

Title:	Permit 20-325- Mary Lake Outlet Control Structure, Shorewood
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#### **Purpose:**

Recommendation: Approval of MCWD permit application on the following conditions:

- 1. Identification of the contractor responsible for implementing the erosion control plan;
- 2. Submission of draft maintenance agreement for Waterbody Crossings & Structures for District approval, then execution;
- 3. Submission by the city of documentation of the 23445 Smithtown Road property owner's consent to the proposed decrease in flood freeboard. (The managers may wish to further require the city to secure recordation of a declaration memorializing the noncompliant flood-freeboard elevation after approval of a draft by District Staff.)

#### **Background:**

The City of Shorewood (Applicant) has applied for a Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District) permit to install a new 8" stormwater outlet structure at Mary Lake in the City of Shorewood. The outlet structure will connect to new stormsewer pipe that will be installed within the right-of-way (ROW) of Clover Lane, Gillet Curve, and a small segment in Wood Duck Circle that will connect into the existing storm sewer network that discharges to Studer Pond in the City of Excelsior. To install the new stormsewer, eight sections of pavement will be removed within the ROW and replaced in-kind, resulting in no increase in impervious surface. Mary Lake is a land locked Department of Natural Resources (DNR) public waters wetland composed of a southern & northern basin and Studer Pond is a DNR public waters wetland. The new outlet structure is proposed in the north basin of Mary Lake and the Applicant proposes to excavate 93 cubic yards (cy) to create a depression between the south and north basins to allow water to easily flow to the outlet. Per the Applicant's submitted narrative, Mary Lake has experienced localized flooding since 2014 which has resulted in the Applicant pumping Mary Lake to lower the water level three times. The Applicant's stated goal of the project is to construct a low maintenance, gravity flow drainage system that allows Mary Lake to outlet during times of high water, which will provide a permanent solution to reducing the risk of flooding residential properties and structures around Mary Lake.

The application is before the MCWD Board of Managers for consideration as the Applicant has requested a Variance from compliance with retaining adequate hydraulic capacity at the downstream waterbody (Studer Pond) per section 3(b) of the Waterbody Crossings & Structure rule. All necessary materials were submitted to complete the application on September 17th, 2020 and a public notification for the board meeting was provided to property owners within 600 feet of the project on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The project triggers the District's Erosion Control, Wetland Protection, Floodplain Alteration, and Waterbody Crossings & Structures rules. The project is exempt from the Stormwater Management rule as it does not propose to increase any linear impervious surface per section 2(d) of the rule. The project plans show a shortfall from retaining adequate hydraulic capacity (as determined by the District Engineer) resulting in the exacerbation of an existing noncompliant low-floor elevation of a property on Studer Pond, and the Applicant has requested a Variance. Determination of a

variance from MCWD rule provisions is beyond the administrator's delegated authority, requiring that the determination come before the managers.

#### **District Rule Analysis:**

#### Erosion Control Rule

The District's Erosion Control Rule is applied to projects proposing 5,000 square feet of disturbance or 50 cubic yards of fill, excavation, or stockpiling on-site. The Applicant is proposing 9,707 square feet of land disturbance; therefore, the rule is applied. In accordance with the rule provisions, the Applicant has submitted an erosion control plan which identifies erosion and sediment control best management practices, including silt fence downgradient of disturbed areas, floating silt curtain, locations of inlet protection, location of a rock construction entrance, and has identified that concrete washout will be contained on the truck. Additionally, a vegetative stabilization plan including the incorporation of six-inches of topsoil into underlying soils prior to final stabilization has been provided.

Identification of the contractor responsible for maintaining the erosion control plan is a recommended condition of approval. Upon satisfaction of the recommended condition, the project will meet the Erosion Control Rule.

#### Wetland Protection

The Wetland Protection rule is applicable for any project that proposes temporary or permanent wetland impact. Furthermore, the buffer provisions of the rule are applicable whenever the Waterbody Crossings & Structures rule is applied. Mary Lake is considered to be one wetland complex and two wetland locations were delineated within the project area. MCWD, as the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Local Governmental Unit, issued a Notice of Decision (NOD) determining the boundary and type of the wetland as Type 3/4, Shallow Marsh/Deep Marsh wetland. (W19-28; attachment 2). The project proposes to excavate an area of 1,224 square feet (sf) above the ordinary high water level (OHW) of Mary Lake (953.12 (NVGD)) to create a "saddle" to connect the south and north nodes of Mary Lake. Furthermore, the project proposes 4,456 (sf) of temporary wetland impact to install the outlet structure and access the site for the "saddle" excavation. Because the project proposes a temporary disturbance and excavation in a wetland, the rule is applicable.

Per section 2(a), The WCA, as amended, and its implementing rules as set forth in Minnesota Rules chapter 8420, as amended, specifically including sequencing requirements and all exemptions, are incorporated as a part of this rule. MCWD issued a NOD for No-Loss and a determination that the excavation is outside the scope of WCA under W20-16 (attachment 3), therefore a WCA wetland replacement plan is not required for the project.

Per section 4(a), excavation is governed by the substantive and procedural standards, criteria and requirements set forth in the WCA, as amended, and the rules implementing the WCA as set forth in Minnesota Rules chapter 8420, as amended, including all exemptions, with the exception that replacement for excavation not subject to the WCA shall be at the ratio of 2:1. Because the 1,224 sf area of excavation is not regulated by the WCA, the project is subject to the District's excavation requirements.

Per section 4(b), excavation of a wetland performed for public benefit, including excavation to remove or control invasive species, shall be deemed self-replacing if the applicant demonstrates that the wetland to be excavated is degraded. Excavation must not result in a change of wetland type, unless the applicant demonstrates that public benefit is not obtainable absent such impact. The Applicant has submitted a narrative and plan that demonstrates the excavation will result in the conversion of 1,220 sf of Type 3, seasonally flooded Shallow Marsh wetland to Type 3, seasonally flooded Shallow Marsh wetland, the remainder 400 sf of wetland will remain Type 3, seasonally flooded Shallow Marsh wetland, and will allow water to flow from the south node of Mary Lake to the north node. A new outlet structure will be placed in the north node which will reduce the risk of flooding properties and structures. Staff have reviewed the narrative and plan and determined that the area proposed for excavation has a dominance of reed canary grass (invasive species) and that the slight conversion in wetland type is required to alleviate high water conditions to provide the public benefit. The criteria of section 4(b) has been met.

The buffer provisions of the Wetland Protection rule are stated in sections 5, 6, and 7. Per the rule, wetland buffers must be provided around all disturbed wetlands and on wetland edges downgradient of disturbance. The Applicant

does not own any land surrounding Mary Lake nor does the Applicant have the necessary property rights to impose a permanent buffer on the private properties that surround Mary Lake, therefore the buffer provisions of the rule impose no compliance requirements on the applicant.

Per section 6 of the rule, stormwater sensitivity parameters must be analyzed and results included in the evaluation, unless all stormwater flow to wetlands is managed in compliance with the bounce, inundation and runout-elevation control criteria in subsection 8(b) of the District's Stormwater Management Rule. Because the project is exempt from the Stormwater Management rule, the impact to downstream waterbodies per section 6 is applied. Table 1 below summarizes the allowable impact to downstream waterbodies by Management Class.

Wetland Management Class/ Waterbody	Permitted Bounce for 1-, 10-, and 100-Year Event	Inundation Period for 1-Year Event	Inundation Period for 10- and 100-Year Event	Runout Control Elevation
Preserve	Existing	Existing	Existing	No change
Manage 1	Existing plus 0.5 feet	Existing plus 1 day	Existing plus 2 days	No change
Manage 2	Existing plus 1.0 feet	Existing plus 2 days	Existing plus 14 days	0 to 1.0 ft above existing runout
Manage 3	No limit	Existing plus 7 days	Existing plus 21 days	0 to 4.0 ft above existing runout
Lakes	Existing	N/A	N/A	No change

Table 1: Impacts on downstream waterbodies

The District Functional Assessment of Wetlands (FAW) identifies the downstream receiving waterbody, Studer Pond, as a Manage 1 wetland. The Applicant has submitted a plan and modeling to show that the bounce for the 1-year, 10-year and 100-year event will not exceed 0.073' as shown in Table 2 below. Additionally, the Applicant has submitted a plan and modeling to show that the project will not exceed the allowable inundation periods for the 1- year, 10-year, and 100-year event and has shown that the runout control elevation for Studer Pond will not be changed.

	Studer Pond		
	Existing	Proposed	Impact
OHW	929.4	929.4	0
1-year 24 Hr,			
NGVD 29	930.379	930.379	0.01
10-year 24 Hr,			
NGVD 29	931.111	931.162	0.051
100-year 24 Hr,			
NGVD 29	932.818	932.891	0.073

Table 2: Proposed Bounce to Studer Pond

The District Engineer has reviewed the plan and modeling and determined that the project will not result in a bounce greater than shown in the above table and has determined that the project will not exceed the allowable inundation periods for a Manage 1 wetland. Furthermore, the District Engineer has determined that there is no proposed change to the runout control elevation for Studer Pond. The criteria of the rule has been met.

In summary, the project will meet the requirements of the Wetland Protection Rule.

#### **Floodplain Alteration**

The Floodplain Alteration Rule is applicable whenever land altering activity is proposed below the projected 100-year high water elevation (HWL) of any waterbody. The projected 100-year HWL for Mary Lake has been identified, and confirmed by the District Engineer, to be 955.05 (NGVD 29). The Applicant is proposing excavation below the 100-year HWL of Lake Mary, therefore the rule is applied.

Per section 3(a) of the rule, fill shall not cause a net decrease in storage capacity below the projected 100-year HWL of a waterbody and any fill brought onsite below the projected 100-year HWL must be mitigated by the creation of compensatory storage. The Applicant has submitted plans and quantified calculations, computed and signed by a professional engineer, to demonstrate the project will result in 42 cy of fill and 93 cy of compensatory storage, for a net increase of 51 cy of storage within the floodplain. The District Engineer has reviewed the plans and has confirmed that the project will result in a net increase of 51 cy, of new floodplain storage below the 955.05 elevation contour, therefore the criteria of section 3(a) has been met.

Section 3(b) of the rule requires no increase in the 100-year flood elevation of a watercourse. Because the project work will not occur within the floodplain of a watercourse, Section 3(b) of the rule does not apply to this project.

Section 3(c) of the rule states that section 3(a) of this rule does not apply to fill in a waterbasin if the applicant shows that the proposed fill, together with the filling of all other properties on the waterbody to the same degree of encroachment will not cause high water or aggravate flooding on other properties. Because the project is creating storage within the floodplain, analysis under Section 3(c) is not necessary.

Section 3(d) of the rule requires that no new impervious surface be created in the lesser of 25 feet of the centerline of a watercourse or the 10 year floodplain, unless that surface is an integral component of a linear public roadway or trail. This project is not occurring within the floodplain of a watercourse and therefore this provision is not applicable.

Section 3(e) of the rule is not applicable, as no ice ridge grading is proposed.

Section 3(f) of the rule requires that the low-entry openings to all new residential, commercial, and institutional structures be a minimum of 2 feet above the 100 year high-water level. The project does not propose any new residential, commercial, or institutional structures, therefore this rule is not applicable.

In summary, the project will meet the requirements of the Floodplain Alteration Rule.

### Waterbody Crossings and Structures

The Waterbody Crossings and Structures Rule is applicable whenever a structure is placed in the bed or bank of a waterbody. The Applicant is proposing a storm sewer outlet that will come into contact with the bed and bank of Mary Lake, therefore the rule is applied.

Per section 3(a) of the rule, the use of the bed or bank of a waterbody must meet a demonstrated public benefit for projects involving crossings or structures in public waters, and meet a demonstrated specific need for all other projects. The Applicant has submitted a narrative that states that the new stormsewer outlet meets a public benefit because it serves to protect residential properties and structures that are currently at risk from increasing water levels in Mary Lake by reducing the 100-year HWL by 0.084'. Staff have reviewed the narrative and determined that the project provides a public benefit.

Per section 3(b) of the rule, use of the bed or bank shall retain adequate hydraulic capacity. The District Engineer has determined that the project does not retain adequate hydraulic capacity in Studer Lake because there is inadequate flood freeboard in the existing condition at 23445 Smithtown Road, and the project exacerbates that noncompliant condition. The Applicant has submitted plans, a narrative, and a hydraulic analysis to demonstrate that the 100-year floodstage of the upstream waterbody, Mary Lake, will be reduced by 0.084' and that the downstream waterbody, Studer Pond, will increased by 0.073'. The Applicant has request a Variance to section 3(b) for a 0.073' increase in

floodstage downstream. The below table summarizes the existing and proposed ordinary high water level (OHW) of Mary Lake and Studer Pond, as well as, the existing and proposed 100-year HWLs of Mary Lake and Studer Pond.

	Mary Lake		Studer Pond			
	Existing	Proposed	Change	Existing	Proposed	Change
OHW	953.12	953.12	0	929.4	929.4	0
100-year 24 Hr (NGVD 29)	955.048	954.964	-0.084	932.818	932.891	0.073

#### Table 3: 100-HWL Impacts

Per section 3(c) of the rule, the use of the bed or bank shall retain adequate navigational capacity pursuant to any requirements of the waterbody's classification by the District. Staff and the District Engineer have reviewed the plan and determined that the proposed outlet structure will not have an effect on navigation capacity.

Per section 3(d) of the rule, the use of the bed or bank shall preserve aquatic and upland wildlife passage. Staff have reviewed the plans and determined that the proposed outlet structure will not have an impact on aquatic or upland wildlife passage in the proposed condition from the existing condition. Staff have determined that the rule criteria has been met.

Per section 3(e) of the rule, use of the bed or bank shall not adversely affect water quality. The Applicant has submitted plans to show the location of silt fence, inlet protection, and floating silt curtain downgradient of site disturbance to ensure that sedimentation will not enter the waterbody (where applicable). Based on Staff's review of the submitted materials, water quality will not be adversely affected as the proper erosion control best management practices will be installed during construction and areas of disturbance will be stabilized within 14 days after construction is completed. Based on this analysis, Staff have determined that the Applicant has met this criteria of the rule.

Per section 3(f) of the rule, the use of the bed or bank shall represent the "minimal impact" solution to a specific need with respect to all other reasonable alternatives, including, but not limited to vegetation or bioengineering for bank stabilization, structural stabilization, acquisition of additional easements, or installation of upstream control to manage stream flow. The Applicant has provided an alternatives analysis to demonstrate the proposed project represents the minimal impact solution in consideration of other options. Based upon the alternatives analysis provided by the Applicant, a no build scenario will not meet the project goal of alleviating high water levels on Mary Lake. The second alternative considered an alternate stormsewer alignment that would route the outlet across Smithtown Road, but will require crossing a major roadway, additional wetland impacts for the outlet construction, as well as, increased water levels in the Preserve wetland north of Smithtown Road. Staff and the District Engineer have reviewed the alternatives submitted and concur that proposed outlet structure represents the minimal impact solution in terms of minimizing impacts to natural resources, therefore, this criteria of the rule is met.

Section 3(g) of the rule is not applicable, as no bored utility lines are proposed underneath the bed or bank of a watercourse.

Section 3(h) of the rule is not applicable, as no installation, modification, or excavation of sanitary sewer beneath a waterbody is proposed as a component of this project.

Per section 6 of the rule, maintenance requirements for the structures will be met through a maintenance agreement between the City of Shorewood and the District and is listed as a recommended condition of approval.

In summary, based on the analysis by Staff and the District Engineer provided above, upon satisfaction of the recommended condition the Applicant has met all the applicable criteria of the Waterbody Crossings and Structures rule, except for the requested Variance from section 3(b).

#### <u>Variance</u>

The Variance and Exception Rule allows the Board of Managers to grant variances from a provision of the rules based on the showing of the applicant on the District Variance Standards. Section 2 of the Variance and Exception Rule states these standards. The Applicant has submitted a Variance Application (attachment 4) requesting shortfall from maintaining adequate hydraulic capacity downstream per section 3(b) of the Waterbody Crossings & Structures rule because the project fails to maintain adequate hydraulic capacity by exacerbating an existing inadequate flood freeboard condition at 23445 Smithtown Road in the City of Shorewood.

Section 2(a) states that the applicant must demonstrate that because of special conditions inherent to the property, which do not apply generally to other land or structures in the District, strict compliance with a provision of a District rule will cause undue hardship to the applicant or property owner. Per the Applicant's submitted narrative, Mary Lake is a landlocked water basin with no outlet and has been subject to high water conditions due to increased precipitation. The project, as designed, proposes to excavate 1,224 sf (0.03 acres) of a seasonally flooded Type 3 wetland to improve drainage within Mary Lake. Meeting a "no-impact" water surface elevation change at the downstream waterbody will require 0.711 acres of excavation in Studer Pond, a public water wetland, which would be contradictory to the goal of minimizing and avoiding impacts to existing wetlands.

Section 2(b) states that the applicant must demonstrate that the hardship was not created by the landowner, the landowner's agent or representative, or a contractor, and that economic hardship is not grounds for a variance. The Applicant asserts that it did not create the land locked water basin nor did it create the precipitation patterns that has resulted in increased high water levels on Mary Lake.

Section 2(c) states that that the applicant must demonstrate that receiving the variance will not merely serve as a convenience and section 2(d) states that the applicant must demonstrate that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed activity requiring the variance. Per the Applicant's submitted narrative several alternatives were considered to maintain hydraulic capacity downstream:

- An alternate stormsewer and outlet alignment This alignment would avoided impacts to Studer Pond by
  routing the outlet across Smithtown Road, but it required crossing a major roadway, additional wetland impacts
  for the outlet construction, as well as increased water levels in the Preserve wetland north of Smithtown Road.
  Increasing the water levels in a Preserve wetland is out of compliance with the allowable impacts to
  downstream waterbodies per Table 1 and would result in a Variance request to the Wetland Protection rule in
  addition to the requested Variance to the Waterbody Crossings and Structures rule. Because of the wetland
  impacts and need for an additional Variance request, the alternative was rejected.
- A smaller outlet pipe –Reducing the outlet pipe from 8" to 6" did not result in a "no-rise" increase to the 100year floodstage downstream at Studer Pond and did not provide as much decrease to the 100-year HWL of Mary Lake. Because the alternative would still require a Variance and did not provide as much of a reduction to the 100-HWL of Mary, which is the goal of the project, the alternative was rejected.
- Compensatory grading within Studer Pond This alternative would require grading and excavating 0.711 acres
  of WCA and DNR regulated wetland, which is contradictory to the goal of minimizing impacts to wetlands. The
  proposed project proposes 0.03 acres of wetland excavation that is not considered an impact under the WCA.
  Because the alternative would result in 0.711 acres of permeant wetland impact, it was rejected.
- Compensatory grading at the open space owned by the City of Excelsior north of Studer Pond and south of CSAH 19 (PID 3411723240042) The majority of the city owned property around Studer Pond is the site of an old city landfill and therefore is not a viable option for grading of compensatory storage due to potential soil contamination. The Applicant has provided a historical aerial review of the property that shows the landfill (attachment 4). Because of the potential soil contamination on the site, the alternative was rejected.
- An automatic valve system to provide additional floodplain storage in Mary Lake The Applicant determined that the maintenance requirements and risk of clogging would make this type of feature unreliable. The small nature of the proposed pipe would make it prone to failure if the valve failed to close completely. Because of the unreliable nature of the valve system, the alternative was rejected.
- A manual valve system that would work in conjunction with potential drawdown of the OHW in advance of a storm event to create additional storage capacity in Mary Lake- This type of structure would require significant operation

and maintenance and relies too heavily on manual activities that if not performed properly could be contrary to the goals of the project. If the valve were not opened to draw down, the water levels in Mary Lake could be too high, and if the valve were left open or opened to soon could still result in increases in Studer Pond. Therefore, it was determined that the option of including a valve in the project design created too much uncertainty relative to the project's performance and the alternative was rejected.

Section 2(e) states that the applicant must show that receiving the variance will not impair or be contrary to the intent of these rules. The intent of retaining hydraulic capacity per section 3(b) of the Waterbody Crossings & Structures rule is to ensure that applicants do not increase the floodstage upstream or downstream that might result in a significant exacerbated flood risk. The Applicant has submitted a narrative, plans, and modeling that demonstrate that the floodstage upstream will be reduced by 0.084' and provide a public benefit by reducing the 100-year floodstage for properties surround Mary Lake. The Applicant has summited a narrative, plans, and modeling that demonstrate that the 0.07' increase to the 100-year floodstage to the downstream waterbody, Studer Pond, will not result in any of the residential properties in Excelsior or Shorewood having less than 2' of freeboard from the low opening to the 100-HWL except for one property located at 23443 Smithtown Road in the City of Shorewood that is not incompliance with the 2' of freeboard from the low opening to the 100-year HWL. 23443 Smithtown Road was constructed in 1969 and is considered to be a "legally nonconforming" structure per the Applicant's submitted narrative. The existing available amount of freeboard from the low opening at 23443 Smithtown Road is 1.122'. The Applicant is proposing to reduce the amount of available free board to 1.049'.

Staff and the District Engineer have reviewed the narrative, plans, and hydraulic modeling and determined that the Applicant has submitted sufficient evidence for the Board of Managers to consider the requested Variance to section 3(b) of the Waterbody Crossings & Structures rule. Because the Applicant is proposing increase the 100-year HWL on Studer Pond that will result in a reduced amount of available freeboard at one property located at 23443 Smithtown Road, Shorewood, it is recommend that the Board of Managers consider requiring the city to obtain the property owner's consent to the decrease in available freeboard on the property and further may wish to require that the city obtain recordation of a declaration to memorialize the noncompliant low-opening elevation.

#### Summary:

The City of Shorewood has applied for a MCWD permit for the Erosion Control, Wetland Protection, Floodplain Alteration, and Waterbody Crossings & Structures rules and has requested a Variance to maintaining hydraulic capacity at the downstream waterbody, Studer Pond, to install a new outlet structure in Mary Lake to alleviate high water conditions. Staff find that the Applicant has provided a satisfactory analysis for the Board of Managers to consider the variance request to increase the 100-year HWL of Studer Pond by 0.073'. Staff find that the proposed project meets the applicable rule requirements, upon the Board's consideration of the variance request and fulfillment of the recommended conditions of approval, and recommend approval of the permit.

### Attachments:

- 1. Permit Application
- 2. W19-25 NOD
- 3. W20-16 NOD & Site Plan
- 4. Variance Application

WATER RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM Use this form to notify/apply to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) of a proposed project or work which may fall within their jurisdiction. Fill out this form completely and submit with your site plan, maps, etc. to the MCWD at: 15320 Minnetonka Blvd. Minnetonka, MN 55345. Keep a copy for your records.			
YOU MUST OBTAIN ALL REQUIRED A	UTHORIZATIONS BE	FORE BEGINNING WORK.	
1. Name of each property owner:			
Mailing Address:	City:	State: Zıp:	
Email Address:	Phone:	Fax:	
2. Property Owner Representative Information (not r	required) (licensed cont	ractor, architect, engineer, etc)	
Business Name:	Representative Nan	ne:	
Business Address:	City:	State: Zip:	
Email Address:	Phone:	Fax:	
3. Project Address:		City:	
State: Zip: Otr Section(s):	Section(s): 7	Township(s): Range(s):	
Lot: Block: Subdivision:		PID:	
4 Size of project percel (coupre fact or ecree):			
4. Size of project parcel (square feet of acres)	Volumo of over		
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Area of existing impervious surface	_ Area of proposed mp	ervious surface:	
Length of shoreline affected (feet): wate	rbody (& day if applica	lble):	
5. Type of permit being applied for (Check all that a $\Box$ EROSION CONTROL	pply):	DY CROSSINGS/STRUCTURES	
$\Box$ FLOODPLAIN ALTERATION	□ STORMWA	TER MANAGEMENT	
$\square$ WETLAND PROTECTION	□ APPROPRIA	TIONS	
DREDGING		CHARGE	
□ SHORELINE/STREAMBANK STABILIZATION	_		
6. Project purpose (Check all that apply):			
$\Box$ SINGLE FAMILY HOME	□ MULTI FAM	ILY RESIDENTIAL (apartments)	
$\square$ ROAD CONSTRUCTION	□ COMMERCI	AL or INSTITUTIONAL	
		ONS (include number of lots)	
DREDGING	□ LANDSCAP	ING (pools, berms, etc.)	
□ SHORELINE/STREAMBANK STABILIZATION	$\Box$ OTHER (DE	SCRIBE): Lake Outlet Structure	
7. NPDES/SDS General Stormwater Permit Number	(if applicable):		
8. Waterbody receiving runoff from site:			
9. Project Timeline: Start Date:	Completion Date	e:	
Permits have been applied for: City County	MN Pollution Control	Agency DNR COE	
Permits have been received: City County	MN Pollution Control	Agency DNR COE	
By signing below, I hereby request a permit to authorize the Rules and that the proposed activity will be conducted in concontained in this application and, to the best of my knowled understand that proceeding with work before all required au administrative, civil and/or criminal penalties.	activities described herein mpliance with these Rules. ge and belief, all information thorizations are obtained n	I certify that I am familiar with MCWD I am familiar with the information on is true, complete and accurate. I hay be subject to federal, state and/or local	

Signature of Each Property Owner

6/29/2020

Date

## BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

# Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision

Local Government Unit: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	County: Hennepin County	
Applicant Name: City of Shorewood (Larry Brown, Director of	Public Works)	-
Applicant Representative: Barr Engineering		
Project Name: Mary Lake Outlet Project	LGU Project No. (if any):	W19-28
Date Complete Application Received by LGU: October 24th, 20	19	
Date of LGU Decision: December 3rd, 2019		
Date this Notice was Sent: December 13th, 2019		
WCA Decision Type - check all that apply		
🖾 Wetland Boundary/Type 🛛 Sequencing 🛛 Replacemen	t Plan 🛛 🗌 Bank Plan (not cred	it purchase)
□ No-Loss (8420.0415) □ E	xemption (8420.0420)	
Part: $\Box A \Box B \Box C \Box D \Box E \Box F \Box G \Box H$ Si	ubpart: 🗆 2 🗆 3 🗆 4 🗆 5 🔲 6 🗆	7 🗆 8 🗆 9
Replacement Plan Impacts (replacement plan decisions only)		
Total WCA Wetland Impact Area:		
Wetland Replacement Type:  Project Specific Credits:		
Bank Credits:		
Bank Account Number(s):		
Technical Evaluation Panel Findings and Recommendations (atta	ich if any)	
Approve Approve W/Conditions Deny No IE	Recommendation	
LGU Decision		
$\Box$ Approved with Conditions (specify below) <sup>1</sup> $igtimes$ Appr	oved <sup>1</sup> De	enied
List Conditions:		
Decision-Maker for this Application: 🛛 Staff 🛛 Governing Boa	rd/Council 🗆 Other:	
<b>Decision is valid for:</b> 🛛 5 years (default) 🛛 Other (specify):		
<sup>1</sup> <u>Wetland Replacement Plan</u> approval is not valid until BWSR confirms the withd	rawal of any required wetland bank cred	its. For project-
specific replacement a financial assurance per MN Rule 8420.0522, Subp. 9 and e	evidence that all required forms have bee	n recorded on
the title of the property on which the replacement wetland is located must be pro	ovided to the LGU for the approval to be v	valid.
LGU Findings – Attach document(s) and/or insert narrative provid	ing the basis for the LGU decision	1.

□ Attachment(s) (specify):

Summary:

The City of Shorewood has applied for a wetland boundary & type confirmation for the wetlands located within the defined project area referenced in the delineation report around Mary Lake near 29950 Elder Turn (PID 3411723230037) and 23955 Clover Lane (PID 3411723230028) in the City of Shorewood, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Legal description: Sections 33 and 34, Township 117N, Range 23W. The boundary & type approval was requested October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

A wetland delineation was conducted by Barr Engineering on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A complete delineation report and WCA application were submitted to MCWD on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The boundary of one wetland was delineated within the project area adjacent to Mary Lake. Mary Lake is a landlocked public water wetland (ID 27089900) and the basin to the north is hydraulically connected. Wetland 1 was identified as a Type 3/4, shallow marsh/deep marsh wetland. Barr Engineering has put in a request with the DNR to define the OHW contour elevation.

MCWD, BWSR, and Barr Engineering Staff reviewed the boundaries in the field on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. MCWD was in agreement with the wetland boundaries and types identified on site and shown in the delineation report.

A MnRAM report was submitted on December 5<sup>th</sup> that classifies the wetland as a Manage 1, both the MCWD & BWSR are in agreement with this classification.

MCWD approves the wetland boundaries and types as shown in the delineation report. This decision is valid for five years. A future project located on this property may require a permit from the MCWD. <sup>4</sup> Findings must consider any TEP recommendations.

#### **Attached Project Documents**

Site Location Map Project Plan(s)/Descriptions/Reports (specify): Wetland Delineation Exhibit

#### **Appeals of LGU Decisions**

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□ Other:

Signature: Heidi Quinn, MCWD Permitting Technician

Date: 12/13/2019

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# Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision

Local Government Unit: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District County: Hennepin
Applicant Name: City of Shorewood
Applicant Representative: Mark Perry, Bolton & Menk
Project Name: Mary Lake Outlet Control Structure
LGU Project No. (if any): W20-16
Date Complete Application Received by LGU: 7/6/2020
Date of LGU Decision: 9/21/2020
Date this Notice was Sent: 9/21/2020
WCA Decision Type - check all that apply
□ Wetland Boundary/Type □ Sequencing □ Replacement Plan □ Bank Plan (not credit purchase)
🖾 No-Loss (8420.0415) 🛛 Exemption (8420.0420)
Part: □ A □ B □ C □ D □ E □ F □ G ⊠ H Subpart: □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6 □ 7 □ 8 □ 9
Replacement Plan Impacts (replacement plan decisions only)
Total WCA Wetland Impact Area:
Wetland Replacement Type: 🛛 Project Specific Credits:
Bank Credits:
Bank Account Number(s):
Technical Evaluation Panel Findings and Recommendations (attach if any)
□ Approve ⊠ Approve w/Conditions □ Deny □ No TEP Recommendation
$\square \text{ Approved with Conditions (specify below)}^1 \qquad \square \text{ Approved}^1 \qquad \square \text{ Depied}$
List Conditions: Conditions in TEP FOF were submitted and fulfilled on 9/16/2020
<b>Decision-Maker for this Application:</b> 🛛 Staff 🗌 Governing Board/Council 🗌 Other:
<b>Decision is valid for:</b> $\boxtimes$ 5 years (default) $\square$ Other (specify):
1 Wetland Replacement Plan approval is not valid until RWSR confirms the withdrawal of any required wetland bank credits. For project-

<sup>4</sup> <u>Wetland Replacement Plan</u> approval is not valid until BWSR confirms the withdrawal of any required wetland bank credits. For project specific replacement a financial assurance per MN Rule 8420.0522, Subp. 9 and evidence that all required forms have been recorded on the title of the property on which the replacement wetland is located must be provided to the LGU for the approval to be valid.

**LGU Findings** – Attach document(s) and/or insert narrative providing the basis for the LGU decision<sup>1</sup>.

⊠ Attachment(s) (specify): **TEP FOF** 

 $\boxtimes$  Summary:

The City of Shorewood has applied for an exemption under 8420.0420 subp. 2- Agriculture Activities –C for 1,224 sf of wetland excavation above the OHW of Mary Lake located in the City of Shorewood, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Legal description: Section 34, Township 117, Range 23.

Per the attached Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) Findings of Facts (FOF), the 1,224 sf of wetland excavation in a Type 3, seasonally flooded shallow marsh wetland is outside the scope of the WCA on the condition that no hard armoring be placed above the OHW. Additionally, the TEP determined that the temporary wetland

impacts would meet no-loss criteria, section H. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Applicant submitted an updated construction plan to show that no hard armoring would be placed above the OHW of Mary Lake (pg 8 of construction plan). Furthermore, the Applicant quantified that 4,456 sf of temporary wetland impact to install the outlet pipe and access the site for the "saddle" excavation will be restored with a native seed mix 34- 181 within 45 days (pg 19 of construction plan), thus meeting the no-loss criteria per section H.

This decision is valid for five years. The project is being reviewed under MCWD permit #20-325. <sup>1</sup> Findings must consider any TEP recommendations.

#### **Attached Project Documents**

Site Location Map Project Plan(s)/Descriptions/Reports (specify): Construction Plans

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## BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

# Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Technical Evaluation Panel Form

This form can be used to document TEP findings and recommendations related to WCA decisions, determinations, enforcement and pre-application reviews.

Local Government Unit: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	County: Hennepin County
Landowner/Applicant: City of Shorewood	
Agent/Representative(s): Mark Perry, Bolton & Menk	
Project Name: Mary Lake Outlet Control Structure	
Project No. (if any): W20-16	
Project Location: Mary Lake, Shorewood	

#### Purpose of TEP Findings/Recommendation - check all that apply and describe

□ Pre-application review

Application Review (related to WCA Decision)

- Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program Eligibility
- □ WCA Determination Request
- Other (specify):

#### Describe:

MCWD, as the WCA LGU, requested a TEP meeting to discuss if the proposed 1,224 sf of excavation in a Type 3 wetland to create a "saddle" to allow water to flow to a new outlet structure on Mary Lake qualified for an exemption under 8420.0420 subp. 2 Agriculture Activities – C.

### Meeting Type – check all that apply and specify dates as applicable

☑ Virtual Meeting(s), Date(s): 8/5/2020	Electronic Exchanges (email, skype, etc.)
Onsite Review(s), Date(s): 8/28/2020	Other (specify):

#### **Findings and Recommendations**

On August 5th, 2020 a virtual TEP meeting was attended by Heidi Quinn, MCWD; Ben Carlson, BWSR; Stacey Lijewski, Hennepin County; Lucas Youngsma, DNR; and Andrew Budde, Mark Perry, and Roberta Cronquist from Bolton & Menk on behalf of the City of Shorewood.

Bolton & Menk Staff gave an overview of the project stating that Mary Lake is a landlocked basin that has experienced localized flooding in recent years. The project proposes to install a new outlet structure on the north side of Mary Lake near Clover Lane, which will drain to Studer Pond, and excavate a "saddle" in an existing land bridge that separates the north and south nodes of Mary Lake. The "saddle" excavation is needed to allow water to flow from the southern node of Mary Lake to the north outlet.

The TEP discussed WCA vs DNR regulation and clarified that because W19-28 NOD confirmed the boundary and type of wetland areas above the OHW of Mary Lake (953.3 NAVD 88), any impact to the wetland above the OHW would fall under WCA jurisdiction. The TEP discussed whether it would be appropriate to waive WCA regulations in favor of DNR requirements, since a DNR MPARS is required for the excavation that is below the OHW of Mary Lake. In order for the WCA LGU to waive to the DNR it must be demonstrated that the activity is subject to approval of a wetland replacement plan, a no-loss, or exemption determination by the LGU and that waiving would still provide the same degree of natural resource protection.

The TEP discussed if the project would qualify for Exemption 8420.0420 Subp. 2. Agricultural activities-C., "impacts resulting from soil and water conservation projects that are certified by soil and water conservation district technical staff after review by the technical evaluation panel, if the project minimizes adverse effects on the hydrologic and biologic characteristics of the wetland. For purposes of this item, examples of soil and water conservation projects include those identified in the State Cost Share Program Manual, available from the board or soil and water conservation districts, and federally funded demonstration, research, and cost share programs and projects".

BWSR provided guidance that projects that are not related to agriculture can still qualify for the exemption as long as they meet the criteria. The meeting concluded with the TEP committing to do more research on what projects qualify per the State Cost Share Manual.

On August 28th, 2020 the TEP exchanged a series of e-mails and determined that the proposed excavation did not qualify for the agriculture exemption because it met the criteria for ineligible practices under section 1.5 of the State Cost Share Program. Per section 1.5,"... practices are not eligible that propose to provide stormwater conveyances that collect and move runoff but do not provided water quality benefit..." <sup>[1]</sup>. Because the project proposes to reduce localized flooding, but does not have a water quality benefit component, the exemption under 8420.0420 Subp. 2. Agricultural activities-C, cannot be approved for the "saddle" excavation.

BWSR provided guidance that the WCA regulates excavation in permanently and semipermanently flooded areas of type 3/4/5 wetlands. The definition of permanently or semipermentaly flooded areas of type 3, 4, or 5 per 8420.0111 subp. 51 is "the portion of a type 3, 4, or 5 wetland below the level where the water has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly the point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial".

On August 28th, 2020, Heidi Quinn, MCWD; Ben Carlson, BWSR; and Lucas Youngsma, DNR visited the site to determine if the wetland boundary and type classification per W19-28 NOD of a Type 3, shallow marsh, PEMC, wetland was identified correctly in the area of the "land berm" and where the excavation is proposed, as the boundary and type determination was made during flooded conditions. MCWD, BWSR, and DNR were in agreement that there was a clear transition from Type 4, deep marsh wetland below and at the OHW to a seasonally flooded Type 3 shallow marsh wetland. It was also observed that Type 3 shallow marsh transitioned to more of a Type 1 or Type 2 wetland based on vegetation and trees.

The TEP was in agreeance that the proposed "saddle" excavation in a seasonally flooded Type 3 shallow marsh wetland is outside of the scope of WCA regulation per section 8420.0105 subp. 1 on the condition that no hard armoring or fill is placed in the excavated wetland area above the OHW elevation (953.3 NAVD 88). Furthermore, it is requested that the applicant provide detail on how the site will be accessed for excavation. If temporary wetland impacts are proposed, the application materials must be updated to include a narrative on how wetland impacts will be avoided (i.e. construction entrance best management practice) and a revegetation plan.

The TEP was in agreeance that temporary impacts proposed for the construction of the outfall meet No-Loss criteria on the condition that the application is updated with quantified temporary impacts (sf) and the timeline for revegetation per No-Loss Criteria 8420.0415 (H).

<sup>[1]</sup> BWSR (2019). Erosion Control and Water Management Program Policy https://bwsr.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/201909/FY20%20Erosion Control and Water Management%20Program Poli cy.pdf

### □ Attachment(s) (specify):

BWSR TEP Findings & Recommendation Form - October 2019

#### **DNR Protected Waters and Shoreland Protection Zone**

Will the project/activity affect DNR public waters, DNR public waters wetlands or wetlands within the shoreland protection zone? 🛛 Yes 🗆 No If yes, DNR representative is a member of the TEP.

#### Signatures

🖾 LGU TEP Member: Heidi Quinn	
Agree with Findings & Recommendations: 🙀 Yes 🛛 🛛 No	
Signature: And Om	Date: 9/11/2020
SWCD TEP Member: Stacey Lijewski	
Agree with Findings & Recommendations: 🛿 Yes 🛛 🛛 No	
Signature:	Date: 9-4-2020
BWSR TEP Member: Ben Carlson	
Agree with Findings & Recommendations: 🗹 Yes 🛛 🗌 No	
Signature: Ben Carlos	Date: 9/11/2020
🖂 DNR TEP Member: Lucas Youngsma	
Agree with Findings & Recommendations: 🛛 Yes 🛛 🛛 No	
Signature: Lucas Goungama	Date: 9/8/2020

# CITY OF SHOREWOOD, MN

# CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR

JULY 2020



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# **REQUEST FOR VARIANCE AND STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP**

### MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT (MCWD) 15320 MINNETONKA BLVD. MINNETONKA, MN 55345

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A request for a Variance must be accompanied by a MCWD Water Resources Application

Project Details:

Project address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County:\_\_\_\_\_ Property ID number (PID):\_\_\_\_\_

The Board of Managers may hear requests for variances from strict compliance with provisions of the District Rules in instances where strict enforcement of the rules would cause an undue hardship because of circumstances unique to the property under consideration. The Board of Managers may grant variances where it is demonstrated that such action will remain in spirit and with the intent of these rules. An applicant granted a variance form full compliance with a requirement of the rules would be required to meet the requirement to the greatest degree feasible short of full compliance. A variance must be approved by a two-thirds majority of managers voting.

To grant a variance, the Board of Managers must determine, based on a showing by the applicant:

- That because of special conditions inherent to the property, which do not apply generally to other land or structures in the District, strict compliance with a provision of a District rule will cause undue hardship to the applicant or property owner;
- That the hardship was not created by the landowner, the landowner's agent or representative, or a contractor. Economic hardship is not grounds for issuing a variance.
- That granting such variance will not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant.
- That there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the proposed activity requiring the variance.
- That granting the variance will not impair or be contrary to the intent of these rules.

A variance will remain valid only as long as the underlying permit remains valid.

A violation of any condition of approval of a permit subject to a variance shall constitute grounds for termination of the variance.

Erosion Control
 Floodplain Alteration
 Wetland Protection
 Shoreline & Streambank Stabilization

Waterbody Crossings & Structures
 Stormwater Management
 Appropriations
 Illicit Discharge

Provision(s) and Requirement(s) of the Rule(s):

Section 3(b)(1)indicates changes in hydraulic capacity may not result in upstream or downstream increases in flood stage".

Requested Variance:

This project is proposing construction of a new outlet from Mary Lake into Studer Pond. The existing 100-year, 24-hour water level is 932.818. The proposed project increases the 100-year, 24-hour water level in Studer Pond by 0.045 feet to an elevation of 932.863 The lowest existing structure surrounding Studer Pond has a finished floor elevation of 934.4, which is above the proposed 100-year water elevation of 932.863 ft (NGVD29).

Please complete the below narrative to be used as the variance justification that will be considered by the Board of Managers. Please note that economic hardship is not grounds for issuing a variance.

Describe the special conditions inherent to the property and how strict compliance with the rule will cause an undue hardship.

The project, as designed, proposes grading impacts to approximately 1,224 sqft (0.03 acres) of existing wetland to improve drainage within Mary Lake. Meeting a "no-impact" water surface elevation change alternative will require substantial excavation in Studer Pond which would result in a significantly larger additional impact footprint (0.64 acres) in Studer Pond and would be contradictory to minimizing/avoiding impacts to existing wetlands. Additionally there is not access to the area for ongoing maintenance creating additional hardship if the Studer Pond Excavation is required to fully comply with the rule.

Describe how the special condition was not created by the applicant, the representative, or a contractor.

There is no existing outlet to Mary Lake, and the stormwater is currently being pumped out by the City of Shorewood to reduce increasing water levels. This project proposes to create an overflow outlet above the existing OHW to eliminate the need to for pumping to maintain Mary Lake water levels.

Provide a minimum of two alternatives that were considered and why they were rejected to demonstrate that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the proposed activity requiring the variance.

1. Alternate Alignment - avoided impacts to Studer Pond by routing the outlet across Smithtown Road but created additional downstream impacts.

2. Smaller outlet pipe - reducing the outlet pipe from 8" to 6" did not eliminate the impact of the project.

3. Compensatory grading within Studer Pond - would require grading of 0.64 Acres of potential existing wetland, which is contradictory to the goal of minimizing impacts to wetlands.

Referring to the Policy of the Rule(s), describe how the intent of the rule(s) will be met.

The intent of the rule is to prevent water level increases for the 100-year event. In this case the impact of the 0.045 foot increase in Studer Pond does not cause increased damage to existing properties and has a significantly smaller grading footprint and less wetland impacts than alternatives that avoid the Studer Pond increase.

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#### **Additional Alternatives Considered:**

Several valve system options were considered by the City of Shorewood as an alternative to potentially mitigate the proposed increases in Studer Pond. They are discussed further below.

An automatic valve system was considered, however the City determined that the maintenance requirements and risk of clogging would make this type of feature both cost prohibitive and unreliable. The small nature of the proposed pipe would make it prone to failure if the valve failed to close completely. Because a majority of the outlet system is being constructed with trenchless construction it would be cost prohibitive to increase the size of the drainage system.

A manual valve was also considered, particularly in conjunction with potential drawdown of the OHW in advance of a storm event to create additional storage capacity in Mary Lake. However, this type of structure would require significant operation and maintenance and relies too heavily on manual activities that if not performed properly could be contrary to the goals of the project. If the valve were not opened to draw down, the water levels in Mary Lake could be too high, and if the valve were left open or opened to soon could still result in increases in Studer Pond. Therefore, it was determined that the option of including a valve in the project design created to much uncertainty relative to the project's performance.

In all valving scenarios freezing is also a concern. The ideal locations to place the valves for access and maintenance would be close to the Mary Lake outlet control structure. The valve would only have 3'-4' of cover. Even with insulation, the pipe and valve would likely freeze and break becoming a maintenance and operation concern.

#### **Current Pumping Permit Background:**

I am unsure of when the pumping of Mary Lake was initiated, however per the City Engineer the City of Shorewood has pumped to lower the water level in Mary Lake an estimated 3 times in the previous 6 years. Per the MNDNR, the City of Shorewood's temporary appropriation permit 2019-2903 expired Dec. 31, 2019, although an amendment was requested by the City. The status of the amendment is currently unknown.

City of Shorewood



July 2020



Studer Pond OHW = 929.40 NWL = 929.40 100-year Ex = 932.82 100-year Pr = 932.89 (NGVD 29) STUDER POND CITY OF EXCELSIOR LEGEND 100 YEAR PROPOSED WL 100 YEAR EXISTING WL OHW **CITY BOUNDRY** 



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# Mary Lake Outlet

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Fig 1: Historical Aerials June 2020



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## Fig 2: Historical Aerials June 2020



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Fig 3: Historical Aerials June 2020

