

- Promote “Lawns to Legumes,” a program for residents to seed their lawns with a bee lawn mix, targeting habitat for the Rusty-patched bumblebee, an endangered species. The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will run the program with funding coming to Hennepin County serving as a Conservation District.
- Continue to work in partnership with the University of Minnesota’s agriculture specialist to help build relationships with the agricultural community in the watershed in order to achieve TMDL load reductions.
- Continue to populate and maintain the Commission’s website www.elmcreekwatershed.org to provide news to residents, students, developers and other individuals interested in the water resources of the watershed.

PROJECTS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Send call out to member cities, requesting them to provide updates to the projects already included on the Commission’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as well as inform the Commission of new projects that they would like to have considered for inclusion on the CIP. Hold public meeting, adopt amendment to the Third Generation Watershed Management Plan.
- Continue to support City-sponsored projects using the ad valorem funding mechanism. Conduct public hearing for identified projects and certify levy to Hennepin County.
- For the 2020-2021 biennium of the Watershed-Based funding program BWSR decided to allocate the funds based on major watershed divides. Elm Creek is in the Mississippi West Major Watershed (MWW) which will be allocated \$874,153. A partnership must be developed consisting of at least one representative from each watershed district, watershed management organization, soil and water conservation district, county and at least two municipalities within the MWW. The partnership will coordinate development of a watershed-based budget for submittal to BWSR for approval. Funds will become available July 1, 2020. Grants from these funds expire December 31, 2023.
- Work with the Hennepin County Rural Conservation Specialist. Assist landowners in identifying BMPs for implementation as part of approved subwatershed assessments.
 - Undertake high priority projects identified in the Rush Creek Headwaters Subwatershed Assessment. Proposed activities could include grassed waterways, alternate/closed tile intakes, manure management projects, grazing plans and exclusion fencing.
 - Support the City of Maple Grove and its partners as they undertake a subwatershed assessment for Weaver Lake.
 - Support the City of Corcoran and its partners as they undertake a subwatershed assessment for the South Fork of Rush Creek. A small portion of the South Fork also flows through the cities of Maple Grove and Medina.
 - Support the City of Dayton and its partners to continue efforts for completion of the Diamond Lake subwatershed assessment.