attendance was highlighted as a concern, prompting discussion on how to improve turnout in the future. The Board directed staff to seek feedback from the CAC.

At its July 8, 2026 meeting, the CAC discussed the Board tour and open house. The relevant portion of the CAC meeting summary is attached.

RECOMENDATION

No immediate action is required. Staff will retain the feedback received for consideration when planning future Board tours and open house activities.

Excerpt from July 8, 2026 Citizen Advisory Committee Report

Board Tour Feedback

CCWD hosted a District Tour Open House on Monday, June 8th from 2:30 – 4:00 at the District Office. The intent of this event was to provide a ‘tour’ of District programs, equipment, and workspaces. Invitations were sent to members of the District’s advisory committees including the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

Jessica shared that the CCWD Board of Managers has requested feedback from the CAC on the event and opened the floor to feedback with the following guided questions:

- What did you like?
- What do you think could be improved?
- What subjects would be interesting for future events?
- If you did not attend, why not?

The consensus among those who did not attend was that the timing conflicted with their work schedule. Suggestions were made to extend the event time outside of the normal 9-5 workday.

Among the committee members present, Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff, Paddy Jones, and Jason Margl attended the 2026 District Tour Open House.

Barbara stated that she did not care for the event and left early. She felt the event was not well planned and pointed out that the format was nothing like past tour events. She inquired how the funds designated for a bus rental were used and if they were not used, what happened to them. Barbara suggested the word ‘tour’ be removed from the event title if the District hosts another event like this. She expressed that she would not attend another event like this one in the future.

Jason stated that he enjoyed the hands-on aspects of the event and the ability to visit with staff from each of the District’s program areas. He particularly enjoyed learning about how to identify soils and seeing some of the equipment used in the field. Jason shared that he enjoyed this format much more than a traditional bus tour.

Paddy stated that he had no thoughts on the topic.

CCWD Board Member and CAC Liaison, Dwight McCullough, added some context to the conversation regarding the Board’s decision to pursue an annual tour event that did not involve a physical bus tour of the District. He shared that historically the District has run into several logistical issues with using a physical bus particularly as it relates to audio issues.

A larger discussion was had regarding potential ideas for future events. Jim Lindahl suggested the incorporation of aerial photography and videography to showcase sites that may be difficult to see in person. Several members suggested the idea of developing a self-guided tour that individuals could pursue on their own time. Jessica shared that the

District is in the process of capturing aerial photography and videography to help highlight hard-to-reach places in the District.

Jessica asked for feedback regarding the invite list. This year, as with past years, the invite list was limited to the CCWD Board of Managers, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the CAC. General discussion was had regarding the invite list for the event and if it made sense to promote the event to the general public or if the event is more effective with a smaller group. Jim suggested a rotating invitation to city council members and county commissioners, suggesting that should a program or project highlight be of relevance to a specific community or agency, interested parties could be specifically invited to that year's event.

Jessica asked the Committee to consider what topics may be of interest to cover in future tour events. While no specific ideas were shared at the time, committee members were encouraged to take note of any ideas they may have down the line and share them with staff at a future meeting or via email.

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 14
ITEM: District Staffing and Organizational Capacity

AGENDA: Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED

Receive update and provide feedback as desired

BACKGROUND

Staff have been reviewing District staffing and organizational capacity in relation to the District's statutory responsibilities, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, current and anticipated workload, internal staff capacity, external service support, facility capacity, and anticipated succession planning needs.

The District's current staffing and operating model developed over time in response to changing development activity, regulatory requirements, implementation demands, partner expectations, and staff expertise. Based on the review to date, the District remains generally aligned with what the agency needs to do to carry out its mission. The current need is targeted refinement: clarify ownership, manage succession transitions, align workload with program purpose, and determine where additional internal or external capacity may be needed.

CAPACITY FINDINGS

The review considered what the District is required and expected to do, what staff are currently doing, what external support is being used, and where future capacity pressure is likely to occur. The primary findings are:

1. Core operating capacity is generally adequate with targeted adjustments. Administration, finance, HR, records, contracts, IT coordination, compliance systems, and Board support are generally supportable, with Administrative Services succession being the major near-term risk.
2. Core resource protection capacity is generally adequate with targeted adjustments. Regulation, WCA, inspections, monitoring, compliance, drainage, and maintenance remain generally aligned with current agency needs. Some role clarification and workload prioritization are needed.
3. Implementation and project delivery are the main capacity gap. Restoration, retrofits, flood mitigation, TMDL/WRAPS implementation, grant-funded projects, construction coordination, and closeout require substantial external support and more internal project management capacity.

4. External capacity remains an important part of the District's operating model and should continue to be evaluated as workload changes. The District has strong internal staff and effective relationships with current service providers. Many specialized services are appropriately provided externally.

INTERNAL CAPACITY

The current 2027 budget framework would allow up to 17 staff positions by the end of 2027. Because one position is fully remote and several positions are less than 40 hours per week, the 17-position model equals approximately 16.55 FTE.

Capacity Area	Internal Capacity	General Role
Agency Administration and Management	4 positions / 3.80 FTE	Operates the agency and supports governance, finance, HR, payroll coordination, records, contracts, IT coordination, facilities, compliance systems, budget, and office operations.
Surface Water Management and Implementation	13 positions / 12.75 FTE	Carries out the District's watershed mission through regulation, monitoring, planning, maintenance, public engagement, asset management, restoration, flood mitigation, and project delivery.
Total	17 positions / 16.55 FTE	

FACILITY CAPACITY

Under the current 2027 budget framework, the District would have 16 regular in-office staff. That level of staffing is beginning to press against the practical capacity of the current office layout. Without facility improvements, additional staffing and operational needs would likely need to be accommodated through makeshift workstations, shared or displaced work areas, reduced meeting space flexibility, and less functional space for records, storage, confidential conversations, and staff collaboration.

EXTERNAL CAPACITY

The District's total capacity includes internal staff and external support. External support currently includes engineering, legal services, accounting, payroll, and audit support, GIS, IT, monitoring partners, software systems, facility vendors, contractors, and specialized consultants.

External capacity remains appropriate where work is specialized, variable, or more effectively provided through outside support. External work still requires internal capacity to scope, manage, review, coordinate, track, and close out the work. As workload changes, staff will continue evaluating the best way to coordinate internal staff, existing service providers, and other specialized support to maintain reliable, cost-effective capacity.

STAFF EXPERIENCE AND RETENTION

The District continues to benefit from an experienced and capable staff. Even after two recent retirements involving long-serving employees and the addition of two new staff members, current staff average approximately 5.4 years of service with the District. This retained experience is an important part of the District's capacity.

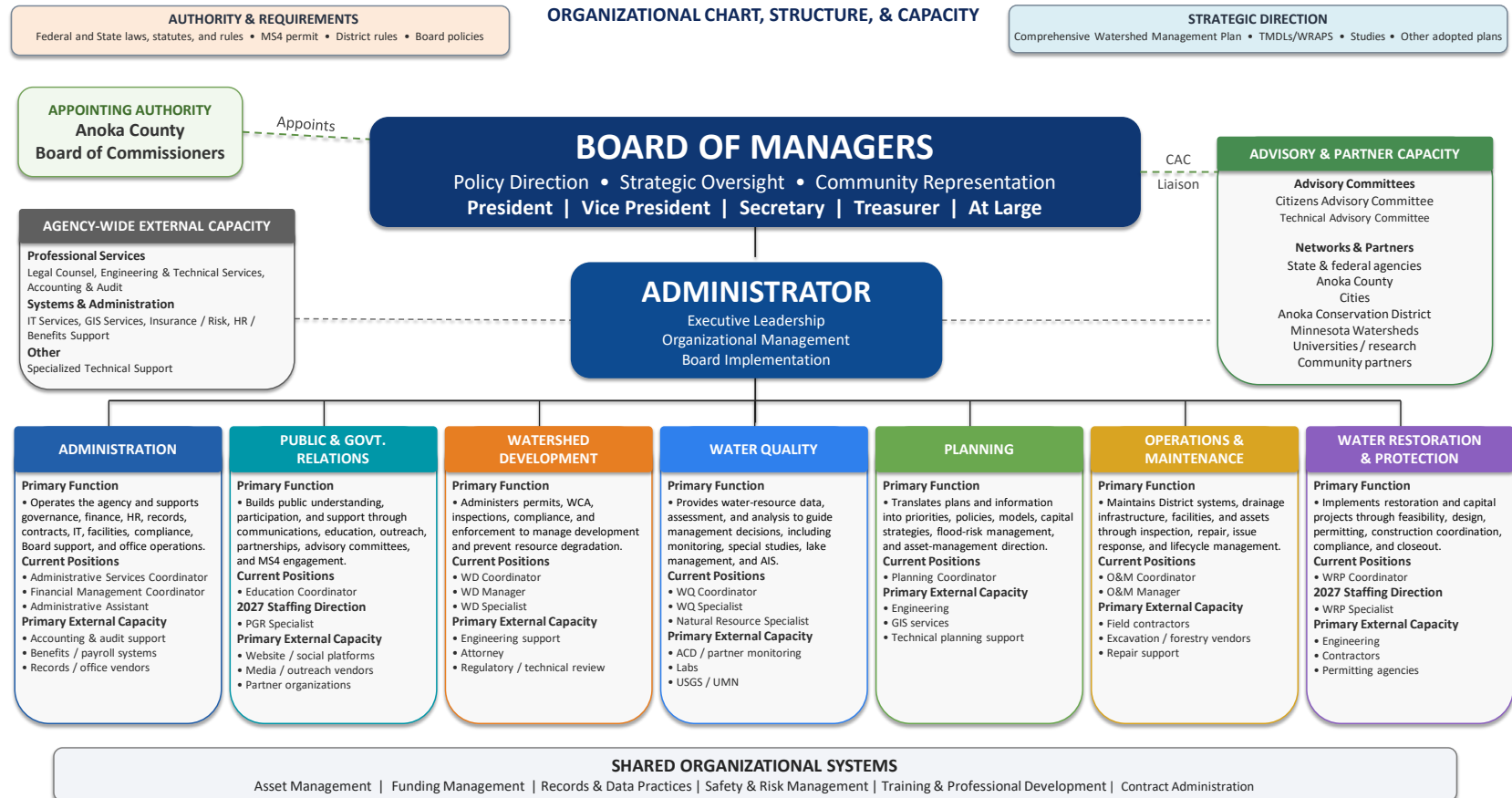
Experienced staff increase organizational effectiveness because they understand District programs, regulatory requirements, local drainage and resource systems, partner expectations, and the District's operating history. This allows the organization to manage complex work with less oversight, less rework, and less reliance on additional staff or external support than would otherwise be needed.

Continued staff retention should remain a priority. If turnover increases, the District would likely experience reduced productivity, loss of institutional knowledge, increased training needs, and greater pressure to add internal staff capacity, external support, or both.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue evaluating organizational capacity, staffing alignment, external support, facility needs, and succession planning as part of ongoing management and budget planning. The review indicates that future staffing needs should continue to be evaluated at appropriate decision points because workload, implementation demands, external service needs, and facility constraints are subject to change. Specific items requiring Board consideration will be brought forward as they are developed.

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, STRUCTURE, & CAPACITY



10-Year Staffing Plan

Timeframe	Staffing Focus	General Direction
2026-27	Stabilize near-term staffing	Complete planned staffing changes, manage Administrative Services succession, clarify program roles, and align existing staff capacity with current workload.
2028-30	Evaluate emerging needs	Monitor implementation workload, project management demands, grant delivery, external service reliance, administrative support needs, facility capacity, and staff retention. Bring forward staffing changes as specific needs develop.
2031-36	Adapt to future responsibilities	Adjust internal staffing, external support, and facility planning as District responsibilities, implementation demands, partner expectations, regulatory requirements, and service needs change over time.

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: August 10th, 2026
AGENDA NUMBER: 15
ITEM: Springbrook Community Survey

AGENDA: Information

ACTION REQUESTED

Review provided information

PURPOSE & SCOPE OF ITEM

On Monday, July 27th, postcards were mailed to all residents of Springbrook Creek Subwatershed inviting them to take a brief survey. This survey builds upon the 2024-2025 Municipal Insight Study.

While this type of communication is fairly straightforward and mundane, given the large number of recipients, Staff wanted to ensure that the Board was provided a copy of the communication and made aware of its dissemination.

Engagement Coordinator, Jessica Lindemyer, will be present to answer any questions the Board may have about this communication. A presentation of findings from this survey will be brought to the Board later this fall.

Protecting local waterways for the benefit of our communities today, tomorrow, and for future generations.

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QUESTIONS

This invasive reed is spreading. Minnesota still has a chance to stop it.

A statewide effort is targeting invasive phragmites while infestations remain small enough to eliminate, giving Minnesota an opportunity few states still have.

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Alexis Kreider, a researcher at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, stands in an untreated patch of non-native phragmites, an invasive species first documented in Minnesota in 2009. (Jerry Holt/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Alexis Kreider rushed to the tall grass that caught her attention, taking a close look at its stem before declaring it was a European invader.

Her trained eye can discern between the *Phragmites australis* subspecies *australis* – an aggressive, non-native reed grass that sucks the “wet” out of wetlands – and the nearly identical subspecies, *americanus*, a native and crucial component in Minnesota

ecosystems.

Invasive phragmites, pronounced “frag-mighties,” is a dense, prolific plant that can grow up to 18 feet tall. It tolerates harsh conditions and knows no boundaries, outcompeting native species on shorelines and roadsides.

The European common reed, as it is more commonly known, is incredibly efficient at transpiration – a process where water is taken up from the ground and released into the air. Its large water demand can dry out wetlands, transforming them into more terrestrial environments and reducing an area’s natural biodiversity.

Having invaded 49 states, many phragmites patches are too large to effectively contain, let alone eradicate – but researchers say Minnesota has a “rare opportunity” to get the plant under control.

“We’re in this kind of unique spot where we have a lot of it, but where there are management options that are effective,” said Daniel Larkin, a professor and extension specialist with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC).



Dr. Daniel Larkin stands in an untreated patch of invasive phragmites. Its suppression is feasible in Minnesota, unlike areas such as Chesapeake Bay or Chicagoland, he said. (Jerry Holt/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

The driving force in this work is a coordinated statewide effort involving hundreds of partnerships between counties, watershed districts and the Department of Natural Resources, Larkin said. No other state, to his knowledge, has a statewide phragmites

control program.

Kreider, now a researcher at MAISRC, was introduced to phragmites in 2024 through her work with the Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa, where she traveled the state documenting the invasive reed and working with current program partners. “It was just a really inspiring story to continue to work with,” she said.

The rapid spread and resilience of the invasive phragmites is because of a robust and diversified reproduction strategy.

A familiar roadside sight, the phragmites’ fluffy seed heads represent a fraction of its reproductive potential. New phragmites can be grown from stem fragments and horizontal stolon shoots along the ground. Its underground rhizomes can sprout more plants if left intact, making above-ground removal tactics, like burning, ineffective on their own.

Flooding and so-called “cut-to-drown” methods can be effective but require high water levels. Mowing can spread seeds and stem fragments, increasing the spread along roadsides and railroad tracks, said MAISRC researcher Chelsey Blanke.

To eliminate confirmed infestations, the Minnesota DNR hires contractors to apply annual herbicide treatment and MAISRC coordinates the treatments. The preferred herbicide, imazapyr, remains active long enough to kill the invasive reed’s extensive root system. Treatment typically takes 2-3 years until a population is no longer detectable.





Invasive phragmites display fluffy seed heads in the late summer and early fall, but close inspection of the stem is needed to verify the species. It can transpire so efficiently that it has been used in, and is often found nearby, wastewater treatment plants. (Julia Bohnen)

“We really try to find these patches when they’re small and where the treatment can be targeted, so that there’s as little herbicide being put on the landscape as possible,” Larkin said. Around 75% of Minnesota’s phragmites populations are in the metro area and smaller than a tennis court.

More than 2,500 verified populations have been documented since the first case in 2009, and about one-third of those are no longer detected, Blanke said.

“What we really want is people to be looking out for it, reporting it, and then treatment deployed as quickly as possible,” Blanke said, noting that it’s most common for them to reach out to landowners, who often are unaware of the invasive plant. Removal through the statewide program is provided at no cost.

Because of the many similarities between native and non-native phragmites, a close inspection is required to differentiate. In general, invasive phragmites have a ridged stem like corduroy, no gaps between leaf sheaths and a thin ligule, the area where a leaf blade attaches to the sheath. Native phragmites have a thick ligule and smooth, glossy stem that is reddish.

People can refer to the MAISRC [identification guide](#) for more details and report invasive phragmites using [EDDMapS](#).





Chelsey Blanke, left, is holding an invasive Phragmites while Alexis Kreider holds a native Phragmites. (Jerry Holt/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Treating infestations early also improves the odds of native plants rebounding.

“Phragmites hasn’t been in Minnesota that long,” Kreider said, noting that native plants still have a chance to return when the invasive plant is eliminated.

This was the case last year when the program recorded dozens of new plant species appearing in one of the state’s largest treated sites. A native plant rebounding doesn’t mean the work is done, though.

“I would say in most cases, [the natural habitat] doesn’t come back just like it was,” Blanke said. Recently, the program has been testing different seed mixes to aid revegetation and prevent the reinvasion of phragmites.

“We’re preventing it from becoming this really huge problem,” she said. “So, that’s the ultimate goal in the end. We just need persistence at this point.”

The Minnesota DNR has dedicated \$390,000 in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding toward invasive phragmites control since the statewide program began in 2019, Blanke said. “For comparison, this is less than some states spend managing invasive phragmites in a single year for maintenance of localized areas – as opposed to our goal of statewide suppression and containment,” she added.

Earlier this month, the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department was awarded funding for phragmites control by the Priority 2 grant, part of the 3M PFAS pollution settlement that the state uses to restore aquatic resources.

“It’s a hopeful thing,” Blanke said. “It’s not always the case with invasive species issues.”