



Board of Managers Meeting Agenda

Wednesday – July 9th, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.

**Lilydale City Hall
1011 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Lilydale, MN 55118**

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - 1.1 Identification of Voting Board Members
 - 1.2 Approval of Agenda* (Additions/Corrections/Deletions) Action
 - 1.3 Opportunity for Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes per person)
2. Approve May 14th, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Chair * Action
3. Approve July 9th, 2025 Financial Summary & Invoice Payment - Treasurer * ** Action
4. Authorize Refusal to Waive Liability Limits for Insurance - SWCD * Action
5. Review and Accept 2024 Financial Statement/Audit - SWCD ** Action
6. Review Draft Goal Tracking Document - Barr * Discussion
7. Consider Request for Funding for Metro Children's Water Festival - SWCD * Discussion/Action
8. SWCD Landscaping for Clean Water & Education Items Presentation - SWCD Information
9. Other Updates & Information Items - SWCD
 - 9.1 Modeling Request for Proposals ** Information
 - 9.2 Seidls Lake Tour & Project Status Information
 - 9.3 Lake Augusta Updates Information
 - 9.4 Saint Paul Conservation Corps Crew Application * Information
 - 9.5 Grant Tracking Spreadsheet ** Information
10. Member City Updates
11. Adjourn - Next Meeting: August 13th at First Calvary Baptist Church in Sunfish Lake

* Materials included in full packet

** Materials available separately on website

<https://LMRWMO.org/about-us/meeting-information/>



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - May 14th, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Fleming Field, South St. Paul Airport

Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski, Inver Grove Heights
Steve Gebauer (Sec/Tres), Mendota Heights
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale

Karen Reid (Vice-Chair), Saint Paul
Analiese Miller, West St. Paul
Kendra Sommerfeld, South St. Paul
Dan Halvorsen, Sunfish Lake

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Brady Zeug, Saint Paul
Paul Merchlewicz, Inver Grove Heights
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Conor Resnikoff, South St. Paul
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD

1. Call Meeting to Order

1.1 Public Comment / Introductions

Audience members may address the Board regarding items not on the agenda.

1.2 Approval of Agenda* (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

2. Approve March 12th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jastram to approve the previous meeting minutes, second by Halvorsen; motion passed.

3. Approve May 14th, 2025 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter provided a summary of the finances.

Motion by Gebauer to approve the financial summary, second by Lencowski; motion passed.

4. Grant & Project Status Updates

Barten summarized the information in the packet on current and recently closed out LMRWMO grants and associated projects.

5. LMRWMO Modeling with FY-23 WBIF & FY-25 AIG Grant

Barten explained the plan to combine the work plans for the FY-23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant and FY-25 Accelerated Implementation Grant (AIG) into one request for proposals for LMRWMO modeling services. The LMRWMO will seek up to 3 proposals for modeling services upon

finalization of the request for proposals (RFP). The Administrator will provide the draft RFP to the Cities, to have an opportunity to review prior to sending out to consultants.

Motion by Gebauer to authorize the Administrator to create a request for proposals for the combined grant modeling project and send out to qualified consultants, second by Kleinberg; motion passed.

6. Other Updates

3M Grant Submission: No updates, will hear back from DNR on application status in July/August.

Winter Salt Week Summary: Barten summarized the information provided in the packet.

Mendota Development: Barten noted that upon clarification from the LMRWMO legal counsel, the LMRWMO does not have jurisdiction over developments in the City of Mendota.

LMRWMO Audit: Barten noted that due to an oversight on unearned revenue, the LMRWMO is required to perform an audit. He will seek an extension from the State Auditor's office for submittal later than the June 30th deadline.

7. Member City Updates

Advisors and Members provided updates on relevant projects in their Cities.

8. Adjournment & Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:25. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 9th, 2025 at Fleming Field in South St. Paul.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY
May 15, 2025 to July 9, 2025

<u>Beginning Balance - Gateway Bank Checking Account:</u>	\$27,117.52
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Deposits

Deposit	5/27/2025	State of MN - FY25 Competitive Grant (\$49,000), City of Mendota Hts 2025 Dues (\$27,054.92), City of South St. Paul 2025 Dues (\$19,904.73), and City of Lilydale 2025 Dues (\$2,433.82)	+	\$98,393.47
Deposit	6/20/2025	State of MN- Seidl's Lake - SWIFT contract 207686 (\$182,907.21), State of MN - 50% payment for FY-25 Ivy Falls Creek Erosion (\$51,205.00), West St. Paul 2025 Dues (\$19,882.52), St. Paul 2025 Dues (\$14,847.02) & Sunfish Lake 2025 Dues (\$3,738.46)	+	\$272,580.21

Payments

5031	7/9/2025	Campbell Knutson	-	\$769.12
5032	7/9/2025	Barr Engineering	-	\$2,990.00
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<i>Checking Ending Balance</i>	\$394,332.08
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Beginning Balance - Gateway Bank Savings Account:

				\$115,865.61
<i>Deposit</i>	5/31/2025	May 2025 Interest	+	\$250.93
<i>Deposit</i>	6/1/2025	June 2025 Interest	+	\$243.37

<i>Savings Ending Balance</i>	<u>\$116,359.91</u>
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<i>Available Total Balance at Gateway Bank</i>	<u>\$510,691.99</u>
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LMRWMO 2025 Budget & Financial Summary									
		2024 Carryover			2025 Monthly Revenue				
Revenue	Budget	Dec 12, 2024 - Jan 8 2025	Jan 9 - Feb 12 2025	Feb 13 - Mar 12 2025	Mar 13 - May 8 2025	May 9 - July 9 2025	2025 Total	Variance	Percent Received
Dues from Members	\$153,725.00					\$87,861.47	\$87,861.47	\$65,863.53	57%
Interest & LMCIT Rebate	\$3,000.00	\$326.70	\$490.14	\$236.75	\$492.21	\$494.30	\$2,040.10	\$959.90	68%
Grant Revenue	\$440,000.00				\$43,893.50	\$283,112.21	\$327,005.71	\$112,994.29	74%
Subtotal Operating Revenue	\$156,725.00	\$326.70	\$490.14	\$236.75	\$44,385.71	\$371,467.98	\$416,907.28		
		2024 Carryover			2025 Monthly Revenue				
Expenses	Budget	Dec 12, 2024 - Jan 8 2025	Jan 9 - Feb 12 2025	Feb 13 - Mar 12 2025	Mar 13 - May 8 2025	May 9 - July 9 2025	2024 Total	Remaining Budget	Percent Expended
Engineering/Technical Assistance									
Meetings	\$7,000.00	\$621.80	\$1,189.80		\$2,400.50	\$555.00	\$4,145.30	\$2,854.70	59%
Technical Assistance ²	\$6,500.00	\$2,153.50	\$227.50		\$3,800.00	\$2,435.00	\$6,462.50	\$37.50	99%
Plan Implementation / Project Mgmt.	\$5,000.00		\$997.50				\$997.50	\$4,002.50	20%
Grant Development / Review	\$3,000.00						\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0%
Biennial Progress Review	\$2,000.00						\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0%
Watershed Plan Amendment	\$1,000.00						\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Project Study/Implementation									
Miss. River Direct Drainage - FY-21 WBIF Match	\$9,304.00	\$552.00	\$5,394.75				\$5,394.75	\$3,909.25	58%
Interstate Valley Creek Stabilization (FY-24 SWCD CWF Match)	\$10,000.00				\$4,266.50		\$4,266.50	\$5,733.50	43%
Priority Watershed Modeling - \$100,000 (FY-23 WBIF Match)	\$12,000.00						\$0.00	\$12,000.00	0%
Seidls Lake Improvements - \$356,000 (FY-22 CPL % Match)	\$2,500.00						\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0%
Landscaping for Clean Water Projects	\$14,000.00		\$850.00				\$850.00	\$13,150.00	6%
Monitoring									
Lake and Stream Water Monitoring (CAMP) and Reports	\$14,000.00	\$2,660.00	\$2,421.89		\$2,016.50		\$4,438.39	\$9,561.61	32%
Education									
WMO Biannual E-Newsletter	\$3,200.00						\$0.00	\$3,200.00	0%
Board Tour of Projects	\$1,000.00						\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0%
Water Resources Videos Partnership Campaign	\$7,500.00						\$0.00	\$7,500.00	0%
Landscaping for Clean Water Classes	\$9,500.00						\$0.00	\$9,500.00	0%
MN Water Stewards Support	\$3,000.00						\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0%
Storm Drain Stenciling Program	\$5,000.00				\$50.00		\$50.00	\$4,950.00	1%
Engage Residents at Public Events / WMO Tabling	\$500.00				\$300.00		\$300.00	\$200.00	60%
General Education Requests & Materials	\$1,500.00		\$665.00		\$150.00		\$815.00	\$685.00	54%
Metro Watershed Partners Membership & Welcome Kits	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$891.00				\$891.00	\$109.00	89%
Website Maintenance and Updates	\$3,000.00		\$547.50		\$1,550.00		\$2,097.50	\$902.50	70%
Board Education	\$500.00						\$0.00	\$500.00	0%
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Administration									
General Administration	\$36,000.00		\$6,842.50		\$16,400.00		\$23,242.50	\$12,757.50	65%
Hold Annual TAC Meeting	\$1,000.00						\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0%
Insurance	\$2,500.00						\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0%
Attorney and Audit	\$5,800.00					\$769.12	\$769.12	\$5,030.88	13%
Subtotal Operating Expenses	\$167,304.00	\$6,987.30	\$20,027.44	\$0.00	\$30,933.50	\$3,759.12	\$54,720.06	\$112,583.94	33%
Grant Expenses	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,774.00	\$0.00	\$987.00	\$0.00	\$10,761.00	\$389,239.00	3%
Overall Fund Balance		\$159,592.47	\$130,281.17	\$130,517.92	\$142,983.13	\$510,691.99			
Total Grant Balance		\$10,911.00	\$1,137.00	\$1,137.00	\$44,133.50	\$44,133.50			
Operating Fund Balance		\$148,681.47	\$129,144.17	\$129,380.92	\$98,849.63	\$466,558.49			
Unencumbered Operating Fund Balance¹		\$123,681.47	\$99,144.17	\$99,380.92	\$68,849.63	\$446,558.49			

2025 Budget Notes:

- \$30,000 set aside for 2033 Watershed Plan Update, \$10,000 additional annually encumbered.
- Includes additional time to develop modeling standards, goal tracking, and 3M Grant App.

General: Budget is an estimate and will vary depending on changing priorities and grant project progress.

Balances Explained:

Overall Fund Balance

Total Grant Balance

Operating Fund Balance

Unencumbered Operating Fund Balance



LIABILITY COVERAGE WAIVER FORM

Members who obtain liability coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) must complete and return this form to LMCIT before their effective date of coverage. [Email completed form to your city's underwriter, to \[psstech@lmc.org\]\(mailto:psstech@lmc.org\), or fax to 651.281.1298.](mailto:psstech@lmc.org)

The decision to waive or not waive the statutory tort limits must be made annually by the member's governing body, in consultation with its attorney if necessary.

Members who obtain liability coverage from LMCIT must decide whether to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. The decision has the following effects:

- *If the member does not waive the statutory tort limits*, an individual claimant could recover no more than \$500,000 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited to \$1,500,000. These statutory tort limits would apply regardless of whether the member purchases the optional LMCIT excess liability coverage.
- *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and does not purchase excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could recover up to \$2,000,000 for a single occurrence (under the waive option, the tort cap liability limits are only waived to the extent of the member's liability coverage limits, and the LMCIT per occurrence limit is \$2,000,000). The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to \$2,000,000, regardless of the number of claimants.
- *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount up to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to the amount of coverage purchased, regardless of the number of claimants.

Claims to which the statutory municipal tort limits do not apply are not affected by this decision.

LMCIT Member Name:

Check one:

The member **DOES NOT WAIVE** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by [Minn. Stat. § 466.04](#).

The member **WAIVES** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by [Minn. Stat. § 466.04](#), to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT.

Date of member's governing body meeting:

Signature: _____

Position:

LMRWMO Goal Tracking Table – 2024 Activities (7/2/2025 Draft, Goals 1, 3, and 4 pending additional data)

Goal ID	Goal Text	Metrics/Measures	Goal Status																																																								
G1	<p>Maintain or improve water quality in LMRWMO priority 1A and 1B lakes to meet applicable state standards or existing 10-year (2012 – 2021) summer average water quality, if better than state standards, including: (see Table 1).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Waterbody</th><th>Total Phosphorus (ug/L)</th><th>Chloro-phyll a (ug/L)</th><th>Secchi Depth (m)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lake Augusta¹</td><td>40</td><td>14</td><td>1.4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hornbeam Lake</td><td>45</td><td>17</td><td>1.8</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rogers Lake</td><td>27</td><td>5</td><td>1.6</td></tr> <tr> <td>Seidls Lake</td><td>54</td><td>18</td><td>1.2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sunfish Lake</td><td>30</td><td>14</td><td>2.6</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thompson Lake¹</td><td>60</td><td>20</td><td>1.0</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(1) Goals based on applicable state standards for shallow and deep lakes (MN Rules 7050)</p>	Waterbody	Total Phosphorus (ug/L)	Chloro-phyll a (ug/L)	Secchi Depth (m)	Lake Augusta ¹	40	14	1.4	Hornbeam Lake	45	17	1.8	Rogers Lake	27	5	1.6	Seidls Lake	54	18	1.2	Sunfish Lake	30	14	2.6	Thompson Lake ¹	60	20	1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observed summer (June–September) average concentrations of total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a and summer average Secchi disc transparency averaged over the most recent 10-year period. Goals will be evaluated for each parameter for each lake. Goals are considered met if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10-year average parameter value is equal to or better than goal value; 10-year average parameter value is worse than goal value but is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Better than state standard, and Does not demonstrate a statistically-significant worsening trend (at 90% confidence level). 	<p>10-year average water quality data are determined as part of water quality reporting appended to the LMRWMO Annual Report. Goal status is assessed against that data; current status is summarized below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Waterbody</th><th>Total Phosphorus (ug/L)</th><th>Chloro-phyll a (ug/L)</th><th>Secchi Depth (m)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lake Augusta</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hornbeam Lake</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rogers Lake</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Seidls Lake</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sunfish Lake</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thompson Lake</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td><td>Yes/No</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Trend Analysis is pending additional data to compute 10-year averages.</i></p>	Waterbody	Total Phosphorus (ug/L)	Chloro-phyll a (ug/L)	Secchi Depth (m)	Lake Augusta	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Hornbeam Lake	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Rogers Lake	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Seidls Lake	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Sunfish Lake	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Thompson Lake	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No
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G2	Reduce sediment and phosphorus loading to the Mississippi River and priority 1A streams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measured sediment and phosphorus concentrations or loads in Interstate Valley Creek, Ivy Falls Creek, and Kaposia Creek (as available). Estimated pollutant reductions from water quality improvement projects implemented by the LMRWMO and/or member cities and tributary to LMRWMO creeks or the Mississippi River. 	<p>Finalized the FY-2021 WBIF study of direct drainage watersheds to the Mississippi River within the LMRWMO and created a comprehensive and ranked list of water quality improvement projects for future implementation, likely by member Cities as opportunities arise through street reconstruction projects.</p> <p>(see also Goal 12)</p>																																																								
G3	Reduce bacteria loading to Interstate Valley Creek through landowner education, outreach, and member city support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of practices to reduce bacteria loading including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational broadcasts (e.g., mailings, social media posts) Landowner site visits or other outreach 	<p><i>To be completed.</i></p> <p><i>Need additional data from member cities to be provided via brief survey.</i></p>																																																								

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage encouraging pet clean-up 	
G4	Work with member cities to implement practices to minimize chloride use in the watershed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of practices to reduce chloride use by member cities including but not limited to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for municipal applicators Training for private applicators/owners Municipal use of alternative deicers Site visits to promote reduced salt use in commercial/high impervious areas Use of salt minimization design strategies Incentive programs for residents Educational broadcasts 	<p><i>To be completed.</i></p> <p><i>Need additional data from member cities to be provided via brief survey.</i></p>
G5	Promote infiltration and reuse to reduce stormwater runoff volumes through member city volume control performance standards and the support of education and outreach activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued implementation of member city local controls prioritizing volume reduction through infiltration (where feasible), consistent with LMRWMO Plan Policy P1. LMRWMO and/or member city education and outreach activities including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadcasts (e.g., social media) Resident incentive programs (e.g., rain barrels) LMRWMO and member city financial support for Dakota County SWCD's Landscaping for Clean Water workshops and projects. 	<p>Member cities continued to implement ordinances requiring infiltration as the preferred method of stormwater treatment (where feasible).</p> <p>Participated in the Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) workshop series and funded three classes in partnership with the Dakota SWCD. 31 people attended an introduction class. 21 LMRWMO residents attended design workshops. The LMRWMO provided grants for 8 residential conservation projects (raingardens and native gardens) installed by those participants.</p>
G6	Minimize flood potential and reduce the number and/or flood risk of habitable structures within local floodplain areas in cooperation with member cities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of capital projects by the LMRWMO and member cities that increase stormwater storage or result in reduced flood risk. Number of habitable structures removed from the 100-year floodplain as a result of LMRWMO and member city projects. 	<p>The LMRWMO and member cities did not implement flood risk reduction projects impacting habitable structures in 2024.</p> <p><i>Confirm with cities.</i></p>

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G7	Promote fish and wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities by maintaining or improving water quality (see goal G1) and shoreline integrity, implementing 10 shoreline improvement projects over 10 years (including city, LMRWMO, and/or cost-share projects).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observed summer (June–September) average water quality (see Goal G1). Number of shoreline protection or improvement projects performed (or supported) by the LMRWMO and member cities (including shoreline projects implemented through Dakota County SWCD's Landscaping for Clean Water). 	<p>Developed content for and provided a Natural Shoreline Workshop to residents of the LMRWMO (as well as adjacent Watersheds) in partnership with the Dakota County SWCD.</p> <p>Note: no shoreline LCW projects were constructed in the LMRWMO in 2024</p>
G8	Promote the incorporation of habitat benefits into at least two stormwater management BMPs over 10 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat benefits incorporated into stormwater BMPs constructed by the LMRWMO and member cities including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native plantings in existing turf areas Conservation easements to protect existing natural areas Design enhancements to minimize disturbance of habitat (e.g., trees) 	<p>The LMRWMO was awarded \$382,000 in grant funds for restoration of vegetation surrounding Seidls Lake in Inver Grove Heights & South St. Paul. The project is being done in close partnership with the two Cities, who are providing matching funding, and in tandem with a trail reconstruction project. Tree clearing and some shoreline stabilization occurred in 2024. The remaining lake vegetation restoration work will occur in 2025</p>
G9	Pursue no net loss of wetlands due to human activity via support of member city roles as local governmental units (LGUs) responsible for wetland management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued administration of Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) by member cities (per LMRWMO Plan Policy 25). Continued implementation of member city local controls requiring wetland buffers and limiting wetland impacts (per LMRWMO Plan Policy 26). 	<p>All member cities currently act as the local governmental unit (LGU) responsible for administration of the WCA in their city.</p> <p>All member cities have adopted and enforce local controls requiring wetland buffers.</p> <p><i>Placeholder for notable details, if needed.</i></p>
G10	Promote the protection of groundwater quality and quantity through annual collaboration with Dakota County, Ramsey County, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and/or other agencies managing groundwater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual meeting with Dakota County to review coordination of groundwater management roles and opportunities. Annual communication to Minnesota DNR and other groundwater management agencies regarding coordination of organization roles. 	<p>Coordinated with Dakota County, SWCD, and other Watershed partners on a public video marketing campaign which was launched to promote the Landscaping for Clean Water program and promote general water conservation for lawn watering to address declining aquifer levels and water treatment concerns.</p>

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G11	Promote groundwater conservation, infiltration, and water reuse through implementation of member city volume control performance standards, education, and outreach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued implementation of member city local controls prioritizing volume reduction through infiltration (where feasible), consistent with LMRWMO Plan Policy P1. LMRWMO and/or member city education and outreach activities including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadcasts (e.g., social media) Resident incentive programs (e.g., rain barrels) 	<p>Member cities continued to implement local controls prioritizing volume reduction through infiltration.</p> <p>See Goal 14 regarding participation in Landscaping for Clean Water.</p> <p>See also Goal 15 and Goal 16 regarding education and engagement activities.</p>
G12	Reduce sediment loading to the Mississippi River.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measured sediment concentrations or loads in Interstate Valley Creek, Ivy Falls Creek, and Kaposia Creek (as available). Estimated sediment reductions from water quality improvement projects implemented by the LMRWMO and/or member cities and tributary to LMRWMO creeks or the Mississippi River. 	Finalized the FY-2021 WBIF study of direct drainage watersheds to the Mississippi River within the LMRWMO and created a comprehensive and ranked list of water quality improvement projects for future implementation, likely by member Cities as opportunities arise through street reconstruction projects.
G13	Reduce sediment loading to LMRWMO priority waterbodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated sediment reductions from water quality improvement projects implemented by the LMRWMO and/or member cities and tributary to LMRWMO priority waterbodies. 	The LMRWMO partnered with the Dakota County SWCD, Mendota Heights, and Dakota County to implement Clean Water Funded projects identified in the Interstate Valley Creek Stabilization and Volume Reduction Feasibility study to address areas of severe bank erosion. Final plans and bidding occurred in late 2024 with construction to occur in 2025
G14	Prevent or mitigate the impact of local erosion issues through the promotion of partner cost-share and educational programs (e.g., Dakota County SWCD cost-share).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of shoreline protection, riparian stabilization, or other erosion control projects supported by the LMRWMO (including relevant projects implemented through Dakota County SWCD's Landscaping for Clean Water). 	Participated in the Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) workshop series and funded three classes in partnership with the Dakota SWCD. 31 people attended an introduction class. 21 LMRWMO residents attended design workshops. The LMRWMO provided grants for 8 residential

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			conservation projects (raingardens and native gardens) installed by those participants.
G15	Increase community awareness of water resource management issues via outreach activities and cooperation with member city and partner education and outreach programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance of LMRWMO staff or Managers at community events. Development or broadcast of educational content through LMRWMO or member city media. Maintenance and update of the LMRWMO website. Development of a K-12 education program in cooperation with partners. 	<p>Updated the LMRWMO website with meeting information and links to annual reports, newsletters, and technical reports.</p> <p>Created and distributed an E-newsletter to engage with the public and inform them of LMRWMO activities and opportunities to assist the LMRWMO in it's mission</p> <p>Participated in and provided funding to the Metro Watershed Partners Clean Water MN program to promote public understanding through educational outreach.</p> <p>Distributed stormwater educational articles from Clean Water MN to Member cities for use in social media, newsletter, website, and print public education and outreach materials.</p> <p>Coordinated with Dakota County, SWCD, and other Watershed partners on a public video marketing campaign to advertise Landscaping for Clean Water.</p>
G16	Increase community capacity to implement water resource stewardship practices via outreach and support of partner engagement programs (e.g., Dakota County SWCD's Landscaping for Clean Water program, MN Water Stewards).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMRWMO Support for Minnesota Water Stewards program Support of LMRWMO and member city volunteer programs (e.g., drain stenciling). LMRWMO and member city financial support for Dakota County SWCD's Landscaping for Clean Water workshops and projects. 	<p>Participated in the Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) workshop series and funded three classes in partnership with the Dakota SWCD. 31 people attended an introduction class. 21 LMRWMO residents attended design workshops. The LMRWMO provided grants for 8 residential conservation projects (raingardens and native gardens) installed by those participants.</p> <p>Implemented new storm drain stenciling program kits to connect the public with their</p>

LMRWMO Goal Tracking Table – 2024 Activities (7/2/2025 Draft, Goals 1, 3, and 4 pending additional data)

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			<p>impact on downstream waterbodies. Kits were borrowed 16 times in 2024, and 23 volunteers stenciled 69 drains.</p> <p>Provided 14 Adopt-a-Drain kits in 2024.</p> <p>Developed content for and provided a Natural Shoreline Workshop to residents of the LMRWMO (as well as adjacent Watersheds) in partnership with the Dakota County SWCD; 23 participants attended.</p>
G17	Execute the activities included in the LMRWMO implementation program while promoting efficiency, limiting organizational redundancy, and leveraging skills of partner organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of technical trainings for Managers. • Annual meeting with member city staff to coordinate capital improvement programs with LMRWMO projects and funding opportunities. • Tracking of implementation progress (completed as part of annual reporting). 	<p>The LMRWMO annual report includes the implementation schedule updated to reflect the current status of each task.</p> <p>REPORTS - Lower Mississippi River WMO</p>
G18	Maximize the financial capacity of the WMO through the pursuit and use of grant and cost-share funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of watershed-based implementation funding to fund LMRWMO projects. • Applications for competitive grant funding (as appropriate) 	<p>Applied for grant funding for the FY-25 Accelerated Implementation Grant for watershed modeling.</p> <p>Finalized the FY-2021 WBIF study of direct drainage watersheds to the Mississippi River.</p> <p>The LMRWMO was awarded \$382,000 in grant funds for restoration of vegetation surrounding Seidls Lake in Inver Grove Heights & South St. Paul.</p> <p>Finalized funding commitments from Member Cities for Monitoring of Fish Tissue for Contaminants of Emerging Concern on LMRWMO Priority Waterbodies.</p>

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June 13, 2025

Dear Joe Barten,

We are kicking off the fund-raising campaign for the **28th annual Metro Children's Water Festival (MCWF)**. We are excited again this year to be inviting around 1,900 4th graders!

What is the Metro Children's Water Festival?

The festival is an interactive, hands-on, educational outreach program. The festival educates, motivates and challenges children to understand, conserve and protect water resources. It is one of the premier K-12 education events in the metro area and helps teachers achieve state and school district science standards for 4th grade. The festival is one of the largest education collaborations in the metro area and has been increasing awareness of water issues and solutions in students and adults for more than 25 years. Since it began in 1998 over 30,000 students have attended the in-person festivals.

Why sponsor the Children's Water Festival?

- It provides free education on water resources to 4th graders in the metro area.
- It inspires students to learn more about water resources and protect clean water for future generations.
- It provides science enrichment that helps teachers meet state education standards.
- It creates enthusiasm and awareness around one of our most precious resources.
- Be recognized as a business or entity that supports water and environmental learning. Sponsors are recognized at the festival, in the festival booklet, on <https://metrocnwf.org/sponsors/>, through press releases and articles, and receive a certificate of sponsorship. We can provide the CWF logo to put on your website.

How will funds be used?

The festival is provided free to students. Sponsored funds cover rental charges for the State Fair Grounds where it's hosted, presenter fees, food & beverages for volunteers and presenters, materials for certain activities, and website hosting and maintenance. Sponsorship also covers some busing costs for schools that cannot afford transportation. Most organizers and the planning committee members are from public and private agencies that volunteer their time and expertise.

How to sponsor

Fill out and return the enclosed sponsor form. Thank you for supporting this event that gives so much to the children of Minnesota and identifies the metro area as a national leader in environmental stewardship.

Learn more at <https://metrocnwf.org/>

Thank you,

Adriana Atcheson

Metro Children's Water Festival Planning Committee

651-430-6716 or adriana.atcheson@washingtoncountymn.gov

Metropolitan Conservation Districts



2025 METRO CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

SPONSOR FORM

Sponsors will be recognized in the Festival Program, at Festival site, in press releases, on the website and will receive a certificate of sponsorship. The Festival Program will be distributed to all participants (teachers, presenters, sponsors and volunteers) at and after the Festival.

_____ We would like to be a Festival sponsor by funding educational materials, presenters and facility rental:
(Please circle one.)

\$250

\$500

\$1000

\$2000

Other \$ _____

_____ We would like to donate materials (e.g. t-shirts, food, etc.), services or volunteers. Please ask a Festival organizer to call _____ at _____
(contact person) (phone number)

_____ We would like to sponsor a school(s) by paying for transportation costs: (approx. \$450/bus.)

_____ We would be interested in having a company representative help the day of the event.

Please make check payable to: Metro Conservation Districts

CONTACT NAME _____ **DATE** _____

COMPANY _____
(Please print this exactly as you wish it to appear in the program.)

ADDRESS _____
(Street, City or Town, Zip)

PHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Adriana Atcheson
Washington County
Department of Public Health & Environment
14949 62nd Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082



Metro Children's Water Festival

9.4. Conservation Corps Crew Application**Application Process**

Submit electronic application with aerial photo/map attached for crew project or draft work plan for individual placement. After clicking "Submit" on the final page of this application, you will be prompted to review your responses and click "Confirm" to finalize your request. A copy of the submission will be sent to the contact email address provided. Additional details available on our [website](#).

NOTE: If agency is applying for both crew and individual placement, you will submit two separate applications.

Timeline

June 1-30: Project application period

June 30: Application deadline

July 1-31: Application review

August 1-31: Award notices sent out to applicants

January-December: Project implementation period

Contact [Brian Miller](#) at 651.209.9900 with questions.

Are you applying for crew funding or an individual placement?

Crew

Contact & Agency Information

Local Government Unit

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Contact First Name Contact Last Name Contact Title

Emily

Dunlap

Natural Resources Coordinator

Contact Phone Number Contact Email Address

612-448-5728

emily.dunlap@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Contact Street Address

1100 Hamline Ave N

Contact City Contact State Contact Zip Code

Saint Paul MN

55108

Upload supporting file

LMRWMO.pdf

Project Location Information and Description

Project Name

Lilydale Clean Water Projects

Water Resource(s) of Concern
Pickerel Lake, Mississippi River

Project Street Address Project City Project State Project Zip Code
950 Lilydale Rd Saint Paul MNMN 55118

Project Location (area, site, etc.)
Ramsey and Dakota County, Lilydale Regional Park

Additional file upload, if applicable

Project Coordination & Scheduling

Detailed description and purpose of project, including desired outcomes:

In 2020, a restroom and shelter facility were constructed at Lilydale Regional Park's Pickerel Lake. Numerous large cottonwoods were removed and the area was reseeded to prairie. Maintenance will ensure these areas are free of pressure from weeds. In 2018, Lower Mississippi River WMO, the City of Saint Paul, Mendota Heights, and West Saint Paul stabilized an approximately 300 linear foot ravine at the top of the Brickyard Area of Lilydale Regional Park due to severe erosion issues and because of high flow rates and velocities of untreated storm water. Conservation Corps crews will maintain the area to reduce invasive plant growth and promote native plant regeneration. At the end of 2019, the City of Saint Paul completed three years of major renovations to Lilydale Regional Park. Through trail and road realignments, construction of two new parking lots, and approximately 2 acres of impervious surface was added to the park. Stormwater form this acreage is treated by 5 rain gardens. During these renovations, the City expanded an 1100 linear foot shoreline buffer along Pickerel lake. In 2026, crew time will be used for light maintenance of the filter strip and maintenance of the 5 rain gardens.

Describe the project's educational value and/or on-site education provided to the crew.

Corpsmembers will receive a thorough orientation to the site, the project, and the overall water quality implications of lakeshore restoration, floodplain forest enhancement and stormwater management BMPs by Saint Paul Parks staff. Project specific BMP management techniques will be demonstrated, and City staff will be available to assist on a daily basis including the Natural Resources Coordinator.

Estimated Crew Time Required Preferred Season/Dates
6 March 1- December 10

Description of crew responsibilities and tasks to be carried out:

Conservation Corps crews will perform plant protection maintenance in the established ravine located within the Brickyard area of Lilydale, Pickerel shoreline, and areas adjacent to the newly built picnic shelter. Crews will conduct herbaceous invasive species management using a variety of techniques including flame weeding, spot spraying, brush cutting and hand-removal. They will also assist with supplemental planting, seeding, monitoring, sediment removal and slope-stabilization measures as necessary. All maintenance activities will be tracked by crews, and the information recorded by City staff to retain and use as reference for future maintenance activities and estimates.

Safety concerns or potential "watch-out" situations related to project. List any specialty safety equipment requirements.

List hand tools needed for the project:

List power tools needed for the project:

Close proximity to park users with power equipment, slopes, and potentially sharp waste (needles, glass, etc.). Corpsmembers will be instructed to contact staff if any dangerous waste is encountered and will be alerted to any site-specific safety concerns.

Required tools may include: PPE, shovels, trowels, handsaws, loppers, pruners, and rakes.

Required tools may include: brushsaws, chainsaws, weed whips.

BMP Installation

Select up to three best management practices:

BMP #1

Vegetative barrier

Indicate Priority Level for BMP #1

LOW - General maintenance beyond the establishment period

BMP #2

Filter strip

Indicate Priority Level for BMP #2

LOW - General maintenance beyond the establishment period

BMP #3

Urban landscaping – Raingarden

Indicate Priority Level for BMP #3

LOW - General maintenance beyond the establishment period

Pollution Reduction Estimate

Select up to four pollutants:

Pollutant #1

Sediment - TSS (tons/yr)

Amount #1

0.62

Estimation Method #1

Other - please specify:

Other estimation method #1

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Pollutant #2

Phosphorous - est. reduction (lbs/yr)

Amount #2

14.83

Estimation Method #2

Other - please specify:

Other estimation method #2

MIDS: Version 2, June 2014

Pollutant #3

Sediment - TSS (tons/yr)

Amount #3
6.17

Estimation Method #3
BWSR Estimator (filter strip)

Pollutant #4	Amount #4	Estimation Method #4
Phosphorous - est. reduction (lbs/yr)	9.21	BWSR Estimator (filter strip)

Community Planning Information

Is all permitting, contracting, and landowner consent completed?
Yes

Has a TMDL implementation plan, watershed management plan, county comprehensive local water management plan, local surface water management plan, metro groundwater plan, surface water intake plan or well head protection plan been approved and locally adopted? Please explain.

The City of Saint Paul adopted its Local Surface Water Management Plan in 2019 as part of the Citywide Comprehensive plan. The Lower Mississippi WMO's Watershed Management Plan was adopted in 2023. The activities proposed in this project are consistent with the water quality and recreation, fish and wildlife habitat goals stated in the plan.

How will this project ensure practices implemented will be of a long-lasting public benefit with a minimum 10 years effective life?

All of these practices were installed using public funding, including a commitment by the City to monitor and maintain for a period of 10+ years. With the assistance of the Conservation Corps, aggressive maintenance will ensure the success and sustainability of these sites, beyond the capabilities of the project partners alone.

Local financial contribution - itemized description and amount:
\$2,000 In-kind staff time

Attached File:

LMRWMO.pdf (3.94 MB)