LMRWMO
LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Board of Managers Meeting Agenda

Wednesday - April 8th, 2026 - 3:00 p.m.

Friends of the Mississippi River Offices
106 West Water Street, Suite 600, Saint Paul, MN 55107

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 (Please limit to 2 minutes per person)

2. Approve March 11th, 2026 Meeting Minutes - Chair * — Action

3. Approve April 8th, 2026 Financial Summary & Invoice Payment - Treasurer * ** — Action

4. Presentation on Data Centers & Groundwater - Carrie Jennings, Freshwater Society and Valerie Neppl, Dakota County Groundwater — Information

5. Review City Responses to LMRWMO Comments on Inver Grove Heights Water Resources Management Plan - Barr * — Information

6. Updates & Handouts

6.1 Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Barr ** — Information
6.2 Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration Final Grant Report - SWCD * — Information
6.3 Member City Updates

7. Adjourn - Next Meeting: May 13th, 2026 - West St. Paul City Hall, Council Chambers

* Materials included in full packet
** Materials posted separately on website
https://LMRWMO.org/about-us/meeting-information/

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Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - March 11th, 2026 - 3:00 p.m.
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Managers and Alternates in Attendance:

Sharon Lencowski (Chair) Inver Grove Heights
Karen Reid, Saint Paul
Tom Sutton, Lilydale
Brian Jastram, Saint Paul
Judd Dudgeon, Inver Grove Heights
Analiese Miller (Vice-Chair), West St. Paul
Steve Gebauer (Sec/Tres), Mendota Heights
Mary Kleinberg, Lilydale
Daniel Anderson, South St. Paul
Shane Bredy, South St. Paul

Advisors and Others in Attendance:

Krista Spreiter, Mendota Heights
Chris English, Inver Grove Heights
Conor Resnikoff, South St. Paul
Kendra Sommerfeld, South St. Paul
Joe Barten, Dakota County SWCD
Pat Murphy, Saint Paul
Jaycie Korth, SSP Conservation Corps
Jess Hall, West St. Paul
Greg Williams, Barr Engineering

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)

Motion by Sutton to approve the meeting agenda, second by Jastram; motion passed.

2. Approve February 11th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Approve march 11th, 2026 Financial Summary & Invoices

Spreiter summarized the information in the packet.

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

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4. Review Comments on Inver Grove Heights Water Resources Management Plan and Approve Submittal

Williams summarized the comments provided by other Barr Engineering staff with input and modifications from the Administrator. Jastram asked for clarification and the Board discussed the 10 year storm design variance.

Motion by Gebauer to approve comments as provided by Barr Engineering staff and approve submittal of the comment to the City of Inver Grove Heights, second by Sutton; motion passed.

5. Review and Approve 2026 Water Monitoring Plan

Barten summarized the information in the memo and noted that the lakes to be monitored reflect available volunteer monitors with the exceptions of Seidls Lake and Lake Augusta, which we would like to have monitored but do not yet have volunteers. The Administrator will continue to seek volunteers from residents. Reid volunteered to perform monitoring if no volunteers that live on the lakes can be found.

Motion by Anderson to approve the list of lakes and streams to be monitored and authorized the Administrator and Board Chair to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Council for 2026 water monitoring, second by Sutton; motion passed.

6. Review 2024 Annual Report and Provide Suggestions for 2025 Annual Report

Barten requested comments on the previous year's annual report for the WMO and noted he will be drafting the 2025 annual report, which is a statutory requirement, in the coming months.

7. Updates & Handouts

Barten provided information on the outcomes of Winter Salt Week outreach at Dakota County libraries, which was funded in part by the LMRWMO.

8. Member City Updates

City Advisors and Members provided updates on relevant projects in their cities.

9. Adjournment & Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026 at the Friends of the Mississippi River Offices.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY
March 12, 2026 to April 8, 2026

Beginning Balance - Gateway Bank Checking Account:				**$107,341.85**
Deposit(s)	3/19/2026	Dues: City of Inver Grove Heights $75,898.16, City of Mendota Heights $31,345.66 & City of South St. Paul $22,773.73	+	$130,017.55
	3/31/2026	Dues: City of West St. Paul $23,002.35 & City of Lilydale $2,772.28	+	$25,774.63
Payment(s)				
5055	*4/8/2026*	*Barrr Engineering*	-	$5,453.95
5056	*4/8/2026*	*City of South Saint Paul*		$71,873.85
		Checking Ending Balance		**$185,806.23**
Beginning Balance - Gateway Bank Savings Account:				$270,511.55
Deposit(s)	3/31/2026	March 2026 Interest	+	$585.87
		Savings Ending Balance		**$271,097.42**
Available Total Balance at Gateway Bank				**$456,903.65**

LMRWMO 2026 Budget & Financial Summary			2025 Budget Carryover		2026 Budget Monthly Revenue						
Revenue	**Budget**		Dec 11 2025 - Jan 14 2026	Jan 15 - Feb. 11 2026 (2025 Budget)	Feb 12 - March 11 2026 (2026 Budget)	Mar 12 - April 8 2026			2026 Budget Totals	**Variance**	**Percent Received**
Dues from Members	**$176,784.00**					$155,792.18			$155,792.18	**$20,991.82**	**88%**
Interest & LMCIT Rebate	**$3,000.00**		$582.19	$583.45	$528.13	$585.87			$2,279.64	**$720.36**	**76%**
Grant Revenue (Estimated)	**$150,000.00**			$16,710.69					$16,710.69	**$133,289.31**	**11%**
Subtotal Operating Revenue	**$179,784.00**		**$582.19**	**$17,294.14**	**$528.13**	**$156,378.05**			**$174,782.51**		
			2025 Budget Carryover		**2026 Budget Monthly Expenses**						
Expenses	**Budget**		Dec 11 2025 - Jan 14 2026	Jan 15 - Feb. 11 2026 (2025 Budget)	Feb 12 - March 11 2026 (2026 Budget)	Mar 12 - April 8 2026			2026 Budget Totals	**Remaining Budget**	**Percent Expended**
Engineering/Technical Assistance									$0.00		
Meetings (Barr)	**$7,000.00**		$462.50	$370.00	$585.00	$585.00			$1,170.00	**$5,830.00**	**17%**
Technical Assistance (Barr)	**$6,500.00**		$840.50	$985.00	$232.50	$1,947.50			$2,180.00	**$4,320.00**	**34%**
Plan Implementation / Project Mgmt. (SWCD)	**$7,500.00**			$1,000.00					$0.00	**$7,500.00**	**0%**
Review Local Water Plans (Barr)	**$3,000.00**								$0.00	**$3,000.00**	**0%**
Project Study/Implementation									$0.00		
Priority Watershed Modeling - FY-23 WBIF Match	**$12,000.00**								$0.00	**$12,000.00**	**0%**
Watershed Wide Hydrologic / Hydraulic Model - FY-25 AIG Match	**$9,800.00**								$0.00	**$9,800.00**	**0%**
Seidls Lake Carp Study	**$5,000.00**								$0.00	**$5,000.00**	**0%**
Landscaping for Clean Water Projects	**$10,000.00**			$2,550.00					$0.00	**$10,000.00**	**0%**
Monitoring									$0.00		
Water Monitoring (CAMP) and Reports, Augusta Gage	**$16,500.00**			$5,589.50					$0.00	**$16,500.00**	**0%**
Education									$0.00		
WMO Biannual E-Newsletter	**$2,700.00**			$1,650.00					$0.00	**$2,700.00**	**0%**
Landscaping for Clean Water Classes	**$10,000.00**										
Chloride Education at Libraries	**$1,500.00**								$0.00	**$1,500.00**	**0%**
Storm Drain Stenciling Program	**$3,000.00**								$0.00	**$3,000.00**	**0%**
General Education Requests, Materials, Tabling, Water Stewards	**$3,650.00**			$250.00					$0.00	**$3,650.00**	**0%**
Metro Watershed Partners Membership & Welcome Kits	**$1,000.00**		$1,000.00						$1,000.00	**$0.00**	**100%**
Website Maintenance and Updates	**$4,000.00**			$800.00					$0.00	**$4,000.00**	**0%**
Board Education	**$500.00**								$0.00	**$500.00**	**0%**
Administration									$0.00		
General Administration	**$38,000.00**			$10,300.00					$0.00	**$38,000.00**	**0%**
Grant Development / Review	**$3,000.00**								$0.00	**$3,000.00**	**0%**
Hold Annual TAC Meeting	**$1,000.00**								$0.00	**$1,000.00**	**0%**
Insurance	**$2,700.00**								$0.00	**$2,700.00**	**0%**
Attorney and Audit	**$5,800.00**		$68.00		$204.00				$204.00	**$5,596.00**	**4%**
Subtotal Operating Expenses	**$154,150.00**		$2,371.00	$23,494.50	$1,021.50	$2,532.50			$4,554.00	**$149,596.00**	**3%**
Grant Expenses	**$400,000.00**		$1,980.50	$2,256.00	$17,823.69	$74,795.30			$94,874.99	**$305,125.01**	**24%**
Overall Fund Balance			**$404,626.82**	**$396,170.46**	**$377,853.40**	**$456,903.65**					
Total Grant Balance			**$150,421.50**	**$236,750.04**	**$218,926.35**	**$144,131.05**					
Operating Fund Balance			**$254,205.32**	**$159,420.42**	**$158,927.05**	**$312,772.60**					
Unencumbered Operating Fund Balance[1]			**$214,205.32**	**$119,420.42**	**$118,927.05**	**$272,772.60**					

2026 Budget Notes:

1. $40,000 set aside for 2033 Watershed Plan Update, $10,000 additional annually encumbered.

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

Balances Explained:

Overall Fund Balance	Balance of all bank accounts
Total Grant Balance	Grant funds in-hand
Operating Fund Balance	WMO funds without grants
Unencumbered Operating Fund Balance	WMO funds not already dedicated to future expenses

LMRWMO 2026 Grant Budget & Financial Summary

	Budget	Jan 12 2023 - Jan 10 2024	Jan 11, 2024 - Jan 8 2025	Jan 9 2025 - Jan 14, 2026	Jan 15 - Feb 11 2026	Feb12 - Mar 11 2026	Mar 12 - April 8 2026			Total	Variance	Percent Received/ Expended
BWSR - FY 2023 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (Priority Watershed Project ID & Model - Thompson, Rogers, Seidls)												
Revenue												
BWSR FY-2023 WBIF Payment	**$118,385.00**	$59,193.00								$59,193.00	**$59,192.00**	**50%**
WBIF Matching Funds (LMRWMO)	**$12,000.00**									$0.00	**$12,000.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$130,385.00**	**$59,193.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$59,193.00**	**$71,192.00**	**45%**
Expenses												
Grant Administration	**$8,000.00**		$769.50	$517.00	$188.00					$1,474.50	**$6,525.50**	**18%**
Project Development	**$10,000.00**		$1,491.00	$3,713.00	$1,833.00					$7,037.00	**$2,963.00**	**70%**
Priority Watershed Project ID & Model	**$100,385.00**			$983.50		$536.50	$1,554.45			$3,074.45	**$97,310.55**	**3%**
Priority Watershed Project ID & Model (WMO Match)	**$12,000.00**									$0.00	**$12,000.00**	**0%**
Total Expenses	**$130,385.00**	**$0.00**	**$2,260.50**	**$5,213.50**	**$2,021.00**	**$536.50**	**$1,554.45**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$11,585.95**	**$118,799.05**	**9%**
FY-23 WBIF Balance		**$59,193.00**	**$56,932.50**	**$51,719.00**	**$49,698.00**	**$49,161.50**	**$47,607.05**	**$47,607.05**	**$47,607.05**	**$47,607.05**		
BWSR - FY 2025 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (Ivy Falls Creek Study)												
Revenue												
BWSR FY-2025 WBIF Payment	**$102,410.00**			$51,205.00						$51,205.00	**$51,205.00**	**50%**
WBIF Matching Funds (LMRWMO)	**$10,241.00**									$0.00	**$10,241.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$112,651.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$51,205.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$51,205.00**	**$61,446.00**	**45%**
Expenses												
Grant Administration	**$6,410.00**									$0.00	**$6,410.00**	**0%**
Project Development	**$28,000.00**				$235.00					$235.00	**$27,765.00**	**1%**
Ivy Falls Stream and Watershed Study	**$68,000.00**									$0.00	**$68,000.00**	**0%**
Ivy Falls Stream and Watershed Study (WMO Match)	**$10,241.00**									$0.00	**$10,241.00**	**0%**
Total Expenses	**$112,651.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$235.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$235.00**	**$112,416.00**	**0%**
FY-25 WBIF Balance		**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$51,205.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$50,970.00**	**$50,970.00**		
MN DNR - Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration)												
Revenue												
Grant Reimbursement Payments	**$382,000.00**		$70,192.78	$257,751.06	$16,710.69					$344,654.53	**$37,345.47**	**90%**
City Matching funds	**$81,000.00**										**$81,000.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$463,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$70,192.78**	**$257,751.06**	**$16,710.69**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$344,654.53**	**$118,345.47**	**74%**
Expenses												
Grant Administration/Project Mgmt	**$26,000.00**	$15,118.00	$6,171.50	$5,211.50						$26,501.00	**($501.00)**	**102%**
Construction	**$276,000.00**			$176,035.74		$13,557.19	$66,613.85			$256,206.78	**$19,793.22**	**93%**
Engineering	**$46,000.00**			$54,034.25		$3,153.50	$5,260.00			$62,447.75	**($16,447.75)**	**136%**
Engineering	**$35,000.00**			$35,209.50						$35,209.50	**($209.50)**	**101%**
Total Expenses	**$383,000.00**	**$15,118.00**	**$6,171.50**	**$235,285.99**	**$0.00**	**$16,710.69**	**$71,873.85**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$380,365.03**	**$2,634.97**	**99%**
Seidls Lake Shoreline Balance		**-$15,118.00**	**$48,903.28**	**$71,368.35**	**$88,079.04**	**$71,368.35**	**-$505.50**	**-$505.50**	**-$505.50**	**-$501.00**		
BWSR - FY-25 Accelerated Implementation Grant (Modeling)												
Revenue												
Grant Reimbursement Payments	**$98,000.00**			$49,000.00							**$98,000.00**	**0%**
Matching funds (LMRWMO)	**$9,800.00**										**$9,800.00**	**0%**
Total Revenue	**$107,800.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$49,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$107,800.00**	**0%**
Expenses												
Grant Administration	**$7,000.00**										**$7,000.00**	**0%**
Project Development	**$11,000.00**										**$11,000.00**	**0%**
Consultant - Develop Models	**$80,000.00**			$997.00		$576.50	$1,367.00				**$80,000.00**	**0%**
Consultant - Develop Models (WMO Match)	**$9,800.00**										**$9,800.00**	**0%**
Total Expenses	**$107,800.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$997.00**	**$0.00**	**$576.50**	**$1,367.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$107,800.00**	**0%**
FY-25 AIG Balance		**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$48,003.00**	**$48,003.00**	**$47,426.50**	**$46,059.50**	**$46,059.50**	**$46,059.50**	**$0.00**		

	Budget	Jan 12 2023 - Jan 10 2024	Jan 11, 2024 - Jan 8 2025	Jan 9 2025 - Jan 14, 2026	Jan 15 - Feb 11 2026	Feb12 - Mar 11 2026	Mar 12 - April 8 2026			Total	Variance	Percent Received/ Expended
TOTAL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED	**$593,385.00**	**$59,193.00**	**$70,192.78**	**$357,956.06**	**$16,710.69**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$455,052.53**	**$189,537.47**	**77%**
PASS THROUGH MATCH RECEIVED	**$81,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$93,000.00**	**0%**
LMRWMO MATCH PROVIDED	**$12,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$3,074.45**	**$189,537.47**	**26%**
GRANT EXPENSES (MINUS WMO MATCH)	**$413,000.00**	**$15,118.00**	**$8,432.00**	**$241,496.49**	**$2,256.00**	**$17,823.69**	**$74,795.30**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$389,111.53**	**$126,298.47**	**94%**
PASS THROUGH MATCH EXPENSES	**$81,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$89,243.75**	**$0.00**	**$3,153.50**	**$5,260.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$100,731.70**	**-$19,731.70**	**124%**

NET GRANT FUNDS BALANCE (MINUS WMO MATCH)		**$44,075.00**	**$105,835.78**	**$222,295.35**	**$236,750.04**	**$218,926.35**	**$144,131.05**	**$144,131.05**	**$144,131.05**			

5.0 IGH WRMP Response to WMO Comments

Memorandum

To: Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization Board of Managers
From: Greg Williams
Subject: Responses to LMRWMO Comments on the City of Inver Grove Heights draft Water Resources Management Plan
Date: March 31, 2026
c: Joe Barten, LMRWMO Administrator; Chris English, City of Inver Grove Heights

The Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO) reviewed and provided comments on the City of Inver Grove Heights (City) draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP). On behalf of the City, I have revised the WRMP to address these comments and provided an updated version of the WRMP with tracked changes to the LMRWMO Administrator. LMRWMO comments are included below with a brief response (formatting italic text).

LMRWMO Comments/Recommendations (by WRMP Section and PDF page number)

General Comment
Comment: The LMRWMO Plan indicates that all its member cities have developed water quality models for all or portions of their jurisdictions to support local water and natural resource management efforts. The WRMP does not mention development of these water quality models. If this modeling has been completed, information on the water quality modeling and results should be included in the WRMP.

> ***Response:*** *Water quality modeling is not available for the City aside from project specific analysis. The text has been updated to note the current LMRWMO GIS-based water quality modeling of priority watersheds including areas within the City.*

General Comment
Comment: The LMWMO Plan encourages member cities to incorporate water conservation and reuse practices within their city code/ordinances for stormwater management, as appropriate. We recommend the city consider including language in the WRMP to incorporate water conservation and stormwater reuse best management practices into their city code/ordinances, as appropriate.

> ***Response:*** *The City does not encourage the use of stormwater reuse as a stormwater treatment practice to meet applicable standards due to complex implementation and other feasibility issues. The City encourages conservation practices and promotes individual resident reuse (e.g., rain barrels) through education and outreach.*

Land and Water Resources Inventory (page 29)
Comment: Consider adding a footnote to Table 2-4 as to why Seidls Lake is not included in this table as a City-Designated Lake.

> ***Response:*** *The text of Section 2.6.2 preceding Table 2-4 has been updated to note that Seidl Lake is excluded from this list due to its small size.*

Land and Water Resources Inventory (page 33)
Comment: Seidls Lake should be added to Table 2-6 as a Priority 1A waterbody consistent with the LMRWMO Plan.

Response: *Seidl Lake has been added to Table 2-6.*

Issues (page 54)
Comment: Please add that the LMRWMO has identified common carp as a potential contributor to poor water quality in Seidls Lake. The City may consider including a comment to support future LMRWMO study of carp contributing to poor water quality and potential rough fish removal.

Response: *Section 3.1.4.2 discussing Seidl Lake water quality has been updated to note the presence of common carp as a possible contributor to poor water quality.*

Goals and Policies (page 68)
Comment: The LMRWMO Plan includes Seidls Lake in the list of waterbodies to maintain or improve water quality (Section 4.1.1). This waterbody should be added to the WRMP Table 4-1, or a footnote be added indicating why it is not included.

Response: *A footnote has been added to Table 4-1 noting that Seidl Lake is omitted from the City-designated lakes due to its small size but also noting that the City cooperates with the LMRWMO to achieve shallow lake standards in Seidl Lake*.

Goals and Policies (page 71)
Comment: Under Section 4.2.2, Item 20, the text states that the City may allow variances to the 10-year level of service standard when connecting to existing downstream systems with lower capacity. The LMRWMO Plan states that member cities are to ensure that proposed development, redevelopment, and/or infrastructure projects will not exceed the capacity of the existing downstream stormwater drainage system (Policy P12). Variances regarding level of service may not align with this policy. Please revise or clarify the statement in the WRMP to align with the LMRWMO policy.

Response: *As discussed at the LMRWMO meeting on March 11, 2026, this variance process allows the City to place more restrictive flow rate requirements on development and/or redevelopment if the City determines that downstream systems would be negatively affected by following the City code, as written. The variance prevents possible exceedance of downstream capacity and is thus consistent with LMRWMO policies.*

Goals and Policies (page 71)
Comment: The LMRWMO Plan requires member cities to incorporate emergency overflow structures (e.g., swales, spillways), where feasible, into pond outlet structure designs to prevent undesired flooding resulting from storms larger than the 100-year (one percent) event or plugged outlet conditions (Policy P13). Although indicated in the Stormwater Management Ordinance (Chapter 9-5), the WRMP policy section should explicitly mention that emergency overflow structures be considered when designing pond outlets.

Response: *Section 4.2.2 has been revised to include the following policy: The City requires that emergency overflow structures be implemented, as feasible, when designing pond outlets.*

Goals and Policies (page 71)

Comment: The LMRWMO Plan requires member cities to incorporate multi-stage outlets into their pond designs to control flows from smaller, less frequent storms (Policy P14). The WRMP policy section should explicitly mention that multi-stage outlets be considered when designing pond outlets.

Response: *Section 4.2.2 has been revised to include the following policy: The City requires that pond outlets incorporate multi-stage designs to control flows from smaller, less frequent storms.*

Goals and Policies (page 72)
Comment: The LMRWMO Plan (Policy 16) requires member cities to consider potential impacts to vegetation, erosion, water quality and public safety when designing, evaluating, and implementing strategies to manage water levels in landlocked basins (including evaluation of potential basin outlets) (Policy 16a). The WRMP policy section should explicitly mention consideration of these items when managing water levels in landlocked basins.

Response: *Section 4.3.5 has been revised to include the following policy: The City will consider ecological, water quality and public safety impacts when evaluating and implementing strategies to manage water levels in landlocked basins.*

Goals and Policies (page 76)
Comment: The WRMP should include text regarding buffers along streams and shorelines consistent with or exceeding the minimum buffer requirements indicated in the LMRWMO Plan (Policy 19).

Response: *Section 4.6.2 has been revised to include the following policy: Projects disturbing one acre or more shall establish and maintain a vegetated buffer of at least 15 feet that conforms to applicable MDNR shoreland rules.*

Implementation (page 87)
Comment: The WRMP notes that the City is in the process of updating its stormwater design manual. Consider forwarding the draft stormwater design manual to the LMRWMO for review.

Response: *The City will provide a draft of future stormwater design guidance documents for the LMRWMO for review.*

Implementation (page 93, Table 5.2)
Comment: In table 5.2, please add the potential stabilization of the Concord Street ravine upstream of Gisch Pond (or revise existing items to clarify its inclusion among an existing line item).

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6.2 Seidls Lake Shoreline Grant Report

Contract/ PO Number	Organization	Project Name
207686 / 3000204180	Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization	KV-FY22 CPL Seidls Lake Shoreline Habitat Restoration

Person completing this report	Daytime phone number	Date
Joe Barten (LMRWMO Administrator)	(952) 212-2266	08/31/25

Choose 1:

☐ **Annual Report (Due December 31st each year the grant is active)**

☑ **Final Report (Due upon completion of the project)**

☑ I certify that the information contained in this Accomplishment Report is true and accurate and that I am authorized by the organization listed above to complete and submit this report. If at any time this information is no longer accurate, I will contact CPL Grant staff as soon as possible and provide the updated information.

Project Summary (what the overall scope is):

The project will stabilize approx. 2,500 linear feet and 1.4 acres of the eroded and exposed portions of the shoreline with native vegetation seeding and thousands of native plant plugs. A variety of native vegetation types suited to the various depths, slopes, sunlight conditions, and which provide diverse habitat and benefits to wildlife will be utilized. This includes emergent and fringe lake/wetland species. This will provide an enhanced, healthy, and vegetated littoral zone around the entire lake, which is currently barren. Additionally, invasive species removal in the primary shoreline restoration area and the adjacent woodland (primarily buckthorn) is included in the project scope. Removal and stump treating with herbicide will prevent re-growth in the selected areas.

Narrative description of work completed and what is remaining to complete:

Complete: The project partners (City of Inver Grove Heights, City of South St. Paul, and Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization) have formed a joint powers agreement that outlines the responsibilities and partnerships pertaining to the project. The project partners engaged a consultant who completed construction documents for the shoreline restoration and oversaw the installation. Sunram Construction was the winning contractor and installed the majority of the project in 2024 and early 2025.

Construction of all of the project elements (trail outside this grant), grading, debris removal, shoreline stabilization, fish stick installation, site preparation, native plantings, and native seeding went according to plan and no major issues were encountered during construction. The project has been a very successful restoration in a very urban area that is highly used and appreciated by the nearby residents.

Remaining: No work remains on the project.

Tell us more about your project (what worked, what didn't, changes made, etc.):

The project was a great example of multiple benefits. By combining trail improvements with water quality improvements and habitat improvements, we have gotten a trifecta of benefits to the public. It was immensely beneficial that we could combine trail and CPL grants into one large construction project and contract. The only change we would make in the future is that another year of grant eligibility would have been helpful as the final restoration aspects felt rushed at the end by the contractor and more time would have been helpful.

Please list all attachments to accompany this form:

None.

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Accomplishments: Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Project Site #1

Project site name:	Seidls Lake Shoreline Restoration			County:	Dakota
Land manager:	Kelsey Gelhar - City of South St. Paul				
Acres proposed:	1.4	Acres previous year(s)	0.0		
Acres current year:	1.4	Acres remaining	0.0		

Project Site #2

Project site name:				County:	
Land manager:					
Acres proposed:		Acres previous year(s)			
Acres current year:		Acres remaining	0.0		

Project Site #3

Project site name:				County:	
Land manager:					
Acres proposed:		Acres previous year(s)			
Acres current year:		Acres remaining	0.0		

Project Site #4

Project site name:				County:	
Land manager:					
Acres proposed:		Acres previous year(s)			
Acres current year:		Acres remaining	0.0		

Accomplishment Timeline, Table 1

Planned Milestone/ Accomplishment	Original Planned Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Reason For Difference (if any)	Accomplished Acres
Partner Agreements in place	06/01/22	11/30/22	Grant not executed until 2022	
Finalize engineering plans and permits	12/31/22	08/30/23	Partner staff turnover	
Bid project and begin construction	02/01/23	01/15/24	Partner staff turnover	
Complete construction	10/31/24	05/30/25	Project area froze prior to final seeding	1.4
Perform maintenance	05/01/25	11/30/25	Plant maint. will occur after final install	

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Accomplishments by Activity/ Habitat, Table 2

Activity- choose from drop down	Habitat- choose from drop down	Planned Acres	Total Acres To Date	Status	Comments
Restoration	Wetland/Water	1.4	1.4	On target	
Choose	Choose			Choose	
Choose	Choose			Choose	
Choose	Choose			Choose	

Grant Expenditures by Activity/ Habitat, Table 3

Activity- choose from drop down	Habitat- choose from drop down	Planned Funds	Expended Funds	Difference (+/-)	Reason for Difference (if any)
Restoration	Wetland/Water	$ 382,000.00	$ 327,943.84	-$ 54,056.16	We got desirable bids for construction, lower than estimates.
Choose	Choose			$ 0.00	
Choose	Choose			$ 0.00	
Choose	Choose			$ 0.00	

Match Expenditures by Activity/ Habitat, Table 4

Activity- choose from drop down	Habitat- choose from drop down	Planned Funds	Expended Funds	Difference (+/-)	Reason for Difference (if any)
Restoration	Wetland/Water	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,209.50	$ 209.50	Tried to get as close as possible to budgeted amount.
Choose	Choose			$ 0.00	
Choose	Choose			$ 0.00	
Choose	Choose			$ 0.00	

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Table 4a. Grant Budget.

Budget Line Items	Original Funds	Expenditure	Difference (+/-)
Personnel	$ 26,000.00	$ 26,000.00	$ 0.00
Contracts	$ 276,000.00	$ 242,649.59	-$ 33,350.41
Travel			$ 0.00
Equipment/Tools			$ 0.00
Materials/Supplies	$ 0.00	$ 3,990.00	$ 3,990.00
Fee Acquisition w or wo/ PILT			$ 0.00
Easement Acquisition			$ 0.00
Easement Stewardship			$ 0.00
Professional Services	$ 46,000.00	$ 59,294.25	$ 13,294.25
Additional Budget Items			$ 0.00
TOTAL	$ 348,000.00	$ 331,933.84	-$ 16,066.16

Table 4b. Match Budget.

Budget Line Items	Original Funds	Expenditure	Difference (+/-)
Personnel			$ 0.00
Contracts			$ 0.00
Travel			$ 0.00
Equipment/Tools			$ 0.00
Materials/Supplies			$ 0.00
Fee Acquisition w or wo/ PILT			$ 0.00
Easement Acquisition			$ 0.00
Easement Stewardship			$ 0.00
Professional Services	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,209.50	$ 209.50
Additional Budget Items			$ 0.00
TOTAL	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,209.50	$ 209.50

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