

# SEIDLS LAKE TREE TRENCHES

## Presentation for LMRWMO Board of Managers 2020

Joe Barten  
LMRWMO Administrator

# VITAL STATISTICS

## Seidls Lake - DNR Waterbody

- Seidls Lake is a landlocked 6.5-acre DNR protected waterbody located within the popular recreational amenity of Seidl's Lake Park.
- The Seidls Lake watershed is approximately 400 acres spread over the communities of and Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul, & West St. Paul.

## Issues:

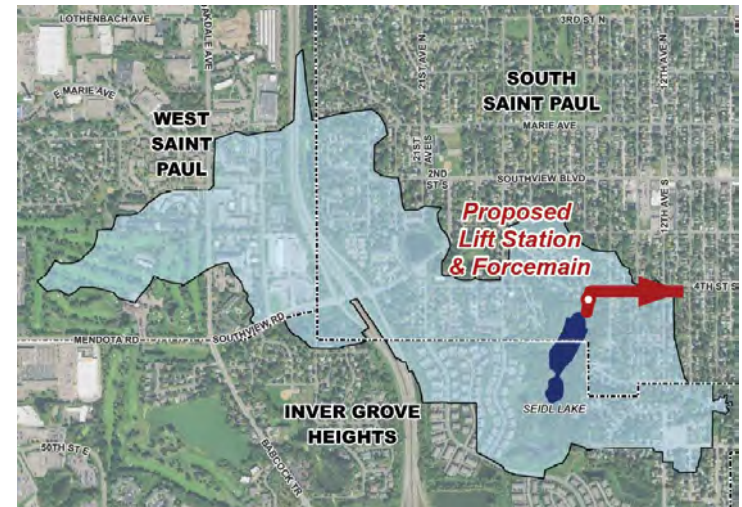
- Landlocked basin with no natural outlet causes water fluctuations of up to 15 feet.
- Causes vegetation and habitat die-off
- Concentrations of contaminants
- Steep barren slopes and eroded shorelines
- Degraded water quality from grade B in 1998 to "D" in 2008
- Damaged park amenities and habitat

## Working Towards Improvement:

- Cities have already implemented water quality improvement projects totaling over \$800,000

## Proposed Improvements:

- Stormwater pumping station and forcemain to control water levels
- Potential shoreline restoration
- Fishing pier
- Programmed park space



# VITAL STATISTICS

## Seidls Lake - DNR Waterbody

- Seidls Lake is a landlocked 6.5-acre DNR protected waterbody located within the popular recreational amenity of Seidl's Lake Park.
- The Seidls Lake watershed is approximately 400 acres spread over the communities of and Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul, & West St. Paul.

## Issues:

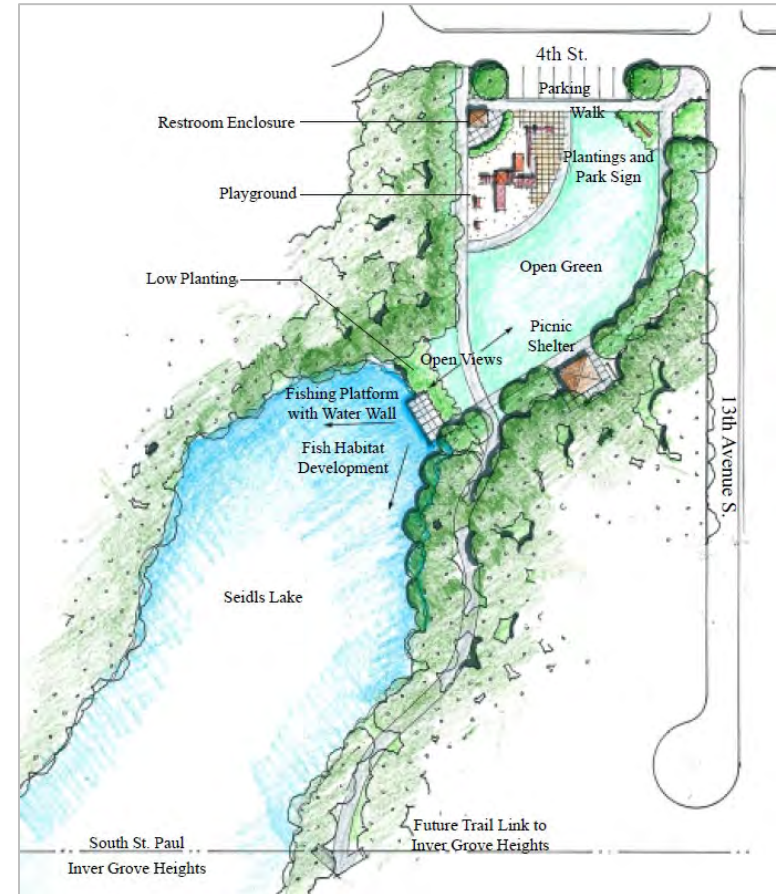
- Landlocked basin with no natural outlet causes water fluctuations of up to 15 feet.
- Causes vegetation and habitat die-off
- Concentrations of contaminants
- Steep barren slopes and eroded shorelines
- Degraded water quality from grade B in 1998 to "D" in 2008
- Damaged park amenities and habitat

## Working Towards Improvement:

- Cities have already implemented water quality improvement projects totaling over \$800,000

## Proposed Improvements:

- Stormwater pumping station and forcemain to control water levels
- Potential shoreline restoration
- Fishing pier
- Programmed park space



# ORIENTATION & HISTORY – SEIDL'S LAKE



An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood in 2019. A blue-shaded area in the center represents the "Approx. lake boundary". The map shows a grid of streets including 3rd St S, 10th Ave S, 11th Ave S, 12th Ave S, 13th Ave S, 14th Ave S, 18th Ave S, 19th Ave S, 20th Ave S, 21st Ave S, 4th St S, 5th St S, 6th St S, 7th St S, 8th St S, 9th St S, 10th St S, 11th St S, 12th St S, 13th St S, 14th St S, 15th St S, 16th St S, 17th St S, 18th St S, 19th St S, 20th St S, 21st St S, 22nd St S, 23rd St S, 24th St S, 25th St S, 26th St S, 27th St S, 28th St S, 29th St S, 30th St S, 31st St S, 32nd St S, 33rd St S, 34th St S, 35th St S, 36th St S, 37th St S, 38th St S, 39th St S, 40th St S, 41st St S, 42nd St S, 43rd St S, 44th St S, 45th St S, 46th St S, 47th St S, 48th St S, 49th St S, 50th St S, 51st St S, 52nd St S, 53rd St S, 54th St S, 55th St S, 56th St S, 57th St S, 58th St S, 59th St S, 60th St S, 61st St S, 62nd St S, 63rd St S, 64th St S, 65th St S, 66th St S, 67th St S, 68th St S, 69th St S, 70th St S, 71st St S, 72nd St S, 73rd St S, 74th St S, 75th St S, 76th St S, 77th St S, 78th St S, 79th St S, 80th St S, 81st St S, 82nd St S, 83rd St S, 84th St S, 85th St S, 86th St S, 87th St S, 88th St S, 89th St S, 90th St S, 91st St S, 92nd St S, 93rd St S, 94th St S, 95th St S, 96th St S, 97th St S, 98th St S, 99th St S, 100th St S. Other streets shown include Maywood Dr, Deerwood Dr, Alice Ct, Appelridge Ct, Bower Ct, Bower Path, Blaine Ave, Bloomberg Ln, Blacklock Way, Boatman Ln, Bolger Trl, Bivens Ct, Bissett Ln, Boyd Ave, Brent Ave, Bryce Ave, Barbara Ln, Barbato Ct, Southview Blvd, and 49th St E. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 200 and 400 feet. The year "2019" is printed in large white letters in the top left corner. An arrow points from the text "Approx. lake boundary" to the blue-shaded area.

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

2015

3RD ST S

4TH ST S

5TH ST S

10TH AVE S

11TH AVE S

12TH AVE S

13TH AVE S

14TH AVE S

18TH AVE S

20TH AVE S

21ST AVE S

46TH ST E

47TH ST E

49TH ST E

BLAINE AVE

BOWER PATH

BOWER CT

APPELRIDGE CT

MAYWOOD DR

DEERWOOD DR

ALICE CT

BLAYLOCK LN

BLOOMBERG LN

BARBATO CT

BARBARA LN

BIVENS CT

BOATMAN LN

BOLGER TRL

BISSET LN

BOYD AVE

BRENT AVE

BRUCE AVE

9TH AVE S

Salt Lake

200 400ft

[illegible]

2005



2000



Approx. 2019  
lake boundary

Approx. 2000  
lake boundary

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

1970



1957



1937



SOUTHVIEW BLVD

3RD ST S

1937

MAYWOOD DR  
DEERWOOD DR

18TH AVE S

14TH AVE S

13TH AVE S

12TH AVE S

11TH AVE S

10TH AVE S

4TH ST S

21ST AVE S

20TH AVE S

19TH AVE S

5TH ST S

5TH ST S

5TH ST S

Settle Lake

ALICE CT

5TH ST S

APPELRIDGE CT

46TH STE

46TH CT E

BOWER CT

BOWER PATH

47TH STE

BLAINE AVE

BRENT AVE

BRYCE AVE

BOATMAN LN

BOLGER DR

BISSET LN

BIVENS CT

49TH STE

49TH STE

BOYD AVE

BARBATO CT

BARBARA LN

BARBARA LN

200 400ft

# 1937 - Undeveloped/Farmland



APPROX. 2019  
LAKE BOUNDARY

APPROX. 1937  
LAKE BOUNDARY

APPROX. 2000  
LAKE BOUNDARY

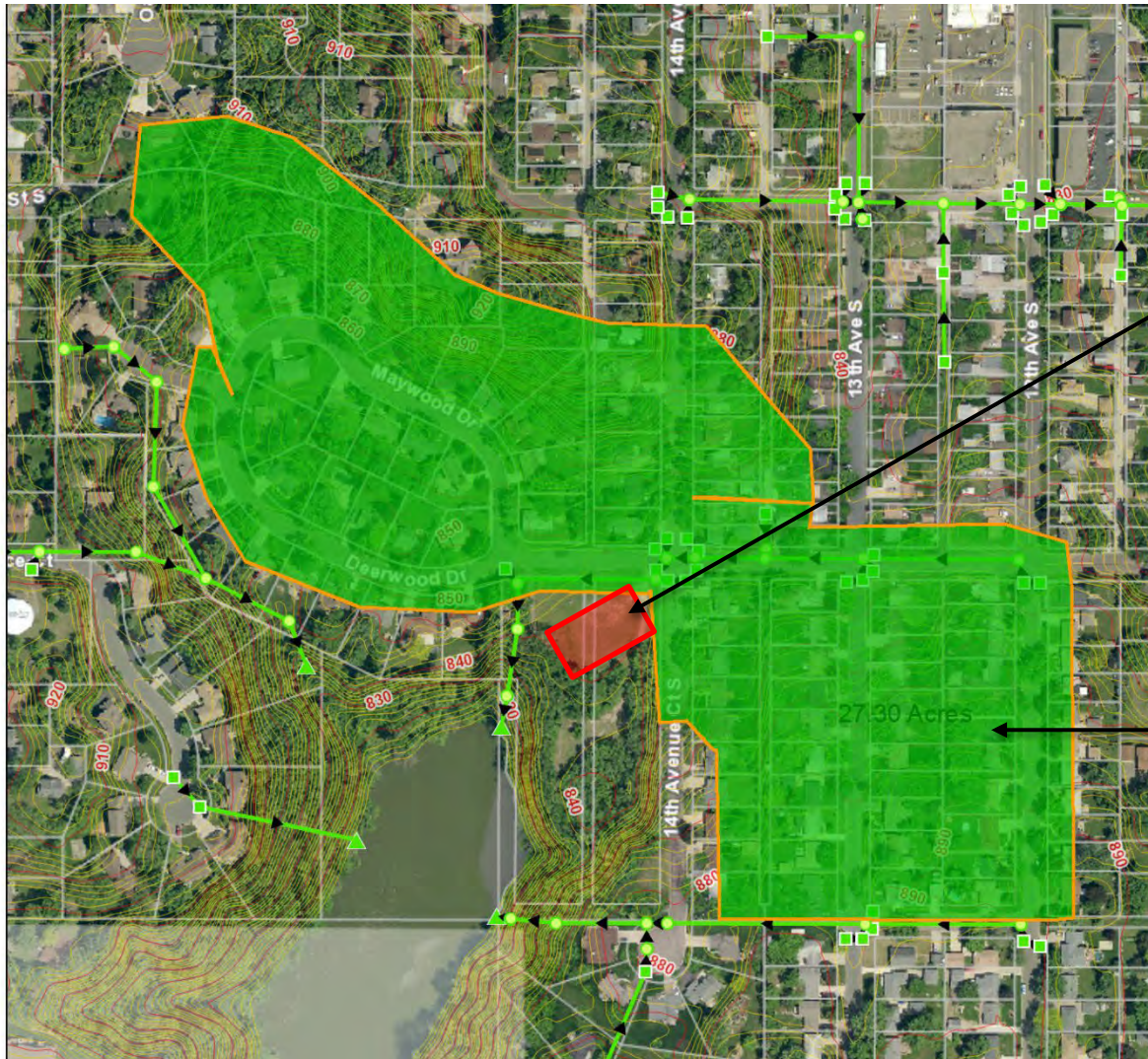
# 2019 - 83 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT



APPROX. 2019  
LAKE BOUNDARY

APPROX. 1937  
LAKE BOUNDARY

APPROX. 2000  
LAKE BOUNDARY



**Tree Trench  
Project Area**

**27.3 acre  
Residential  
Drainage Area**

# FUNDING



**City of South St. Paul CIP - \$157,605**  
Construction and project engineering



**LMRWMO via 2017 Met. Council Stormwater Grant - \$150,000**

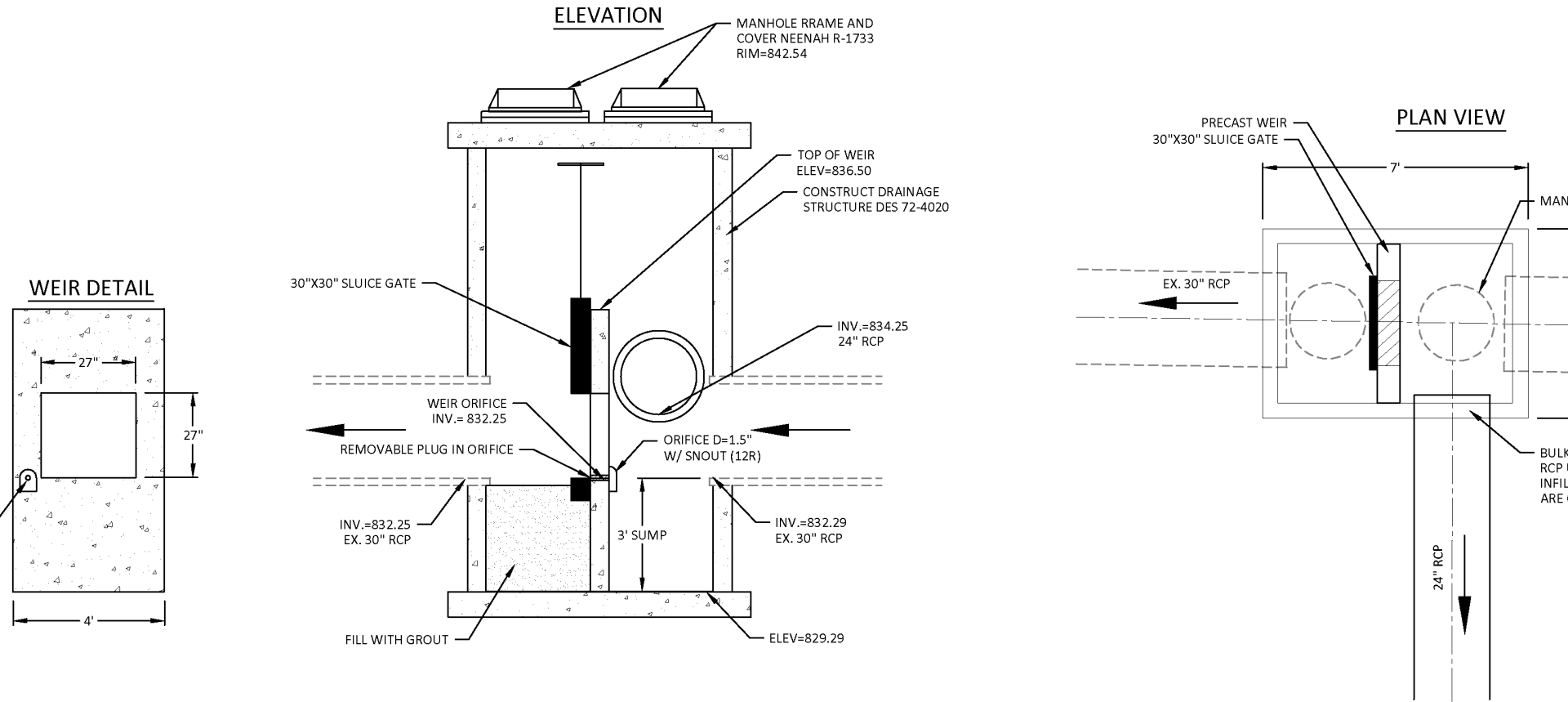


Project construction and sign installation

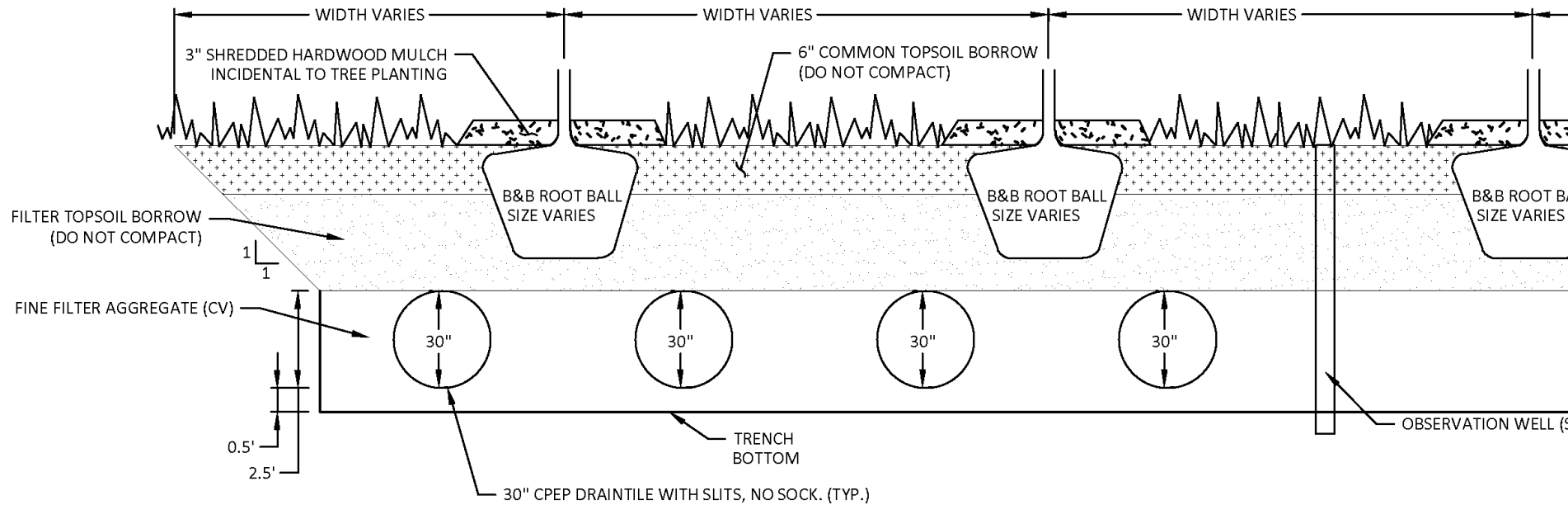


# DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

## MANHOLE IB01 DETAIL MH-IB01



# DESIGN AND ENGINEERING



NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS IN FEET, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

## TREE TRENCH



**BEFORE**



**BEFORE**



101 Ave S  
15

BEFORE



DURING













12X6.0  
HANNER  
TUBOS-001A  
524-18











**AFTER**









ONE YEAR LATER

# OUTREACH - PERMANENT SIGNAGE

## ROOTED IN WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TREE TRENCHES STOP POLLUTANTS FROM ENTERING SEIDL'S LAKE

### WHAT DOES THE TREE TRENCH SYSTEM DO?

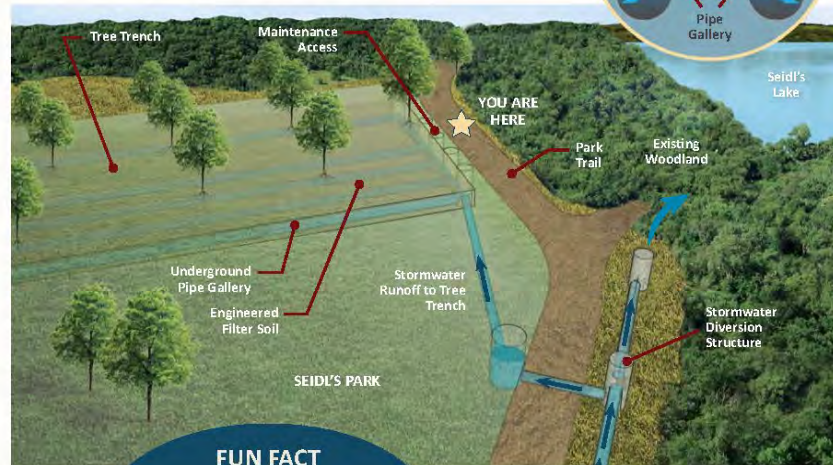
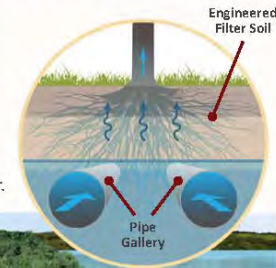
The Seidl's Lake tree trench system intercepts and filters polluted stormwater from a 27-acre watershed to the north of Seidl's Lake. The underground tree trench prevents almost 10 pounds of phosphorus and over 3,700 pounds of sediment from entering Seidl's Lake. This helps to improve the quality of the lake, reduce the frequency of algal blooms, and recharge groundwater.

The innovative underground storage system collects and treats stormwater, providing water directly to the roots of trees planted in the park. Added benefits of the system include habitat for song birds, shade for park users, and usable park space on top of the system.



### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Stormwater runoff from the watershed enters the stormwater diversion structure. The first 1.1 inches of the stormwater enters the underground pipe gallery, filling up the pipes and empty spaces in the surrounding engineered filter soil. Sediment and debris in the water are captured in the pipe system. The tree roots can "drink" the stormwater from above. Excess water soaks into the soil, which recharges the groundwater aquifer.



### FUN FACT

THE 4,000,000 GALLONS OF  
STORMWATER INTERCEPTED BY THE TREE  
TRENCH SYSTEM COULD FILL NEARLY  
370 SWIMMING POOLS!

Stormwater from  
Storm Sewers  
Enters Here

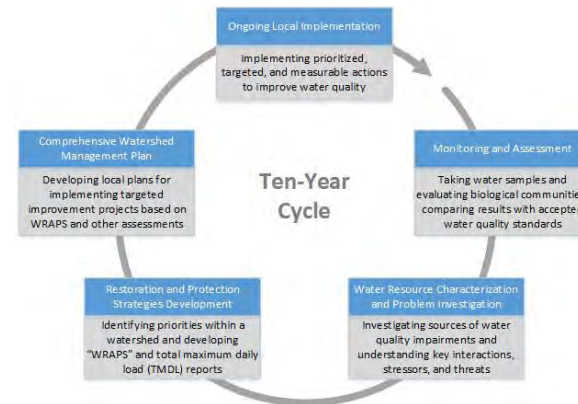
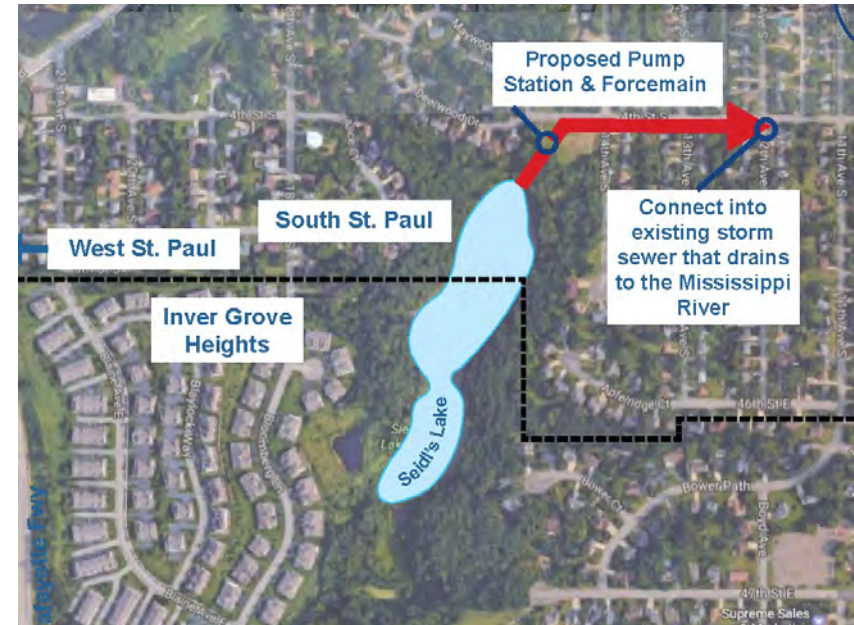
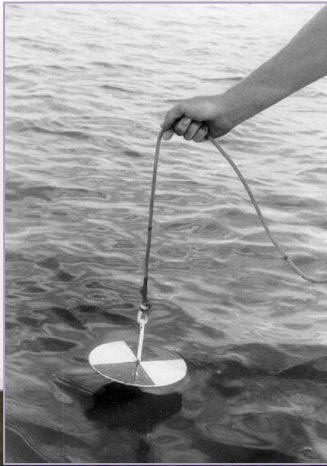


# PROJECT BENEFITS

## Outcomes (Modeled Pollutant Reductions)

- 3,757 lbs of Suspended Solids captured annually (47% reduction)
- 9.6 lbs of Phosphorus captured annually from entering Seidls Lake
- Infiltrates 11.8 acre feet of stormwater runoff annually
- Native plantings and trees incorporated into site
- Trail improvements

# NEXT STEPS – MONITORING, MAINT, LIFT STATION



# SEIDL'S LAKE TREE TRENCHES

Joe Barten

LMRWMO Administrator

