



COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

WBIF Convene Meeting

3/13/25 TAC Meeting



WBIF Convene Meeting Agenda

- Brief overview of program & process
- Presentation of project ranking results
- Discussion of newly proposed projects
- Voting to select project(s) and fiscal agent(s)



Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Overview

Purpose: non-competitive grant funding to accelerate clean water activities towards achieving Minnesota's water resources goals through prioritized and targeted cost-effective actions with measurable water quality results.

FY24-25 Coon Creek Watershed Area Allocation: **\$294,100**
(10% match required for a total project cost of at least \$323,510)

Eligible activities:

projects/programs with primary purpose of water quality improvement referenced in implementation section of CCWD Comprehensive Plan

Note: Grant expires Dec 31, 2027



WBIF Process

1. The Coon Creek Watershed Planning Area Partnership establishes:
 - A facilitator → **Justine w/ help from Rebecca**
 - Decision-making criteria → **Tiered Majority; initial whole group vote with formal confirmation vote**
 - Voting representatives → **Tim Kelly, Chris Lord, Tim Himmer, George Linngren**
 - List of eligible projects for consideration → **see Feb TAC ppt and emailed spreadsheets**
2. Partnership hosts a “Convene Meeting” to vote on project(s) and fiscal agent(s) → **Today, 3/13 TAC**
3. Proposed Projects submitted to BWSR for eligibility check → **by ~March 31, 2025**
4. Formal Budget Request is submitted to BWSR in eLINK for approval → **by April 30, 2025**
5. Grant agreement(s) executed between BWSR and eligible entity(ies) → **by June 1st, 2025**



Selection Criteria Discussed

Cost-benefit

- biggest bang for buck x4
- cost-effectiveness to taxpayer, big or small projects (\$/lb TP) x1
- large, regional project/practice with greatest reductions x1
- address current TMDL WLAs (TP, TSS, E. coli), not CI x1
- Prevention/source reduction generally more cost-effective, incl CI x1
- Ineligible or difficult to fund with other sources x2

Location

- Not important x3
- Benefits multiple entities x1

Project Types

- Work that sets the stage for other work/future funding “Build the ladder to pick the fruit” x2
- Less study, more work x3

Due to lack of consensus, had folks rank-order priorities and rank individual projects



Results: Rank-Ordered Priorities

8 respondents representing ACD, CCWD, & 4 Cities



Project Ranking Results for Top 5 priority Categories

Projects were ranked by 2-8 respondents depending on timing of proposal (need broader input from TAC on write-ins)*

Scale:

0 = I do not support use of WBIF on this project

1 = I am indifferent about funding this project

2 = I am supportive of funding this project

3 = I am strongly in favor of funding this project

Priority Activity	Project Description	Average Score	Notes
Enhanced Sweeping			
Subwatershed Plan Implementation			



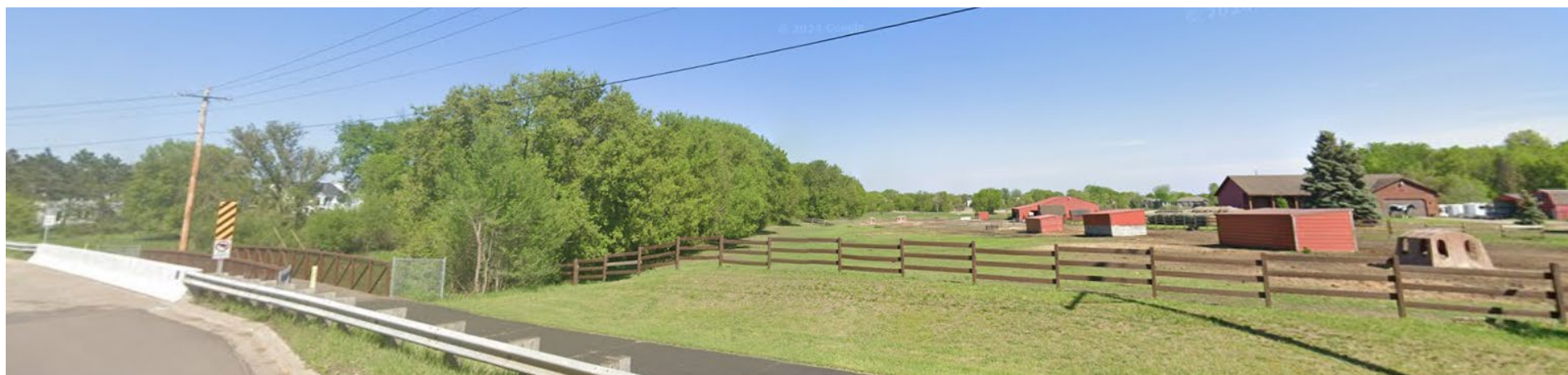
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Priority Activity	Project Description	Average Score	Notes
Smart Salting Implementation			
Repair/ Revitalization of Existing BMPs at end of life			
Aquatic Organism Passage Enhancements for top-ranking barriers			



Newly Proposed Projects

- 7 write-ins we just discussed in the top 12 list
- Opportunistic BMPs: “review ripe development/redevelopment areas with local Planning staff - offer stormwater/WQ incentives”
- Other: Horse Farm Buffer East of Prairie Rd. in Andover; work with horse farm to create permanent buffer on south side of Coon Creek ~\$20K



Are we comfortable with top 12 projects or want to add any of the new proposals to the ballot?

CR Enhanced Sweeping	Communal Sweepings Processing/ disposal	Joint contracted sweeping in priority zones w/ one or more MS4s
D39: Bridgewater Filter Expansion	Pleasure Cr: Swan Park or 96th Ln basin design/construction	ACHD brine expansion
Plow truck retrofits	Rain garden revitalization	Revitalizing sensitive roadside swales
Existing pond expansion	Sand Cr AOP enhancement	Lower Coon Cr AOP enhancement

Refine to 5 well-defined projects?



Voting

- Project(s)
- Amount(s)

For selected projects, determine:

- Source(s) of Match
- Fiscal Agent(s)



Voting

	Project	Project Cost	Grant Request	Match	Fiscal Agent	Water Quality Benefits
1	Enhanced Sweeping by Coon Rapids	\$195,834	Up to \$145,834	\$50K by CR	Coon Rapids	Coon, Sand, Pleasure, & Springbrook TP & TSS WLAs (99 lbs TP/yr; \$466-659/lb)
2	D39 subwatershed plan: Bridgewater Regional Filter expansion	>\$1,425,000	Up to \$294,100	\$625K CWF Grant \$800K Joint MS4s	CCWD	Sand & Coon Cr TSS, TP, E. coli WLAs (19-48 lbs TP/yr; \$1400-2900/lb)
3	Rain Garden Rehab by ACD n≥10 +6 in Fridley: n≥16	>\$50,000 >\$80,000	>\$45,000 >\$71,000	\$5k CCWD/ACD? \$9K by Fridley/CCWD	ACD	Coon, Sand, & Miss Rv TSS, TP WLAs + volume reduction (10-16 lbs TP/yr at \$446-891/lb)
4	Xeon Blvd AOP culvert enhancement	\$293,000	Up to \$168,000	\$125K CCWD \$X Other?	CCWD	Sand Cr habitat connectivity Sand & Coon Cr TSS, TP WLAs (7.15 tons, 6 lbs/yr at \$1953/lb)
5	Lower Coon Cr at RR/Al Flynn Park AOP enhancement	\$475,000	Up to \$294,100	\$180,900 CCWD '26?	CCWD	Coon Cr habitat connectivity Coon Cr TSS, TP WLAs (14.6 tons, 12.4 lbs/yr at \$1532/lb)
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	TOTALS	2,468,834	\$973,034	\$1,609,000		



Some Options for \$294,100

1: Top-Ranked

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2	D39 subwatershed plan: Bridgewater Regional Filter expansion	\$1,425,000+	\$148,266	\$625K CWF Grant \$800K Joint MS4s	CCWD

2: Justine's Pick

	Project	Project Cost	Grant Request	Match	Fiscal Agent
1	Enhanced Sweeping by Coon Rapids (contracted sweeping, trommel*)	\$195,834 - \$69,100= \$126,734*	\$76,734	\$50,000 match by CR (\$69,100 non-match CCWD)	Coon Rapids
3	Rain Garden Rehab by ACD n≥10 (+6 in Fridley) =16	\$80,000+	\$71,000	\$9K by Fridley/CCWD \$Other?	ACD
4	Xeon Blvd AOP culvert enhancement	\$293,000	\$146,366	\$125K CCWD \$21,634 Other...CR?	CCWD

3: Audible

Expand Enhanced Sweeping cost share/incentive program: **\$294,100 + \$150,000 CCWD Match = \$444,100**



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Thank you!



Eligibility Criteria

Structural and non-structural activities with primary benefit of WQ

- 10-yr life expectancy of BMPs and 25-yr life expectancy for capital improvements
- Non-structural practices must exceed minimum requirements and current operations
- Analyses intended to identify and accelerate WQ project implementation

Program and project support including staffing, grant management, reporting, public engagement

Easement acquisition with prior BWSR approval

Technical and engineering assistance necessary to implement activity

Ineligible: monitoring, general education/outreach, household water conservation, wastewater and drinking water systems, maintenance, drainage/conveyance, land acquisition, required activities

