

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
Coon Creek Watershed District Offices - Board Room  
Monday, September 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**Board of Managers:**

Jim Hafner, President; Erin Lind, Vice President; Jason Lund, Secretary; Mary Campbell, Treasurer; Dwight McCullough, Member at Large

**Note:** Individuals with items on the agenda or who wish to speak to the Board are encouraged to be in attendance when the meeting is called to order.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** (*Additions/Corrections/Deletions*)
- 3. Announcements**
- 4. Open Mic/Public Comment**

*Members of the public at this time may address the Board, for **up to three minutes**, on a matter not on the Agenda. Individuals wishing to be heard must sign in with their name and address at the door. Additional comments may be accepted in writing. Board action or discussion should **not** be expected during the presentation of public comment/open mic. Board members may direct staff to research the matter further or take the matter under advisement for consideration at a future Board meeting.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member, staff member or a member of the audience.*

- 5. Approval of Minutes – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**
- 6. Bills/Accounts Payable**

**POLICY ITEMS**

- 7. Citizen Advisory Committee Application**
- 8. Water Education Grant – Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Field Work**
- 9. Benefits Update, Selections, and Timeline**

**PERMIT ITEMS**

- 10. 24-029 Blaine Town Center**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 11. Third Wettest Year on Record**
- 12. BWSR updating WCA rules, reflecting statutory changes**

**ADJOURN**

## **COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING**

The Board of Managers of the Coon Creek Watershed District held their regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, at the Coon Creek Watershed District Office.

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: Erin Lind, Mary Cambell, Jim Hafner, Jason Lund, and Dwight McCullough

Staff Present: Bobbie Law, Tim Kelly, Corinne Elfelt, Jason Hilst, and Michell Ulrich

Staff Present on Zoom: Jon Janke

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Board Member Lund moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. The motion carried with 4 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

### **3. Announcements**

None.

### **4. Open Mic/Public Comment**

No one was present for comment.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2024**

#### **6. Administrators Report**

#### **7. Advisory Committee Report**

#### **8. Approval of Bills for Payment:**

Claims totaling \$187,587.25 on the following disbursement(s) list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
V0008--US BANK	6,603.88
V0010--A1 FLOOR AND CARPET CARE INC	1,076.25
V0030--CONNEXUS ENERGY	319.91
V0054--MICHELLE J ULRICH PA	2,313.50
V0090--CENTERPOINT ENERGY-UTILITY	31.26
V0111--WELL GROOMED LAWNS INC	688.00
V0120--PARENT CUSTOM HOMES LLC	1,843.00
V0128--YTS COMPANIES LLC	4,506.25

V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	1,125.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	237.00
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	33,287.49
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	33,301.47
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	3,332.00
V0195--STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	47,880.44
V0197--VANDERBILT, CHASE	16.87
V0221--ABDO LLP	15,948.00
V0221--ABDO LLP	3,327.50
V0242--METRO I NET	5,398.00
V0249--PLAUDIT DESIGN	450.00
V0269--CENTERPOINT ENERGY-ESCROW	2,535.82
V0269--CENTERPOINT ENERGY-ESCROW	1,058.25
V0275--KISTERS NORTH AMERICA INC	3,000.00
V0318--MANTHEI, ROBIN	1,602.25
V0319--GAGNON, PAUL	5,913.70
V0320--MEADOWLAND ESTATES LLC	2,445.99
V0321--OAK MEADOWS LAND HOLDING LLC	5,260.10
V0322--ROERS BLAINE 55+ LLC	4,085.32
	<b>187,587.25</b>

Board Member Lind moved to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 4 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays

**POLICY ITEMS**

**9. 2025 Budget Hearing**

Mr. Kelly gave an overview of the CCWD budgeting process and timeline, highlighting the requirement that the District adopt its 2025 budget by September 15th, 2024. No additional budget comments have been submitted to the District. He confirmed that the 2025 Budget Hearing was noticed in the District's two official newspapers, the Union Herald and the Life.

Board Member Mary Campbell entered the meeting room.

Mr. Kelly in his budget overview noted the CCWD 2025 balanced budget is \$9,209,437. He described the connection t this budget has to the District's 10-year comprehensive watershed management plan. An extensive financial modeling process was completed as a part of this budgeting process, including potential tax impact on residents. Mr. Kelly presented the Board's two options regarding the next step in the budgeting process: adopt or modify the budget as presented. He clarified that the Board's adoption of the budget is not a certification of the proposed taxes payable in 2025. Staff recommended holding the public hearing and adopting the budget and budget resolution provided.

President Hafner opened the public hearing and called for public comment three times.

Board Member Campbell moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Board Member McCullough. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Campbell, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

Board Member McCullough made a motion to adopt the 2025 budget. Seconded by Board Member Lind. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Campbell, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

Board Member Campbell made a motion to adopt the resolution 24-004 adopting th Coon Creek watershed District 2025 Budget. Seconded by Board Member Lund. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Campbell, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT 2025 BUDGET  
RESOLUTION 24-004**

**WHEREAS** the preparation and adoption of budgets is recognized as sound financial practice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coon Creek Watershed District has the responsibility to manage the public's funds appropriately and efficiently; and

**WHEREAS** Minnesota States 103B and 103D require the District to adopt a budget prior to September 15, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the District Board of the Coon Creek Watershed District hereby adopts an annual operating budget totaling \$9,209,437 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Board of the Coon Creek Watershed District hereby establishes the 2025 Coon Creek Watershed District Operating Budget as follows:

<b>Revenues</b>		<b>Proposed 2025 Budget</b>	
Property Taxes		\$	6,189,240
Fees & Charges		\$	298,423
Grants		\$	2,566,549
Other Revenue		\$	115,000
Fund Balances		\$	40,225
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>9,209,437</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Salaries & Benefits		\$	2,414,928
Professional Services		\$	489,487
Operating Expenses		\$	317,241
Program Costs		\$	5,789,607
Capital Costs		\$	198,174
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>9,209,437</b>

	Yea	Nay	Absent
Hafner	X		
Lind	X		
Lund	X		
Campbell	X		
McCullough	X		

Upon vote, the chair declared the Resolution 24-004

  
James Hafner, CCWD Board President

Dated: September 9, 2024

## PERMIT ITEMS

None.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 10. Riverview Creek Inspection Report

Mr. Hilst gave a presentation on his Riverview Creek inspection report outlining the following:

- Purpose of inspections – Identify and prioritize maintenance needs
- Survey methods
- Riverview Creek condition overview
- Inspection results and recommendation – No maintenance concerns. The ditch was found to be in good to fair condition with no immediate concern.

Managers discussed one downed tree within the channel.

Board Member Lund moved to receive the report as presented. Seconded by Board Member Hafner. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Lund, Hafner, Campbell, Lind, and McCullough) and no nays.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

## ADJOURN

Board Member Lund moved to adjourn at 5:48 pm. Seconded by Board Member Lind. The motion carried with 5 yeas (Board Members Campbell, Hafner, Lind, Lund and McCullough) and no nays.

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President

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Request for Board Action**

**MEETING DATE:** September 23, 2024  
**AGENDA NUMBER:** 6  
**ITEM:** Bills to Be Paid

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Budgeted  
**POLICY IMPACT:** Policy

**REQUEST**  
 Approve bills

**BACKGROUND**

Claims totaling \$277,132.58 on the following disbursement list will be issued and released upon Board approval.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
V0005--LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	786.00
V0015--ANOKA COUNTY MN	215,471.39
V0015--ANOKA COUNTY MN	2,050.00
V0019--MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES	75.00
V0037--ECM PUBLISHERS INC	580.80
V0039--FOREST LAKE CONTRACTING INC	3,850.00
V0051--LENNAR FAMILY OF BUILDERS	6,000.00
V0052--LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	152.90
V0102--US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	8,047.25
V0103--BANKERS ADVERTISING CO	2,075.78
V0104--MINNESOTA PIPELINE COMPANY	1,954.08
V0120--PARENT CUSTOM HOMES LLC	5,690.91
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	165.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	186.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	237.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	216.00
V0138--RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	957.00
V0247--POOP 911 OF MPLS STP LLC	731.40
V0291--STONE CONSTRUCTION INC.	4,000.00
V0323--AK INVESTMENTS INC	2,830.84
V0324--BECKMANN CUSTOM HOMES LLC	2,038.75
V0325--BORDER FOODS INC	1,774.11
V0326--DOG WASTE DEPOT	2,629.70
V0327--EZ PRO CONSTRUCTION	3,068.85
V0328--HAM LAKE ASSOCIATION	1,350.00
V0329--REP ENTERPRISES LLC	2,720.00
V0330--VICKERY, NATHAN	2,136.91
V0331--WHITBY, EVAN & NANCY	2,210.31
V0332--XIENG LEE & PORSHOUA YANG	3,146.60
	<b>277,132.58</b>

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Company name:	Coon Creek Watershed District									
Created on:	9/18/2024									
Vendor name	Bill number	Date	Fund name	Department name	Account	Capital Project ID	Grant ID	Transaction amount	Memo	
1014735	ECMPUBLISHERS INC	1014735	9/6/2024	General Fund	Administration	61558		580.80	ACC 365339 AD 1418229 BUDGET HEARING	
<b>Sum for 1014735</b>								<b>580.80</b>		
1048-166981	POOP911 OF MFLS ST PLLC	1048-166981	9/1/2024	General Fund	Public & Governmental Affairs	61549	PROJ-23-602 G22-001	540.60	4 WEEKS CLEAN UP SERVICE SEPT 24	
	POOP911 OF MFLS ST PLLC	1048-166981	9/1/2024	General Fund	Public & Governmental Affairs	61549	PROJ-23-602 G22-001-M	190.80	4 WEEKS CLEAN UP SERVICE SEPT 24	
<b>Sum for 1048-166981</b>								<b>731.40</b>		
411803	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	411803	9/1/2024	General Fund	Administration	61557		786.00	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES THROUGH 12/31/2024	
<b>Sum for 411803</b>								<b>786.00</b>		
4797331	LOFFLER COMPANIES INC	4797331	9/5/2024	General Fund	Administration	62124		152.90	ACCT 0016 CWD AUG 24	
<b>Sum for 4797331</b>								<b>152.90</b>		
728754	DOG WASTE DEPOT	728754	9/12/2024	General Fund	Public & Governmental Affairs	61549	PROJ-24-619	2,629.70	ORDER #BWD0217054 10 NEW PET WASTE STATIONS	
<b>Sum for 728754</b>								<b>2,629.70</b>		
839211	BANKERS ADVERTISING COO	839211	9/3/2024	General Fund	Public & Governmental Affairs	61549	PROJ-24-612 G22-001	2,075.78	ACCT 191903 ON 629832 STRESS RELIEVERS	
<b>Sum for 839211</b>								<b>2,075.78</b>		
91194818	US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	91194818	9/11/2024	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PROJ-24-515c	8,047.25	CUST 60000074184 TH QTR 2024	
<b>Sum for 91194818</b>								<b>8,047.25</b>		
B014482	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B014482	9/10/2024	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PROJ-24-515b	165.00	WOB014482 MONITORING	
<b>Sum for B014482</b>								<b>165.00</b>		
B014483	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B014483	9/12/2024	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PROJ-24-515b	216.00	WOB014483 MONITORING	
<b>Sum for B014483</b>								<b>216.00</b>		
B014485	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B014485	9/11/2024	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PROJ-24-515b	186.00	WOB014485 MONITORING	
<b>Sum for B014485</b>								<b>186.00</b>		
B014494	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B014494	9/11/2024	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PROJ-24-515b	237.00	WOB014494 MONITORING	
<b>Sum for B014494</b>								<b>237.00</b>		
B014525	RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES INC	B014525	9/13/2024	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PROJ-24-515b	957.00	WOB014525 MONITORING	
<b>Sum for B014525</b>								<b>957.00</b>		
CCWD-0824	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60714		15,058.00	HEALTH SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60715		38.48	LIFE SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60716		12,855.12	PCA SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60717		12,687.72	PERA SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60720		663.52	DENTAL SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60721		155.36	LTD SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	63052		416.67	ACCT FEES SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60713		1,427.24	HRA SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60110		169,169.28	SALARY/SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
	ANOKA COUNTY MN	CCWD-0824	9/12/2024	General Fund	Administration	60260		3,000.00	TEMP SALARY/SALARY/BENEFITS EXP-AUG 2024	
<b>Sum for CCWD-0824</b>								<b>215,471.39</b>		
JANKE TRNG	MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES	JANKE TRNG	9/17/2024	General Fund	Operations & Maintenance	61354		75.00	TRNG BWSR ACADEMY, JON JANKE	
<b>Sum for JANKE TRNG</b>								<b>75.00</b>		
PAN 03-076	STONE CONSTRUCTION INC.	PAN 03-076	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		4,000.00	P03-076 ESCROW REF-INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION	
<b>Sum for PAN 03-076</b>								<b>4,000.00</b>		
PAN 16-062	PARENT CUSTOM HOMES LLC	PAN 16-062	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		5,690.91	P16-062 ESCROW REF-PETERSON LAKE PRESERVE	
<b>Sum for PAN 16-062</b>								<b>5,690.91</b>		
PAN 18-039	BORDER FOODS INC	PAN 18-039	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		1,774.11	P18-039 ESCROW REF-TACO BELL BLAINE	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-039</b>								<b>1,774.11</b>		
PAN 18-092	VICKERY, NATHAN	PAN 18-092	9/23/2024	General Fund	Watershed Development	53191		56.91	P18-092 REVIEW REF-NATE VICKERY 9/24	
	VICKERY, NATHAN	PAN 18-092	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		2,080.00	P18-092 ESCROW REF-NATE VICKERY 9/24	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-092</b>								<b>2,136.91</b>		
PAN 18-104	LENNAR FAMILY OF BUILDERS	PAN 18-104	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		6,000.00	P18-104 ESCROW REF-WINLOW COVE STREET & UTILITIES	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-104</b>								<b>6,000.00</b>		
PAN 18-105	MINNESOTA PIPELINE COMPANY	PAN 18-105	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		1,954.08	P18-105 ESCROW REF-PIPELINE MAINT DIG SITE 17-0270	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-105</b>								<b>1,954.08</b>		
PAN 18-109	ANOKA COUNTY MN	PAN 18-109	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		2,050.00	P18-109 ESCROW REF-CR61 CULVERT REPLACEMENT	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-109</b>								<b>2,050.00</b>		
PAN 18-135	WHITBY, EVAN & NANCY	PAN 18-135	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		2,210.31	P18-135 ESCROW REF-WHITBYHOUSE CONSTRUCTION	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-135</b>								<b>2,210.31</b>		
PAN 18-172	REP ENTERPRISES LLC	PAN 18-172	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		2,720.00	P18-172 ESCROW REF-PALINO ESTATES	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-172</b>								<b>2,720.00</b>		
PAN 18-196	EZPRO CONSTRUCTION	PAN 18-196	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		2,165.00	P18-196 ESCROW REF-CHRISTIAN RESIDENCE	
	EZPRO CONSTRUCTION	PAN 18-196	9/23/2024	General Fund	Watershed Development	53191		903.85	P18-196 REVIEW REF-CHRISTIAN RESIDENCE	
<b>Sum for PAN 18-196</b>								<b>3,068.85</b>		
PAN 19-201	XIENGLI & PORSHOUA YANG	PAN 19-201	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		3,146.60	P19-201 ESCROW REF-LEES PRESERVE	
<b>Sum for PAN 19-201</b>								<b>3,146.60</b>		
PAN 22-022	FOREST LAKE CONTRACTING INC	PAN 22-022	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		3,850.00	P22-022 ESCROW REF-CHRISTIAN RESIDENCE 9698 UNITY ST	
<b>Sum for PAN 22-022</b>								<b>3,850.00</b>		
PAN 22-035	AK INVESTMENTS INC	PAN 22-035	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		2,830.84	P22-035 ESCROW REF-12301 ULYSSES ST NE	
<b>Sum for PAN 22-035</b>								<b>2,830.84</b>		
PAN 23-047	BECKMANN CUSTOM HOMES LLC	PAN 23-047	9/23/2024	Escrow Fund	Administration	24210		2,038.75	P23-047 ESCROW REF-LOT 4 BLOCK 1 SANCTUARY HOME	
<b>Sum for PAN 23-047</b>								<b>2,038.75</b>		
PLANT SURVEY	HAMLAKE ASSOCIATION	PLANT SURVEY	9/9/2024	General Fund	Water Quality	61549	PROJ-24-514	1,350.00	PLANT SURVEY COST AGREEMENT	
<b>Sum for PLANT SURVEY</b>								<b>1,350.00</b>		
<b>Sum Total</b>								<b>277,132.58</b>		

## COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

### Request for Board Action

**MEETING DATE:** September 23, 2024  
**AGENDA NUMBER:** 7  
**ITEM:** Citizen Advisory Committee Application

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**AGENDA:** Policy

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### ACTION REQUESTED

Decision

### PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this item is for the Board to consider the appointment of Nathaniel Schneider to the District's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

### BACKGROUND

Minnesota Statute 103D.331 states that the Board of Managers must annually appoint an advisory committee to advise and assist the managers on all matters affecting the interests of the watershed district and make recommendations to the managers on all contemplated projects and improvements in the watershed district.

The 2024 Citizen Advisory Committee currently includes:

1. Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff, Spring-Lake Park City Council representative
2. Paddy Jones, Ham Lake
3. Jason Margl, Andover
4. Gary Nereson, Andover, Crooked Lake Area Association representative
5. Anoka Conservation District representative – Jim Lindahl
6. Anoka County representative – Joe MacPherson

On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> District staff received a CAC application from Coon Rapids resident Nathaniel Schneider. Mr. Schneider's application has been reviewed by staff and deemed complete. The application is attached for Board review and consideration per CCWD policy 1.8.1:



CCWD Policy 1.8.1 – Citizen Advisory Committee

*Section 6.2: Application Period*

- a) *General Application: Applications to serve on the Advisory will be accepted year-round and considered for appointment at the next regular board meeting following receipt of a completed application.*

**ISSUES/CONCERNS**

Minnesota Statute 103D.331 sets a minimum size for Citizen Advisory Committees at five (5) members. CCWD Policy 1.8.1 limits the size of CCWD's Citizen Advisory Committee to nine (9) members. Both state statute and CCWD policy emphasize the importance of having members represent various organizations, interest groups, and communities.

Appointing Mr. Schneider to the CAC would bring 2024 membership up to seven (7) and the number of communities represented up to four (4).

**IMPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE/ORGANIZATION**

Per CCWD policy 1.8.1, should the Board choose to appoint Mr. Schneider at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Mr. Schneider's appointment would run through the end of the year and be up for re-appointment with the rest of the CAC members in January.

**CONCLUSION**

The District received a completed application for the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) from Coon Rapids resident Nathaniel Schneider. The CAC has three openings and no members currently representing Coon Rapids. Staff ask the Board to review Mr. Schneider's application

**QUESTIONS**

<b>Background Summary of Existing CAC Members Seeking Reappointment for 2024</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Background/ Interests</b>	<b>Represent/ Occupation</b>
Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff	Spring Lake Park	Worked for law firms, had real estate license; Avid gardener, Miss. River habitat resto volunteer	SLP Council member
Paddy Jones	Ham Lake	Election judge; Wants to give back to community; Protect clean water	Semi-retired programmer analyst
Gary Nereson	Andover	Water quality, management, leadership experience	Retired business owner; Crooked Lake Area Association representative



# Citizen Advisory Committee Member Application Part 1

Date

Type  New  Re-application

Name

Residency address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Mailing address (if different from residency)

### Occupation

**Qualifications** (education or background related specifically to civic, professional, volunteer, or governmental boards or commissions)

8 years of honorable service in the Army National Guard, Board Member and Communications Officer at the MN Craft Brewer's Guild, three years and counting as an active member with Open Arms of MN, part owner of Trove Brewing Company, as well as a high ranking position as Vice President at Invictus Brewing Company in Blaine, MN.

**Are you available to attend monthly meetings & take an active role in working with the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers?**

Yes  No

### Member Category

City/County Official

Citizen

Farmer

Outdoor organization

Other:

### Reasons for wanting to serve:

Recently, my wife, and I bought our first home in Coon Rapids; and now being in our new community, I want the opportunity to participate and help make it the best community to live in. At Invictus Brewing, we are a brewery that is heavily focused on environmental stewardship and I want to bring that experience and a willingness to learn to the Coon Creek Watershed district.

**List any financial interests or associations you have that may present a conflict of interest**

**Please read and complete Part 2 of this application, Member Expectations and Data Practices Advisory. After completing Part 2, please return the signed form by either:**

Mailing a physical copy to  
Coon Creek Watershed District  
13632 Van Buren St NE  
Ham Lake, MN 55304

OR

Scanning or photographing a copy and  
emailing it to info@cooncreekwd.org with  
"CAC Member Application" in the email subject  
line



# Citizen Advisory Committee

## Member Application Part 2

### Member Expectations

This is a volunteer position with no reimbursement, except possibly for conference attendance.

The Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) expects CAC members to:

- Attend a new member orientation
- Make a serious commitment to actively participate in CAC work
- Notify the staff liaison if unable to attend meetings
- Prepare for meetings and reviews
- Become familiar with the CCWD Mission and CAC role
- Understand the roles and relationships of the CAC and the CCWD staff and Board of Managers
- Get to know other CAC members to build a working relationship
- Reflect the perspectives of the watershed's diverse constituency in discussions and decision-making
- Serve the CCWD in a professional and non-partisan manner
- Support the majority decision on issues decided by the CAC and the CCWD Board of Managers at meetings and when representing CCWD at other forums, even if personal opinions are different
- Refrain from making public comments and statements that would misrepresent or negatively represent the CCWD, its decisions or policies including written or verbal comments to the media, on blogs, websites, or other forums where it is foreseeable that the comments will become known to the public

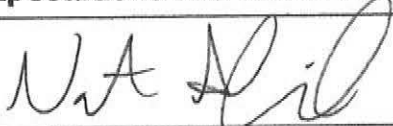
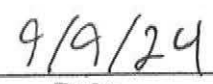
### Data Practices Advisory

The following information requested above is classified as private data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes chapter 13 (MGDPA): your address, telephone numbers, and email address. Other information you provide in response to questions asked will be public data and so your responses should be limited to your education, training, employment, volunteer work, and any other aspects of your background and interests you do not consider to be private. If you are appointed to the Citizen Advisory Committee your address, telephone numbers, and email address will become public data.

Private data are data that generally may not be released to the public. The information classified as private data is requested so that the appointing authority can confirm your eligibility to serve on the Citizen Advisory Committee and contact you about your application. You are not legally required to provide this information; however, if you don't do so, the appointing authority may not be able to confirm your eligibility or communicate with you in a timely way.

The private data will be maintained by the Coon Creek Watershed District in accordance with the MGDPA and will be accessible to those within the Coon Creek Watershed District who reasonably require access in order to administer the appointment process.

**I certify that the information on this application is correct and that I understand the Expectations and Data Practices Advisory listed above:**

	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**Request for Board Action**

**MEETING DATE:** September 23, 2024  
**AGENDA NUMBER:** 8  
**ITEM:** Water Education Grant – Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Field Work

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**POLICY IMPACT:** Policy  
**FISCAL IMPACT:** Budgeted

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**REQUEST**

Review Water Education grant application 24-02 and award grant of \$250 for the costs associated with a guided tour of the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary for 25 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students at Avail Academy.

**BACKGROUND**

In September 2023 the Board budgeted \$3,867 for water education grants in 2024. In February the Board approved Water Education Grant 24-01 to Westwood Middle School in the amount of \$2,200 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to complete a hands-on native planting at Northtown Library. The remaining fund balance for the 2024 Water Education Grant program is \$1,667.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> Katy Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Avail Academy, applied for a \$250 Water Education Grant to cover the cost of a guided tour through the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary for her 25 students.

Ms. Hall states in her grant application that the students have been studying living systems within our biosphere and learning about the impacts of pollution on land and resources. Heidi Ferris of Growing Green Hearts will conduct the educational tour with the purpose of providing the students with an opportunity to get an up-close look a wetland environment. Ms. Hall states that the goal of their visit to the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary is for students to understand how this specific ecosystem is important for producers within the food web and provides benefits for water quality and hydrology.

CCWD has had success with other grant awards to educators at Avail Academy in 2018 and 2020.

**ISSUES/CONCERNS:**

<b>Available Funds</b>	\$1,667	
<b>Request</b>	\$250	Balance = \$1,417
<b>Eligibility</b>	Government agencies within CCWD	Yes, Public school
<b>Eligible Expenses</b>	The project is eligible.	Consultant fee for students to learn
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	Priority will be given to proposals which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Information to the public and decision-makers regarding water resources</li><li>2. Opportunities for the public to participate or volunteer in water quality activities</li><li>3. Educational opportunities for K-12 children concerning water quality</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Yes; to teachers, chaperones, and students</li><li>2. Yes; planning, communications, and hands-on activities</li><li>3. Yes; 5<sup>th</sup> grade students</li></ol>

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Water Education grant application of \$250 for the costs associated with a guided tour of the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary for 25 5th-grade students at Avail Academy.

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Request for Board Action**

**MEETING DATE:** September 23, 2024  
**AGENDA NUMBER:** 9  
**ITEM:** Benefits Update, Selections and Timeline

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**AGENDA:** Policy

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve benefit selections.

**PURPOSE & SCOPE OF ITEM**

Select competitive benefits for staff effective January 1, 2024. As a “small group” our efforts are to compare and obtain benefit options to those provided through a “large group” (Anoka County) to do our best to not reduce employee benefits, be competitive with other similar organizations and retain the talented District staff.

**BACKGROUND**

Since 1990 Anoka County has provided administrative services to the District including health care benefits and payroll. In February, 2023, Tim Kelly was notified of the County’s desire to terminate all services with the District.

At the February 13, 2023, Board Meeting the Board was informed of the situation and reviewed the list of services that would have to be replaced due to the County’s choice to terminated services to CCWD. Although the initial timeline for the replacement of all services was December 31, 2023. The separation of payroll and benefits could not be accomplished on the proposed timeline.

At the February 27, 2023, Board Meeting the Board was informed that Requests for Proposals (RFP) for services were being prepared. The Board was also informed of the long-term future budget and levy impact the termination of services and benefits, formerly provided by Anoka County, would have on the District.

At the May 22, 2023, Board Meeting was updated on the status of the RFP collection and progress. Interviews were conducted with potential accounting and payroll service providers. The implication of the administrative burden of changing all services (payroll, accounting, HR and benefits) simultaneously was discussed. The County stated they would allow District employees to continue benefits coverage under the County umbrella until December 31, 2024.

At the June 12, 2023, Board Meeting, the decision was made to award accounting, payroll and human resource services to Abdo so there would be no interruption in services on January 1, 2024. It was later discovered that due to the integration of the District employees with the County, the District would not be able to transition to Abdo

payroll while maintaining County benefits. The decision to implement payroll, benefits and HR was moved to January 1, 2025.

District staff had a kick-off meeting with Abdo Solutions, Inc. September 19, 2024. A discussion of the timeline and process for transitioning HR and payroll were discussed. Abdo will begin collecting information for the payroll transition the week of September 30, 2024, with payroll services being in place effective December 14, 2024. Payroll services will end with the County on December 13, 2024, with the last payroll processing to occur on December 20, 2024. Benefits for staff will remain in effect through December 31, 2024.

District staff have been working with Preferred Benefit Concepts since late May concerning a benefits package for staff. After reviewing multiple providers for services (Health Partners, BCBS, Delta Dental, Unum, BCBS Dental & Vision, etc.) a list of recommended service providers was compiled. The proposed benefit service providers and plans was presented to and discussed with staff on September 17.

**IMPLICATIONS**

Being a “small group” health care plans verses being a part of the County’s benefit “large group” results in:

- Higher premium
- Higher deductibles
- Losing the benefit of the Anoka County Well Clinic that provided free medical services and medication for routine illnesses (Strep, ear infections, sinus infections, etc.) This is a provision that cannot be replaced by whatever plan the District would choose.
- Greater administrative burden on District staff of managing the benefits as a whole, formerly managed by the County.
- Offering one health care plan simplifies and reduces the administrative burden.
- Health care options for the four employees that live outside of the 7-county metro area were considered.

**PRIOR DECISIONS**

The County was able to offer four Medical plans. The District paid for the employee’s insurance and a set portion of the family plan. A contribution to an employer owned HRA equal to 1/3 to 1/2 of the deductible was made by CCWD. However, the County’s benefits package had significant disparities when compared to the surveyed watershed districts and watershed management organizations benefit packages.

**OPTIONS**

**BCBS BlueAccess HSA Gold \$3750 Plan 690**

Current Plans

Employer pays \$700/mo of employee premium  
Employer pays \$662/mo of family premium  
Annual budget: \$213,384

Proposed Plan

Employer pays employee and family premiums  
Annual approx. budget: \$253,900\*



- \$314,000 was budgeted for 2025 due to the yet unknown 2025 premiums and additional costs due to the change to age-based premiums.

Deductibles:  
\$2000 or \$3000 (Employee only)  
\$4000 or \$6000 (Family)

Deductibles:  
\$3750 (Employee only)  
\$7,500 max/\$3,750 per person

**CCWD Contribution to HRA:**

\$1000 (Employee only)  
\$2000 (Family)  
Annually: \$26,000

**CCWD Contribution to HSA:**

\$2500 (Employee only)  
\$5000 (Family)  
Annually: \$65,000

- A larger contribution to HSA helps off-set the larger deductible and is of more value to employees as the HSA account is employee owned rather than employer owned HRA.
- Offering one plan decreases the administrative burden.
- Premiums for small groups are age based.
- Funds to cover this health plan coverage and HSA contributions is included in the 2025 budget.

**Delta Dental Solutions + Ortho**

**Current Plan**

CCWD pays for Employee only  
\$51.05/month  
Annually: \$9,189

**Proposed Plan**

CCWD Pays employee and family  
\$51.05 to \$166.75/month  
Annually: \$21,357

- An employee survey scored plans with additional benefits higher, thus offering + ortho plan.
- The watershed district and WMO survey indicated employers paid for the employee, and 50, 75, 80 or 100% of family dental coverage. CCWD was 1 of 3 organizations that did not pay for at least a portion of family dental coverage.
- This proposal includes 100% employee and family dental premiums employer paid.
- Included in the 2025 Budget

**Vision Coverage – BCBSMN Value Enhanced Plan**

- Offered as employee paid benefit
- New provider but still an employee paid benefit
- No budget impact

**Long-Term Disability (LTD) – Unum**

- Continues Employer paid
- Few options offered
- Only offering 60% coverage

- Lower monthly maximum payout
- Included in 2025 budget

**Short-Term Disability (STD)- Unum**

- Would change to Employer paid
- In line with industry standards
- Minimal cost of less than \$7000 annually
- Included in 2025 budget

**Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D)– Unum**

- Employer paid \$50,000 coverage up to age 65
- Remains the same as current coverage
- Included in 2025 budget

**Optional Supplemental Life Insurance – Unum**

- Employee may purchase additional life insurance for family members
- No budget impact

**Flexible Benefit Plans**

- Employee funded
- Dental and vision care spending account
- Dependent care spending account
- Minimal impact on budget (management of acct fees – 3.50/month)

**Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)**

- Remains the same
- 6.5% of total salary employee contributes
- 7.5% of total salary employer contributes
- Vested after 5 years
- Included in 2025 budget

**Deferred Compensation (Section 457)**

- Offered
- Employee only contributions
- No budget impact

**TIMELINE**

9/23/2024	Board Discussion of staff recommendations
10/4/2024	BCBS Small group application opens up
10/1-10/18/2024	Employee documentation for all staff
10/14/2024	Board’s final approval of any outstanding benefits package items
10/28-11/8/2024	Tentative enrollment dates for benefits
12/13/2024	End of payroll services with Anoka County
12/14/2024	Payroll services begin with Abdo and ADP

### **ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

- The District will also be transitioning to a new payroll system, to be completed by December 14, 2024
- This will involve new documentation for all employees as currently all are employed by the County.
- Completing benefits enrollment before moving into the payroll transition will be necessary.

### **OPTIONS**

- 1) Approve staff moving forward with specific benefits contracts and providing additional information on remaining benefits at the October 14, 2024, Board Meeting; or
- 2) Approve staff moving forward with entering contracts with Unum, Delta Dental, BCBS – Medical and BCBS – Vision as recommended in the staff report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Review and discuss proposed benefits package
- 2) Approve entering contracts with:
  - a. Unum – LTD, STD, Life Ins. and AD&D, Optional Life Ins
  - b. Delta Dental
  - c. BCBS – Medical
  - d. BCBS – Vision

**Permit Application Review Report**  
**Date: 9/18/2024**

**Board Meeting Date: 9/23/2024**  
**Agenda Item: 10**

Applicant/Landowner:

EB Blaine Development LLC  
Attn: Corey Burstad  
10901 Baltimore St NE  
Blaine, MN 55449

**Project Name:** Blaine Town Center Redevelopment

**Project PAN:** P-24-029

**Project Purpose:** Approval of Blaine Town Center Master Plan and Phase 1 of the project which includes roads, mass grading, sidewalk and utilities with service stubs.

**Project Location:** Between 105th and 109th, East of the National Sports Center and West of Radisson Road NE, Blaine

**Site Size:** size of parcel - 83.0 acres; size of disturbed area - 35 acres; size of regulated impervious surface - 5.06 acres

**Applicable District Rule(s):** Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 4, Rule 6

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**Recommendation:** Approve with 6 Conditions and 3 Stipulations

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**Description:** The application is proposing a major redevelopment within the City of Blaine located between Radisson Road, 105<sup>th</sup> Ave and 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. The overall project proposes high density multi-family residential, a hotel annex, and Commercial/Restaurant/Office uses along with several multi-level parking areas, as well as a multi-purpose stadium, a multi-use fieldhouse, a multi-story hotel and adventure park, a food hall, a community area/open air plaza/park, public infrastructure, and utilities with stormwater treatment features. This will be a phased project. This application is for the overall Master Plan to address District Rules across the entire site and Phase 1 of construction. Phase 1 includes roadway, sidewalk, utilities and mass grading of the western portion of the overall project. Phase 1 will disturb 35 acres and create 5.06 acres of regulated impervious. The site drains to County Ditch 41. The relevant water resource concerns are stormwater treatment, erosion and sediment control, and floodplain management. This correlates to District Rules 3, 4, and 6. See attached Figure 1: Project Location, Figure 2: Master Site Plan and Figure 3: Phase 1 Site Plan.

**Conditions to be Met Before Permit Issuance:**

Rule 2.7 – Procedural Requirements

1. Submittal of a performance escrow in the amount of \$19,500.00.

Rule 3.0 – Stormwater Management

2. Include Basin identifier and impervious area columns in Table 2.2.
3. The eastern slope of Biofiltration Basin 5 (between 897 and 899 contours) appears to

be steeper than 3:1. Please flatten this slope or provide additional stabilization measures (ie. Turf reinforcement matting) to prevent erosion on basin slopes.

4. Include all storm sewer profiles in the Phase 1 plan set once completed. Ensure all proposed sumps and SAFL baffles are shown/labeled on the profiles. Based on SHSAM calculations and storm sewer plan, sumps are proposed within CBMH 503 and MH 909, however, this is not reflected on the storm sewer profiles.
5. Please list the pond and basin high water levels from the "tailwater conditions" HydroCAD model on the grading plans. Two high water levels can be listed: one with tailwater conditions and one without.

**Rule 4.0 – Soils and Erosion Control**

6. Update the erosion and sediment control plan to include the following:
  - a. A note that soils and soil stockpiles will be stabilized within 24 hours of inactivity.
  - b. A note to sweep streets by the end of each workday.

**Stipulations:** The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the applicant agrees to these stipulations:

1. If dewatering is required, provide DNR dewatering permit prior to construction. If a DNR permit is not required, provide well-field location, rates, discharge location, schedule and quantities prior to construction.
2. Completion of post construction infiltration tests on Biofiltration Basins 1, 2, 3, and 5 by filling the basin to a minimum depth of 6 inches with water and monitoring the time necessary to drain, or multiple double ring infiltration tests to ASTM standards. The Coon Creek Watershed District shall be notified prior to the test to witness the results.
3. Submittal of as-builts for the stormwater management practices and associated structures listed in Tables 2 and 3, including volume, critical elevations and proof of installation for hydrodynamic separators.

**Exhibits:**

Exhibit Type	Exhibit Author	Signature Date	Received Date
HydroCAD, Drainage Area Maps, floodplain impact sheets, MIDS, SHSAM Calculations	Loucks	08/15/2024	08/15/2024
Geotechnical Exploration Report	Haugo Geotechnical Services	04/19/2016	08/15/2024
Site Survey	Loucks	04/09/2024	08/21/2024
Construction Plans Master Plan	Loucks	09/03/2024	09/03/2024
SWPPP Sheets C3-6, C3-7, C3-8, C3-9	Loucks	08/15/2024	08/21/2029
Construction Plans Phase 1	Loucks	09/03/2024	09/03/2024
Geotechnical Evaluation Report	Braun Intertec	06/18/2024	08/15/2024
Updated Stormwater Management Narrative	Loucks	09/03/2024	09/12/2024

**Findings**

**Fees and Escrows (Rule 2.7):**

The applicant has submitted a \$4,810.00 application fee and deposit which corresponds with the nonrefundable application fee (\$10), base fee for a Commercial/Industrial Development project of 83.0 acres (\$4,500.00), and addition to base fee (\$300.00). The applicant will be required to submit a performance escrow in the amount of \$19,500.00. This corresponds to a base escrow of \$2,000, plus an additional \$500/acre of disturbance (35 acres of land disturbance proposed).

**Stormwater Management (Rule 3.0):**

Rule 3.0 applies to the proposed project because it includes land disturbing activities creating a cumulative total of 10,000 sf or more of new or fully reconstructed impervious surface.

Rate Control: Peak stormwater flow rate at each point of site discharge does not increase from the pre-development condition for the 24-hour precipitation event with a return frequency of 2-, 10-, 100- years as shown in Table 1. The project will not impact Drainage Sensitive Use areas. The rate control standard is met.

Point of Discharge	2-year (cfs)		10-year (cfs)		25-year (cfs)		100-year (cfs)	
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
West Ditch 41	49.81	38.01	82.06	73.61	133.42	88.51	172.5	102.4
105th Ave	16.77	5.43	28.8	15.96	75.12	23.99	92.44	30.83
Nassau St	15.71	1.9	24.8	4.65	32.15	4.78	47.57	4.43
Radisson Road	1.03	0.04	1.55	0.19	1.95	0.5	2.94	1.33

**Table 1.**

Volume Control: The application proposes redevelopment which disturbs more than 50% of the site or reconstructs more than 50% of the existing impervious surface, therefore the volume reduction requirement is equal to 1.1 inches over the area of all impervious surface including existing onsite impervious surface that is not proposed to be reconstructed. The drainage area of the project also includes some existing treatment for offsite impervious areas which is treated to 1 inch. This is existing treatment that was provided in calculations to ensure that drainage is maintained. The amount of proposed impervious required to be treated is 198,535 ft<sup>2</sup>. Phase 1 will utilize biofiltration and wet ponds, while the master plan will incorporate infiltration.

The applicant is proposing the Stormwater Management Practices (SMPs) described below:

Treatment Method	TP Factor	Impervious Area Required to be Treated to 1.1" (new and reconstructed impervious) (SF)	Impervious Area to be Treated to 1.0" (existing impervious) (SF)	Required Treatment Volume (CF)	Provided Treatment Volume (CF)
Infiltration/Existing	1	-	281,977	-	-
Biofiltration	0.65	78,200	-	11,028	25,875
Wet Pond	0.5	113,632	-	20,833	97,829
Not Treated	1	6,703	-	614	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>198,535</b>	<b>281,977</b>	<b>32,475</b>	<b>123,704</b>

**Table 2a. Phase 1**

Treatment Method	TP Factor	Impervious Area Required to be Treated (1.1") (SF)	Impervious Area to be Treated (1.0") (SF)	Required Treatment Volume (CF)	Provided Treatment Volume (CF)
Infiltration/Existing	1	393,021	281,977	59,525	48,832

Biofiltration	0.65	394,371	-	55,616	103,273
Wet Pond	0.5	459,261	-	84,198	114,644
Not Treated	1	58,913	-	4,909	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1,305,566</b>	<b>281,977</b>	<b>204,249</b>	<b>266,749</b>

**Table 2b. Master Plan**

The following pretreatment has been provided:

<b>SMP ID</b>	<b>Pretreatment Device/Method</b>	<b>Percent TSS Removal</b>
502	Catch Basin Sump w/ SAFL Baffle	81
707	Catch Basin Sump w/ SAFL Baffle	81
601	Catch Basin Sump w/ SAFL Baffle	82
921	Catch Basin Sump	88
805	Catch Basin Sump	86
802	Catch Basin Sump	85
801	Catch Basin Sump	84
401	Catch Basin Sump	82
400	Catch Basin Sump	86
503	Catch Basin Sump	82
702	Catch Basin Sump	85
605	Catch Basin Sump	85
611	Catch Basin Sump	81
609	Catch Basin Sump	81
909	Catch Basin Sump	82
911	Catch Basin Sump	93
910	Catch Basin Sump	97
901	Catch Basin Sump	80
900	Catch Basin Sump	80

**Table 3.**

Pretreatment is required to be designed such that the device/method provides removal of 80% TSS entering an infiltration or filtration Stormwater Management Practice. The proposed project meets pretreatment requirements as shown in Table 3.

Infiltration may not be used as a volume control practice in Phase 1 because the practices would need to be placed in areas with less than three feet of separation from the bottom of the infiltration system to the seasonally saturated soils.

Geotechnical information from June 2024 has been submitted which indicates that seasonally high saturated soils reach an approximate elevation of 898. The bottom of an infiltration system would need to be at elevation 901 or above, which is infeasible due to existing grades and tie in elevations. Soils are also poor and generally fill and clay soils which are prohibitive of infiltration. Infiltration has been shown as feasible in future phases of the project.

Because the volume reduction standard cannot be met in all areas due to these site constraints, the project proposes the use of the stormwater management practices and their corresponding TP conversion factors listed in Tables 2a and 2b.

Water Quality: Stormwater treatment on site must remove at least 80% of the average annual post development TSS per discharge location. The following TSS removal has been provided:

<b>Discharge Point</b>	<b>TSS Removal Provided</b>
West Ditch (CD 41)	87
105th Ave	87

Nassau St	87
Radisson Road	87

**Table 4.**

The TSS removal standard is met at each discharge point as shown in Table 4.

Discharges to Wetlands: Stormwater from the proposed project is not being discharged into any wetlands, therefore this section does not apply.

Landlocked Basins: The proposed drainage system does not outlet to a landlocked basin, therefore this section does not apply.

Low Floor Freeboard: The proposed project is new development which includes buildings and habitable structures. Therefore, SMPs must be designed such that the lowest basement floor elevations are at least 2 feet above the 100-yr high water level and 1 foot above the emergency overflow. The lowest basement floor elevations proposed are all 903.75 ft MSL. The applicable 100-year high water levels range from 897.13 to 898.66 ft MSL, and the applicable emergency overflows range from 898.3 to 901 ft MSL. The freeboard requirement is met.

Maintenance:

Access: Sufficient maintenance access has been provided on the plans for all stormwater management practices.

Maintenance Agreements: All proposed stormwater management practices will be maintained as part of standard municipal public work activities. Therefore, no maintenance agreement will be required.

**Soils and Erosion Control (Rule 4.0)**

Rule 4.0 applies to the proposed project because it is a land disturbing activity that requires a permit under another District rule.

The proposed project drains to Ditch 41. The soils affected by the project include Rifle, Markey, Lino and Isanti and have a soil erodibility factor of 0.15 or greater. Disturbed areas are not proposed to be stabilized within 24 hours, as required. The proposed erosion and sediment control plan includes perimeter control, rock construction entrance, and inlet protection. The erosion control plan does not meet District requirements because soils and soil stockpiles are not proposed to be stabilized within 24 hours of inactivity and provisions have not been made for street sweeping by the end of each workday. See Figure 4: Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

**Wetlands (Rule 5.0)**

The proposed project does not include activities which result in the filling, draining, excavating, or otherwise altering the hydrology of a wetland. Rule 5.0 does not apply.

**Floodplain (Rule 6.0)**

Rule 6.0 applies to the proposed project because it includes land disturbing activities within or adjacent to the boundary of the 100-year flood elevation as mapped and modeled by the District.

The regulatory floodplain elevation is 898.78 ft MSL. The application proposes the placement of 424,545 cubic feet of fill within the floodplain within the overall master plan (292,703 cf in Phase 1) Compensatory storage is required. The proposed project provides 528,268 cubic feet of compensatory storage (495,476 cf in Phase 1), which meets the required 1:1 ratio and is within the relevant reach. See Figure 5: Floodplain Impacts.

**Drainage, Bridges, Culverts, and Utility Crossings (Rule 7.0)**

The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which construct, improve, repair, or alter the hydraulic characteristics of a bridge profile control or culvert structure on a creek, public ditch, or major watercourse. The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which involve a pipeline or utility crossing of a creek, public ditch, or major watercourse.



The proposed project does not include land disturbing activities which construct, improve, repair or alter the hydraulic characteristics of a conveyance system that extends across two or more parcels of record not under common ownership and has a drainage area of 200 acres or greater. Rule 7.0 does not apply.

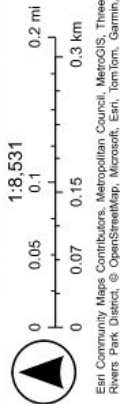
**Buffers (Rule 8.0)**

The proposed project does not include a land disturbing activity on land adjacent or directly contributing to a Public Water, Additional Waters, High or Outstanding Ecological Value Waters, a Public Ditch, or Impaired Waters/waters exceeding state water quality standards. Rule 8.0 does not apply.

**Variances (Rule 10.2)**

The proposed project is not requesting a variance from the District's rules, regulations, and policies. Rule 10.2 does not apply.

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Figure 1: Project Location

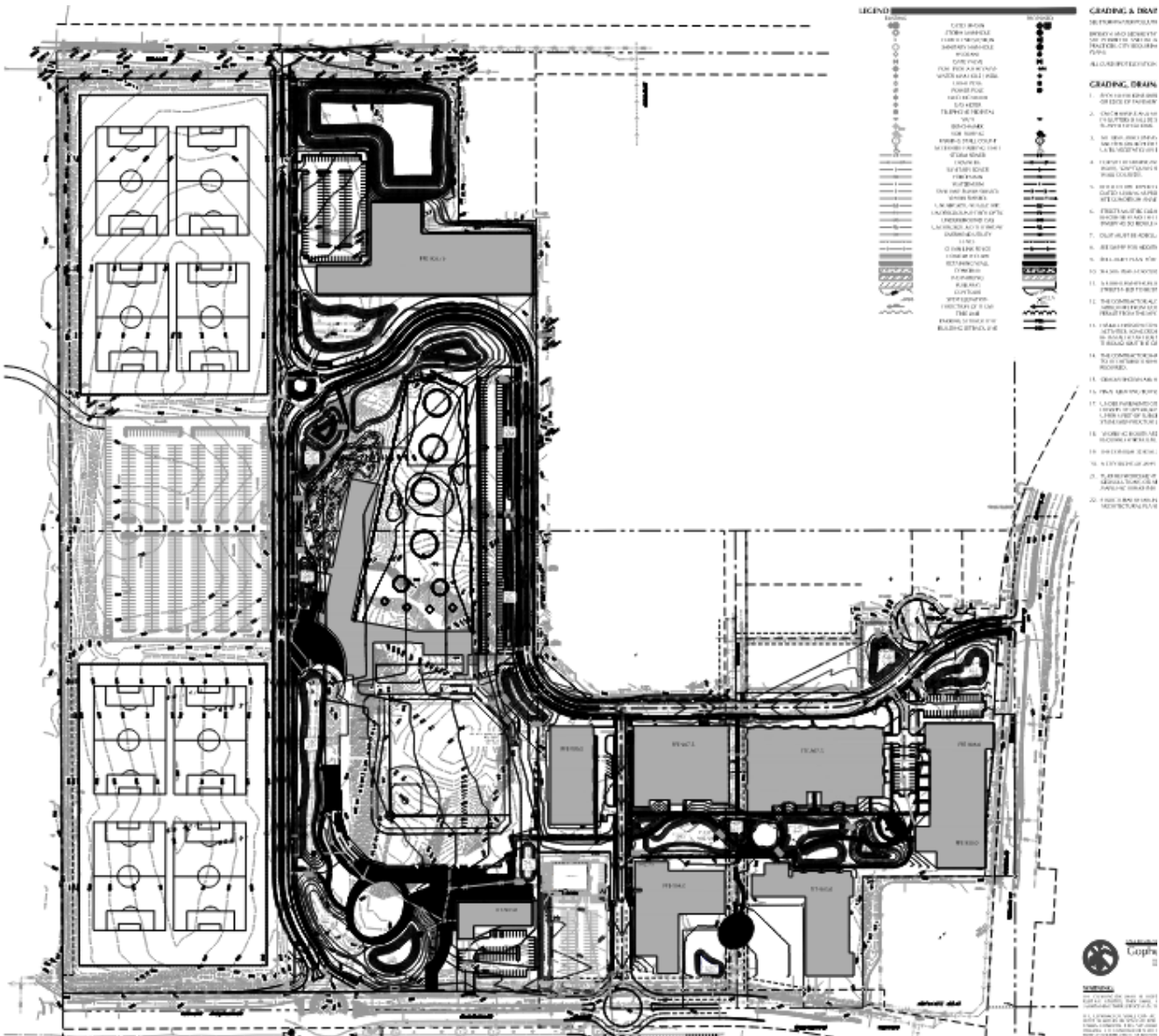


Figure 2: Master Site Plan

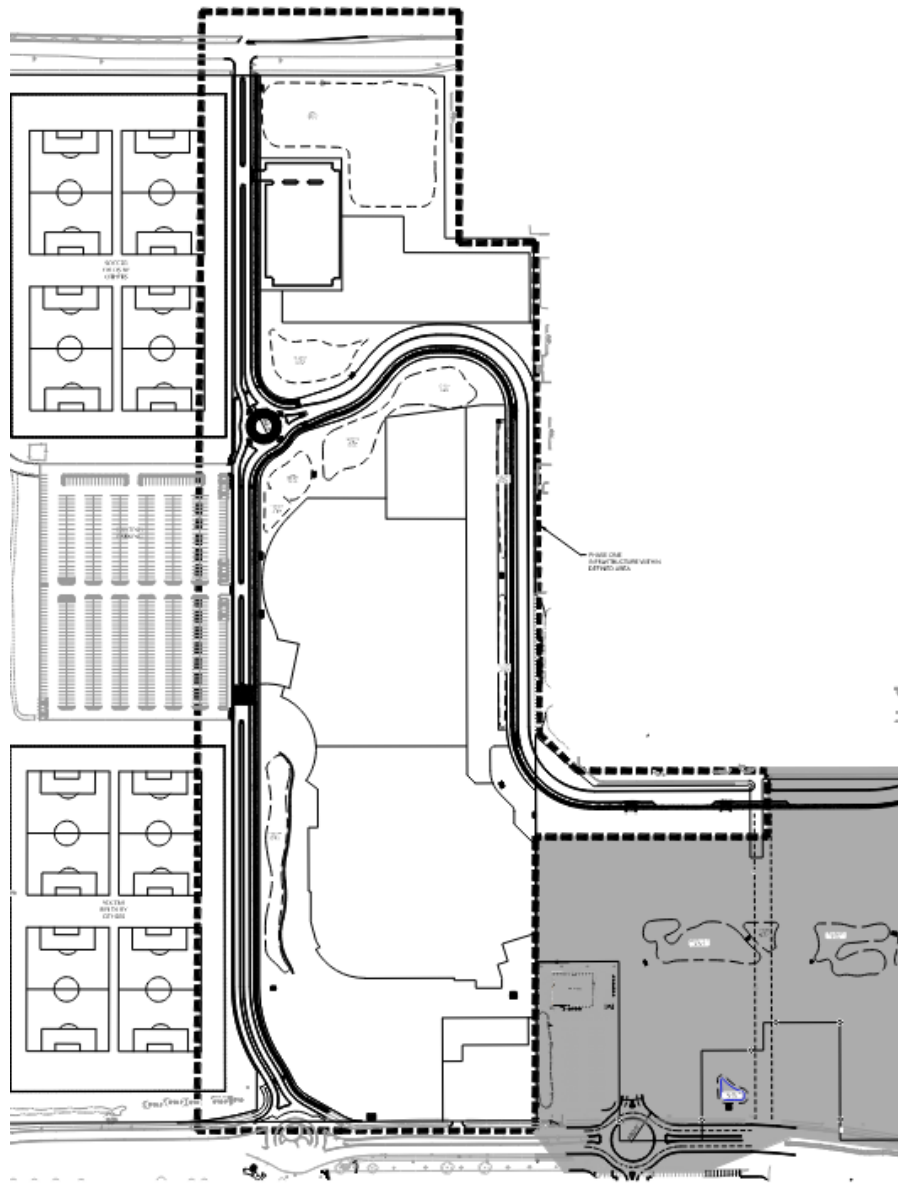


Figure 3: Phase 1 Site Plan

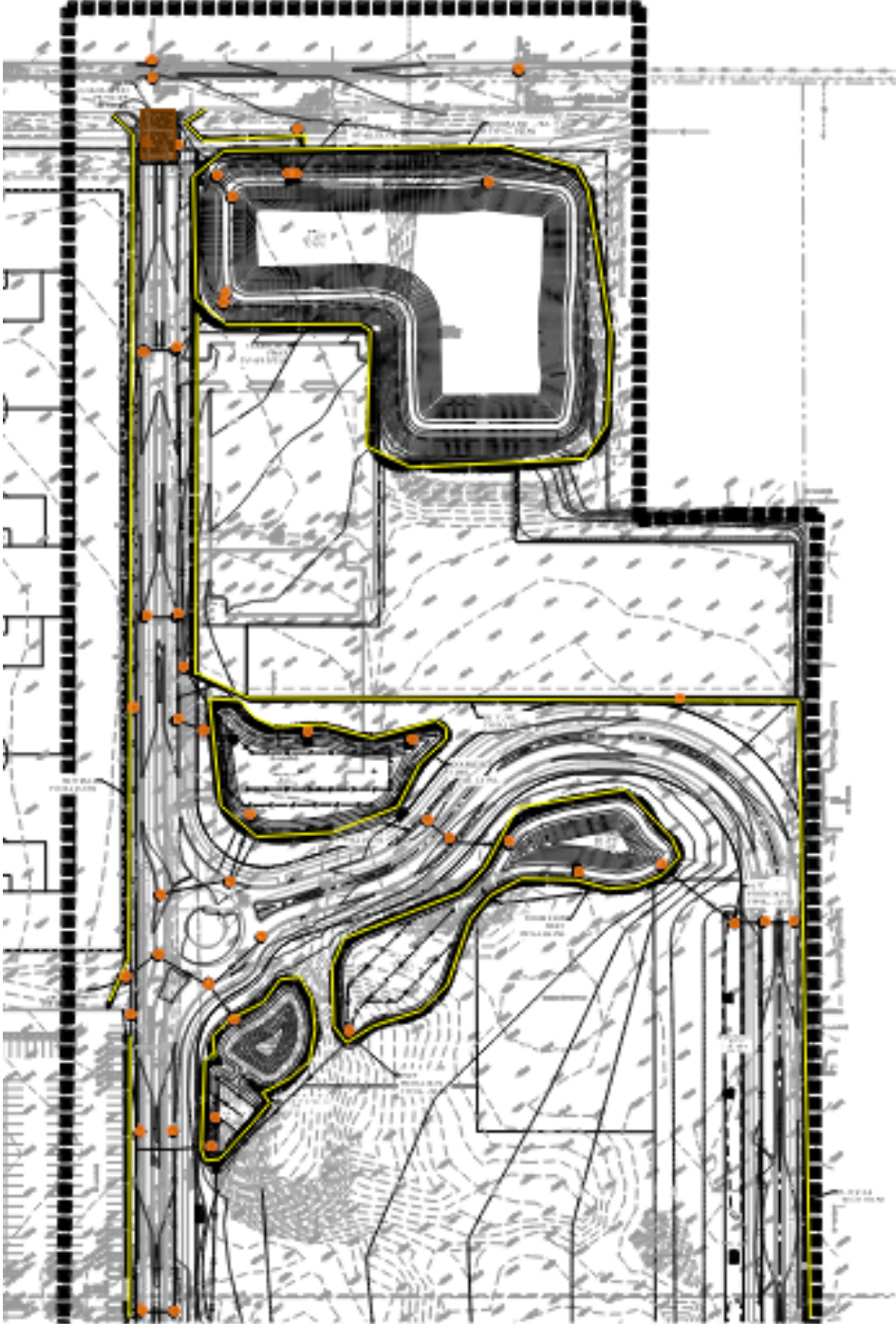




Figure 4: Phase 1 Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

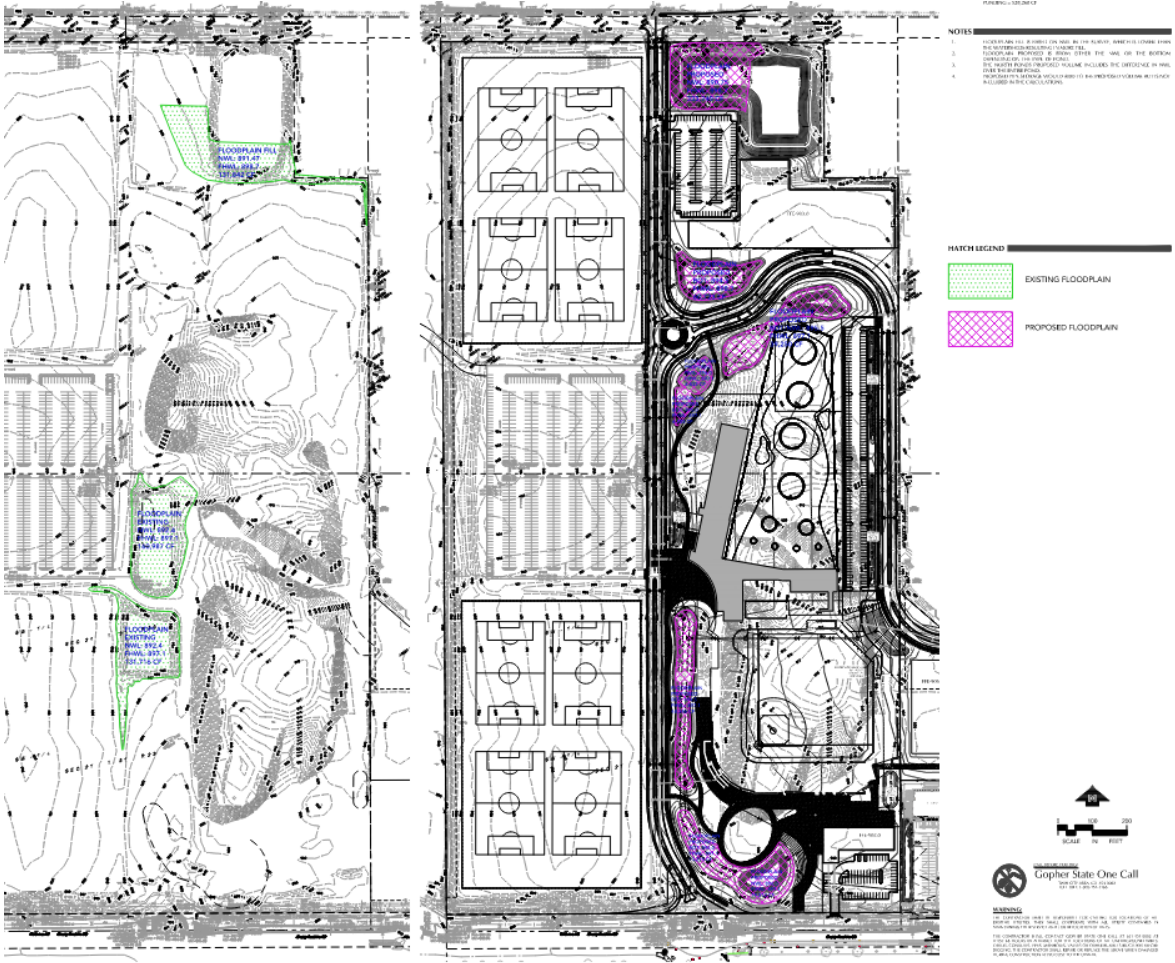


Figure 5: Floodplain Impact

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**Minnesota weather: 2024 is the 3rd wettest on record to date in the Twin Cities**



Wettest years to this point in the year. **(FOX 9)**

**MINNEAPOLIS (FOX 9)** - What a wild few years it has been here in Minnesota! Can't we just have an average year? Apparently not. Well, after three consecutive very dry summers, we are now making up for lost ground. Through the first week of August, it is the [third-wettest year on record](#) in the Twin Cities dating back to 1872.

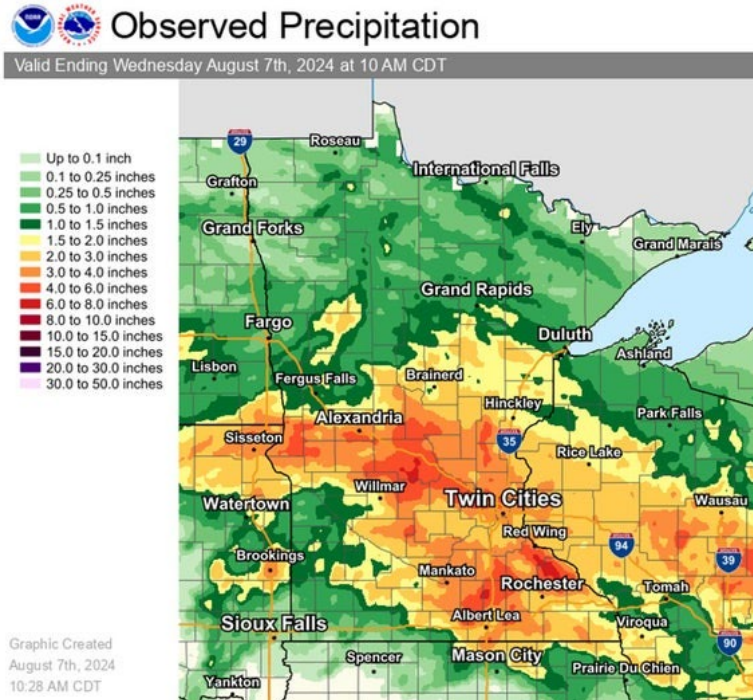
In fact, we have nearly seen as much rain this year to date as we have during the last two years combined. While year-to-year variability is perfectly normal, the whiplash this time around is certainly more unusual.





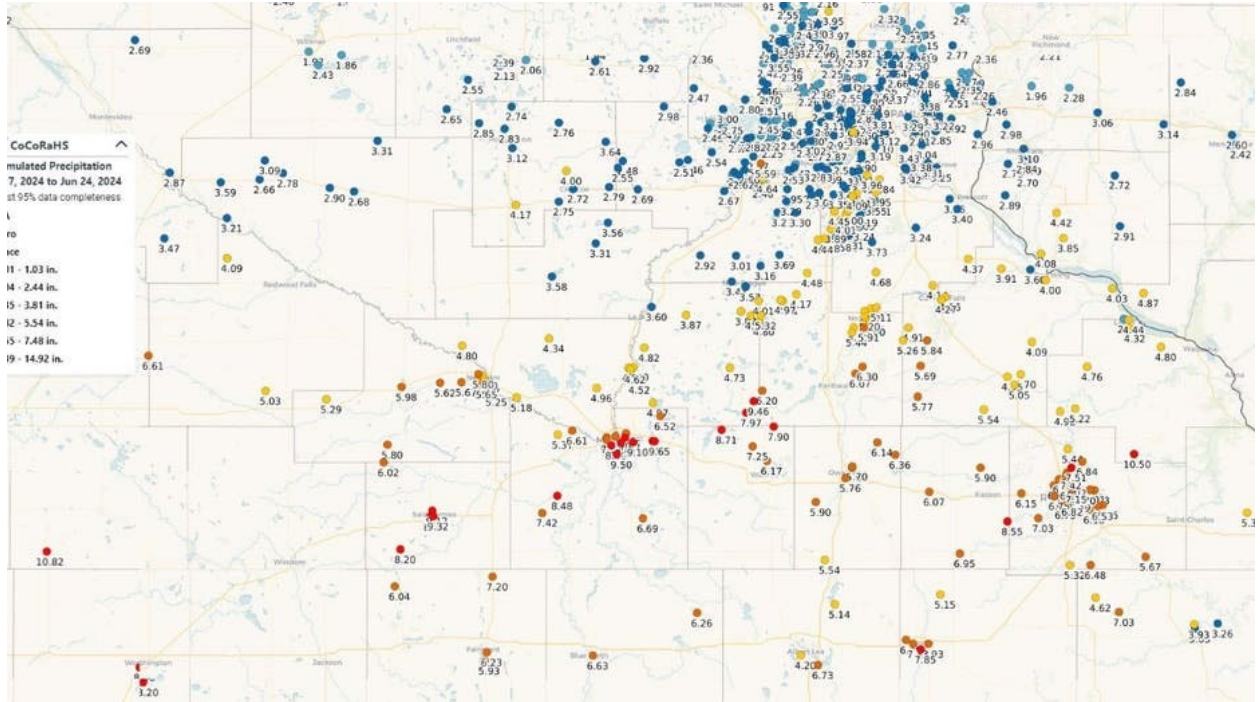
Precipitation total in the Twin Cities. (FOX 9)

After a little bit of a break in some of the rain for the second half of July, we resumed the very wet conditions in the first week of August with another large system bringing widespread amounts of 1 to 4 inches of rain over 24 hours. Thankfully, the ground had dried out enough that major flooding was not an issue, but many areas continued to see very saturated soils, leading to crop failures and tree falls, as roots have a tough time hanging on with very wet soil.



### Rainfall last week. (National Weather Service)

What may be even more incredible is the rainfall totals in the Twin Cities could be a lot higher. If you go back to the [really big rain event in June](#) that led to several weeks of [river flooding across much of central and southern Minnesota](#), the bulk of that moisture missed the metro. Look at some totals for southern Minnesota during those few days. While the Twin Cities received 2 to 4 inches on average, much of southern Minnesota received more than double that, with upwards of 10 inches in some places. If that ended up over the metro, then this would easily be the wettest year on record.



### Rainfall totals in June. (FOX 9)

So, does it continue? Well, we are experiencing a bit of a break now, but considering our pattern hasn't changed much, I would imagine a wetter-than-average pattern will continue into the fall.

# BWSR updating Wetland Conservation Act rules to reflect statutory changes



The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is updating rules for the state's Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) to reflect statutory changes made since the current rule was adopted in 2009.

Wetlands provide many ecological benefits, such as improving water quality, storing water on the landscape after flooding, and providing fish and wildlife habitat. In 1991, the Minnesota Legislature passed WCA into law consistent with the public interest to achieve no net loss in the quantity, quality or biological diversity of Minnesota's wetlands. Local governments implement WCA, with oversight from BWSR, by working with landowners to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands, and by replacing wetlands impacted by development with wetlands of equal or greater function and value.

WCA is a state law that operates independently of federal water and wetland protection programs. The Legislature has passed numerous amendments to WCA, and associated WCA rules have undergone multiple revisions since 1994. The current rules were adopted in 2009. Since then, statutory changes were made to WCA in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2024. The current rulemaking process

aims to reconcile WCA rules with the statutory changes.

The 2024 WCA statutory amendments were made primarily to help fill regulatory gaps for federally unregulated waters following a Supreme Court of the United States case (*Sackett v. EPA*), which diminished federal protections. These changes include revisions to exemptions, a new wetland typing system, and additional authority over deepwater habitats and certain stream reaches. Details about these changes are [available on BWSR's website](#).

"WCA plays a key role in conserving Minnesota's wetlands and replacing wetlands when impacts are unavoidable," said Les Lemm, BWSR wetlands section manager. "This rulemaking process will help ensure that statutory changes and rules align, which will in turn help streamline associated regulatory activities."

Rulemaking in Minnesota follows procedures outlined in the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 14. BWSR staff use the [Minnesota Rulemaking Manual](#) as a procedural guide for WCA rulemaking.

BWSR staff identified several guiding principles for this rulemaking process.

*Wetlands such as those pictured in Redwood County (left), Freeborn County (center) and Anoka County (right) offer multiple benefits including water storage, improved water quality and enhanced fish and wildlife habitat. Minnesota's Wetland Conservation Act was passed in 1991 to ensure no net loss in the quantity, quality or biological diversity of the state's wetlands.*  
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— Les Lemm, BWSR wetlands section manager

According to these principles, rule changes should have tangible results or outcomes, improve accountability, minimize negative impacts to local government staff workloads, balance public costs and benefits, and provide fairness and consistency.

The process to amend the WCA rules included a request for comments published in the State Register, which closed on March 19, 2022. BWSR published another request for comments in the State Register this summer that expanded the scope of

rulemaking to include the 2024 statute changes. Comments on this proposal were accepted through Aug. 12.

Before beginning the process of writing the draft rules, BWSR staff sought stakeholder input on various potential rule topics. BWSR also established a Wetlands Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from organizations that have a significant interest in WCA rules and proposed changes. This committee does not have voting or decision-making authority

but will advise BWSR staff on rulemaking drafts as they are produced.

BWSR will also initiate consultation and cooperation with each of the 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations that share geography with Minnesota, seeking tribal input on the development of the proposed rule changes.

“We want to make sure that interested individuals and organizations that will be impacted by these changes have the opportunity to review the draft rules and provide comments during

the rulemaking process,” Lemm said.

BWSR aims to finalize draft rules late this fall. Following BWSR Board approval, the draft rules will be published in the State Register with a call for public comments. Legislative hearings may be required depending on the number of responses received during the public comment period. According to Lemm, the current goal is to finalize and adopt the rules by summer 2025.

Learn more about [WCA rulemaking](#).