

Land & Water Partnership Program

Supporting partner-led projects that advance shared goals and generate community benefits



The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) recognizes we can best achieve our mission by partnering with cities, developers, and others who make changes on the landscape. We've designed the Land & Water Partnership (LWP) Program to build bridges between land and water planning, to deliver projects that improve the watershed and support thriving communities.

By promoting early coordination and offering technical and financial resources, the program supports collaborative planning that integrates water resource improvements with community development, infrastructure, parks, and other plans to deliver projects that provide mutual benefits.

How does the LWP Program work?

The LWP Program provides technical and financial support to projects that provide significant, regional water resource benefit. Typical partners include cities, counties, park agencies, developers, and others who implement large-scale projects.

Qualifying projects can receive technical and financial assistance for project development and implementation, including:

- ✓ Watershed assessments
- ✓ Concept development
- ✓ Feasibility studies
- ✓ Design and Construction

MCWD may fund up to 75% of eligible costs.



Process

The LWP Program includes two submittal deadlines to promote early coordination and integration with MCWD's budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) development process:

- Year 1** *Project Concept: Submit a Notice of Interest by April 1 requesting technical and/or financial assistance with feasibility work.*
- Year 2** *Project Feasibility: Submit a Notice of Interest by February 1, with a completed feasibility study, requesting financial support for project implementation (design/construction costs).*
- Year 3** *Project Implementation: Project costs are reimbursed as outlined in the funding agreement after project completion.*

Contact MCWD's Policy Planning team to learn more and get started!

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