



**MINNEHAHA CREEK**  
**WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
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**Meeting:** Board of Managers  
**Meeting date:** 9/11/2025  
**Agenda Item #:** 11.1  
**Request for Board Action**

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**Title:** Adoption of the 2026 Budget and Workplan, and Certification of the 2026 Tax Levy

**Resolution number:** 25-049 and 25-050

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**Recommended action:** Adopt the 2026 Budget, Workplans and associated Fund Transfers  
Certify the 2026 Tax Levy  
Announce the November 20 Public Meeting

**Attachments:**

Workplan		
Budget and Levy Summary	–	<i>Attachment 1</i>
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## 2026 Budget Process:

The MCWD 2026 budget planning process began in May and has included the following meetings:

- [May 8, 2025, Operations and Programs Committee](#)
- [June 12, 2025, Operations and Programs Committee](#)
- [July 10, 2025, Operations and Programs Committee](#)
- [August 28, 2025, Public Hearing](#)

## 2026 Budget Background:

The Board of Managers plans MCWD's budget using fiscal principles that have maintained organizational health and best positioned the organization to effectively implement its mission. These principles have advanced mission driven needs while managing fluctuation in the annual levy, resulting in only a 2% levy increase over seven years, while continuing to implement some of its largest capital improvements to date.

Budgeting principles have included:

- Taking a zero based budget approach, to ensure all program budgets align with mission priorities;
- Right-sizing and aligning the MCWD staff team, while investing in the growth of people;
- Strengthening partnerships with Hennepin and Carver Counties for capital project financing;
- Consistently securing outside funding through strategic partnerships and pursuit of grants
- Reallocating funds from initiatives delivered under budget to finance MCWD's long-range capital plan

## 2026 Budget-Levy Projection - Overview:

The 2026 draft budget proposes budgeted expenditures of \$14,506,688, a 0.6% increase of \$86,243 from 2025, supported with a flat (0% change) levy of \$9,869,513 (*Table 1*).

This will be accomplished through a combination of drawing on previously levied fund balances that were assigned to capital projects, the reallocation of funds from completed projects or programs delivered under budget, an increase in interest revenue, and \$392,940 in grant funds.

**Table 1 - DRAFT 2026 Budget-Revenue Summary**

EXPENSES	2025	2026	2025-2026 Δ	% Change
Operations	\$ 2,147,337	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 140,492	6.5%
Programs	\$ 5,121,413	\$ 5,017,936	\$ (103,477)	-2.0%
Debt Service	\$ 1,098,218	\$ 1,100,668	\$ 2,450	0.2%
Capital projects	\$ 6,053,478	\$ 6,100,256	\$ 46,778	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,420,445</b>	<b>\$ 14,506,688</b>	<b>\$ 86,243</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
REVENUE	2025	2026	2025-2026 Δ	% Change
Preliminary levy	\$ 9,869,513	\$ 9,869,513	\$ -	0.0%
Projects fund balance	\$ 3,332,992	\$ 1,973,572	\$ (1,359,421)	-40.8%
Programs fund balance	\$ -	\$ 1,695,664	\$ 1,695,664	N/A
Grants and partner funds	\$ 692,940	\$ 392,940	\$ (300,000)	-43.3%
Interest, permit fees, reimbursement	\$ 525,000	\$ 575,000	\$ 50,000	9.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,420,445</b>	<b>\$ 14,506,688</b>	<b>\$ 86,243</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

## **Top Level 2026 Budget Summary (Table 1):**

### Capital Projects:

MCWD maintains a focus on capital improvements that measurably improve water quality and reduce flooding. The 2026 Capital Project budget is projected to increase 0.8% or \$46,778, based on the timing and composition of MCWD's project portfolio, which includes improvements in the following geographies outlined from upstream to downstream:

- Six Mile Creek – Halsted Bay
- Long Lake – Tanger Bay
- Lake Minnetonka
- Minnehaha Creek Greenway
- Minneapolis Chain of Lakes
- Minnehaha Creek Parkway

### Capital Finance and Deb Service:

MCWD partners with Carver and Hennepin Counties, to issue debt on its behalf, and holds funds assigned to long-term capital improvements. These practices strategically maximize the organization's capacity for high-impact capital project implementation while minimizing levy volatility. In 2026, MCWD debt service is scheduled to increase 0.2% or \$2,450. \$15,598,898 is held assigned against potential \$28,247,800 in long term capital improvements within the MCWD's 10-year watershed management plan. \*Proceeds from pending land sales are not accounted for in either debt service or capital finance until closing.

### Programs:

MCWD programs operate in direct support of capital projects and policy development at the nexus of water and land use. The 2026 total aggregate program budget is projected to decrease (2.0%) or (\$103,477). Attachment 2 – Operations and Programs Summary provides detail on specific changes by fund. Programs also include personnel costs, to show the full cost of program implementation. Personnel assumptions are summarized below:

- Project Planning – 6.4% increase of \$66,342 associated with initiation of Painter Creek – Jennings planning
- Policy Planning – 33.2% increase of \$214,036 associated with development of 2027 Watershed Plan
- Permitting – 2.4% increase of \$21,768, based on 5-year average engineering costs for permit review
- Project Maintenance – 1.2% increase of \$8,232, due to net of vegetation management and phase 2 pond study
- Outreach – (1.0%) decrease of (\$4,624), due to rightsizing of programmatic activities to support key initiatives
- Research and Monitoring – (4.1%) decrease of (\$41,230), due to reduction in new RESNET sites and diagnostic
- LCCMR Funded 2D Model – (100%) decrease of (\$368,000) due to final year of funding and project completion

### Operations:

Operations includes MCWD's general operations, information technology (IT), and planned facility improvements.

- General Operations – 9.7% increase of \$127,272, for contract inflation and replacement of interior furnishings
- IT – 5.5% increase of \$13,220, due to net of new system deployment and licensing costs
- Facility Improvements – 0% change, funds assigned for parking lot improvements pending easement resolutions

### Personnel:

As a matter of policy MCWD views its personnel budget as a key strategy in recruiting and retaining the talent it needs to deliver standards of excellence that honor its partners and improve the watershed for future generations. Personnel costs are included within each programmatic area and include wages, payroll tax, public employee retirement association contributions (PERA), and employee benefits. The 2026 aggregate personnel budget proposes a 4.5% increase of \$164,106. Assumptions and market conditions related to the personnel budget were presented at the July 10, 2025 OPC Meeting.

## **2026 Budget Strategic Alignment – Overview:**

In 2026, MCWD will remain focused on cultivating public and private partnerships to:

1. Deliver capital projects that measurably improve water quality and reduce flooding, and benefit the community
2. Shape policy at the nexus of water and land use, specifically related to climate action and MCWD's 2027 Plan

### High Impact Capital Improvements:

#### ***Upper Watershed***

##### *Six Mile Creek – Halsted Bay:*

In the Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay subwatershed, the Turbid Lundsten Wetland Restoration and East Auburn Wetland Restoration projects are both scheduled to move into construction. MCWD will also continue feasibility analysis for Halsted Bay watershed load management.

##### *Long Lake Creek – Tanager Bay:*

In the Long Lake Creek – Tanager Bay subwatershed, MCWD will construct a retrofit to the County Road 6 Stormwater Pond and continue feasibility and design work for regional stormwater management in the downtown Long Lake area, as identified in the Long Lake Creek Roadmap.

##### *Painter – Jennings Bay*

In the Painter Creek – Jennings Bay subwatershed, MCWD will continue diagnostic work, and begin planning efforts to develop a Painter Creek Roadmap, identifying beneficial capital improvements.

##### *Lake Minnetonka – Land and Water Partnership*

In the Lake Minnetonka direct subwatershed, MCWD has assigned Land and Water Partnership funding in partnership with the City of Deephaven to deliver stormwater management improvements.

#### ***Lower Watershed***

##### *Minnehaha Creek:*

In the Minnehaha Creek Greenway, 325 Blake Road and the accompanying second phase improvements to Cottageville Park Phase II are scheduled to enter construction in 2026. Combined with stream and corridor improvements where South-West Light Rail crosses Minnehaha Creek, these projects will treat over 260 acres of regional stormwater runoff and permanently connect the Minnehaha Creek Greenway from Excelsior Boulevard to Blake Road.

Working in partnership with the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Cedar feasibility on the first three phase projects for the Minnehaha Parkway have been completed. Cedar Avenue Stormwater will be advanced into design to improve water quality to Lake Hiawatha, while Twin Lake Ponds are maintained, and MCWD identifies the potential for a retrofit of the Cedar Meadows regional stormwater system that is tributary to Cedar Lake.

### Policy Development – 2027 Watershed Plan, Climate Action and Flood Reduction:

In 2025, MCWD will finish building its legislatively funded 2D model of the watershed. In 2026, this work will support scenario planning and the assessment of vulnerabilities across the watershed to flooding under future precipitation regimes.

MCWD will begin convening its 29 communities and other key stakeholders in 2026 to facilitate development of a regional flood management strategy as part of the 2027 Watershed Management Plan, emphasizing the expansion of storage in the watershed through MCWD's vision of A Balanced Urban Ecology which promotes land use and water integration.



**Requested Action:**

Following the budget development process, beginning in May and including the August 28, 2025, Public Hearing, at the September 11, 2025, Meeting the Board is requested to take the following actions regarding the proposed 2026 budget and levy:

- Adopt the 2026 Budget of \$14,506,688, and associated Workplan and Fund Transfers
- Certify the 2026 Tax Levy of \$9,869,513
- Announce the November 20, 2026 Public Meeting

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact James Wisker at [Jwisker@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:Jwisker@minnehahacreek.org).



## RESOLUTION

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**Resolution number:** 25-049

**Title:** Adoption of the 2026 Budget and Workplan, and Notice of November 20, 2025 Public Meeting

WHEREAS, the MCWD Board of Managers engaged in a series of discussions, accessible to the public, beginning in May 2025, as part of a clearly delineated process to develop the proposed 2026 budget and tax levy;

WHEREAS, as part of the process, MCWD's 2026 capital improvement plan was released for public comment, prior to approval by the Board of Managers;

WHEREAS, the Citizen Advisory Committee reviewed and provided comment on the District's 2026 budget and workplan;

WHEREAS, the MCWD Board of Managers has found that the proposed 2026 budget and workplan aligns with its strategic priorities, is appropriately supported by partnerships, and will deliver measurable progress towards its mission;

WHEREAS, pursuant to MN Statute 103D.911 Subdivision 1, the Board of Managers held a duly noticed public hearing on August 28, 2025;

WHEREAS, pursuant to MN Statute 103D.911 Subdivision 2, the Board of Managers shall adopt a budget on or before September 15 each year; and

WHEREAS, Manager \_\_\_\_\_ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby adopts the 2026 budget of \$14,506,688 and associated workplans and fund transfers, presented to the Board on September 11, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby announces a public meeting for further comment on the 2026 budget, scheduled for November 20, 2025.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were \_\_\_\_\_ yeas and \_\_\_\_\_ nays as follows:

Yea

Nay

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I, Gene Maxwell, Secretary of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript therefore.

IN TESTOMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Watershed District this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

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Gene Maxwell, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTION

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**Resolution number:** 25-050

**Title:** Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers Certified 2026 Tax Levy

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WHEREAS, pursuant to MN Statute 103D.911 Subdivision 2, the Board of Managers shall certify to the auditor of each county within the watershed district, the county's share of the tax, no later than September 15 each year; and

WHEREAS, Manager \_\_\_\_\_ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall certify to the Auditors of Hennepin and Carver Counties, in amounts bearing the same proportion to the total levy as the net tax capacity of the area of county within the watershed bears to the net tax capacity of the entire watershed district, the following sums to be raised by a levy on all taxable property in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Number 3 for the year 2026 and the purposes noted below.

2026 Levy: \$9,869,513 for the purpose of paying the cost of watershed management and implementation as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.241 and 103B.251.

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Gene Maxwell, Secretary





MINNEHAHA CREEK  
WATERSHED DISTRICT

# 2026 MCWD BUDGET & WORKPLAN

*Pursuing a balanced urban ecology with capital projects and policy*



# 2026 BUDGET & WORKPLAN

At the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD), we are committed to the belief that clean water and a healthy natural environment are essential for creating and maintaining thriving communities. To realize this vision, we partner with others to deliver meaningful capital projects and develop policies that integrate land use with water resource planning.

Impactful projects that benefit both the watershed and our communities often require multi-year efforts to plan, develop, and implement. Each budget cycle, therefore, presents an opportunity to align strategic priorities, assess upcoming investments, and plan for the future. This work plan outlines our 2026 annual budget and highlights progress being made throughout the watershed.

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### OUR APPROACH: IN PURSUIT OF A BALANCED URBAN ECOLOGY

*We believe sustainable, thriving communities are built on a balanced relationship between the natural and built environments. Within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed, natural resources create a strong sense of place—contributing to local identity, enhancing economic value, and improving quality of life.*

*To bring this to life, we collaborate with our communities to integrate natural systems into the fabric of the built environment. Working with our partners, we target areas of high need to deliver meaningful, measurable impacts, while staying responsive to opportunities throughout the watershed.*



*Balanced Urban Ecology in action at the Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park: Park Nicollet and MCWD partnered to reamend a degraded section of Minnehaha Creek and restore floodplain wetlands, improving water quality and flood storage in an urbanized corridor. The hospital installed a boardwalk to provide access to the restored creek, allowing patients to connect with nature as they heal.*

## 2026 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

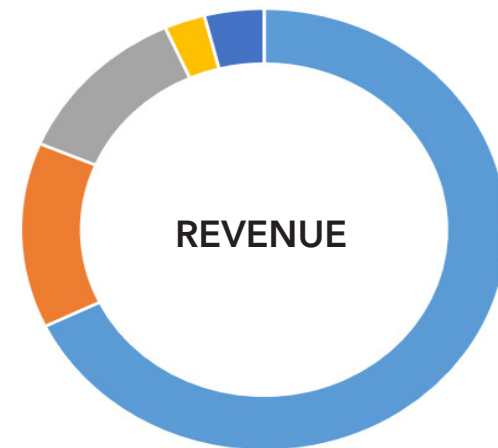
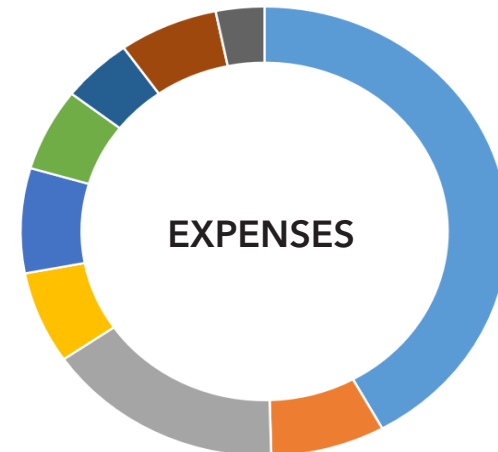
Projects, activities, and services highlighted in this publication are derived from the listed expenses below. Our work is supported by an annual tax levy, funds levied in past years for multi-year capital projects (projects fund balance), funds reallocated from programs delivered under budget (programs fund balance), grants and partner funds, interest, and permit fees.

### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

**MCWD is maintaining a flat levy in 2026.** MCWD has increased the levy only 2% over the past seven years. Grants and partner funds have provided significant contributions to District expenses in recent years: MCWD has secured over \$6.7 million in grants and partner funds since 2020, supporting 6.5% of expenditures.

EXPENSES	2025	2026
Capital Projects	\$6,053,478	\$6,100,256
Debt Service	\$1,098,218	\$1,100,668
Operations & Support Services	\$2,147,337	\$2,287,828
Research & Monitoring	\$1,372,103	\$962,872
Project Planning	\$1,031,505	\$1,097,847
Policy Planning	\$643,884	\$857,920
Project & Land Maintenance	\$677,441	\$685,673
Permitting	\$925,663	\$947,431
Outreach	\$470,817	\$466,193
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,420,445</b>	<b>\$14,506,688</b>

REVENUE	2025	2026
Levy	\$9,869,513	\$9,869,513
Projects Fund Balance	\$3,332,992	\$1,973,572
Programs Fund Balance	\$0	\$1,695,664
Grants & Partner Funds	\$692,940	\$392,940
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,420,445</b>	<b>\$14,506,688</b>





# 2027 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

## OUR PATH FORWARD

Every ten years, MCWD must update its Watershed Management Plan (Plan) to guide our work over the coming decade.

Over the next two years, MCWD will undertake a comprehensive process to update its Plan, coordinating across 29 communities to understand local goals, align water resource priorities, and evaluate implementation strategies to chart a course for the future.

## BALANCED URBAN ECOLOGY

Our Balanced Urban Ecology policy was foundational to our 2017 Plan, which outlined an implementation approach focused on building partnerships to deliver high-impact capital projects in focal geographies and advance policy initiatives that integrate land and water planning across the watershed.

Since 2017, MCWD has put this integrated approach into action, investing in projects that generate regional water resource improvements, expand access to greenspace, and support broader community goals in economic development, transportation, housing, and other areas.

Recognizing the success of this approach, MCWD's 2027 Plan will build on the foundation of partnership and integrated planning central to the 2017 Plan, to address new threats facing the watershed.

### 2026 BUDGET: \$225,000

Funding from the Policy Planning and Outreach program budgets supports the Plan convening process, analysis and planning, as well as public outreach efforts in 2026.

## BUILDING RESILIENCE WITH NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

To continue advancing MCWD's vision of Balanced Urban Ecology, the primary focus of the 2027 Plan update will be the development of a strategy to build flood resilience as our communities experience the impacts of climate change.

We've learned from past projects that when we work with our partners to integrate and restore natural systems, we can provide a range of benefits for our communities, including flood resilience; water quality improvements; recreation opportunities; as well as contribute to a sense of place. As we plan for the future, we'll work alongside our communities to find new ways to integrate nature-based solutions into the watershed's built environment.



*Record-breaking precipitation in 2014 resulted in high water levels and significant flooding across much of the watershed. Building flood resilience will be critical to mitigate the impacts of these events as they become more frequent and unpredictable.*

# 2027 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

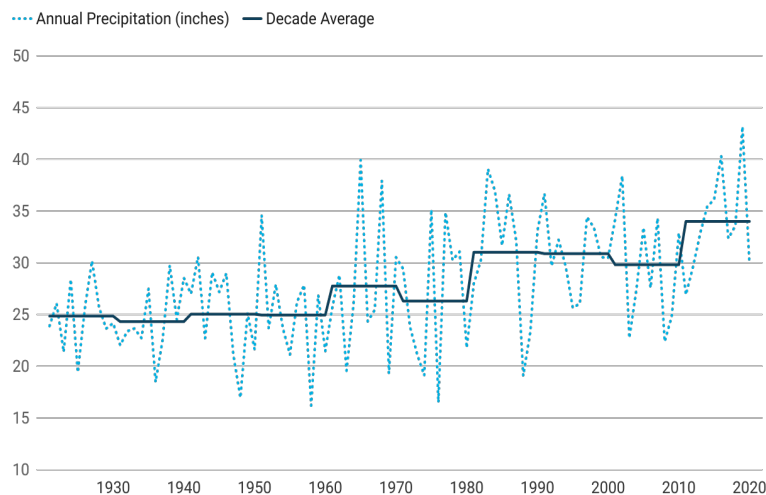
## FROM PAST TO PRESENT

MCWD was established in 1967 in response to a series of extreme flood events that impacted communities along Minnehaha Creek. As the lower watershed developed, historic land use decisions aimed at maximizing development and moving water off the landscape quickly left these areas highly vulnerable to flooding.

Since our inception, these events have increased in both intensity and frequency. According to the MN Department of Natural Resources Climatology Office, both Minnesota and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed are projected to continue becoming warmer and wetter.

Record-setting precipitation in 2014, combined with the wettest seven-year period on record from 2013 to 2019, followed by subsequent drought cycles, highlight that the watershed is already experiencing disruptions to precipitation patterns, increasing flood risk.

### Twin Cities Annual Precipitation 1920 - 2020



Source: Minnesota State Climatology Office

Between 1940 and 2020, Twin Cities annual rainfall has been increasing.

## REGIONAL PLANNING

Due to a range of factors, the effects of changing precipitation patterns can impact communities differently. Water does not follow political boundaries, and upstream decisions can have downstream implications. This complex interplay underscores the need for a regional, watershed-scale approach to build resilience in ways that generate shared benefits.

As a regional water resource authority, MCWD is tasked with bringing communities together to build a data-driven understanding of natural systems, align priorities, and collaborate with partners to integrate improvements into the changing landscape.



## LOOKING AHEAD

To build a strategy for flood resilience, we will convene our technical experts, policymakers, and communities across the watershed to better understand issues, identify goals, and evaluate mitigation strategies. Working with our partners, over the next two years, we will develop a shared implementation framework that supports our communities as they work to adapt and respond to a changing climate. MCWD will leverage a new 2-D model that incorporates current and projected precipitation, land surface, and municipal stormwater data to support this effort.



# FOCAL GEOGRAPHY APPROACH

MCWD covers 178 square miles across 29 communities, serving more than 300,000 residents. To effectively manage water resources across the watershed, MCWD takes a focused and strategic approach, targeting geographies of highest need to deliver measurable results for the region as a whole.

Within focal geographies, we act as a convener, bringing partners together to identify water resource issues, restoration strategies, and deliver projects that improve our environment while supporting community goals. This approach allows us to forge strong relationships, align plans, achieve a critical understanding of an area's natural, social, and economic systems, and implement high-impact capital projects that bring lasting, shared benefits.

## A DECADE OF PROGRESS

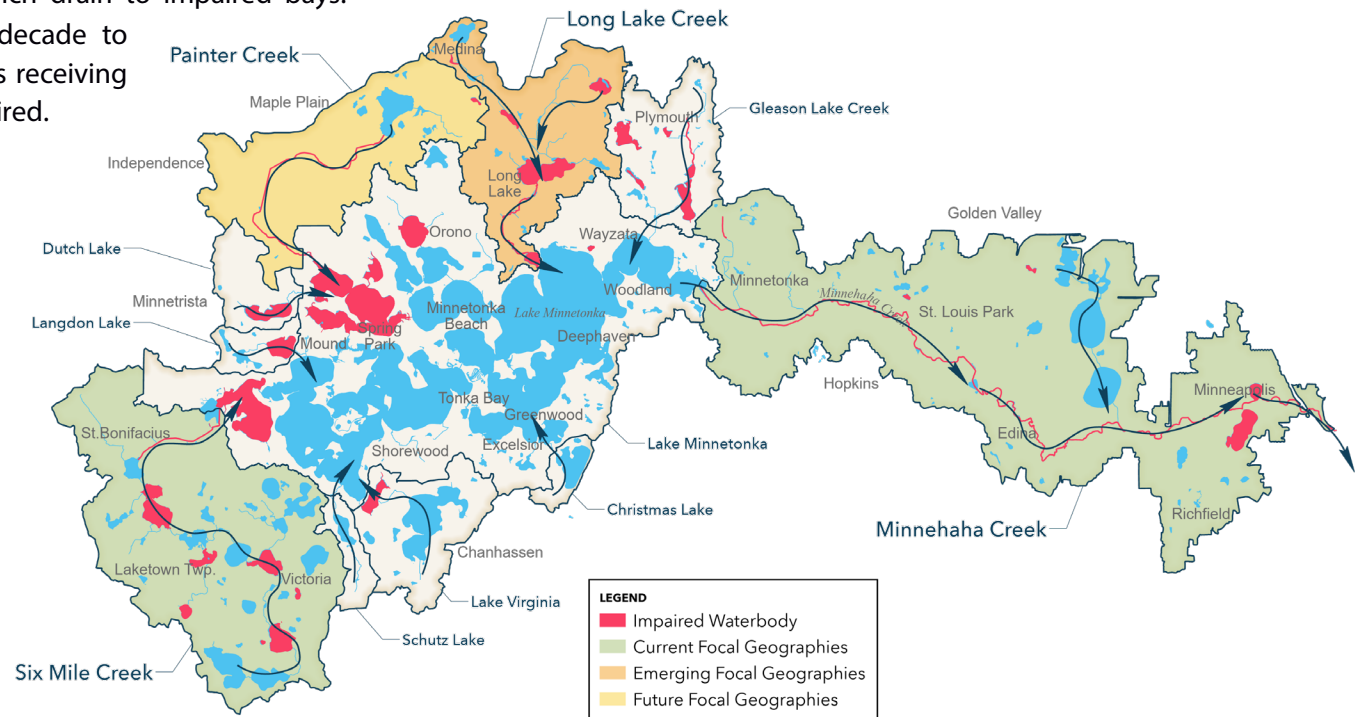
MCWD's 2017 Plan introduced this focal geography approach, leveraging a data-driven understanding of the watershed to identify two key areas for project implementation: the Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Subwatershed and the Minnehaha Creek Subwatershed.

To generate regional benefits, in the upper watershed, MCWD focuses on the largest tributaries to Lake Minnetonka, which drain to impaired bays.

Downstream, MCWD has worked for over a decade to improve its namesake, Minnehaha Creek, and its receiving water body, Lake Hiawatha, which are both impaired.

By focusing in these two areas, MCWD has made measurable improvements for the region's water, resulting in:

- 300 acres of new greenspace
- 695 pounds/year nutrient pollution reduction
- 154 acres of restored wetlands
- 2.5 miles of restored streambank
- De-listing of Brownie Lake
- Wassermann Lake on track to be removed from state impaired waters list
- Minnehaha Creek Chlorophyll-a concentrations that meet state standards



See pages 7-10 for more information on our work in these geographies.

Learn more about our focal geography approach: [minnehahacreek.org/projects/focal-geographies/](https://minnehahacreek.org/projects/focal-geographies/)

## EXPANDING OUR FOCAL GEOGRAPHIES

As MCWD outlines priorities and project opportunities for the 2027 Plan, we are preparing to expand our portfolio of focal geographies to implement high-impact projects in new areas, magnifying regional water resource benefits. Over the next two years, we will bring partners together in two new geographies to support effective project implementation.

### LONG LAKE CREEK SUBWATERSHED OPPORTUNITIES

Since 2018, MCWD has partnered with the cities of Medina, Long Lake, and Orono, and the Long Lake Waters Association to identify water quality improvement opportunities in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed, resulting in the Long Lake Creek Roadmap.

The Long Lake Creek Subwatershed includes a mix of land use, including residential and commercial development, as well as agricultural lands, large wetland complexes, parks, and undeveloped natural spaces. The Subwatershed includes five impaired lakes and ultimately drains to Tanager Bay on Lake Minnetonka. The Long Lake Creek Roadmap outlines an implementation strategy and a suite of projects to restore the Subwatershed's resources.

This winter, MCWD is retrofitting our County Road 6 Stormwater Pond in Orono to improve the pond's stormwater treatment capacity. The City of Long Lake and MCWD are also partnering on a feasibility study to identify regional stormwater management projects in Long Lake's downtown area. In addition to MCWD-led projects, the District's Land and Water Partnership Program can support near-term, partner-led projects in the Subwatershed.

*"This partnership goes beyond our city, looking at the entire system to determine projects that will improve and protect Long Lake. The feasibility study is a critical next step to identify cost-effective opportunities for measurable, lasting benefits in our community."*

**- Charlie Miner, Mayor of Long Lake**

### 2026 BUDGET: \$808,583

Funding from the Capital Projects, Project Planning, Outreach, and Research & Monitoring program budgets supports ongoing diagnostic monitoring and planning efforts in new focal areas.



*Painter Creek, flowing into Jennings Bay on Lake Minnetonka.*

### PAINTER CREEK SUBWATERSHED OPPORTUNITIES

The Painter Creek Subwatershed, a new focal area, is wetland-rich and ultimately drains into impaired Jennings Bay on Lake Minnetonka. The highly agricultural Subwatershed includes portions of Medina, Orono, Maple Plain, Independence, and Minnetrista.

In 2026, MCWD will complete diagnostic work started in 2025, which involved monitoring water quality at key sites across the Subwatershed to identify pollutant sources. Preliminary monitoring data estimates that Painter Creek contributes 33-50% of the total annual phosphorus load to Jennings Bay. Additional monitoring and data analysis efforts in 2026 will inform potential project opportunities. Leveraging diagnostic findings, MCWD will engage the Subwatershed's communities to develop a project implementation plan for the 2027 Plan.

# SIX MILE CREEK - HALSTED BAY SUBWATERSHED OVERVIEW

The SMCHB Subwatershed is a water resource-rich system that forms the headwaters of Lake Minnetonka and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed. Halsted Bay is the most degraded bay on Lake Minnetonka, and five lakes within the SMCHB Subwatershed are listed as impaired for excess nutrients.

## CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP

MCWD has been partnering with communities in the SMCHB Subwatershed to support local development, infrastructure, and recreational planning goals while preserving and protecting the area’s unique natural resources. Whether through wetland restoration or innovative stormwater projects, our partnerships with Carver County, Laketown Township, Minnetrista, St. Bonifacius, Victoria, and private developers have resulted in measurable improvements across the Subwatershed.

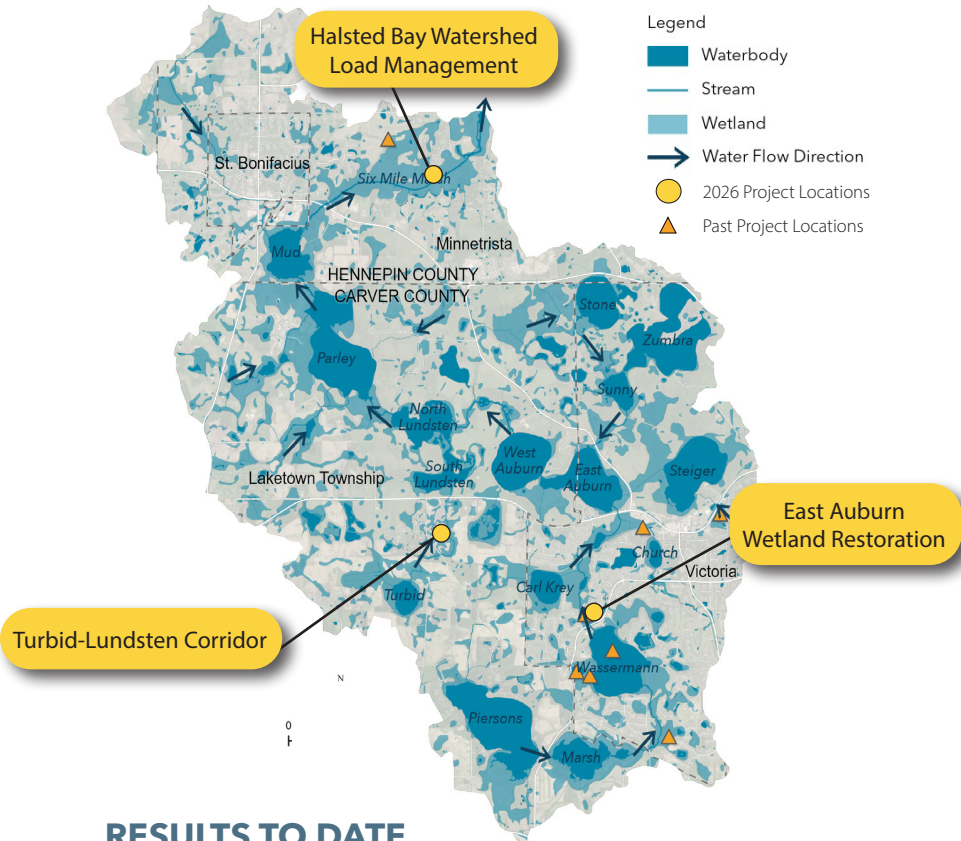
To continue this legacy of meaningful collaboration, MCWD recently signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Victoria, which outlines a shared vision to preserve green space and ecological corridors as the City’s Western Growth Area develops.

*“As Victoria grows, we’re committed to ensuring our natural systems remain central to our identity as the City of Lakes and Parks. This partnership with MCWD strengthens our ability to integrate green space, water resources, and sustainable infrastructure into every step of our planning.”*

**- Dana Hardie, Victoria City Manager**

## WORK TO DATE

Thanks to our strong partnership with the region’s communities, we have made major strides in improving Wassermann Lake and surrounding waterbodies in the SMCHB Subwatershed. Together, we have restored a 20-acre wetland with a private developer, revitalized over 210 acres of prairie and marshland, treated both Wassermann Lake and a nearby pond with alum, and implemented a systemwide carp management plan.



## RESULTS TO DATE

<b>124 ACRES</b> of restored wetland	<b>1 MALL OF AMERICA</b> worth of wetland restored
<b>545 POUNDS</b> of Phosphorus removed	<b>272,500 POUNDS</b> of algae prevented
<b>306,958 POUNDS</b> of Common Carp removed	<b>2,488 ACRES</b> of lake habitat restored
<b>190 ACRES</b> of accessible greenspace	<b>144 FOOTBALL FIELDS</b> of new greenspace



# SIX MILE CREEK - HALSTED BAY SUBWATERSHED 2026 ACTIVITIES

## 2026 BUDGET: \$1,081,000

Funding from the Capital Projects, Project Planning, Outreach, and Re-search & Monitoring program budgets supports the implementation of capital projects in the Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay (SMCHB) Subwatershed.

## TURBID-LUNDSTEN CORRIDOR PLANNING

MCWD has continued to advance conversations with public and private partners to explore restoration efforts in the Turbid-Lundsten Corridor, which includes Turbid and South Lundsten Lakes. This corridor contains a significantly degraded wetland system, which presents significant nutrient reduction opportunities. Wetland restoration and in-lake treatment projects in the corridor could reduce phosphorus by up to 95 pounds per year. However, the scope and scale of projects will be shaped through collaboration with local landowners and informed by comprehensive technical feasibility studies.



*High phosphorus concentrations pollute Turbid and South Lundsten lakes. This wetland corridor presents opportunities for ecological restoration and nutrient load treatment.*



*The East Auburn Wetland complex, located between Wassermann and East Auburn lakes, is a major source of nutrients in the Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Subwatershed.*

## EAST AUBURN WETLAND RESTORATION

MCWD recently completed the design of the wetland restoration between Wassermann and East Auburn Lakes. The project will restore the wetland's hydrology by installing a sheet-pile weir, which is expected to reduce annual phosphorus levels by 50 percent, significantly improving water quality in impaired East Auburn Lake. Project construction is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.

## HALSTED BAY WATERSHED LOAD MANAGEMENT

MCWD is exploring a range of nutrient reduction methods to improve water quality in Halsted Bay on Lake Minnetonka, including the construction of a water treatment facility, upstream wetland restorations, and in-lake nutrient reduction treatments, among others. MCWD is conducting diagnostic monitoring to inform future project identification.

# MINNEHAHA CREEK SUBWATERSHED OVERVIEW

## 2026 BUDGET: \$3,979,273

Funding from the Capital Projects, Project Planning, Outreach and Research & Monitoring program budgets supports the implementation of capital projects in the Minnehaha Creek Subwatershed.

The Minnehaha Creek Subwatershed, or lower watershed, contains several iconic waterbodies, including Minnehaha Creek and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes. Minnehaha Creek flows nearly 23 miles through the Subwatershed, from Lake Minnetonka over Minnehaha Falls and into the Mississippi River, collecting stormwater from the cities of Edina, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Richfield, and St. Louis Park.

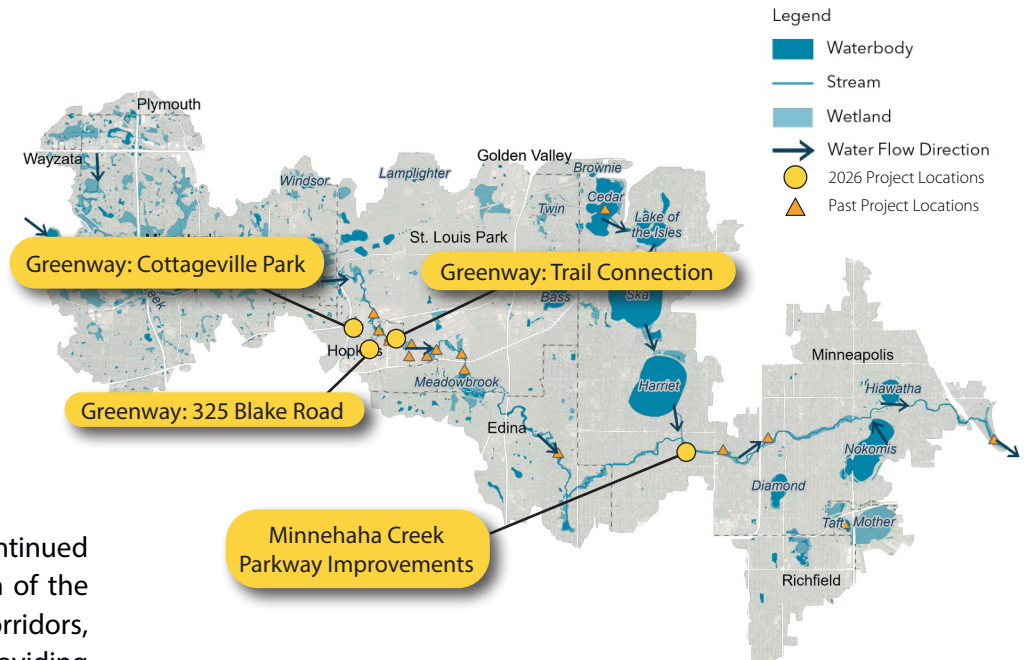
## CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP

Partnerships with the lower watershed communities have facilitated continued improvements across the Subwatershed. As an urban, developed portion of the watershed, project efforts have been focused on restoring riparian corridors, mitigating flooding, managing pollution from stormwater runoff, and providing new access to greenspace.

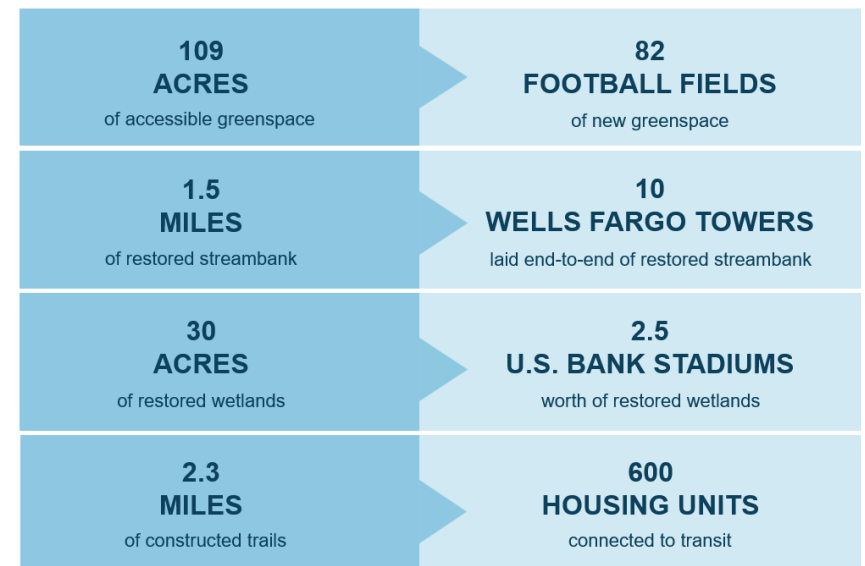
In this subwatershed, MCWD has been advancing projects in the Minnehaha Creek Greenway along the most degraded stretch of the creek between Hopkins and St. Louis Park. A new partnership between the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will expand investments downstream in the Minneapolis segment of the Minnehaha Creek corridor, to improve the Creek and downstream Lake Hiawatha.

## WORK TO DATE

Over the past decade, MCWD has collaborated with local partners to restore and enhance sections of Minnehaha Creek, while meeting the unique demands of a highly urbanized subwatershed. Over the last decade, MCWD has partnered to remeander Minnehaha Creek at Methodist Hospital, restore streambank and floodplain wetlands at the Minnehaha Creek Preserve with Japs-Olson, resulting in the creation of 150 skilled labor jobs, and integrated stormwater management solutions into park expansions at Arden Park in Edina, and Cottageville Park in Hopkins.



## RESULTS TO DATE





# MINNEHAHA CREEK SUBWATERSHED 2026 ACTIVITIES

## A PARTNERSHIP FOR THRIVING WATERS IN MINNEAPOLIS

Working with the City of Minneapolis and MPRB, MCWD is developing a shared implementation framework for the Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, a 30-year vision to enhance recreation, restore the ecological function of the Creek, address flooding, and improve water quality in Minneapolis.

The partners identified three projects from the Parkway Master Plan to provide significant, cost-effective water resource benefits in the Minnehaha Creek Corridor. The first priority project, located west of Cedar Avenue, will advance into design in 2026. The project will include stormwater management and streambank restoration to improve water quality and reduce localized flooding, as well as provide new recreation opportunities along Minnehaha Creek.

As the first project progresses in 2026, the partners will also be working to analyze water resource issues, restoration strategies, and project opportunities across the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes to develop a long-range implementation plan that can support future investment to improve water quality, flood resilience, and ecosystems in the City of Lakes.

## PROGRESS IN THE GREENWAY

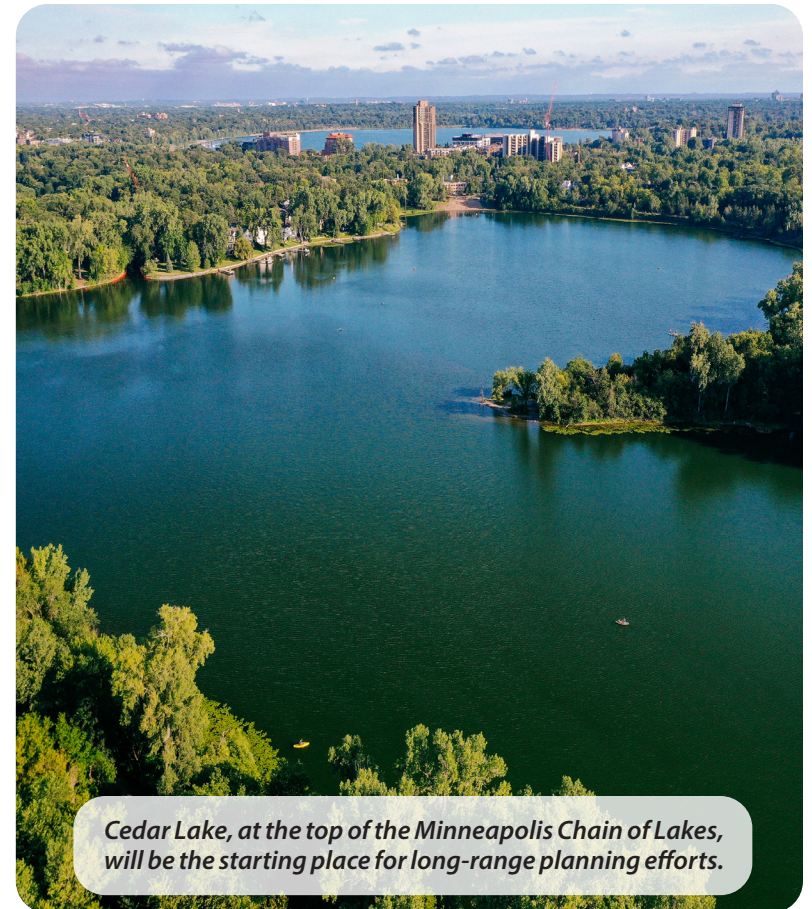
Over the past decade, MCWD has implemented a series of projects in the Minnehaha Creek Greenway, a 2-mile stretch of continuous green space between Hopkins and St. Louis Park.

In 2026, MCWD will be leading a project to connect the Greenway to the Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail, in partnership with Hennepin County, the Metropolitan Council, the City of St. Louis Park, and Three Rivers Park District. The project will establish a 1,000-foot trail connection linking Minnehaha Creek Preserve, the Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail, and planned investments at 325 Blake Road, while repairing riparian buffers and restoring 1,000 feet of streambank along Minnehaha Creek.

While work advances to connect investments on the Minnehaha Creek Greenway, MCWD remains committed to delivering significant water quality benefits and recreation opportunities at 325 Blake Road. Despite delays in the development, in 2026, MCWD plans to advance its improvements on the adjacent parcel near Cottageville Park, creating a Gateway to the Minnehaha Creek Greenway.

*"This partnership unites our agencies for a stronger, coordinated approach to water resource stewardship. By aligning efforts, we're making smart investments to protect water quality, reduce flood risk, and deliver lasting community benefits. Minnehaha Creek, a vital community asset, will get the attention it deserves."*

**- Cathy Abene, P.E., MPRB President**



*Cedar Lake, at the top of the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, will be the starting place for long-range planning efforts.*



# LAND AND WATER PARTNERSHIPS

## OUR COMMITMENT TO SHARED BENEFITS

MCWD launched the Land & Water Partnership (LWP) Program in 2024, grounded in the belief that meaningful, early coordination with the land use community leads to better outcomes for our water resources.

The LWP Program provides technical and financial assistance for partner-led projects that provide regional water resource benefits by adding these projects into MCWD's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Eligible partners include cities, counties, developers, and others who implement large-scale capital projects within the watershed. By strengthening relationships with partners across the watershed and working together to integrate land and water planning, we are supporting regional water resource improvements that contribute to thriving, sustainable communities.

## SUPPORTING PARTNER PROJECTS

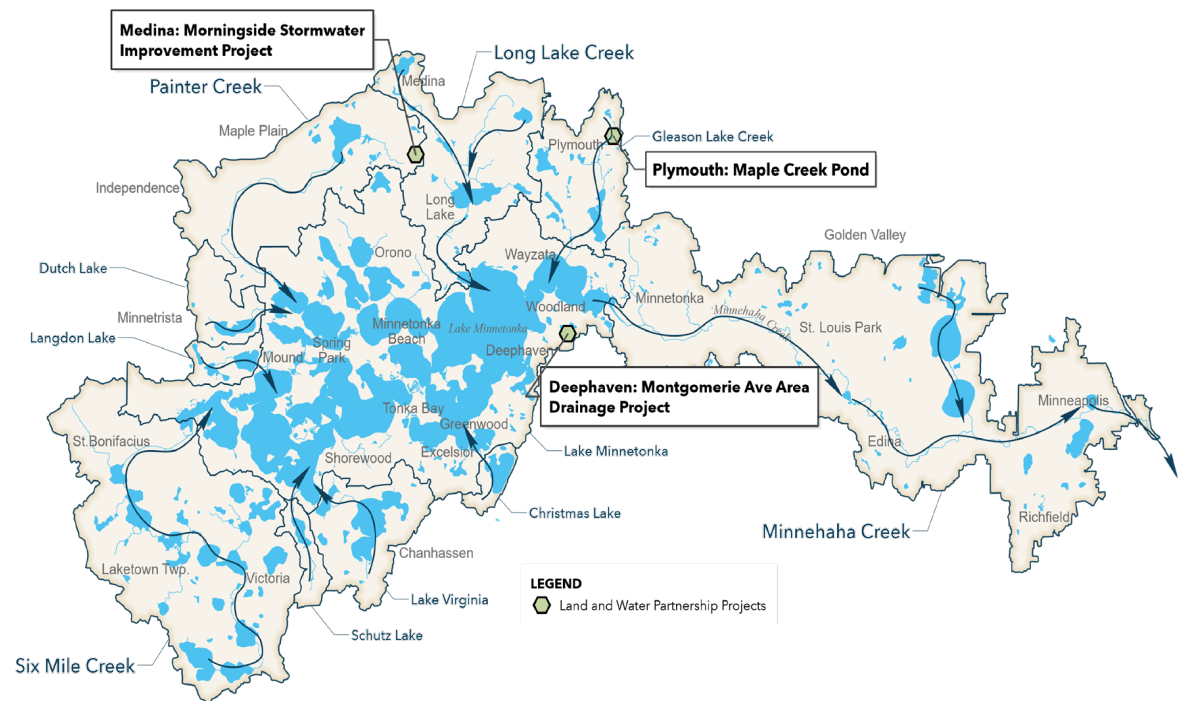
In its first year, the LWP Program has improved early coordination, resulting in projects that provide significant water resource benefits. Currently, three capital projects supported by the program are projected to remove 62.8 pounds of phosphorus per year in three communities across three subwatersheds.

In 2026, the LWP program is supporting the Morningside Stormwater Improvement Project, led by the City of Medina. The project includes the stabilization of three eroding ravines and the construction of a stormwater pond to remove 30 pounds of pollutants annually, improving water quality in Lake Katrina and downstream Jennings Bay.

## MOVING FORWARD

As MCWD advances planning for the 2027 Plan, we will be working with our partners to build new tools and systems that support land use and water integration and early coordination.

MCWD is developing a map of regional opportunity areas to better support LWP project identification, as well as an interactive mapping tool to allow partners to highlight upcoming projects, planning efforts, and initiatives, enabling MCWD and its partners to align priorities for shared investment outside of the District's focal geographies.



### 2026 BUDGET: \$109,500

Funding from the Policy Planning and Outreach program budgets supports partner-led capital projects through the Land & Water Partnership program, as well as related technical analysis, planning, and outreach efforts.

# LAND AND WATER PARTNERSHIPS

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH PERMITTING

MCWD's permitting program also provides unique opportunities to build innovative partnerships, shape land use changes, and identify creative pathways to protect and improve water resources. By proposing innovative water resource solutions, MCWD has been able to shape projects that achieve greater water resource benefits than those achieved with regulation alone.

When Burl Oaks Golf Club in Minnetrista applied for a permit to redesign its golf course, it initiated a cooperative process to align the redesign with both state and MCWD regulations. MCWD staff worked closely with the Golf Club's team, helping them navigate regulatory requirements, while advancing the Club's vision, resulting in a course design that achieves greater water resource benefits than what would have been realized solely through compliance.

*"Our plan review and permitting process with the MCWD team was a truly collaborative effort, focused on finding solutions that supported both our golf course design goals and MCWD's objectives for water quality management and wetland restoration. Through close coordination with our Architect Jason Blasi, Course Superintendent Nathan Peters, Construction committee and Anderson Engineering, we successfully delivered an outstanding golf course design that also enhances water quality, habitat, native vegetation, and flood storage—ultimately benefiting our members and the broader Lake Minnetonka area community for generations to come."*

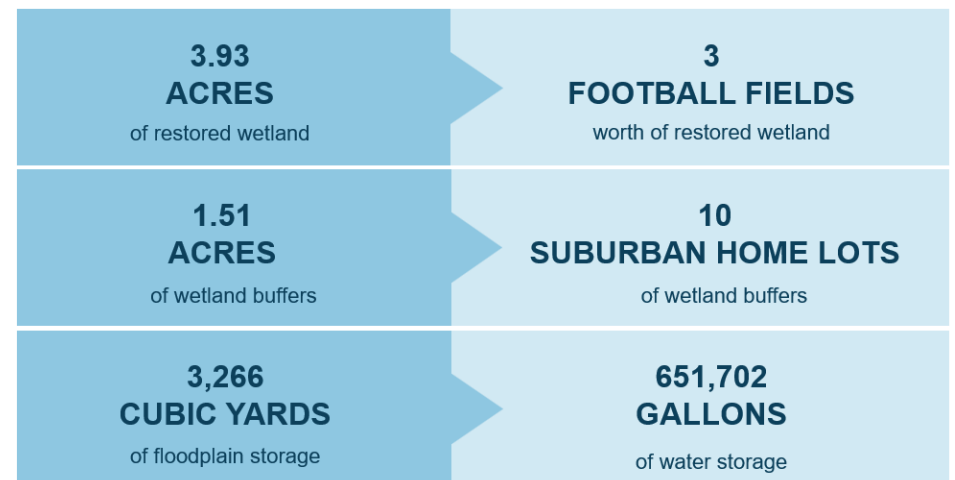
**- Dave Link, Burl Oaks Board Vice President & Construction Committee Chairman**

Whether it's through our permitting or LWP program, when MCWD is at the table early, we can work to understand our partners' goals and identify mutually-beneficial solutions that benefit the environment and the community.



Construction on the Burl Oaks Golf Club redesign is projected to wrap up in 2026.

## PLANNED WATER RESOURCE BENEFITS





# WATERSHED-WIDE SERVICES

To serve partners and residents across the watershed's 178 square miles, we provide a variety of services that complement our work in focal geographies and through land and water partnerships.

## SERVICES

- **Research and Monitoring:** collecting and analyzing data across the watershed to identify resource needs to inform project planning and implementation
- **Permitting:** reviewing and overseeing construction activities, in coordination with our partners, to protect natural resources and build positive relationships with the watershed's communities
- **Outreach:** connecting people to information they value and engaging residents, agencies, and private sector partners to ensure our work is integrated with the goals of our communities
- **Project Maintenance and Land Management:** maintaining our projects and land to ensure their continued function and value, as well as operating Gray's Bay Dam to reduce the risk of flooding and balance the water budget throughout the watershed

Learn more about the Minnehaha Creek Watershed, our partners and projects, and volunteer opportunities on our website.

### 2026 BUDGET: \$1,467,180

Funding from the Capital Projects, Permitting, Policy Planning, Outreach, Project Maintenance & Land Management, and Research & Monitoring program budgets supports the delivery of critical services across the watershed.



**MINNEHAHA CREEK  
WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
QUALITY OF WATER, QUALITY OF LIFE



*Residents paddling on Cedar Lake in Minneapolis.*

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Attachment 1 - DRAFT 2026 Budget-Revenue Summary

EXPENSES	2025	2026	2025-2026 Δ	% Change	Notes
Operations	\$ 2,147,337	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 140,492	6.5%	Includes General Operations, IT, and Facility. Details in Attachment 3
Programs	\$ 5,121,413	\$ 5,017,936	\$ (103,477)	-2.0%	Costs and sources detailed in Attachment 2
Debt Service	\$ 1,098,218	\$ 1,100,668	\$ 2,450	0.2%	Scheduled debt service detailed in Attachment 12
Capital projects	\$ 6,053,478	\$ 6,100,256	\$ 46,778	0.8%	Costs and sources detailed in Attachment 10
TOTAL	\$ 14,420,445	\$ 14,506,688	\$ 86,243	0.6%	
REVENUE	2025	2026	2025-2026 Δ	% Change	Notes
Preliminary levy	\$ 9,869,513	\$ 9,869,513	\$ -	0.0%	Tax levy
Projects fund balance	\$ 3,332,992	\$ 1,973,572	\$ (1,359,421)	-40.8%	Funds levied in past years for multi-year projects
Programs fund balance	\$ -	\$ 1,695,664	\$ 1,695,664	N/A	Funds reallocated from programs delivered under budget or deprioritized activities
Grants and partner funds	\$ 692,940	\$ 392,940	\$ (300,000)	-43.3%	Includes only secured funds
Interest, permit fees, reimbursements	\$ 525,000	\$ 575,000	\$ 50,000	9.5%	Estimated based on previous fiscal years
TOTAL	\$ 14,420,445	\$ 14,506,688	\$ 86,243	0.6%	

Attachment 2 - DRAFT 2026 Operations and Programs Summary by Fund

		Past Expenditures				2025 Carryover Detail							2026 Budget and Revenue			2025-2026 Budget Change		Notes
Fund Code	Program/Fund	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2024 EOY Audited Fund Balance	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Levy	2025 External Revenue <sup>1</sup>	Assigned (carried to future years)	Unassigned EOY Fund Balance (transferred to Capital Finance)	2026 Budget	2026 External Revenue <sup>1</sup>	2026 Levy Needs	\$ Change	% Change	
1002	General Operations	\$ 1,236,204	\$ 1,056,064	\$ 1,254,725	\$ 1,227,283	\$ 682,369	\$ 1,307,965	\$ 1,319,965	\$ 857,965	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ 870,369	\$ 1,435,236	\$ 500,000	\$ 935,236	\$ 127,272	9.7%	Inflationary contract costs, internal building maintenance, tuition rembursement
1003	Information Technology	\$ 277,000	\$ 196,303	\$ 286,850	\$ 239,246	\$ 25,254	\$ 241,000	\$ 234,500	\$ 241,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,754	\$ 254,220	\$ -	\$ 254,220	\$ 13,220	5.5%	Inflationary contract costs, additional MS Teams Conference Room, Asset Management
1005	Facility Maintenance Plan	\$ 386,000	\$ -	\$ 386,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,372	\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ 598,372	\$ -	0.0%	To be refined based on project planning progress made in 2025
Operations Subtotal		\$ 1,899,204	\$ 1,252,367	\$ 1,927,575	\$ 1,466,529	\$ 707,623	\$ 2,147,337	\$ 1,554,465	\$ 1,697,337	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,495	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,787,828	\$ 140,492	6.5%	
2001	Permit Administration	\$ 852,789	\$ 726,416	\$ 898,299	\$ 690,275	\$ 240,965	\$ 925,663	\$ 925,663	\$ 850,663	\$ 75,000		\$ 240,965	\$ 947,431	\$ 75,000	\$ 872,431	\$ 21,768	2.4%	\$20k based on estimated costs of legal and engineering review
Permitting Subtotal		\$ 852,789	\$ 726,416	\$ 898,299	\$ 690,275	\$ 240,965	\$ 925,663	\$ 925,663	\$ 850,663	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 240,965	\$ 947,431	\$ 75,000	\$ 872,431	\$ 21,768	2.4%	
2002	Project Planning	\$ 902,544	\$ 506,628	\$ 955,636	\$ 761,727	\$ 153,909	\$ 1,031,505	\$ 1,031,505	\$ 1,031,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 153,909	\$ 1,097,847	\$ -	\$ 1,097,847	\$ 66,342	6.4%	Net of new planning costs in Painter, combined with reductions in Six Mile and Long Lake
2003	Project Maint. & Land Mgmt	\$ 2,594,155	\$ 2,287,954	\$ 689,926	\$ 423,044	\$ 234,088	\$ 677,441	\$ 649,649	\$ 677,441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261,880	\$ 685,673	\$ -	\$ 685,673	\$ 8,232	1.2%	Removal of Phase 2 Pond Study netted with increases for Dam maintenance and tree removals
2008	Policy Planning	\$ 602,935	\$ 379,379	\$ 620,151	\$ 402,423	\$ 186,228	\$ 643,884	\$ 643,884	\$ 643,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,228	\$ 857,920	\$ -	\$ 857,920	\$ 214,036	33.2%	Increase for Watershed Management Plan development and engagement process
Planning & Projects Subtotal		\$ 4,099,635	\$ 3,173,961	\$ 2,265,712	\$ 1,587,194	\$ 574,225	\$ 2,352,830	\$ 2,325,038	\$ 2,352,830	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 602,017	\$ 2,641,440	\$ -	\$ 2,641,440	\$ 288,610	12.3%	
4001	Cynthia Krieg (discontinued program)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,129	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,129	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	To be closed by end of 2025
4002	Outreach	\$ 527,826	\$ 218,557	\$ 507,757	\$ 286,175	\$ 118,582	\$ 470,817	\$ 435,317	\$ 470,817	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154,082	\$ 466,193	\$ -	\$ 466,193	\$ (4,624)	-1.0%	Tightening through reduction in consulting services
4005	Cost Share (discontinued program)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 405,799	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 405,799	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	To be closed by end of 2025
Outreach Subtotal		\$ 527,826	\$ 218,557	\$ 507,757	\$ 286,175	\$ 532,510	\$ 470,817	\$ 435,317	\$ 470,817	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 154,082	\$ 466,193	\$ -	\$ 466,193	\$ (4,624)	-1.0%	
5001	Research & Monitoring	\$ 1,062,112	\$ 755,343	\$ 951,384	\$ 585,339	\$ 291,105	\$ 1,004,103	\$ 1,004,103	\$ 1,004,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291,105	\$ 962,872	\$ -	\$ 962,872	\$ (41,230)	-4.1%	Net of carp reductions, Painter Diagnostic
5008	LCCMR	\$ 392,500	\$ 5,367	\$ 542,250	\$ 197,218	\$ -	\$ 368,000	\$ 368,000	\$ -	\$ 368,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (368,000)	-100.0%	Completion of the 2D model in 2025
Research & Monitoring Subtotal		\$ 1,454,612	\$ 760,710	\$ 1,493,634	\$ 782,557	\$ 291,105	\$ 1,372,103	\$ 1,372,103	\$ 1,004,103	\$ 368,000	\$ -	\$ 291,105	\$ 962,872	\$ -	\$ 962,872	\$ (409,230)	-29.8%	
Operations and Programs Total		\$ 8,834,065	\$ 6,132,011	\$ 7,092,976	\$ 4,812,730	\$ 2,346,428	\$ 7,268,749	\$ 6,612,585	\$ 6,375,749	\$ 1,093,000	\$ 413,928	\$ 2,788,664	\$ 7,305,764	\$ 575,000	\$ 6,730,764	\$ 37,015	0.5%	



Attachment 3 - DRAFT 2026 Operations & Support Services Budget Summary

General Operations (1002)							Notes
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Staff Expenses	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	Staff Expenses	\$ 17,500	\$ (7,500)	Reduced amount for Tuition Reimbursement
Manager Expenses	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ -	Manager Expenses	\$ 56,000	\$ -	
Building and Operating Expenses	\$ 138,500	\$ 138,500	\$ -	Building and Operating Expenses	\$ 168,500	\$ 30,000	Increase associated with furniture replacement, carpet replacement, painting)
Office Building Debt Service	\$ 104,924	\$ 104,924	\$ -	Office Building Debt Service	\$ 104,924	\$ -	
Vehicles	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	Vehicles	\$ 3,000	\$ -	7% Inflationary Cost
Contracted Services	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	Contracted Services	\$ 60,000	\$ -	
Accounting & Auditing	\$ 125,000	\$ 132,000	\$ (7,000)	Accounting & Auditing	\$ 133,750	\$ 8,750	5% Inflationary Cost
Engineering	\$ 76,800	\$ 76,800	\$ -	Engineering	\$ 80,640	\$ 3,840	
Legal	\$ 85,000	\$ 90,000	\$ (5,000)	Legal	\$ 90,000	\$ 5,000	
Insurance	\$ 71,000	\$ 71,000	\$ -	Insurance	\$ 71,000	\$ -	
Other/Misc Expenses	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Other/Misc Expenses	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Class and Comp Study	\$ -		\$ -	Class and Comp Study	\$ -	\$ -	
Personnel	\$ 552,741	\$ 552,741	\$ -	Personnel	\$ 639,922	\$ 87,182	
Total	\$ 1,307,965	\$ 1,319,965	\$ (12,000)	Total	\$ 1,435,236	\$ 127,272	
Information Technology (1003)							
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Strategic IT Plan				Strategic IT Plan			
Financial/Accounting System	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Financial/Accounting System	\$ -	\$ -	
Project Management System	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Project Management System	\$ -	\$ -	
Permitting Phase II Enhancements	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Permitting Phase II Enhancements	\$ 15,000	\$ -	
				Project Maintenance - Asset Management System	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Geospatial inventory of MCWD's lands and capital projects,and affiliated asset data
Audio-Visual Equipment for Board Room	\$ -	\$ 17,500	\$ (17,500)	Audio-Visual Equipment for Board Room	\$ -	\$ -	
Stakeholder Relationship Management System	\$ 27,000	\$ -		Stakeholder Relationship Management System	\$ -	\$ (27,000)	Outreach decided to not pursue SRM in 2025, and take interim steps instead
Program Administration				Program Administration			
Contracted Services	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ -	Contracted Services	\$ 92,550	\$ 7,550	Added 3% for inflationary costs + \$5K for GIS Consultant Support
IT Equipment	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,000	\$ (3,000)	IT Equipment	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,000	Increase to create additional Teams room
Licenses	\$ 89,000	\$ 89,000	\$ -	Licenses	\$ 91,670	\$ 2,670	3% inflationary cost
Total	\$ 241,000	\$ 234,500	\$ (20,500)	Total	\$ 254,220	\$ 13,220	
Facility Maintenance Plan (1005)							
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Engineering/Consulting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Engineering/Consulting	\$ -	\$ -	
Facility Improvements	\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ 598,372	Facility Improvements	\$ 598,372	\$ -	
Total	\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ 598,372	Total	\$ 598,372	\$ -	

Attachment 4 - DRAFT 2026 Permitting Budget Summary

Permit Administration (2001)							Notes
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Permit Review				Permit Review			Based on past 3-5 years
Engineering Expense	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000	\$ -	Engineering Expense	\$ 290,000	\$ 5,000	
Legal Expense	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ -	Legal Expense	\$ 60,000	\$ 5,000	Based on past 3-5 years
Program Administration				Program Administration			Buffer signs, personal protective equipment, cellular plans for inspection iPads
Staff Mileage/Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Staff Mileage/Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ -	
Staff Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Staff Training	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Printing/Postage	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Printing/Postage	\$ 5,000	\$ -	
Equipment & Supplies/Other	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	Equipment & Supplies/Other	\$ 3,000	\$ -	
Personnel	\$ 562,663	\$ 562,663	\$ -	Personnel	\$ 574,431	\$ 11,768	
Total	\$ 925,663	\$ 925,663	\$ -	Total	\$ 947,431	\$ 21,768	

Attachment 5 - DRAFT 2026 Project Planning Budget Summary

Project Planning (2002)							Notes
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Minnehaha Creek Planning				Minnehaha Creek Planning			
Minnehaha Parkway	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	Lower watershed: Minnehaha Parkway	\$ 100,000	\$ -	Agreement development, Long Range Planning and potential Phase II Project Feasibility
Minnehaha Creek Greenway	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Upper watershed: Minnehaha Creek Greenway	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Feasibility opportunities on remaining areas (Boone/Aquila, Louisiana/Oxford)
Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Planning				Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Planning			
Turbid-Lundsten Corridor	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	Upper watershed: Pierson, Turbid, Lundsten	\$ 75,000	\$ -	Continued feasibility for potential project areas and land conservation exploration
Halsted Bay Watershed Load Management	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	Lower watershed: Parley, Mud, Halsted	\$ 40,000	\$ (10,000)	Technical analysis, preliminary feasibility and partnership exploration
Long Lake Creek Planning				Long Lake Creek Planning			
Long Lake Creek Corridor	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	Long Lake Creek: Subwatershed Roadmap	\$ 25,000	\$ (15,000)	Feasibility opportunities for potential project areas and land conservation exploration
Painter Creek Planning				Painter Creek Planning			
Painter Creek	\$ -	\$ -		Painter Creek: Subwatershed diagnostic	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Added new geography for diagnostic effort, roadmap and early feasibility efforts
Program Administration				Program Administration			
General Engineering and Legal	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	General Engineering and Legal	\$ 40,000	\$ -	
Training	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	Training	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	
Expenses/Mileage	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	Expenses/Mileage	\$ 6,000	\$ (2,000)	
Printing/Publishing/Postage	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	Printing/Publishing/Postage	\$ 150	\$ -	
Personnel	\$ 702,355	\$ 702,355	\$ -	Personnel	\$ 743,697	\$ 41,342	
Total	\$ 1,031,505	\$ 1,031,505	\$ -		\$ 1,097,847	\$ 66,342	



Attachment 6 - DRAFT 2026 Policy Planning Budget Summary

Policy Planning (2008)						
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change
Land & Water Partnership Program				Land & Water Partnership Program		
LWP project support	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	LWP project support	\$ 75,000	\$ -
Policy Development				Policy Development		
DEI consultant support	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	DEI consultant support	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Watershed Management Plan				Watershed Management Plan		
Policy development	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	Policy development	\$ 32,500	\$ 30,000
Engagement support	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	Engagement support	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,500
Quantifying progress toward goals	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,500	\$ (2,500)	Quantifying progress toward goals	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Regional opportunity areas	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ (5,000)	Regional opportunity areas	\$ 58,000	\$ 53,000
Scenario planning	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ (5,000)	Scenario planning	\$ 64,000	\$ 59,000
Project management and reports	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)	Project management and reports	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
Program Administration				Program Administration		
General Engineering and Legal	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	General Engineering and Legal	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Staff mileage & expenses	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ -	Staff mileage & expenses	\$ 7,400	\$ 2,000
Staff training	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ -	Staff training	\$ 6,300	\$ 1,500
Printing/Publishing/Postage	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	Printing/Publishing/Postage	\$ 500	\$ 100
Personnel	\$ 503,284	\$ 503,284	\$ -	Personnel	\$ 516,720	\$ 13,436
Total	\$ 643,884	\$ 643,884	\$ -		\$ 857,920	\$ 214,036

Notes

Consultant support for the identification, development, and review of partner projects

Consultant support with vetting DEI framework, HR policies, equity lens, and engagement framework

Cost estimates for WMP support will be refined through RFP process this summer

Flood mgmt strategy, stormwater/wetland banking analysis, local water plan requirements, etc.

Meeting facilitation and planning support for kickoff and TAC/PAC meetings

Project and rule metrics (including GHG mitigation and volume/wetland impacts allowed under rules)

Identification and mapping of regional opportunity areas (flood storage, wetland restoration, etc)

Modeling and analysis of flood management strategies

Regular meetings with consultants and final report

Attachment 7 - DRAFT 2026 Project Maintenance

Project Maintenance and Land Management (2003)							Notes
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Project Maintenance				Project Maintenance			
Vegetation Maintenance	\$ 205,200	\$ 205,200	\$ -	Vegetation Maintenance	\$ 254,057	\$ 48,857	Contracted for 254k, increased for prescribed services not completed in 2025
Dam Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 13,662	\$ (13,662)	Dam Maintenance	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	New addition to provide funding for inspection and maintenance
General	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ (5,000)	General	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	Increase to cover budget overrun for tree removals
Flood Response Plan	\$ -	\$ 18,546	\$ (18,546)	Flood Response Plan	\$ -	\$ -	Plan to be completed summer 2025
Phase 2 Pond Study	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	Phase 2 Pond Study		\$ (65,000)	
Program Administration				Program Administration			
Engineering and Legal Expenses	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ -	Engineering and Legal Expenses	\$ 42,000	\$ 18,000	5% inflationary increase + \$16,500 to plan for Turtle Mitigation at Amelia
Printing and Publishing Materials	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	Printing and Publishing Materials	\$ 500	\$ -	
Staff Expenses, Trainings, and Mileage	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	Staff Expenses, Trainings, and Mileage	\$ 4,200	\$ 200	5% inflationary increase
Equipment and Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	Equipment and Supplies	\$ 500	\$ -	
Personnel	\$ 368,241	\$ 368,241	\$ -	Personnel	\$ 349,416	\$ (18,825)	
Total	\$ 677,441	\$ 649,649	\$ 27,792		\$ 685,673	\$ 8,232	

Attachment 8 - DRAFT 2026 Outreach Budget Summary

Outreach (4002)							Notes
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Strategic Advice				Strategic Advice			Consistent engagement of strategic communications advisors on key campaigns
Communications advisors	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Communications advisors	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Campaigns for Key Initiatives				Campaigns for Key Initiatives			Changed project-specific line items to subwatershed groups to better allocate coalition-building efforts alongside project specific outreach needs
2027 Plan and Climate Engagement	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000	2027 Plan and Climate Engagement	\$ 8,000	\$ (7,000)	Process delayed so engagement expenditures reallocated for 2026, including rentals and refreshments for advisory committee meetings, open-houses, as well as printed factsheets, boards, and other meeting materials. Kickoff events and publication still planned for 2025
Land & Water Partnership Program Marketing	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Land & Water Partnership Program Marketing	\$ 2,000	\$ -	New print materials, rental and refreshments for private sector engagement and marketing
County Road 6 Pond Retrofit and Long Lake Creek Roadmap Engagement	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	Long Lake Creek Subwatershed Project Outreach	\$ 2,000	\$ -	Rentals and refreshments for subwatershed planning meeting, print materials for partner and landowner engagement, and any project design outreach needs for public noticing and community engagement (Holbrook Park SW)
East Auburn Wetland Restoration Design and Construction Outreach	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Subwatershed Project Outreach	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	Rentals and refreshments, and print materials for subwatershed planning meetings, project design outreach needs for public noticing and community engagement(Turbid-Lundsten Corridor and Halsted Bay Alum treatment facility)
SMCHB Campaign for Turbid Lundsten Corridor and Halsted Alum	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000			\$ (5,000)	Closed and combined with above
Cedar to Greenway Trail Connection Design and Construction Outreach	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	Minnehaha Creek Greenway Project Outreach	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Rentals and refreshments for subwatershed planning meeting, Print materials for potential design pivot on 325/Cottageville, Greenway-Cedar construction communications. Potential signage updates with greenway
325 Blake Road and Cottageville Phase 2 Construction	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -			\$ (2,000)	Closed and combined with above
Minnehaha Parkway Communications & Engagement	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	Minneapolis Area Project Outreach	\$ 15,000	\$ (5,000)	Support finalization of partnership brand kit and website, facility rentals and refreshments for steering committee and public meetings, print materials for Parkway project design outreach, and management unit plan drafting
Broad-based Communications				Broad-based Communications			District-wide photography (staff headshots, drone imagery, project photos); non-campaign related support for programmatic projects (ex: R&M, permitting, operations, or PMLM initiatives), or district-wide communications printing and publishing (ex. Annual budget publication) District-wide signage maintenance and requests
District-wide communications and media creation	\$ 16,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,000	District-wide communications and media creation	\$ 16,000	\$ -	
Signage & interpretation maintenance and creation	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	Signage & interpretation maintenance and creation	\$ 3,000	\$ -	
Baseline Engagement				Broad based Engagement			Regular meeting refreshments, member recognition, annual field trip facility rental, refreshments, supplies, etc. Annual Metro Watershed Partners membership for Adopt-A-Drain programming and Clean Water MN media Annual government relations contract, Joel Carlon's contract expires 12/25, budgeting 5% inflationary costs
Citizens Advisory Committee	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	Citizens Advisory Committee	\$ 4,000	\$ -	
Clean Water Outreach & Education	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,000	Clean Water Outreach & Education	\$ 8,000	\$ -	
Government Relations	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 2,000	Government Relations	\$ 31,500	\$ 1,500	
Program Administration				Program Administration			Aligning with actual past expenditures based on full team workload, capacity, and interests Newspaper, software subscriptions
Staff mileage & expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	Staff mileage & expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ -	
Staff training	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	Staff training	\$ 10,000	\$ (5,000)	
Legal fees	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	Legal fees	\$ 3,000	\$ -	
Dues & subscriptions	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	Dues & subscriptions	\$ 4,000	\$ -	
Personnel	\$ 322,817	\$ 322,817	\$ -	Personnel	\$ 336,693	\$ 13,876	
Total	\$ 470,817	\$ 435,317	\$ 35,500		\$ 466,193	\$ (4,624)	

Attachment 9 - DRAFT 2026 Research & Monitoring Budget Summary

Research & Monitoring (5001)							Notes
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
Watershed-wide Monitoring				Watershed-wide Monitoring			No foreseeable additions to RESNET
Stream, Lake, and stormwater laboratory budget	\$ 48,051	\$ 48,051	\$ -	Stream, Lake, and stormwater laboratory budget	\$ 49,493	\$ 1,442	
USGS gauge management & stormwater analysis	\$ 25,230	\$ 25,230	\$ -	USGS gauge management & stormwater analysis	\$ 25,230	\$ -	
Responsive monitoring/analysis	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	Responsive monitoring/analysis	\$ 20,000	\$ -	
Additional RESNET sites	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Additional RESNET sites	\$ -	\$ (15,000)	
Minnehaha Creek Subwatershed Monitoring			\$ -	Minnehaha Creek Subwatershed Monitoring			Diagnostic monitoring to inform project feasibility
Arden Park Project Monitoring	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	Arden Park Project and Cedar Meadows Monitoring	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	
Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Monitoring				Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Monitoring			
Ongoing Carp Project Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	Ongoing Carp Project Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ -	
SMCHB Alum Facility Monitoring	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	SMCHB Alum Facility Monitoring	\$ 20,000	\$ (20,000)	
Contract Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Contract Services	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Subwatershed assessment for Painter Creek - Jennings
Painter Creek Subwatershed Monitoring				Painter Creek Subwatershed Monitoring			
Diagnostic Monitoring	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Diagnostic Monitoring	\$ 15,000	\$ -	
Contract Services	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	Contract Services	\$ 50,000	\$ -	
2D Modeling				2D Modeling			
District Engineer Support for 2D Model	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	District Engineer Support for 2D Model	\$ -	\$ (10,000)	Project completed in 2025
Legal Support for 2D Model	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Legal Support for 2D Model	\$ -	\$ (15,000)	Project completed in 2026
Program Administration				Program Administration			
Equipment/Supplies	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	Equipment/Supplies	\$ 30,000	\$ -	
Repairs/maintenance	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Repairs/maintenance	\$ 15,000	\$ -	
Utilities	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	Utilities	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Boat Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Boat Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ -	
Publishing/Postage	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	Publishing/Postage	\$ 2,000	\$ -	
Engineering/Consulting	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	Engineering/Consulting	\$ 15,000	\$ -	
Legal	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Legal	\$ 5,000	\$ -	
Staff Training	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Staff Training	\$ 5,000	\$ -	
Staff/meeting expenses	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	Staff/meeting expenses	\$ 8,000	\$ -	
Dues/subscriptions	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	Dues/subscriptions	\$ 4,000	\$ -	
Personnel	\$ 634,821	\$ 634,821	\$ -	Personnel	\$ 650,149	\$ 15,328	
Total	\$ 1,004,103	\$ 1,004,103	\$ -	Total	\$ 962,872	\$ (41,230)	
LCCMR Funded 2D Watershed Wide Model (5008)							
2025 Activity/Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Generated Carryover	2026 Activity/Expense	2026 Budget	2025-2026 Budget Change	
LCCMR funded 2D Watershed Wide Model				LCCMR funded 2D Watershed Wide Model			
LCCMR funded 2D Watershed Wide Model	\$ 368,000	\$ 368,000	\$ -	LCCMR funded 2D Watershed Wide Model	\$ -	\$ (368,000)	Project completed in 2025
Total	\$ 368,000	\$ 368,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ (368,000)	

Attachment 10 - DRAFT 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Budget

	Project/Phase for 2026		2025 Carryover Detail								2026 Budget and Revenue			Notes
Fund Code	Subwatershed	Project Name	2024 EOY Balance	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated Expenditures	2025 Levy	2025 External Revenue	2025 EOY Transfers (to)/ from Capital Finance	Assigned (carried to future years)	Unassigned EOY Fund Balance	2026 Budget	2026 External Revenue (secured)	2026 Levy Needs	
Land & Water Partnership Program														<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MCWD providing \$171,621 of LWP funding support and grant administrator for \$243,200 of state WBIF for Medina-led project</li><li>• Designed in '24, construction in '25</li></ul>
3501	Painter - Jennings	Morningside Ravine Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 343,774	\$ -	\$ 172,153	\$ 171,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3502	Long Lake - Tanager	Holbrook Park Regional Stormwater Treatment	\$ 400,000	\$ 124,940	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000		\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 124,940	\$ 124,940	\$ -	
3503	Minnehaha Creek	Northside Park (Lifetime)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,443	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	
3504	Lake Minnetonka	Montgomerie Ave (Calvary Church) Stormwater Management	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 125,000	\$ 20,000		\$ 100,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 32,500	\$ 20,000	\$ -	
Project Maintenance														<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$8,442.50 final payment to St. Louis Park</li><li>• MCWD providing \$125,000 of LWP funding support and grant administrator for \$200,000 of state WBIF for Deephaven-led project</li><li>• Design '25-'26, construction '27</li></ul>
3002	Mpls. Chain of Lakes	Stormwater Pond Maintenance Dredging	\$ 1,033,611	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,534	\$ -		\$ 520,245	\$ 505,900	\$ 505,900		\$ -	
30xx	Mpls. Chain of Lakes	Cedar Meadows Pond Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 787,900	\$ 787,900	\$ -	\$ 140,000		\$ 140,000	
Design/Construction														<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2024 dredging scheduled for Amelia Pond (\$662k) and Twin Lake Park Pond (\$353k) canceled</li><li>• 2025 dredging rescheduled for Nokomis-Amelia and Twin Lake Park Pond + \$45k for 2026 engineering/design</li><li>• Projected cost from pond analysis \$927,900</li><li>• East basin \$148,900 - \$253,500 and West basin \$396,100 - \$674,400.</li><li>• Design in 2026 (~15% of total cost) and Construction in 2027</li></ul>
3145	Minnehaha Greenway	325 Blake Stormwater and Demo	\$ 2,962,244	\$ 2,150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,605,863		\$ (1,515,987)	\$ 2,318,107	\$ 634,013	\$ 2,150,000		\$ 1,515,987	
3146	Minnehaha Greenway	Cottageville Park Phase II	\$ 1,385,728	\$ 700,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -			\$ 655,728	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000		\$ -	
3150	Minnehaha Greenway	Meadowbrook Golf Course Ecological Restoration and Greenway Expansion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,257,572	\$ 2,257,572	\$ -	\$ 250,841		\$ 250,841	
3152	Minnehaha Greenway	SWLRT Stream Enhancement	\$ 189,169	\$ 493,535	\$ 155,650	\$ 293,535			\$ 54,838	\$ 272,216	\$ 494,432	\$ 200,000	\$ 22,216	
3155	Mpls. Parkway	Minneapolis Stormwater Phase I	\$ 2,999,993	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 2,749,993	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000		\$ -	
3158	Six Mile - Halsted	Turbid-Lundsten Wetland Restoration	\$ 730,624	\$ 150,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 504,624	\$ 318,000	\$ 318,000		\$ -	
3160	Six Mile - Halsted	East Auburn Wetland Restoration	\$ 510,963	\$ 467,559	\$ 58,000	\$ -			\$ 18,000	\$ 434,963	\$ 592,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 109,037	
3159	Long Lake - Tanager	County Road 6 Retrofit	\$ 445,422	\$ 532,444	\$ 65,000	\$ 203,614		\$ (13,885)	\$ 28,508	\$ 541,643	\$ 541,643		\$ -	
CIP Total			\$10,657,754	\$6,253,478	\$926,367	\$2,395,546	\$242,153	\$ 1,695,664	\$10,395,515	\$3,669,235	\$6,100,256	\$392,940	\$2,038,081	

Attachment 11 - MCWD Debt Service (2004)

Year	Hennepin 2010B	Hennepin 2011A	Hennepin 2013B	Hennepin 2020A (REFI 2010B & 2011A)	Richfield 2013B	Richfield 2020A (REFI 2013B)	Wells Fargo Note 2018 (REFI 2011/2013)	Total Capital Finance Debt Service	Capital Finance Receipts	Transfer In/ Reimbursement	Transfer Out/ Expenditure	Actual/Projected Fund Balance (Held Assigned)
2011	\$ 215,736.81	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -	\$ 215,736.81	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,732,216.00
2012	\$ 218,562.50	\$ 319,141.81	\$ -				\$ 648,825.00	\$ 1,186,529.31	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,654,292.00
2013	\$ 216,062.50	\$ 333,718.75	\$ 386,182.00				\$ 580,250.00	\$ 1,516,213.25	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,706,099.00
2014	\$ 217,312.50	\$ 338,768.75	\$ 461,938.00		\$ 154,847.38		\$ 580,125.00	\$ 1,752,991.63	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,349,156.00	\$ 9,089,010.00
2015	\$ 218,412.50	\$ 341,768.75	\$ 463,538.00		\$ 177,255.00		\$ 1,535,500.00	\$ 2,736,474.25	\$ 2,765,423.00	\$ 510,921.00	\$ -	\$ 9,646,722.00
2016	\$ 219,362.50	\$ 339,368.75	\$ 459,838.00		\$ 174,855.00		\$ 1,999,800.00	\$ 3,193,224.25	\$ 2,795,204.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,287,628.00
2017	\$ 220,162.50	\$ 336,768.75	\$ 460,988.00		\$ 177,405.00		\$ 2,946,250.00	\$ 4,141,574.25	\$ 3,159,412.00	\$ -		\$ 8,447,852.00
2018	\$ 215,812.50	\$ 338,968.75	\$ 461,838.00		\$ 174,905.00		\$ 2,357,000.00	\$ 3,548,524.25	\$ 3,159,412.00	\$ -	\$ 452,096.00	\$ 7,776,677.00
2019	\$ 216,462.50	\$ 340,768.75	\$ 462,387.50		\$ 172,405.00		\$ 1,299,200.00	\$ 2,321,543.00	\$ 3,041,753.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,496,887.00
2020	\$ 218,462.25	\$ 337,168.75	\$ 462,637.50		\$ 169,905.00		\$ 1,261,800.00	\$ 2,263,552.00	\$ 2,731,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,942,248.00
2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462,587.50	\$ 471,843.75	\$ -	\$ 172,918.50	\$ 1,724,400.00	\$ 2,833,164.00	\$ 2,968,385.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,077,469.00
2022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462,237.50	\$ 479,000.00	\$ -	\$ 148,930.00	\$ 1,668,300.00	\$ 2,759,840.00	\$ 2,631,904.00	\$ -		\$ 8,949,533.00
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 460,137.50	\$ 479,000.00	\$ -	\$ 161,380.00	\$ 3,112,200.00	\$ 4,213,026.00	\$ 3,007,950.50	\$ -	\$ 7,196,159.00	\$ 548,298.50
2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462,937.50	\$ 478,250.00	\$ -	\$ 158,680.00	\$ -	\$ 1,099,867.50	\$ 1,099,867.50	\$ -	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 547,013.50
2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 460,537.50	\$ 476,750.00	\$ -	\$ 160,930.00	\$ -	\$ 1,098,217.50	\$ 1,098,217.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547,013.50
2026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463,037.50	\$ 479,500.00	\$ -	\$ 158,130.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100,667.50	\$ 1,100,667.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547,013.50
2027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 459,375.00	\$ 476,250.00	\$ -	\$ 160,280.00	\$ -	\$ 1,095,905.00	\$ 1,095,905.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547,013.50
2028	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 460,600.00	\$ 482,250.00	\$ -	\$ 162,330.00	\$ -	\$ 1,105,180.00	\$ 1,105,180.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547,013.50
2029	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 461,600.00	\$ 477,000.00	\$ -	\$ 159,330.00	\$ -	\$ 1,097,930.00	\$ 1,097,930.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547,013.50
2030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 464,300.00	\$ 481,000.00	\$ -	\$ 157,005.00	\$ -	\$ 1,102,305.00	\$ 1,102,305.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547,013.50
2031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 461,550.00	\$ 288,750.00	\$ -	\$ 160,250.00	\$ -	\$ 910,550.00	\$ 817,526.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 453,990.00
2032	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 163,280.00	\$ -	\$ 626,780.00	\$ 484,895.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 312,105.00
2033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161,120.00	\$ -	\$ 161,120.00	\$ 161,120.00	\$ -	\$ 231,545.00	\$ 80,560.00

Attachment 12 - DRAFT Capital Finance and Mid-Range CIP

Fund Code	Fund	2024 EOY Balance	Transfer from/(to) Ops/Programs	Transfer from/(to) Debt Service	Transfer from/(to) CIP	Total Transfers	2025 EOY Fund Balance (Held Assigned)
3001	Capital Finance	\$ 14,505,897	\$ 2,788,664	\$ -	\$ (1,695,664)	\$ 1,093,001	\$ 15,598,898

Subwatershed	Project Name	Total Project Cost	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Project Maintenance							
	Stormwater Pond Maintenance Dredging	\$ 2,049,000	\$ 870,000	\$ 576,000	\$ 208,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 339,000
Mid-Range Capital Projects							
Minnehaha Greenway	Louisiana Trail Greenspace and Stormwater	\$ 300,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000		
Minnehaha Greenway	Boone-Aquilla Floodplain	\$ 500,000		\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	
Minnehaha Greenway	West Blake Greenway Enhancement	\$ 420,000			\$ 84,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000
Mpls. Parkway	Hiawatha Golf Course Restoration	\$ 1,940,000		\$ 388,000	\$ 776,000	\$ 776,000	
Lake Minnetonka	Halsted Bay Internal Phosphorus Load Reduction	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 840,000	\$ 560,000			
Six Mile - Halsted	Halsted Bay Watershed Load Management	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 5,200,000		
Six Mile - Halsted	Mud Lake Restoration Phase I	\$ 3,090,000			\$ 618,000	\$ 1,236,000	\$ 1,236,000
Six Mile - Halsted	Pierson Lake Headwater Restoration	\$ 367,800		\$ 73,560	\$ 147,120	\$ 147,120	
Painter - Jennings	Potato Marsh Wetland Restoration	\$ 870,000		\$ 174,000	\$ 348,000	\$ 348,000	
Painter - Jennings	South Katrina Marsh Restoration	\$ 1,270,000		\$ 254,000	\$ 508,000	\$ 508,000	
Painter - Jennings	SOBI Marsh Restoration	\$ 240,000			\$ 48,000	\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000
Painter - Jennings	Upper and Lower Painter Marsh Restoration	\$ 2,800,000			\$ 560,000	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 1,120,000
Mid-Range CIP Total		\$ 28,246,800	\$ 4,370,000	\$ 7,445,560	\$ 8,817,120	\$ 4,655,120	\$ 2,959,000

\*Capital Finance fund is used to strategically maximize capacity for project implementation by (1) providing flexible and strategic reserves for planned and unplanned opportunities to improve the watershed and (2) minimizing levy volatility by supporting short term cash flow needs.

### Attachment 13 - MCWD 2026 Compensation Structure\*

Title**	Grade	Min	Mid	Max
Research and Monitoring Field Assistant	8	\$ 50,277.59	\$ 60,333.11	\$ 70,388.63
Permitting Assistant	9	\$ 53,796.92	\$ 64,556.52	\$ 75,316.12
Research and Monitoring Technician	11	\$ 61,591.96	\$ 73,910.13	\$ 86,228.31
Permitting Technician	12	\$ 65,903.65	\$ 79,083.94	\$ 92,265.33
Outreach Coordinator	13	\$ 70,516.15	\$ 84,619.60	\$ 98,723.05
Office Manager	13	\$ 70,516.15	\$ 84,619.60	\$ 98,723.05
Project Maintenance Technician	13	\$ 70,516.15	\$ 84,619.60	\$ 98,723.05
Sr. Project Maintenance Coordinator	14	\$ 75,452.36	\$ 90,543.27	\$ 105,633.08
GIS Coordinator	14	\$ 75,452.36	\$ 90,543.27	\$ 105,633.08
Policy Planning Coordinator	14	\$ 75,452.36	\$ 90,543.27	\$ 105,633.08
Water Resources Scientist	15	\$ 80,734.07	\$ 96,881.10	\$ 113,028.13
Planner - Project Manager	16	\$ 86,385.26	\$ 103,662.53	\$ 120,939.79
Operations Manager	17	\$ 93,084.94	\$ 114,028.67	\$ 134,973.49
Outreach Program Manager	17	\$ 93,084.94	\$ 114,028.67	\$ 134,973.49
Permitting Program Manager	17	\$ 93,084.94	\$ 114,028.67	\$ 134,973.49
Project Maintenance Program Manager	17	\$ 93,084.94	\$ 114,028.67	\$ 134,973.49
Research and Monitoring Program Manager	17	\$ 93,084.94	\$ 114,028.67	\$ 134,973.49
Policy Director	18	\$ 102,392.78	\$ 125,431.32	\$ 148,469.86
Project Director	19	\$ 112,631.40	\$ 137,974.01	\$ 163,315.53
District Administrator	21	\$ 136,284.65	\$ 166,948.21	\$ 197,612.85

\*Adjusted 3.9% from adopted 2025 pay structure based on Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Cost Index, per MCWD Compensation Policy

\*\*Table reflects all positions that have been classified since 2018. Not all positions currently exist or are filled within the organizational chart.



Attachment 14 - Detailed Budget		FUND 100 - OPS & SUPPORT SERV.								
		1002	1003	1005						
		General Operations	Information Technology	Facility Maintenance	OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL	PROGRAMS SUBTOTAL	DEBT SERVICE SUBTOTAL	CAPITAL FINANCE SUBTOTAL	CAPITAL PROJECTS SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
2026 LEVY DETAILS										
Activity Code	2026 Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 1,435,236	\$ 254,220	\$ 598,372	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 5,017,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 6,100,256	\$ 14,506,688
	Other Revenue									
3310	Interest	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
3401	Partner Funds				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000
3400	Grants				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344,940	\$ 344,940
3220	Permitting Reimbursable				\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
3331	Land Restoration - Income				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2026 Budgeted Expenditures less Other Revenue	\$ 935,236	\$ 254,220	\$ 598,372	\$ 1,787,828	\$ 4,942,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 5,707,316	\$ 13,538,748
	2025 Estimated Carry Over (from row 27)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 14,064,750	\$ 30,624,589
	Assigned Funds (carried to future years, levy neutral)	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 10,395,515	\$ 26,955,354
	Unassigned Funds (levy reduction)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,669,235	\$ 3,669,235
3010/3020	Recommended 2026 LEVY (considering carryover)	\$ 935,236	\$ 254,220	\$ 598,372	\$ 1,787,828	\$ 4,942,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 2,038,081	\$ 9,869,513
2025 CARRYOVER DETAIL										
	2025 Budget	\$ 1,307,965	\$ 241,000	\$ 598,372	\$ 2,147,337	\$ 5,121,413	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 6,253,478	\$ 14,620,445
								\$ -	\$ -	
	2025 Tax Revenue	\$ 857,965	\$ 241,000	\$ 598,372	\$ 1,697,337	\$ 4,678,413	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 2,395,546	\$ 9,869,513
	2025 Other Revenues (grants, reimbursement, etc.)	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000	\$ 443,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,153	\$ 1,335,153
	2024 EOY Fund Balances (Audit)	\$ 682,369	\$ 25,254	\$ -	\$ 707,623	\$ 1,638,805	\$ 186,228	\$ 14,505,897	\$ 10,657,754	\$ 28,057,093
	Estimated Year End 2025 Expenditures/Encumbrances	\$ (1,319,965)	\$ (234,500)	\$ -	\$ (1,554,465)	\$ (5,058,121)	\$ (1,098,218)	\$ -	\$ (926,367)	\$ (8,637,170)
	2025 Fund Transfers In				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,788,664	\$ 3,225,536	\$ 6,014,200
	2025 Fund Transfers Out	\$ (870,369)	\$ (31,754)	\$ (598,372)	\$ (1,500,495)	\$ (1,288,169)	\$ -	\$ (1,695,664)	\$ (1,529,872)	\$ (6,014,200)
	Estimated 2025 Carry Over (Fund Balance)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 14,064,750	\$ 30,624,589
2026 BUDGET DETAIL										
Activity Code	Description									
4010	Wages	\$ 490,489			\$ 490,489	\$ 2,490,893	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,981,382
4011	Wages-Overtime				\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4020	Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 37,522			\$ 37,522	\$ 190,553	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 228,076
40XX	Paid Leave Tax	\$ 2,158			\$ 2,158	\$ 10,960	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 13,118
4035	Unemployment Reimbursement	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000
4040	PERA Expense	\$ 36,787			\$ 36,787	\$ 186,817	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 223,604
4050	Benefits	\$ 62,966			\$ 62,966	\$ 286,883	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 349,849
4060	Staff Mileage/Expenses	\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000	\$ 30,500	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 31,500
4065	Staff Training	\$ 6,500			\$ 6,500	\$ 41,400	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 47,900
4066	Staff Tuition Benefit	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000
4110	Manager Per Diems	\$ 37,500			\$ 37,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 37,500
4120	Manager Reimbursement Expenses	\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4125	Manager Misc Expenses	\$ 6,500			\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 6,500
4210	Office Supplies	\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4215	Board/Committee Meeting Exp	\$ 7,000			\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 7,000
4222	Vehicle/Boat Expense	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 8,000
4230	Printing/Publishing/Postage	\$ 1,500			\$ 1,500	\$ 23,450	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 24,950
4250	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 17,500	\$ 91,670		\$ 109,170	\$ 14,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 123,170
4265	Rentals-Building & Equipment	\$ 13,000			\$ 13,000	\$ 6,700	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 19,700
4280	Insurance	\$ 71,000			\$ 71,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 71,000
4292	Bank/Agency Fees	\$ 4,000			\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 4,000
4295	Other/Miscellaneous	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 35,000	\$ 32,500	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 67,500
4320	Contract Services	\$ 60,000	\$ 107,550		\$ 167,550	\$ 697,787	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 865,337
4330	Accounting & Auditing	\$ 133,750			\$ 133,750	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 133,750
4340	Engineering	\$ 80,640			\$ 80,640	\$ 634,150	\$ -		\$ 1,296,871	\$ 2,011,661
4350	Legal Expense	\$ 90,000			\$ 90,000	\$ 214,850	\$ -		\$ 134,875	\$ 439,725
4520	Lab Analysis	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 53,493	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 53,493
4530	Permit Acquisition	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
4540	Property/Easement Acquisition	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
4550	Construction	\$ -		\$ 598,372	\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 4,623,638	\$ 5,222,010
4570	Equipment/Supplies	\$ 22,500	\$ 30,000		\$ 52,500	\$ 58,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 110,500
4575	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 55,000			\$ 55,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 80,000
4594	Debt Service-Principal	\$ 83,988			\$ 83,988	\$ -	\$ 890,000		\$ -	\$ 973,988
4595	Debt Service-Interest	\$ 20,936			\$ 20,936	\$ -	\$ 210,668		\$ -	\$ 231,604
4600	Grants/Awards/Loans	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
4963	Utilities	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -		\$ 12,372	\$ 72,372
2026 EXPENDITURES:		\$ 1,435,236	\$ 254,220	\$ 598,372	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 5,017,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 6,100,256	\$ 14,506,688

Attachment 14 - Detailed Budget		FUND 200 - PLANNING & PERMITTING				FUND 400 - OUTREACH			FUND 500 - RESEARCH & MONITORING							
		2001	2002	2003	2008	4001	4002	4005	5001	5008						
		Permit Administration	Project Planning	Project Maintenance	Policy Planning	C. Krieg Stewardship Grant (Defunct)	Outreach	Cost-Share Grant Program (Defunct)	Research & Monitoring	LCCMR	OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL	PROGRAMS SUBTOTAL	DEBT SERVICE SUBTOTAL	CAPITAL FINANCE SUBTOTAL	CAPITAL PROJECTS SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
2026 LEVY DETAILS																
Activity Code	2026 Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 947,431	\$ 1,097,847	\$ 685,673	\$ 857,920	\$ -	\$ 466,193	\$ -	\$ 962,872	\$ -	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 5,017,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 6,100,256	\$ 14,506,688
	Other Revenue															
3310	Interest										\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
3401	Partner Funds										\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000
3400	Grants										\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344,940	\$ 344,940
3220	Permitting Reimbursable	\$ 75,000									\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
3331	Land Restoration - Income										\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2026 Budgeted Expenditures less Other Revenue	\$ 872,431	\$ 1,097,847	\$ 685,673	\$ 857,920	\$ -	\$ 466,193	\$ -	\$ 962,872	\$ -	\$ 1,787,828	\$ 4,942,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 5,707,316	\$ 13,538,748
	2025 Estimated Carry Over (from row 27)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 8,129	\$ (0)	\$ 405,799	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 14,064,750	\$ 30,624,589
	Assigned Funds (carried to future years, levy neutral)					\$ 8,129		\$ 405,799			\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 10,395,515	\$ 26,955,354
	Unassigned Funds (levy reduction)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,669,235	\$ 3,669,235
3010/3020	Recommended 2026 LEVY (considering carryover)	\$ 872,431	\$ 1,097,847	\$ 685,673	\$ 857,920	\$ -	\$ 466,193	\$ -	\$ 962,872	\$ -	\$ 1,787,828	\$ 4,942,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 2,038,081	\$ 9,869,513
2025 CARRYOVER DETAIL																
	2025 Budget	\$ 925,663	\$ 1,031,505	\$ 677,441	\$ 643,884	\$ -	\$ 470,817	\$ -	\$ 1,004,103	\$ 368,000	\$ 2,147,337	\$ 5,121,413	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 6,253,478	\$ 14,620,445
														\$ -	\$ -	
	2025 Tax Revenue	\$ 850,663	\$ 1,031,505	\$ 677,441	\$ 643,884	\$ -	\$ 470,817	\$ -	\$ 1,004,103	\$ -	\$ 1,697,337	\$ 4,678,413	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 2,395,546	\$ 9,869,513
	2025 Other Revenues (grants, reimbursement, etc.)	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 368,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 443,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,153	\$ 1,335,153
	2024 EOY Fund Balances (Audit)	\$ 240,965	\$ 153,909	\$ 234,088	\$ 186,228	\$ 8,129	\$ 118,582	\$ 405,799	\$ 291,105	\$ -	\$ 707,623	\$ 1,638,805	\$ 186,228	\$ 14,505,897	\$ 10,657,754	\$ 28,057,093
	Estimated Year End 2025 Expenditures/Encumbrances	\$ (925,663)	\$ (1,031,505)	\$ (649,649)	\$ (643,884)	\$ -	\$ (435,317)	\$ -	\$ (1,004,103)	\$ (368,000)	\$ (1,554,465)	\$ (5,058,121)	\$ (1,098,218)	\$ -	\$ (926,367)	\$ (8,637,170)
	2025 Fund Transfers In										\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,788,664	\$ 3,225,536	\$ 6,014,200
	2025 Fund Transfers Out	\$ (240,965)	\$ (153,909)	\$ (261,880)	\$ (186,228)		\$ (154,082)		\$ (291,105)	\$ -	\$ (1,500,495)	\$ (1,288,169)	\$ -	\$ (1,695,664)	\$ (1,529,872)	\$ (6,014,200)
	Estimated 2025 Carry Over (Fund Balance)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 8,129	\$ (0)	\$ 405,799	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 14,064,750	\$ 30,624,589
2026 BUDGET DETAIL																
Activity Code	Description															
4010	Wages	\$ 466,310	\$ 569,930	\$ 273,841	\$ 411,586		\$ 264,206		\$ 505,020		\$ 490,489	\$ 2,490,893	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,981,382
4011	Wages-Overtime	\$ 2,500							\$ 2,500		\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4020	Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 35,673	\$ 43,600	\$ 20,949	\$ 31,486		\$ 20,212		\$ 38,634		\$ 37,522	\$ 190,553	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 228,076
40XX	Paid Leave Tax	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,508	\$ 1,205	\$ 1,811		\$ 1,163		\$ 2,222		\$ 2,158	\$ 10,960	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 13,118
4035	Unemployment Reimbursement										\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000
4040	PERA Expense	\$ 34,973	\$ 42,745	\$ 20,538	\$ 30,869		\$ 19,815		\$ 37,876		\$ 36,787	\$ 186,817	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 223,604
4050	Benefits	\$ 32,923	\$ 84,915	\$ 32,883	\$ 40,968		\$ 31,297		\$ 63,897		\$ 62,966	\$ 286,883	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 349,849
4060	Staff Mileage/Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 7,400		\$ 2,000		\$ 8,000		\$ 1,000	\$ 30,500	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 31,500
4065	Staff Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 6,300		\$ 10,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 6,500	\$ 41,400	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 47,900
4066	Staff Tuition Benefit										\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000
4110	Manager Per Diems										\$ 37,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 37,500
4120	Manager Reimbursement Expenses										\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4125	Manager Misc Expenses										\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 6,500
4210	Office Supplies										\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4215	Board/Committee Meeting Exp										\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 7,000
4222	Vehicle/Boat Expense								\$ 5,000		\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 8,000
4230	Printing/Publishing/Postage	\$ 5,000	\$ 150	\$ 500	\$ 500		\$ 15,300		\$ 2,000		\$ 1,500	\$ 23,450	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 24,950
4250	Dues & Subscriptions						\$ 10,000		\$ 4,000		\$ 109,170	\$ 14,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 123,170
4265	Rentals-Building & Equipment						\$ 6,700				\$ 13,000	\$ 6,700	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 19,700
4280	Insurance										\$ 71,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 71,000
4292	Bank/Agency Fees										\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 4,000
4295	Other/Miscellaneous			\$ 25,000			\$ 7,500				\$ 35,000	\$ 32,500	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 67,500
4320	Contract Services		\$ 35,000	\$ 254,057	\$ 199,500		\$ 69,000		\$ 140,230		\$ 167,550	\$ 697,787	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 865,337
4330	Accounting & Auditing										\$ 133,750	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 133,750
4340	Engineering	\$ 290,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 24,150	\$ 80,000				\$ 15,000		\$ 80,640	\$ 634,150	\$ -		\$ 1,296,871	\$ 2,011,661
4350	Legal Expense	\$ 60,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 17,850	\$ 47,500		\$ 4,500		\$ 5,000		\$ 90,000	\$ 214,850	\$ -		\$ 134,875	\$ 439,725
4520	Lab Analysis								\$ 53,493		\$ -	\$ 53,493	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 53,493
4530	Permit Acquisition										\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
4540	Property/Easement Acquisition										\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
4550	Construction										\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 4,623,638	\$ 5,222,010
4570	Equipment/Supplies	\$ 3,000		\$ 500			\$ 4,500		\$ 50,000		\$ 52,500	\$ 58,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 110,500
4575	Repairs/Maintenance			\$ 10,000					\$ 15,000		\$ 55,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 80,000
4594	Debt Service-Principal										\$ 83,988	\$ -	\$ 890,000		\$ -	\$ 973,988
4595	Debt Service-Interest										\$ 20,936	\$ -	\$ 210,668		\$ -	\$ 231,604
4600	Grants/Awards/Loans										\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
4963	Utilities								\$ 10,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -		\$ 12,372	\$ 72,372
2026 EXPENDITURES:		\$ 947,431	\$ 1,097,847	\$ 685,673	\$ 857,920	\$ -	\$ 466,193	\$ -	\$ 962,872	\$ -	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 5,017,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 6,100,256	\$ 14,506,688

Attachment 14 - Detailed Budget			CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CAPITAL PROJECT FINANCE																				
		2004	3001	3002	30XX	3145	3146	3150	3152	3155	3158	3159	3160	3501	3502	3503	3504	OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL	PROGRAMS SUBTOTAL	DEBT SERVICE SUBTOTAL	CAPITAL FINANCE SUBTOTAL	CAPITAL PROJECTS SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
		Debt Service	Capital Finance	Stormwater Pond Maintenance Dredging	Cedar Meadows Pond Maintenance	Blake Road Stormwater Mgmt	Cottageville Park	Meadowbrook Golf Course	SWLRT Stream Enhancement	Minneapolis Stormwater	Turbid-Lunsten Wetland Restoration	County Rd 6 Pond Retrofit	East Auburn Wetland Restoration	Morningside Ravine Stabilization	Holbrook Park Regional Stormwater Treatment	Northside Park (Lifetime)	Calvary Church Stormwater Management						
2026 LEVY DETAILS																							
Activity Code	2026 Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 505,900	\$ 140,000	\$ 2,150,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 250,841	\$ 494,432	\$ 250,000	\$ 318,000	\$ 541,643	\$ 592,000	\$ -	\$ 124,940	\$ -	\$ 32,500	\$ 2,287,828	\$ 5,017,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 6,100,256	\$ 14,506,688
	Other Revenue																	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
3310	Interest																	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3401	Partner Funds												\$ 48,000					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000
3400	Grants																	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344,940	\$ 344,940
3220	Permitting Reimbursable							\$ 200,000							\$ 124,940		\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3331	Land Restoration - Income																	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2026 Budgeted Expenditures less Other Revenue	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 505,900	\$ 140,000	\$ 2,150,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 250,841	\$ 294,432	\$ 250,000	\$ 318,000	\$ 541,643	\$ 544,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,787,828	\$ 4,942,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 5,707,316	\$ 13,538,748
	2025 Estimated Carry over (from row 27)	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 1,026,145	\$ 787,900	\$ 2,952,120	\$ 1,355,728	\$ 2,257,572	\$ 327,054	\$ 2,999,993	\$ 822,624	\$ 570,151	\$ 452,963	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 112,500	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 14,064,750	\$ 30,624,589
	Assigned Funds (carried to future years, levy neutral)	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 520,245	\$ 787,900	\$ 2,318,107	\$ 655,728	\$ 2,257,572	\$ 54,838	\$ 2,749,993	\$ 504,624	\$ 28,508	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000		\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 10,395,515	\$ 26,955,515
	Unassigned Funds (levy reduction)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 505,900	\$ -	\$ 634,013	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 272,216	\$ 250,000	\$ 318,000	\$ 541,643	\$ 434,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,669,235	\$ 3,669,235
3010/3020	Recommended 2026 LEVY (considering carryover)	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000	\$ 1,515,987	\$ -	\$ 250,841	\$ 22,216	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,787,828	\$ 4,942,936	\$ 1,100,668	\$ -	\$ 2,038,081	\$ 9,869,513
2025 CARRYOVER DETAIL																							
	2025 Budget	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 1,060,000		\$ 2,150,000	\$ 700,000		\$ 493,535	\$ 250,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 532,444	\$ 467,559	\$ 200,000	\$ 124,940	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 2,147,337	\$ 5,121,413	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 6,253,478	\$ 14,620,445
																				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2025 Tax Revenue	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 17,534		\$ 1,605,863	\$ -		\$ 293,535	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 203,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,697,337	\$ 4,678,413	\$ 1,098,218	\$ -	\$ 2,395,546	\$ 9,869,513
	2025 Other Revenues (grants, reimbursement, etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,153	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 443,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,153	\$ 1,335,153
	2024 EOY Fund Balances (Audit)	\$ 547,014	\$ 14,505,897	\$ 1,033,611		\$ 2,962,244	\$ 1,385,728		\$ 189,169	\$ 2,999,993	\$ 730,624	\$ 445,422	\$ 510,963	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 707,623	\$ 1,638,805	\$ 186,228	\$ 14,505,897	\$ 10,657,754	\$ 28,057,093
	Estimated Year End 2025 Expenditures/Encumbrances	\$ (1,098,218)	\$ -	\$ (25,000)	\$ -	\$ (100,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ -	\$ (155,650)	\$ -	\$ (58,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (58,000)	\$ (343,774)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (8,443)	\$ (32,500)	\$ (1,554,465)	\$ (5,058,121)	\$ (1,098,218)	\$ -	\$ (926,367)	\$ (8,637,170)
	2025 Fund Transfers In		\$ 2,788,664		\$ 787,900			\$ 2,257,572						\$ 171,621	\$ -	\$ 8,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,788,664	\$ 3,225,536	\$ 6,014,200
	2025 Fund Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ (1,695,664)			\$ (1,515,987)						\$ (13,885)						\$ (1,500,495)	\$ (1,288,169)	\$ -	\$ (1,695,664)	\$ (1,529,872)	\$ (6,014,200)
	Estimated 2025 Carry Over (Fund Balance)	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 1,026,145	\$ 787,900	\$ 2,952,120	\$ 1,355,728	\$ 2,257,572	\$ 327,054	\$ 2,999,993	\$ 822,624	\$ 570,151	\$ 452,963	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 112,500	\$ -	\$ 413,928	\$ 547,014	\$ 15,598,898	\$ 14,064,750	\$ 30,624,589
2026 BUDGET DETAIL																							
Activity Code	Description																						
4010	Wages																	\$ 490,489	\$ 2,490,893	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,981,382
4011	Wages-Overtime																	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4020	Payroll Tax Expense																	\$ 37,522	\$ 190,553	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 228,076
40XX	Paid Leave Tax																	\$ 2,158	\$ 10,960	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 13,118
4035	Unemployment Reimbursement																	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000
4040	PERA Expense																	\$ 36,787	\$ 186,817	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 223,604
4050	Benefits																	\$ 62,966	\$ 286,883	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 349,849
4060	Staff Mileage/Expenses																	\$ 1,000	\$ 30,500	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 31,500
4065	Staff Training																	\$ 6,500	\$ 41,400	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 47,900
4066	Staff Tuition Benefit																	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000
4110	Manager Per Diems																	\$ 37,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 37,500
4120	Manager Reimbursement Expenses																	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4125	Manager Misc Expenses																	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 6,500
4210	Office Supplies																	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,000
4215	Board/Committee Meeting Exp																	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 7,000
4222	Vehicle/Boat Expense																	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 8,000
4230	Printing/Publishing/Postage																	\$ 1,500	\$ 23,450	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 24,950
4250	Dues & Subscriptions																	\$ 109,170	\$ 14,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 123,170
4265	Rentals-Building & Equipment																	\$ 13,000	\$ 6,700	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 19,700
4280	Insurance																	\$ 71,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 71,000
4292	Bank/Agency Fees																	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 4,000
4295	Other/Miscellaneous																	\$ 35,000	\$ 32,500	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 67,500
4320	Contract Services																	\$ 167,550	\$ 697,787	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 865,337
4330	Accounting & Auditing																	\$ 133,750	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 133,750
4340	Engineering			\$ 50,590	\$ 140,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 225,841	\$ 70,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 288,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 37,500		\$ 124,940			\$ 80,640	\$ 634,150	\$ -		\$ 1,296,871	\$ 2,011,661
4350	Legal Expense					\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,375					\$ 90,000	\$ 214,850	\$ -		\$ 134,875	\$ 439,725
4520	Lab Analysis																	\$ -	\$ 53,493	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 53,493
4530	Permit Acquisition																	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
4540	Property/Easement Acquisition																	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
4550	Construction			\$ 455,310		\$ 2,042,628	\$ 655,000		\$ 411,432			\$ 514,143	\$ 545,125					\$ 598,372	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 4,623,638	\$ 5,222,010
4570	Equipment/Supplies																	\$ 52,500	\$ 58,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 110,500
4575	Repairs/Maintenance																	\$ 55,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 80,000
4594	Debt Service-Principal	\$ 890,000																\$ 83,988	\$ -	\$ 890,000		\$ -	\$ 973,988
4595	Debt Service-Interest	\$ 210,668																\$ 20,936	\$ -	\$ 210,668		\$ -	\$ 231,604
4600	Grants/Awards/Loans																\$ 32,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 32,500		

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## Attachment 15 - DRAFT Transfer Summary

Fund Code	Fund Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Notes
1002	General Operations		\$ (870,369)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
1003	Information Technology		\$ (31,754)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
1005	Facility Maintenance Plan		\$ (598,372)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
2001	Permit Administration		\$ (240,965)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
2002	Project Planning		\$ (153,909)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
2003	Project Maintenance & Land Management		\$ (261,880)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
2008	Policy Planning		\$ (186,228)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
3001	Capital Finance	\$ 2,788,664	\$ (1,695,664)	Transfer in of 2025 program and project carryover, transfer out to 2026 CIP
30XX	Cedar Meadows Pond Maintenance	\$ 787,900		Transfer in from Capital Finance to support CIP
3145	Blake Road Stormwater Management		\$ (1,515,987)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
3150	Meadowbrook Golf Course	\$ 2,257,572		Transfer in from Capital Finance to support CIP
3159	County Rd 6 Pond Retrofit		\$ (13,885)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
3501	Morningside Ravine Stabilization	\$ 171,621		Transfer in from Capital Finance to support CIP
3503	Northside Park (Lifetime)	\$ 8,443		Transfer in from Capital Finance to support CIP
4002	Outreach		\$ (154,082)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
5001	Research & Monitoring		\$ (291,105)	Transfer out of estimated carryover to Capital Finance
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 6,014,200</b>	<b>\$ (6,014,200)</b>	