

Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission Treasurer's Report

	2026 Budget	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	2026 Budget YTD
EXPENSES		2025 Activity		
GENERAL OPERATIONS				
Administrative Support	124,000.00	12,336.22	12,078.87	24,415.09
Grant Writing	0.00			0.00
Website	2,000.00	6,063.50	515.00	6,578.50
Legal Services	1,500.00			0.00
Audit	7,400.00			0.00
Insurance	4,000.00		3,303.00	3,303.00
Meeting Expense	6,000.00	206.04	181.52	4,287.56
Subtotal General Operations	144,900.00	18,605.76	16,078.39	38,584.15
TECHNICAL SUPPORT				
Technical Support - HCEE	25,000.00	2,468.67		0.00
Technical - Other General 2025		1,820.50		
Technical - Other General	78,000.00	4,434.25	8,467.50	12,901.75
Subtotal Technical Support	103,000.00	8,723.42	8,467.50	12,901.75
PROJECT REVIEWS				
Technical - Project Review 2025		10,735.80		
Technical - Project Review	170,000.00	8,253.15	17,278.27	25,531.42
Project Review - Admin Support	18,000.00	977.30	2,584.31	3,561.61
Subtotal Project Reviews	188,000.00	19,966.25	19,862.58	29,093.03
EDUCATION				
Education	4,000.00		0.50	500.50
West Metro Water Alliance	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00
Subtotal Education	19,000.00	0.00	15,000.50	15,500.50
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN				
Plan Amendment	1,000.00			0.00
4th Gen Plan Expense	0.00			0.00
Contribution to 4th Gen Plan	0.00			0.00
Subtotal Management Plan	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WATER MONITORING PROGRAMS				
<i>Stream Monitoring</i>				
Stream Monitoring USGS	23,350.00			0.00
Stream Monitoring TRPD	12,240.00			0.00
Biological Monitoring	0.00			0.00
DO Longitudinal Survey	2,400.00			0.00
Partnership Biomonitoring (Comm share)	0.00			0.00
Rain Gauge	450.00	36.93	35.26	72.19
<i>Lake Monitoring</i>				
Lakes Monitoring - CAMP	760.00			0.00
TRPD Monitoring - Sentinel Lakes/Addn'l Lake	9,745.00			0.00
Aquatic Vegetation Surveys	1,365.00			0.00
<i>Other</i>				
Macroinvertebrate Monitoring-River Watch	0.00			0.00
MN Stormwater Research Council Contribution	25,000.00			0.00
Subtotal Monitoring	75,310.00	36.93	35.26	72.19
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	531,210.00	47,332.36	59,444.23	96,151.62
		2025 Activity		

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<u>REVENUES</u>				
GENERAL OPERATIONS				
Member Dues	257,000.00	257,000.00		257,000.00
Interest/Dividends Earned	30,000.00	4,739.41		9,967.77
From Reserves	21,910.00			0.00
Water Monitoring - TRPD Co-op Agmt	6,500.00			0.00
From Reserves - MSRC Contribution	25,000.00			0.00
Subtotal General Operating Revenue	340,410.00	261,739.41	0.00	266,967.77
PROJECT REVIEW FEES				
Project Review Fee	170,000.00	32,000.00		32,000.00
Nonrefundable Project Fees	20,800.00	5,410.00		5,410.00
Additional Project Fee Escrow				
Project Escrow Refunded		10,273.50		
Subtotal Project Review Revenue	190,800.00	47,683.50	0.00	37,410.00
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE	531,210.00	309,422.91	0.00	304,377.77
OPERATING SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	0.00			208,226.15
		2025 Activity		
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS				
<i>Studies / Project ID / SWA</i>				
TMDL 10 Year Review (Studies)			321.00	321.00
TRPD - TMDL Stream Monitoring				0.00
TRPD - TMDL Lakes Monitoring				0.00
<i>Grants</i>				
Rush Creek SWA Implementation (23 WBIF)				0.00
<i>Capital Projects</i>				
CIPs General				0.00
<i>Transfer from Encumbered Funds</i>				0.00
<i>Transfer from Capital Projects</i>		20,721.61		0.00
<i>Transfer from Cash Sureties</i>			167.05	167.05
<i>Transfer from Grants</i>		45,952.84		0.00
<i>From Fund Balance</i>				0.00
TOTAL GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENSE		66,674.45	488.05	488.05
<u>REVENUE</u>				
GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS				
<i>Grants</i>				0.00
<i>Capital Projects</i>				0.00
<i>Transfer to (from) Capital Projects</i>				0.00
<i>Transfer to (from) Cash Sureties</i>		12,354.14		12,354.14
<i>Transfer to (from) Grants</i>				0.00
<i>Transfer from Assigned Fund Balance</i>				0.00
<i>Misc Income / Contingency</i>				0.00
<i>From Unrestricted Cash Reserves</i>				0.00
TOTAL GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE		12,354.14	0.00	12,354.14

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Claims Presented	General Ledger Account No	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	TOTAL
Connexus - Rain Gauge	551100		35.26	35.26
League of MN Cities				3,303.00
LMC - Property/Casualty Insurance	513000		3,303.00	
Shingle Creek WMO - 2026 WMWA	590001		15,000.00	15,000.00
Resilience Resources				2,107.12
Technical - Project Review	578050		1,155.00	
Technical - Project Meetings	578070		952.12	
Stantec				24,238.40
Technical - Project Review	578050		13,843.75	
Technical - Project Pre-reviews and Inquiries	578060		366.00	
Technical - Project Meetings	578070		961.40	
Technical - Other General Engineering	577000		8,467.50	
Technical - Website	581000		278.75	
TMDL 10 Year Review	580900		321.00	
JASS				15,248.50
Administration	511000		9,728.92	
TAC Support	511000		192.50	
Annual Reporting/Work Plan	511000		2,157.45	
Meeting Expense (meal)	520000		181.52	
Website	581000		236.25	
Project Review Admin Support	578100		1,406.56	
Project Reviews - Project Specific Admin	578100		1,177.75	
WCA Monitoring Reimbursable - Ravinia	240201		167.05	
Education	590000		0.50	
TOTAL CLAIMS				59,932.28



Account Number:
481113-238425

ELM CREEK WATERSHED MGMT ORG

Monthly Statement

Service Address
ELM CREEK RD
DAYTON MN

Total Amount Due	Due Date
\$35.26	March 20, 2026

Billing Summary

Billing Date: Feb 26, 2026

Previous Balance	\$36.93
Payments - Thank You!	\$36.93
Balance Forward	\$0.00
New Charges	\$35.26
Total Amount Due	\$35.26

Payment must be received on or before March 20, 2026

Message Center

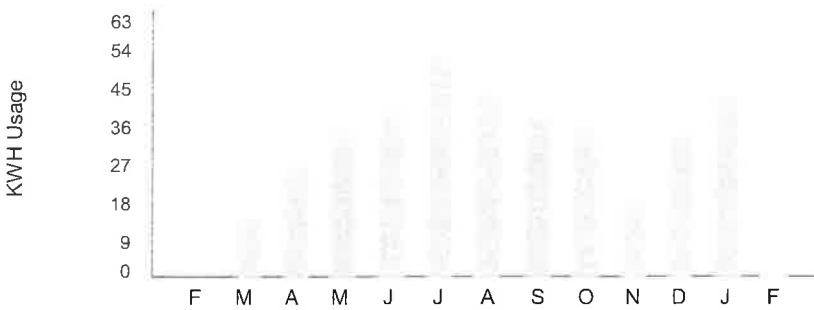
Ways to lower winter bills

Colder temps can lead to higher electric bills. Here are some tips to help you save energy, while staying warm:

- Seal leaks. Caulk or weather strip doors, windows, vents and even air compressor lines
- Maintain HVAC. Regular maintenance ensures efficient heating and lower use.
- Upgrade lighting. Use motion sensors in low-traffic areas. Consider LED lighting.
- Unplug unused equipment. Even when not in use, they can draw energy.

Energy Comparison

Previous Months' Usage Current Month's Usage



How to contact us

Member Services / Moving - 763-323-2650
 Outages and Emergencies - 763-323-2660
 Hearing/Speech Impaired Call - 711 or 800-627-3529
 Email: info@connexusenergy.com
 www.connexusenergy.com
 Gopher State One Call - 811
 14601 Ramsey Boulevard, Ramsey, MN 55303

▼ Please detach at perforation and return this portion with a check or money order made payable to Connexus Energy ▼

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Account Number: 481113-238425
 Total Amount Due \$35.26
 Payment Due By March 20, 2026

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 ELM CREEK WATERSHED MGMT ORG
 3235 FERNBROOK LN N
 PLYMOUTH MN 55447-5325

Connexus Energy
 PO Box 1808
 Minneapolis, MN 55480-1808

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3235 Fernbrook Lane · Plymouth, MN 55447
 Telephone (763)553-1144 · FAX (763)553-9326

Invoice Number:
357

Invoice Date:
March 1, 2026

Due Date:
March 31, 2026

Sold To:

Elm Creek WMO

Description	Amount
2026 WMWA General Expense	3,000.00
2026 WMWA Special Projects	1,500.00
2026 WMWA Watershed PREP	5,000.00
2026 WMWA Outreach Coordinator / Staff	5,500.00

Please make check payable to Shingle Creek WMO
and mail to:

Shingle Creek WMO
3235 Fernbrook Ln N
Plymouth, MN 55447

Subtotal	15,000.00
Total Invoice Amount	15,000.00
Payment/Credit Applied	
TOTAL	15,000.00

If you have questions regarding this invoice, please call 763-553-1144



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Invoice

Member Name and Address
 Elm Creek Watershed
 Management Commission
 3235 Fernbrook Lane North
 Plymouth, MN 55447-5325

Invoice Date
 03/02/2026

Agent
 Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services LLC
 3600 American Blvd W Ste 500
 Bloomington, MN 55431-4502
 (952)358-7500

Account Number: 10002968
Account Type: Property/Casualty Coverage Premium
Current Balance: \$ 3,303.00
Minimum Due: \$ 3,303.00
Due Date: 04/10/2026

Summary of activity since last Billing Invoice	Date	Activity	Account Balance	Minimum Due
		Previous Invoice Balance	3,315.00	
		Payments Received	-.00	
		Total of Transactions and Fees shown on reverse or attached	3,303.00	
See reverse side and attachments for additional information		Current Balance	\$ 3,303.00	\$ 3,303.00

Detach and return this Payment Coupon with your payment	Account Number	Invoice Date	Due Date	Current Balance	Minimum Due
	10002968	03/02/2026	04/10/2026	\$ 3,303.00	3,303.00
					Amount Enclosed
					\$ _____

Member Name Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission

BILLING INVOICE - Return stub with payment - make checks payable to:

Mail payment
 7 days before
 Due Date to
 ensure timely
 receipt

League of MN Cities Insurance Trust P&C
 c/o Berkley Risk Administrators Company
 222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2700
 P.O. Box 581517
 Minneapolis, MN 55458-1517

Resilience Resources, LLC
 3235 Fernbrook Lane N
 Minneapolis, MN 55447



Invoice Date: February 4, 2026

RR Invoice #: 0009-2026-01

Client Project Reference: Elm Creek Water Management Commission

TASK: St. Thomas the Apostle (2026-005)

	Current Hours		Rate	Current Amount
Rebecca Carlson	4.2	\$	165.00	\$693.00
Task Total				\$693.00

TASK: Graco Headquarters (2026-006)

	Current Hours		Rate	Current Amount
Rebecca Carlson	1.6	\$	165.00	\$264.00
Task Total				\$264.00

TASK: Carvana building (2026-007)

	Current Hours		Rate	Current Amount
Rebecca Carlson	1.2	\$	165.00	\$198.00
Task Total				\$198.00

TASK: Annual Report

	Current Hours		Rate	Current Amount
Rebecca Carlson	3.7	\$	165.00	\$ 610.50
Task Total				\$ 610.50

TASK: Meeting Attendance

	Current Hours		Rate	Current Amount
12/10/2025	2	\$	165.00	\$ 330.00
12/10/2025			(Mileage)	\$ 11.62
Task Total				\$ 341.62
Invoice Total				\$ 2,107.12



INVOICE

Invoice Number	2531666
Invoice Date	March 5, 2026
Purchase Order	227702706
Customer Number	167501
Project Number	227702706

Bill To
 Elm Creek Watershed Management
 Commission
 Accounts Payable
 3235 Fernbrook Lane
 Plymouth MN 55447
 United States

EFT/ACH Remit To (Preferred)
 Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (SCSI)
 Bank of America
 ABA No. : 111000012
 Account No: 3752096026
 Email Remittance: eft@stantec.com

Alternative Remit To
 Stantec Consulting Services
 Inc. (SCSI)
 13980 Collections Center Drive
 Chicago IL 60693
 United States

Attention:
 beverly@jass.biz; judie@jass.biz

Project	Elm Creek WMC 2026 Services			
	Project Manager	Osterdyk, Eric J	Amount Billed to Date	37,162.30
	Current Invoice Total (USD)	23,917.40	For Period Ending	February 20, 2026

Top Task	100	General Services		
Low Task	100.101	General Services		
<u>Professional Services</u>				
Category/Employee			Current Hours	Rate
				Current Amount
		Wavrin, Thomas	2.00	135.00
		Clapp, Lucas W	2.00	152.00
		Doerr, Sylvia M	12.75	152.00
		Trosper, Sophie A	1.00	152.00
		Gafner, Kiley	2.50	170.00
		Osterdyk, Eric J	8.75	183.00
		Tilman, Elizabeth (Lisa)	1.25	212.00
		Spector, Diane F	15.75	223.00
		Subtotal Professional Services	<u>46.00</u>	<u>8,467.50</u>

Low Task Subtotal **General Services** 8,467.50

Low Task	100.102	Web Site		
<u>Professional Services</u>				
Category/Employee			Current Hours	Rate
				Current Amount
		Spector, Diane F	1.25	223.00
		Subtotal Professional Services	<u>1.25</u>	<u>278.75</u>

Low Task Subtotal **Web Site** 278.75

Top Task Subtotal **General Services** 8,746.25

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Customer Number 167501
Project Number 227702706

Top Task 200 **Project Reviews**
Low Task 200.201 **Pre-reviews & Inquiries**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	2.00	183.00	366.00
Subtotal Professional Services	2.00		366.00

Low Task Subtotal **Pre-reviews & Inquiries** 366.00

Low Task 200.202 **Meetings**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	5.00	183.00	915.00
Subtotal Professional Services	5.00		915.00

Disbursements

Direct - Vehicle (mileage)	46.40
Subtotal Disbursements	46.40

Low Task Subtotal **Meetings** 961.40

Low Task 25.034 **Hassan Sand & Gravel**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	8.50	152.00	1,292.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	2.75	183.00	503.25
Subtotal Professional Services	11.25		1,795.25

Low Task Subtotal **Hassan Sand & Gravel** 1,795.25

Low Task 25.035 **Gardner School**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	0.75	183.00	137.25
Subtotal Professional Services	0.75		137.25

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Project Number	227702706

Low Task Subtotal **Gardner School** 137.25

Low Task 25.040 Commerce Boulevard Development

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	0.75	152.00	114.00
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>0.75</u>		<u>114.00</u>

Low Task Subtotal **Commerce Boulevard Development** 114.00

Low Task 25.041 Arbor Ridge Business Park

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Doerr, Sylvia M	0.25	152.00	38.00
Trosper, Sophie A	8.50	152.00	1,292.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	1.75	183.00	320.25
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>10.50</u>		<u>1,650.25</u>

Low Task Subtotal **Arbor Ridge Business Park** 1,650.25

Low Task 25.043 Bella Woods Phase 1

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Clapp, Lucas W	9.00	152.00	1,368.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	3.00	183.00	549.00
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>12.00</u>		<u>1,917.00</u>

Low Task Subtotal **Bella Woods Phase 1** 1,917.00

Low Task 25.044 Juniper Hill

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	5.75	152.00	874.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	2.25	183.00	411.75
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>8.00</u>		<u>1,285.75</u>

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Project Number 227702706

Low Task Subtotal **Juniper Hill** 1,285.75

Low Task 25.045 Emerson Grove

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	0.25	183.00	45.75
Subtotal Professional Services	0.25		45.75

Low Task Subtotal **Emerson Grove** 45.75

Low Task 25.046 Edgewater Cove

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	0.75	183.00	137.25
Subtotal Professional Services	0.75		137.25

Low Task Subtotal **Edgewater Cove** 137.25

Low Task 25.047 Weaver Lake Road Rehabilitation Project

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	6.50	152.00	988.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	3.50	183.00	640.50
Subtotal Professional Services	10.00		1,628.50

Low Task Subtotal **Weaver Lake Road Rehabilitation Project** 1,628.50

Low Task 25.048 Villas at Hunter Hill - Amendment

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	6.00	152.00	912.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	1.75	183.00	320.25
Subtotal Professional Services	7.75		1,232.25

Low Task Subtotal **Villas at Hunter Hill - Amendment** 1,232.25

Low Task 26.003 Elm Creek Park Reserve Pedestrian Bridges

Professional Services

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Customer Number 167501
Project Number 227702706

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	5.50	152.00	836.00
Monk, Robert V (Rob)	0.50	179.00	89.50
Osterdyk, Eric J	3.75	183.00	686.25
Subtotal Professional Services	9.75		1,611.75

Low Task Subtotal **Elm Creek Park Reserve Pedestrian Bridges** 1,611.75

Low Task 26.004 **Rogers Drive Industrial**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Doerr, Sylvia M	9.75	152.00	1,482.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	1.75	183.00	320.25
Tilman, Elizabeth (Lisa)	1.00	212.00	212.00
Subtotal Professional Services	12.50		2,014.25

Low Task Subtotal **Rogers Drive Industrial** 2,014.25

Low Task 26.005 **St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	0.25	183.00	45.75
Subtotal Professional Services	0.25		45.75

Low Task Subtotal **St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church** 45.75

Low Task 26.006 **Graco Dayton Headquarters**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	0.25	183.00	45.75
Subtotal Professional Services	0.25		45.75

Low Task Subtotal **Graco Dayton Headquarters** 45.75

Low Task 26.008 **Tricare**
Professional Services



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Purchase Order 227702706
Customer Number 167501
Project Number 227702706

Category/Employee		Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
	Osterdyk, Eric J	1.00	183.00	183.00
	Subtotal Professional Services	<u>1.00</u>		<u>183.00</u>

Low Task Subtotal	Tricare			183.00
Top Task Subtotal	Project Reviews			15,171.15
	Total Fees & Disbursements			<u>23,917.40</u>
	INVOICE TOTAL (USD)			23,917.40

Net Due in 30 Days or in accordance with terms of the contract
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INVOICE

Invoice Number 2532615
Invoice Date March 6, 2026
Purchase Order —
Customer Number 167501
Project Number 227706741

Bill To

Elm Creek Watershed Management
 Commission
 Accounts Payable
 3235 Fernbrook Lane
 Plymouth MN 55447
 United States

EFT/ACH Remit To (Preferred)

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (SCSI)
 Bank of America
 ABA No. : 111000012
 Account No: 3752096026
 Email Remittance: eft@stantec.com

Alternative Remit To

Stantec Consulting Services
 Inc. (SCSI)
 13980 Collections Center Drive
 Chicago IL 60693
 United States

Project Elm Creek TMDL 10 Year Review

Project Manager	Spector, Diane F	Contract Upset	27,094.00
Current Invoice Total (USD)	321.00	Amount Billed to Date	23,035.00
		For Period Ending	February 27, 2026

Top Task 100 Data Collection

Professional Services

Category/Employee		Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
	Spector, Diane F	1.50	214.00	321.00
	Subtotal Professional Services	<u>1.50</u>		<u>321.00</u>

Top Task Subtotal	Data Collection	321.00
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Total Fees & Disbursements	321.00
INVOICE TOTAL (USD)	321.00

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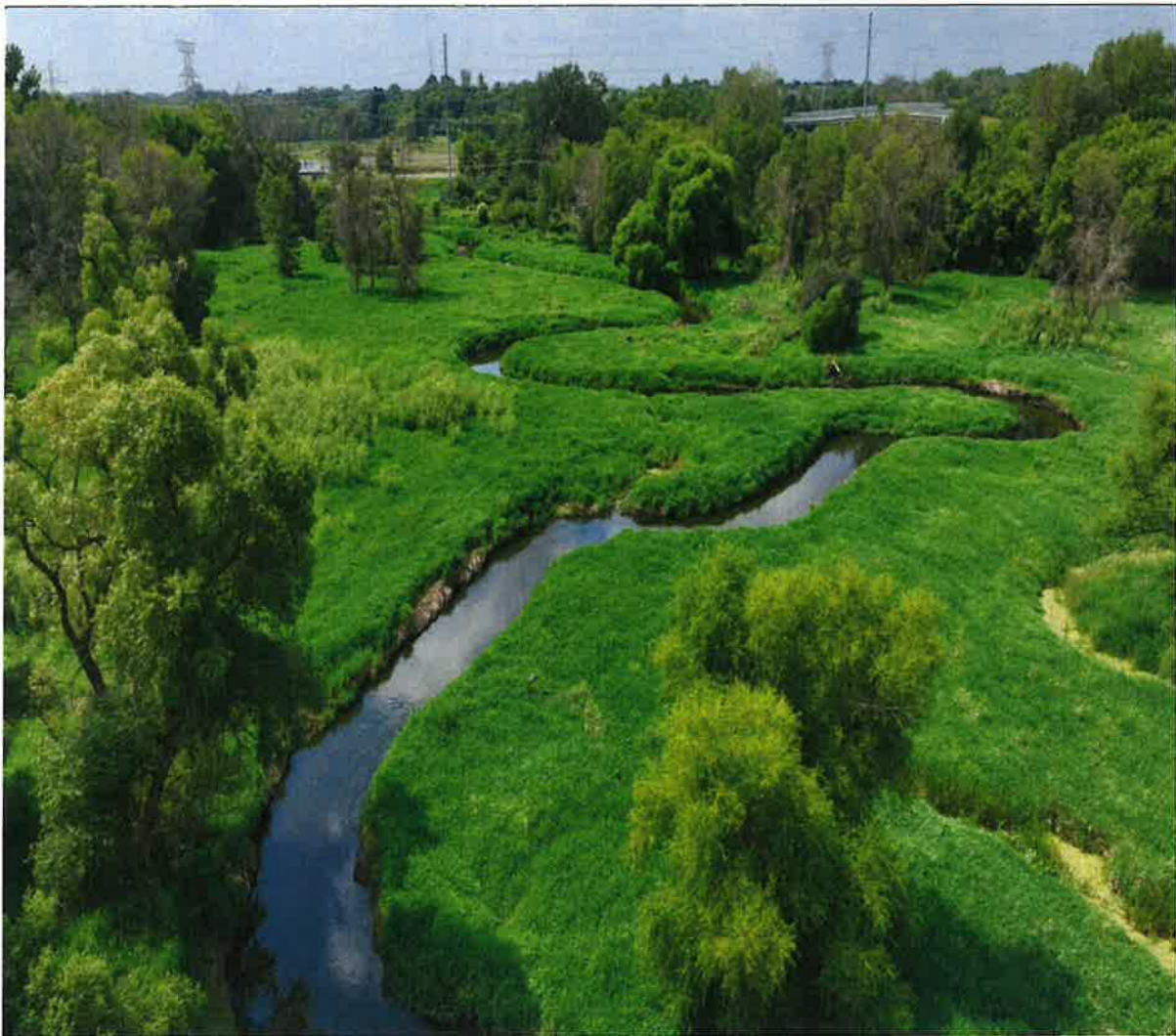
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Plymouth MN 55447

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Plymouth, MN 55447

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Total by
Project Area

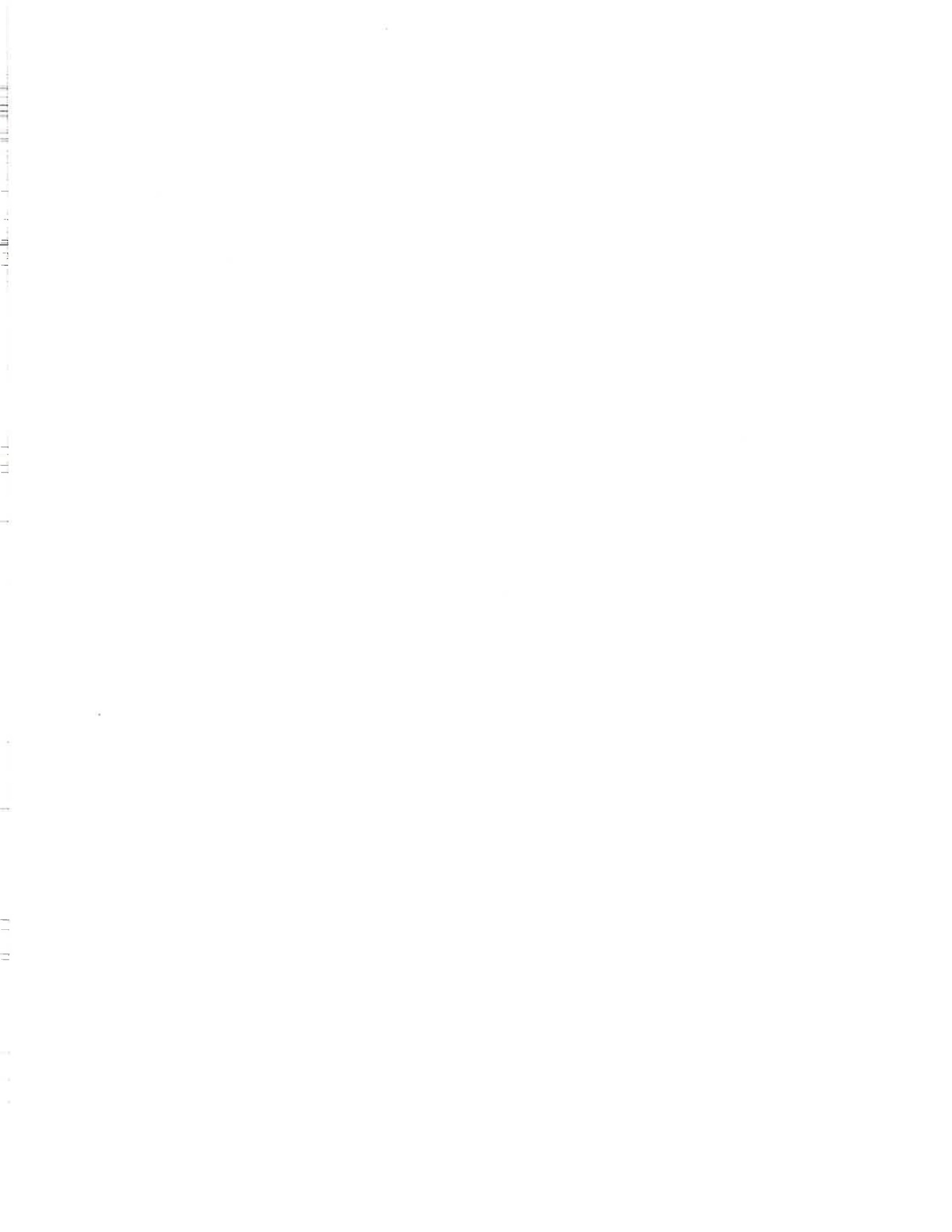
Administrative	37.060	87.500	3,242.75	
Admin - Bookkeeping, audit, budget	12.470	87.500	1,091.13	
<i>Admin - bookkeeping Sage - annual renewal</i>	1.00	900.000	900.00	
Admin - offsite	4.100	102.500	420.25	
Handbook		87.500	0.00	
<i>Office Support</i>	18.00	200.00	3,600.00	
<i>Bookkeeping Subscription</i>	1.00	20.00	20.00	
<i>Storage Unit - .47</i>	1.00	175.31	175.31	
<i>Data E-Storage</i>	1.00	70.32	70.32	
Data Processing/File Mgmt		87.50	0.00	
File Management		87.50	0.00	
Archiving		87.50	0.00	
Reimbursables	209.16	1.00	209.16	9,728.915
Meals	181.520	1.00	181.52	181.520
Administrative - TAC Support	2.20	87.50	192.50	
Admin - TAC support		102.50	0.00	
TAC Support File Management		87.50	0.00	
TAC support - reimbursables		1.00	0.00	192.500
Website - reimbursables	0.25	1.00	0.25	
Website	1.84	87.50	161.00	
<i>Web Domain renewal GoDaddy</i>	1.00	75.00	75.00	
<i>Website - Zoom</i>		1.00	0.00	236.250
Annual Report/Work Plans	21.17	87.50	1,852.38	
Work Plans		87.50	0.00	
Annual Reporting/Work Plans - reimbursables	305.08	1.00	305.08	2,157.455
Project Reviews - Admin -	13.75	87.50	1,203.13	
Project Reviews - Admin Project Specific	13.46	87.50	1,177.75	1,177.75
Project Reviews - Admin offsite		102.50	0.00	
Project Reviews - Admin - File Mgmt		87.50	0.00	
<i>Drop Box Subscription</i>	1.00	120.00	120.00	
Project Reviews - reimbursables	83.43	1.00	83.43	1,406.555
WCA -Admin - reimbursable Ravinia	1.88	87.50	164.50	
WCA - Admin - reimbursable -		102.50	0.00	
WCA - reimbursable Ravinia	2.55	1.00	2.55	167.050
Education - Admin		87.50	0.00	
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Education - reimbursables	0.50	1.00	0.50	0.500
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2025 Annual Activity Report



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Electrofishing at EC81 (in Elm Creek Park Reserve north of Territorial Road and County Road 81). TRPD staff fly drones in order to assess fish communities for biological monitoring.
More frequent biological data is needed in order to develop trend analyses.
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This annual activity report, prepared by the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission in accordance with the annual reporting requirements of Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410.0150 Subp. 2-3, summarizes the activities undertaken by the Commission during calendar year 2025.

≡ THE COMMISSION

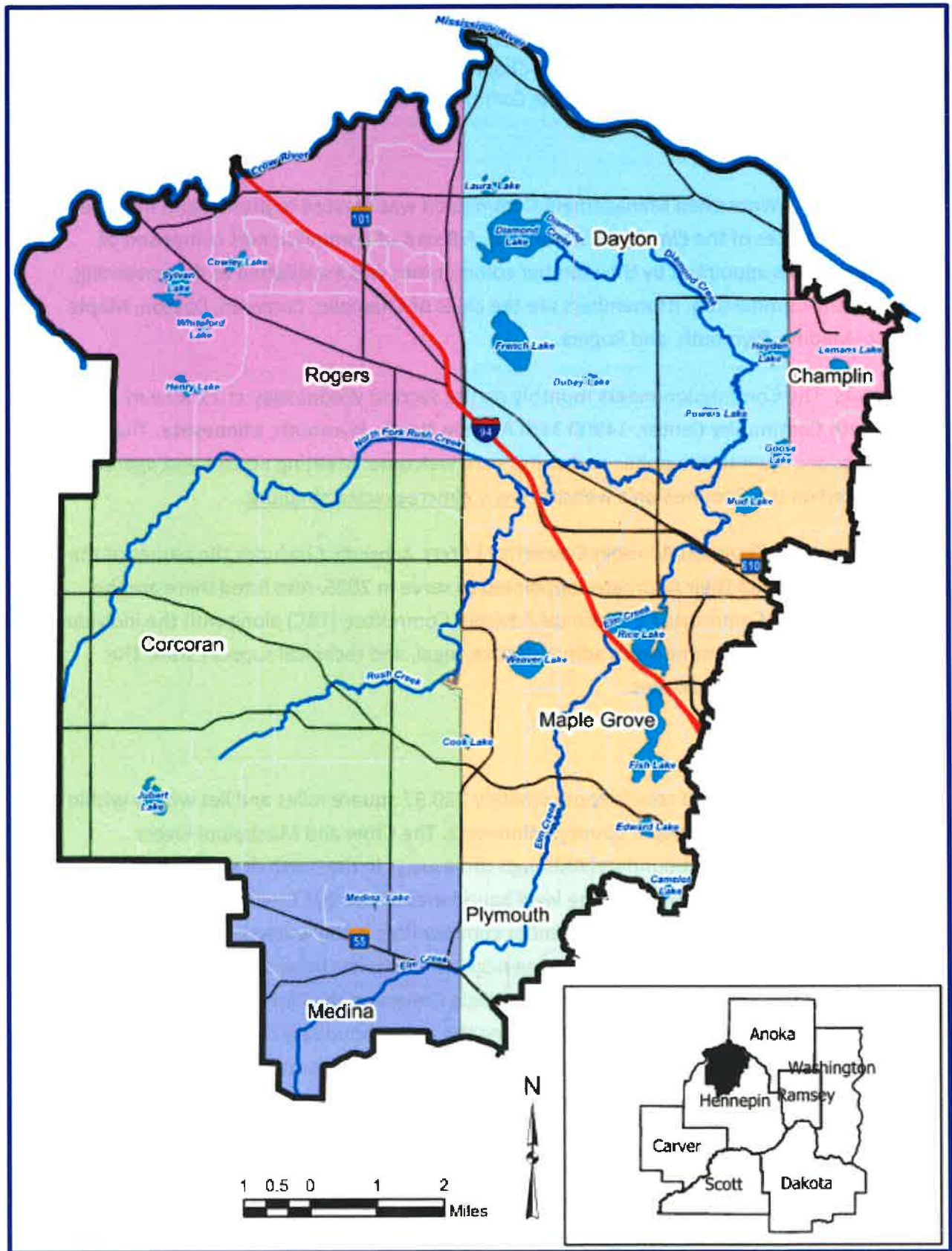
The Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was created to protect and manage the natural resources of the Elm Creek watershed. A Board of Commissioners comprised of representatives appointed by the member communities was established as the governing body of the Commission. Its members are the cities of Champlin, Corcoran, Dayton, Maple Grove, Medina, Plymouth, and Rogers.

MEETINGS The Commission meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota. The meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome. Meeting notices and agenda items are posted on the Commission's website. www.elmcreekwatershed.org.

COMMISSIONERS | TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE | STAFF *Appendix 1* includes the names of the Commissioners and their Alternates appointed to serve in 2025. Also listed there are the members of the Commission's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) along with the individuals/firms serving as the Commission's administrative, legal, and technical support staff. The Commission has no employees.

≡ THE WATERSHED

The Elm Creek watershed covers approximately 130.97 square miles and lies wholly within the north central part of Hennepin County, Minnesota. The Crow and Mississippi Rivers demarcate the northern boundary. Although some areas in the north drain to the Crow and Mississippi Rivers, they are within the legal boundaries of the Elm Creek watershed. Table 1 on page 3 shows the area share of the member communities in the watershed. A map of the watershed may be viewed on the following page. The map has been updated to reflect changes that were made to the Elm Creek/Shingle Creek and the Elm Creek/West Mississippi watershed boundaries in 2023. A map showing the actual boundary changes is included as *Appendix 2*. The Bassett Creek and Mississippi watershed management organizations have also accepted the proposed boundary changes with Elm Creek. No additional changes were made to the Pioneer-Sarah Creek/Elm Creek and Minnehaha Creek/Elm Creek boundaries during development of the Elm Creek Commission's Fourth Generation Watershed Management



Plan, which was submitted to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for final approval on September 29, 2025.

Table 1 - Area of Members within the Elm Creek Watershed

Local Government Unit	Square Miles	%age of Watershed
Champlin	3.08	2.36%
Corcoran	36.06	27.61%
Dayton	25.17	19.27%
Maple Grove	26.32	20.15%
Medina	9.34	7.15%
Plymouth	4.44	3.40%
Rogers	26.20	20.06%
Total	130.61	100.0%

≡ THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

During 2025, the Elm Creek Commission was in the final year of operating under its Third Generation Watershed Management Plan while, at the same time, developing its Fourth Generation Plan. The Commission plans to adopt its Fourth Generation Plan at its January 14, 2026 meeting. (Read more on pages 10-11.)

The Third Generation Plan describes how the Commission will manage activities in the Elm Creek watershed in the ten-year period officially ending October 14, 2015. The Plan includes information required by Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 8410, Local Water Management: 1) an updated land and water resource inventory; 2) goals and policies; 3) an assessment of problems and identification of corrective actions; 4) an implementation program; and 5) a process for amending the Plan. The Plan also incorporates information and actions identified in the Elm Creek Watershed-wide Total Maximum Daily Load study (TMDL) and Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy study (WRAPS), completed between 2009 and 2016.

The Commission, along with the Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees (CAC and TAC), identified the following issues during development of the plan:

- **Water quality**—numerous lake and stream impairments, impact of land use changes, stream stability.
- **Agricultural impacts on water quality**—increase agricultural BMPs, develop effective

mechanisms to encourage voluntary adoption, more effective outreach.

- **Funding**—maintaining a sustainable funding level; funding capital projects.
- **Other issues**—lack of information and knowledge of water quality issues and actions by multiple stakeholders; need to be realistic and prioritize actions; increase member city involvement; and foster collaboration with other agencies. Through identification of these issues, the Commission developed the following priorities to guide water resources planning and management functions:
 - **Implement priority projects**, provide cost-share to member cities to undertake projects to help achieve WRAPS lake and stream goals.
 - **Use results of WRAPS study to establish priority areas**, complete subwatershed assessments to identify specific best management practices (BMPs) that feasibly and cost-effectively reduce nutrient and sediment loading to impaired water resources.
 - **Develop model manure management ordinance** to regulate placement of new, small non-food animal operations; require member cities to adopt that or other ordinances and practices to accomplish its objectives.
 - **Partner with other organizations to complete pilot project** for targeted fertilizer application, increase and focus outreach to agricultural operators.
 - **Continue participating in joint education and outreach activities** with the West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA) and other partners.

The goals and policies created as a result of this process include the following:

Goals

Water Quantity

- **Maintain post-development 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year peak rates of runoff** at pre-development levels for critical duration precipitation events.
- **Maintain post-development annual run-off volume** at pre-development volume.
- **Prevent loss of floodplain storage** below the established 100-year elevation.
- **Reduce peak flow rates** in Elm, Diamond, and Rush Creeks and tributary streams to the Crow and Mississippi rivers and preserve conveyance capacity.

Water Quality

- Improve Total Phosphorus concentration in the impaired lakes by 10% over the 2004-2013 average by 2024.
- Maintain or improve water quality in the lakes and streams with no identified impairments.
- Conduct a TMDL/WRAPS progress review every five years following approval of the TMDLs and WRAPS studies.
- Use information in the WRAPS to identify high priority areas where the Commission will partner with cities and other agencies to provide technical and financial assistance.

Groundwater

- Promote groundwater recharge by requiring abstraction/infiltration of runoff from new development/redevelopment.
- Protect groundwater quality by incorporating wellhead protection study results into development and redevelopment Rules and Standards.

Wetlands

- Preserve the existing functions and values of wetlands within the watershed.
- Promote the enhancement or restoration of wetlands in the watershed.

Drainage Systems

- Continue current Hennepin County jurisdiction over county ditches in the watershed.

Operations and Programming

- Identify and operate within a sustainable funding level that is reasonable to member cities.
- Foster implementation of priority TMDL and other implementation projects by sharing in their cost and proactively seeking grant funds.
- Operate a public education and outreach program to supplement NPDES Phase II education requirements for member cities.
- Operate a monitoring program sufficient to characterize water quantity, water quality, and biotic integrity in the watershed and to evaluate progress toward meeting goals.
- Maintain rules and standards for development and redevelopment consistent with local and regional TMDLs, federal guidelines, source water and wellhead protection requirements, non-degradation, and ecosystem management goals.
- Serve as a technical resource for member cities.

Implementation

- The Third Generation Watershed Management Plan continues a number of activities that have been successful in the past and introduces some new activities, including modified development rules and standards and an enhanced monitoring program.

RULES AND STANDARDS

In general, the Commission's Third Generation Rules and Standards apply to all development and redevelopment that are

- one acre or more in size;
- require at a minimum no increase in pollutant loading or stormwater volume;
- require no increase in the peak rate of runoff from the property;
- require the abstraction/infiltration of 1.1 inches of runoff from impervious surfaces; and
- clarify the wetland buffer requirements.

The Plan also provides a method by which member cities can take on review responsibilities for smaller projects, reducing the regulatory burden for small developers.

Monitoring Program

The monitoring program continues the partnership with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for routine flow and water quality monitoring on Elm Creek, with periodic monitoring of additional Elm Creek sites, and on Rush, North Fork Rush, and Diamond Creeks on a rotating or as-needed basis. Four lakes – Weaver, Fish, Rice, and Diamond Lakes – have been classified as “Sentinel Lakes,” and are monitored every year. Other lakes are monitored on a rotating basis.

Education and Outreach

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) developed a recommended Education and Outreach program that identifies stakeholder groups and key education messages. This Plan expands education and outreach activities to key stakeholders and continues collaborative partnerships with organizations such as the West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA) and WaterShed Partners.

Other Activities

The Implementation Plan includes funding for BMP assessments and special studies such as feasibility studies and special monitoring that will identify the most cost-effective practices and projects.

WRAPS Implementation

The Plan includes key findings and actions identified in the Elm Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies study (WRAPS), which includes Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the impaired waters and improvement and protection strategies and activities for all waters.

The Commission's Third Generation Rules and Standards may be viewed at <http://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/third-generation-plan.html>.

As the Commission's website is revitalized, the Fourth Generation Rules and Standards will replace those of the Third Generation Plan.

LOCAL PLANS

Member cities are required to adopt their own local water management plans during the life of the Commission's Watershed Management Plan. These plans must be consistent with the Commission's Plan and comply with MN Statutes, Section 103B.235, and MN Rules 8410 regarding local plan content.

≡ 2025 WORK PLAN IN REVIEW

Minnesota Rule 8410.0150 requires the Commission to submit to the Board of Water and Soil Resources a financial report, activity report and audit report for the preceding fiscal year, which for the Commission is the calendar year. MN Rule 8410.0150 Subp. 3 outlines the required content of the annual activity report. It includes an assessment of the previous year's annual work plan and a projected work plan for the following year.

The Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan identifies issues, priorities, and goals for the ten-year period 2015-2024, and including 2025 through the expiration of the Third Generation Plan in October. The Annual Work Plan is a more detailed set of actions the Commission undertakes to work toward meeting those goals. The 2025 Work Plan was approved at the Commission's February 12, 2025, meeting.

ROUTINE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

§ Continue to review local development/redevelopment plans for conformance with the standards outlined in the Commission's Third Generation Plan. Maintain a fee structure that reimburses the Commission for the actual cost of completing and administering project reviews. *Continue to evaluate the fee schedule and administrative processes for*

adequacy and implantability and recommend revisions, as necessary. Staff will also revise the application form to indicate more clearly what fees are nonrefundable. In 2025, forty-eight projects were submitted for review. Champlin submitted two projects; Corcoran, three; Dayton ten; Maple Grove, thirteen; Medina and Plymouth, four each; and Rogers, eleven. One project was submitted jointly by the cities of Dayton and Maple Grove. Appendix 3 lists these projects and includes a map showing their locations.

At their August 13, 2025, meeting, the Commissioners also approved revisions to the Project Review Process, to wit: (1) after 30 days, the Reviewing Engineer will review the conditional items with the City, after which the Administrator will send to the City and affected parties a Notice of Commission Project Review Closure listing any outstanding conditions and notifying them that the Commission is passing their resolution to the City; (2) following confirmation that the Reviewing Engineer has billed all the time associated with the project, the Administrator will begin the escrow reconciliation process; (3) thereupon, re-submittals after 90 days of approval by the Commission will require an additional non-refundable \$1,000 fee; and (4) approved projects that have not commenced within one year will require full re-submittal, including all fees, and re-approval.

- §** *Adopt a 2026 operating budget. A Budget Committee will draft a 2026 Operating Budget for consideration by the Commission. At its May 14, 2025, meeting, the Commission approved a 2026 operating budget totaling \$531,210, with assessments to the membership totaling \$257,000, a zero increase from 2025. Other sources of revenue to fund the Commission's operating costs include interest income, partnership agreement funds, and monies from cash reserves. The budget was adopted on June 11, 2025, and is shown in more detail on pages 14-15 and in Appendix 4.*
- §** *Prepare a 2024 Audit Report. This report will be prepared by Johnson and Company, Ltd., and forwarded to the State Auditor and BWSR per MN Rule 8410. The 2024 report was accepted by the Commission on June 11, 2025, submitted to the State Auditor by the statute deadline of June 30, 2025, and uploaded to the Commission's website.*
- §** *Update the Commission's Handbook and make it available on the Commission's website. This will replace the current printed version which is out of date. This work will begin in 2026 and be available on the new website.*
- §** *Continue to populate and maintain the Commission's website to provide news to residents, students, developers, and other individuals interested in the water resources*

of the watershed. *Staff continued to perform this activity in 2025.*

The Elm Creek website and sister websites for Shingle Creek/West Mississippi, Pioneer-Sarah Creek and WMWA are over ten years old and are missing some elements that users expect of modern websites, such as searchable document libraries and calendars. They are also not ADA-compliant nor generally user-friendly. The four Commissions agreed to jointly migrate their websites to new hosting platforms and to revitalize and modernize them. A request for proposals was sent out to recommended vendors, and a committee reviewed the three responses that were received. Shingle Creek, as fiscal agent, chose Skol Marketing to perform the work associated with this project at its November 13, 2025 meeting. Work is expected to be completed by July 1, 2026. Commission staff are also participating in the WMWA website update.

- § Publish an annual activity report summarizing the Commission’s yearly activities and financial reporting. *The 2024 Annual Activity Report was published in April 2025 and made available to the member cities and the public on the Commission website, <http://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/annual-reports.html>.*

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

- § Continue as a member of the West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA). *The contract educator will continue to schedule classroom visits in 2025. The four member WMOs: Bassett Creek, Elm Creek, Shingle Creek, and West Mississippi, along with Richfield-Bloomington WMO, will continue to partner with Hennepin County to support a one-half-time outreach coordinator to provide engagement and programming in the five watersheds. The Educator reported that in 2025 1,573 students in 21 schools had participated in the Water Cycle lesson and the Watershed game. WMWA’s 2025 Annual Report will be uploaded to their website, <https://www.westmetrowateralliance.org/> in Spring 2026 and will detail the schools and students who participated in WatershedPREP.*
- § Sponsor shoreline restoration/resilient yards workshops as part of the Commission’s Education and Public Outreach Program. *The workshops are presented by Metro Blooms. In 2025 the geographic focus area was again on Fish Lake. One Maple Grove homeowner requested a restoration plan for their highly sloped backyard. In addition to stabilizing the slopes and shoreline, the plan would add new aquatic plantings in the near-shore areas to provide in-lake habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms. The estimated cost for this restoration was \$43,625. At its November meeting, the Commission approved a 90% Commission/Hennepin County contribution, with a 10%*

homeowner match, along with a public easement or equivalent sufficient to install and maintain the BMP. Several other property owners have received designs for less extensive shoreline projects.

- § Work together with the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi WMOs to begin work on the Joint Chloride Management Plan, funded by a BWSR Accelerated Implementation Grant. *Shingle Creek is the fiscal agent. That Commission approved the Grant Agreement and Work Plan at its February 13, 2025 meeting. The grant is in the amount of \$47,455 and the Work Plan totals \$52,200. The project will be a coordinated plan of specific goals and actions for chloride management in the Shingle Creek, West Mississippi and Elm Creek watersheds, 14 cities, and other stakeholders, and will be completed by 2027.*

GIS analysis has been completed and an introductory stakeholder meeting has been held. Next steps include a stakeholder survey and identification of key geographic areas of focus before reconvening the stakeholder group to begin crafting implementation actions.

- § Continue as a member of Blue Thumb and WaterShed Partners. *Staff will continue to virtually attend WaterShed Partner meetings and Blue Thumb meetings to share resources, bringing back programs and ideas for promotion by the Commission.*

AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH

- § Work with the Hennepin County Rural Conservation Specialist. Assist landowners in identifying BMPs for implementation throughout the watershed. Work with member cities to identify projects that will result in TMDL load reductions. *Hennepin County Environment and Energy Staff collaborated with landowners to identify BMP projects. The projects were described in the monthly County Staff Reports and are also included in Appendix 5 of this report. Corcoran led the way with six projects including the Stotts erosion repair and grassed waterway; the Bottema wetland restoration; Cain property wetland exclusionary fencing; the Trousdale wetland restoration; the Mattila manure bunker; and the City of Corcoran native grasses seeding. Three projects were identified in Dayton, including the Welcome Ranch manure bunkers and heavy use area protection; the Christian property, sediment basin; and the Van Asten manure bunker and barn gutters. The Lake Henry Hollow Horse Ranch wetland delineation in Rogers rounded out the list of projects. The projects were funded through the Commission's CIP program, WBIF (FY23) funds, the County, or a combination thereof.*

SPECIAL STUDIES AND PROJECTS

- § Initiate development of the Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan. The current Plan expires October 23, 2025. The Third Generation Plan will continue to be in force until the fourth Generation Plan is adopted. *The Commission initiated work on the Fourth Generation Plan in June 2024 and completed work with a public hearing on September 10, 2025. The draft plan was sent to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Central Region Committee on September 29, 2025, and was presented for approval at the December 15, 2025, full BWSR Board meeting. Adoption of the final plan by the Commission is anticipated at its January 14, 2026 meeting.*
- § Using BWSR-provided Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) allocated in 2023, complete the feasibility assessment for remeandering North Fork Rush Creek between County Road 116/Fletcher Lane and Brockton Road. *A draft of the report was presented to the TAC at the August 13, 2025 meeting, and a final version was presented to and accepted by the Commission at its October 8, 2025 meeting.*
- § Complete the Watershed-wide TMDL Ten Year Review. *Trend analysis of lake and stream data and calculation of load reductions achieved through development and land conversion is complete. Two years of additional monitoring at non-sentinel lake and stream locations have been completed and that data will be added to the data set to determine if there have been any statistically significant changes to water quality. In spring 2026 staff will review the Implementation Plan to determine future implementation priorities.*
- § Undertake high priority projects identified in the Rush Creek Headwaters, South Fork Rush Creek, and Diamond Lake Subwatershed Assessments. *This activity continued in 2025, led by Hennepin County Conservation staff. The Commission dedicated \$175,000 in FY23 Watershed-Based Implementation Funding to these implementation efforts. This funding was extended to the end of 2026 because projects were delayed due to weather. The Commission has dedicated an additional \$175,000 in FY2025 WBIF to these projects.*
- § Undertake the annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process, including reviewing the annual CIP, setting a maximum levy, holding a public hearing, and certifying a levy. *On May 14, 2025, the Commission initiated a Minor Plan Amendment to the Third Generation Plan, adding two projects to the 2025 CIP and revising the cost of one existing project. The City of Maple Grove requested adding a project to restore a reach of Rush Creek from Rush Creek Hollow to Fernbrook Lane, with a Commission share of \$200,000.*

The City of Corcoran requested adding a project to purchase a new street sweeper, with a Commission share of \$100,000. Lastly, the City of Dayton proposed a revision to its Diamond Lake drawdown/alum treatment project, eliminating the whole lake drawdown, and proposing to levy the cost over two years, with \$330,000 levied in 2025 and the same amount in 2026.

On September 10, 2025, the Commission held a public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 certifying for payment by Hennepin County of the Commission's share of the cost of those three projects and amending the Commission's CIP accordingly. The three projects are: Project 2025-01 Diamond Lake Alum Treatment at a cost of \$349,965; Project 2025-02 Rush Creek Stream Restoration-Rush Hollow to Fernbrook at a cost of \$212,100; and Project 2025-03 Corcoran Sweeper at a cost of \$106,050. The Commission's total share of the cost of the three projects is \$668,115.

- § Provide City and Partnership Cost Share funding to support small projects as requested. *These programs are continuously open until funds are depleted.*
- § Work as requested with the entities awarded WBIF grant funding from the Elm Creek allocation to complete that work. The total awarded was \$373,590, which was contracted in December 2024 and expires December 2027. *Entities include Hennepin County (shared outreach coordinator, agricultural BMPs), City of Dayton (Diamond Lake Neighborhood BMPs), and City of Maple Grove (Fish and Rice Lakes fish management).*

MONITORING PROGRAM

- § Continue to partner with the Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to share in the costs of conducting lake and stream monitoring in the watershed. *In 2025, TRPD monitored Elm Creek at 77th Avenue (ECF77); Rush Creek at Territorial Road (RT); and Diamond Creek (DC) for continuous flow and water quality. TRPD monitored four sentinel lakes (Fish, Weaver, Diamond, and Rice). As part of the Elm Creek Watershed TMDL 10 Year Review, four additional lakes (Henry, French, Laura, and Dubay) and two stream sites - Rush Creek at CR 116 (RC116) and at Shannon Lane (RCSL) were also monitored. (TRPD monitoring is described in more detail in Appendix 6.) The Commission's lake monitoring history is also shown there.*

In addition, stream sampling (flow and water quality) was conducted for the City of Dayton by TRPD at the Grass Lake outlet at Xanthus Lane (GROUT), and the Grass Lake inlets at Brockton Lane (GRBRO) and South Diamond Lake Road (GRDIA).

- § Fund the monitoring of one lake through Metropolitan Council’s Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). *Jubert Lake in Corcoran was monitored one time through CAMP in 2025; however, monitoring was discontinued due to poor access.* In order to promote interest in CAMP, the program is described in more detail in *Appendix 7.*
- § Continue to operate the monitoring station in Champlin in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS). *The cooperative agreement with the USGS was to be renewed in late 2025. Due to changes in USGS personnel, this has not yet occurred. (Detailed USGS monitoring can be found in Appendix 8.)*
- § Promote watershed stewardship through Hennepin County’s Watershed Connections program. *Hennepin County has resumed the program, formerly called RiverWatch. Students from Osseo High School and Wayzata High School conducted advanced macroinvertebrate surveys on September 23 on Elm Creek behind their school and September 30 on Elm Creek at Maple Grove High School, respectively. More information about this program may be found in Appendix 9.*



Students from Wayzata High School



Osseo High School Students

≡ FINANCIAL REPORTING

Appendix 4 shows the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission’s approved operating budget and member assessments for the years 2024-2026. The Commission’s Joint Powers Agreement provides that each member community contributes toward the annual operating budget based on its share of the total market value of all property within the watershed.

Of the \$531,210 operating budget for 2026 approved by the Commission on June 11, 2025, revenue of \$190,800 was projected as proceeds from application fees, \$6,500 from partnership revenue, and \$30,000 from interest income and dividends, resulting in assessments to members totaling \$257,000, a zero increase in assessments over the previous year. \$21,910 was projected as coming from reserves. \$25,000 was also taken from Cash Reserves as a one-time

contribution to the Minnesota Stormwater Research Council.

In 2025, the Commission designated \$630,000 as its share of the cost of three CIP projects. A Hennepin County ad valorem levy payable in 2026 was used to fund the Commission’s share of the projects.

\$188,000 was projected as project review-related expense; \$50,310 for water monitoring; and \$19,000 for education. \$144,900 was budgeted for administration, planning, and general operating expenses. At December 31, 2024, \$983,142 resided in restricted or assigned funds for special projects, studies and subwatershed assessments.

The Commission maintains a checking account at US Bank for current expenses and rolls uncommitted monies to its account in the 4M Fund, the Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund.

The Commission follows Rule 54 of the Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) to report Fund Balances. The fund balance classifications include:

Restricted – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers. One example would be ad valorem levy funds received from the County for capital improvement projects. The unused portion of these funds must be set aside in a restricted account for similar projects. Another example would be BWSR Legacy Grant proceeds where the funds are received prior to the onset of a project and where any unused portion must be returned to the grantor.

Committed – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Commission itself. An example would be residual funds carried over from one year to the next for Studies, Project Identification and Subwatershed Assessments.

Nonspendable – amounts that are not in a spendable form. The Commission does not have any items that fit this category.

Assigned – amounts the Commission intends to use for specific purposes. Most line items in the Commission’s Operating Budget fall under this category.

Unassigned – amounts available for any purpose. These amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Amounts paid by the Commission per the 2024 Audit are as follows:

General engineering	\$268,779
General administration	166,082
Education	11,873
Programs	71,203
Projects	549,603
Capital projects	<u>1,104,366</u>
Total	\$2,171,906

General engineering work includes review of local plans, review of development/redevelopment projects, attendance at meetings and other technical services. General administration includes support to technical staff, attendance at meetings, insurance premiums, annual audit, legal counsel, tracking grant opportunities, watershed planning, and other non-engineering services.

≡ 2026 WORK PLAN

SPECIAL STUDIES AND PROJECTS

- § The Elm Creek Third Generation Watershed Management Plan expired on October 23, 2025. The Commission initiated work on the Fourth Gen Plan in June 2024 and completed the required planning and review process. On December 18, 2015, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved the Plan. *In January 2026 the Commission will adopt the final plan.*
- § Complete the Elm Creek Watershed TMDL 10 Year Review. Phase 1, collection of information about BMPs completed since the baseline years in the TMDL modeling, the first year of follow-up monitoring noted and a trend analysis have been or are nearly completed to determine if there have been any statistically significant changes to water quality. Phase 2 is a second year of monitoring and a review of the Implementation Plan to determine implementation priorities to be included in the Fourth Gen Plan. *Compile the results and evaluate progress toward the TMDLs.*
- § Work together with the Shingle Creek/West Mississippi WMOs to complete work on the Joint Chloride Management Plan, funded by a BWSR Accelerated Implementation Grant. *Use the data collected in 2025 to develop strategic actions for implementation in 2026 and beyond.*
- § Using BWSR-provided Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) allocated in 2025, complete the Fish Management Plan for Fish and Rice Lakes. Updated carp movement data, population estimates and an aging study to help determine carp recruitment success have been completed in 2025. *Work with the City of Maple Grove, Three Rivers, the lake associations, and contractor WSB to identify potential future management actions, including carp barriers and carp removals.*
- § Undertake high priority projects identified in the Rush Creek Headwaters, South Fork Rush Creek, and Diamond Lake Subwatershed Assessments. *This activity will continue in 2026, led by Hennepin County Conservation staff. The Commission has dedicated an*

additional \$175,000 in WBIF funding to these implementation efforts.

- § Undertake the annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process, including reviewing the annual CIP, setting a maximum levy, holding a public hearing, and certifying a levy. *If necessary, hold public meeting and adopt an amendment to the Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan.*
- § Provide City and Partnership Cost Share funding to support small projects as requested. *These programs are continuously open until funds are depleted.*

MONITORING PROGRAM

- § Continue to partner with the Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to share in the costs of conducting lake and stream monitoring in the watershed. *In 2026, TRPD will monitor Elm Creek at 77th Avenue (EC77); Rush Creek at Territorial Road (RT); and Diamond Creek (DC) for continuous flow and water quality. TRPD will monitor four sentinel lakes (Fish, Weaver, Diamond, and Rice). As part of the Elm Creek Watershed TMDL 10 Year Review three or four additional lakes (Henry and Jubert and both Dubay and Laura, if they can be accessed) and two stream sites (Rush Creek at CR 116 and CR 101) will be monitored. French Lake will not be monitored since sufficient data has been collected from that lake. In addition, Prairie Lake will be sampled by TRPD at no cost to the Commission.*
- § Fund the monitoring of one lake through Metropolitan Council's Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). *One lake will be monitored through CAMP in 2025, depending on volunteers.*
- § Continue to operate the monitoring station in Champlin in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS). *The biennial cooperative agreement with the USGS will be renewed in 2026.*
- § Promote watershed stewardship through Hennepin County's Watershed Connections program. *Hennepin County has resumed the program, but participation is in ongoing discussion.*

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

- § Continue as a member of the West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA). *The contract educator will continue to schedule classroom visits in 2026. The four member WMOs: Bassett Creek, Elm Creek, Shingle Creek, and West Mississippi, along with Richfield-Bloomington will continue to partner with Hennepin County to support a one-half time*

outreach coordinator to provide engagement and programming in the five watersheds.

§ Sponsor Lakeshore/Resilient Yard Workshops as part of the Commission's Education and Public Outreach Program. The workshops are presented by Metro Blooms. In 2024-2025 the geographic focus area was Fish Lake. *Establish the focus area(s) for 2026.*

§ Continue as a member of Blue Thumb and WaterShed Partners. *Staff will continue to virtually attend WaterShed Partner meetings and Blue thumb meetings to share resources, bringing back programs and ideas for promotion by the Commission.*

AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH

§ Work with the Hennepin County Rural Conservation Specialist. Assist landowners in identifying BMPs for implementation throughout the watershed. Work with member cities to identify projects that will result in TMDL load reductions. *Hennepin County Environment and Energy Staff will collaborate with landowners to identify BMP projects as well as larger, more strategic projects for inclusion on the Commission's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). County Staff will provide updates to the Commissioners through their monthly Staff Reports.*

ROUTINE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

§ Update the Commissioners' Handbook and make available on the Commission's new website. *This will replace the current printed version, which is out of date.*

§ Continue to review local development/redevelopment plans for conformance with the standards outlined in the Commission's Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan. *Continue to monitor the fee schedule and administrative processes to determine how well they are meeting the Commission's goal of funding the costs of reviewing the projects.*

§ Maintain a fee structure that reimburses the Commission for the actual cost of completing and administering project reviews. *Staff will continue to review the fee structure for adequacy and implantability and recommend revisions as necessary.*

§ Adopt a 2027 operating budget. *A Budget Committee will draft a 2027 operating budget for consideration by the Commission in May 2026.*

§ Prepare a 2025 Audit Report. *This report will be prepared by Barton, Walter & Krier and forwarded to BWSR per MN Rule 8410.*

- § 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. *Work with the selected consultant to migrate the website to a new platform and refresh and reorganize the content.*
- § Publish an annual activity report summarizing the Commission’s yearly activities and financial reporting. *This 2025 Annual Activity Report will be published in April 2026 and made available to the member cities and the public on the Commission website, <http://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/annual-reports.html>.*

*Have a question about this report? Need more information?
Want to know how to get involved?
<http://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/contact-us.html>*

APPENDIX

Commissioners

Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners are appointed by the communities they represent and serve at will. Officers are elected annually at the March regular meeting and assume office on April 1.

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Technical Advisory Committee

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) are appointed by the member communities they represent. The TAC reviews guidelines, standards and polices used to evaluate plats, plans and proposals of the members and makes recommendations to the Commission. The TAC meets at the direction of the Commission.

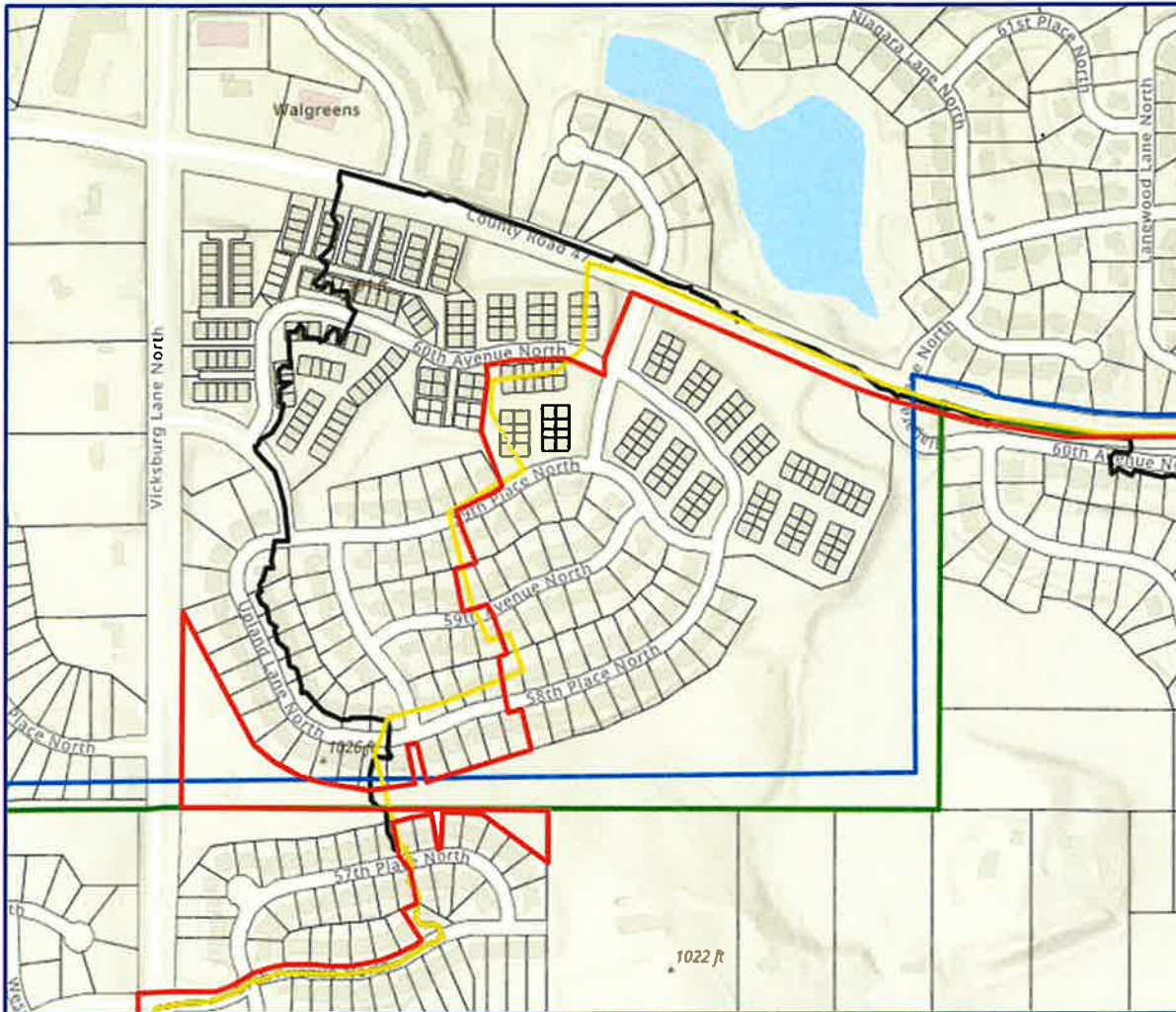
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The required biennial solicitation for interest proposals for administrative, legal, and technical consulting services was published in the December 9, 2024, edition of the *State Register*. The next solicitation will occur in December 2026. The Commission has no employees.

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Watershed Boundaries Revised



The former boundaries are blue (Shingle) and green (Elm). Development subsequently subdivided the old large agricultural parcel and changed drainage patterns. The yellow line is Shingle's new hydro boundary and the red line the new legal boundary. The black line is the Elm hydro boundary established in the HUC-8 study. The City of Plymouth will work with the two watershed engineers to decide which hydro boundary more accurately reflects current conditions.

Projects Reviewed in 2025

Project Number	Project Name	City	Reviewed for Rules*					
			D	E	F	G	H	I
2023-025	Rogers Mixed Use Improvements	Rogers	•	•				
2024-027	Fairway Shores Villas at Cook Lake	Corcoran	•	•		•		•
2024-028	Osseo New Elementary School	Maple Grove	•	•		•		•
2024-029	Maple Grove Senior High – 2025 Additions/Renovations	Maple Grove	•	•				
2024-030	Northview Preserve	Rogers	•	•		•		•
2024-031	The Parkway Neighborhood	Dayton	•	•	•	•		•
2024-032	Rogers Tech Center	Rogers	•	•				•
2024-303	Fletcher Bypass	Rogers	•	•				
2025-001	Chankahda Trail Phase 3	Plymouth	•	•			•	
2025-002	Dayton Creek Addition	Dayton	•	•	•	•	•	•
2025-003	Ray’s Bar & Grill	Rogers	•	•				
2025-004	Elm Creek Park Reserve Pavement	Dayton/M. Grove	•	•				
2025-005	Taylor Inlet	Rogers	•	•				•
2025-006	Hennessy Grove (2025)	Maple Grove	•	•				•
2025-007	ECK 322 Extension Project	Maple Grove	•	•				
2025-008	Goose Lake/Highpointe Neighborhood St. & Utility Project	Champlin	•	•				
2025-009	Creative Lawn	Rogers	•	•				•
2025-010	Hamel Road Extension	Plymouth	•	•				
2025-011	DCM Farms	Dayton	•	•		•		
2025-012	Territorial Grove	Dayton	•	•		•		
2025-013	Boston Scientific Weaver Lake Road Expansion 4	Maple Grove		•				
2025-014	Cowley Lake Preserve	Rogers	•	•		•		•
2025-015	Dayton PSA #21	Dayton	•	•				
2025-016	Dayton Elsie Stephens Park Phase	Dayton	•	•				
2025-017	Sunset Bluff	Plymouth	•	•		•		•
2025-018	Elsie Stephens Canoe/Kayak Launch	Dayton	•	•	•	•		
2025-019	Northdale Boulevard Industrial	Rogers	•	•				
2025-020	Corcoran City Park improvements	Corcoran	•	•				•
2025-021	Brockton Lane Business Park	Corcoran	•	•	•	•		•
2025-022	Asguard 2025	Rogers	•	•	•			
2025-023	Wood Lane Villas	Rogers	•	•				
2025-024	Ridge at Elm Creek 4th Addition	Maple Grove	•	•		•		•
2025-025	Compass Orthodontics	Medina	•	•				•

*Rule D – Stormwater
Rule E – Erosion Control

Rule F – Floodplain
Rule G – Wetlands

Rule H – Bridge, Culvert Crossing
Rule I - Buffers

Project Number	Rate Control (cfs) (pre- and post-development)			Net Change Nutrient Control (lbs./yr) (pre- and post-development)		Runoff volume Increase (AF/yr)	Abstraction (CF)	Filtration/ biofiltration (CF)	Comments/ Notes
	2-yr pre post	10-yr pre post	100-yr pre post	TP load #/yr reduction	TSS load #/yr reduction				
2023-025									
2024-027									
2024-028									
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2024-2026 Operating Budgets

Line	Category	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
EXPENSES				
1	Administrative	100,000	118,500	124,000
2	Grant Writing	3,000	3,000	0
3	Website	2,000	2,000	2,000
4	Legal Services	2,000	2,000	1,500
5	Audit	7,000	7,200	7,400
6	Insurance	4,000	4,000	4,000
7	Meeting Expense	4,800	6,000	6,000
	Subtotal General Operating Expenses	\$122,800	\$142,700	\$144,900
TECHNICAL SUPPORT				
8	Tech support – HCEE	22,000	25,000	25,000
9	Generation Technical Services	75,000	78,000	78,000
	Subtotal Technical Support	\$97,000	\$103,000	\$103,000
PROJECT REVIEWS				
10	Technical Reviews	184,000	162,000	170,000
11	Administrative Support	21,250	20,000	18,000
	Subtotal Project Reviews	\$205,250	\$182,000	\$188,000
EDUCATION				
12	Education – City/Citizen Programs	2,000	2,000	4,000
13	West Metro Water Alliance	11,500	15,000	15,000
	Subtotal Education	\$13,500	\$17,000	\$19,000
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN				
14	Plan Amendments	2,000	500	1,000
15	Contribution to 4th Generation Plan	12,500	0	0
	Subtotal Watershed Management Plan	\$14,500	\$500	\$1,000
WATER MONITORING PROGRAMS				
<i>Stream Monitoring</i>				
16	USGS Site Share	12,500	21,520	23,350
17	TRPD-Routine Monitoring	10,020	11,730	12,240
18	Biological Monitoring	0	0	0
19	DO Longitudinal Survey	2,400	2,400	2,400
20	Partnership Biomonitoring	0	0	0
21	Gauging Station – Electric Bill	480	480	450
	Subtotal Stream Monitoring	\$25,400	\$36,130	\$38,440
<i>Lake Monitoring I</i>				
22	CAMP	840	840	760
	TRPD			
23	Sentinel Lakes + Additional Lake	10,412	12,360	9,745
24	Aquatic Vegetation Surveys	1,365	1,365	1,365
	Subtotal Lake Monitoring	\$12,617	\$14,565	\$11,870
<i>Other Monitoring</i>				
25	Macroinvertebrate Monitoring-Water Connections	3,000	0	0
	Subtotal Other Monitoring	3,000	0	0
	Subtotal Monitoring Expense	\$41,017	\$50,695	\$50,310
OTHER				
26	MN Stormwater Research Council Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
	TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$494,067	\$495,895	\$531,210

2024-2026 Operating Budgets

Line	Category	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
REVENUE				
GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE				
26	Membership Dues	250,000	257,000	257,000
27	Interest Income	10,000	30,000	30,000
28	Dividend Income	0	0	0
29	TRPD Cooperative Agreement	6,500	6,500	6,500
30	From Cash Reserves	0	20,395	21,910
31	From Cash Reserves – MSRC Contribution			25,000
Subtotal General Operating Revenue		\$266,500	\$313,895	\$340,410
PROJECT REVENUE REVENUE				
32	Project Review Fees	184,000	162,500	170,000
33	Nonrefundable Admin	21,250	7,500	8,000
34	Nonrefundable Tech	27,600	12,000	12,800
Subtotal Project Review Revenue		\$232,850	\$182,000	\$190,800
TOTAL GEN OPERATING REVENUE		\$499,350	\$495,895	\$531,210
OPERATING SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)		\$5,283	\$0	\$0

Member Assessments

2024	Prev Year Taxable Market Share	Current Year Budget Share		Change from Previous Year	
		%age	Dollars	%age	Dollars
Champlin	898,761,000	4.0	9,998	1.5	144
Corcoran	1,808,292,200	8.0	20,116	6.6	1,252
Dayton	2,031,786,500	9.0	22,602	12.5	2,516
Maple Grove	10,043,624,100	44.74	111,726	-4.0	-4,711
Medina	1,680,727,800	7.5	18,697	1.1	195
Plymouth	2,671,442,700	11.9	29,717	-3.3	-1,023
Rogers	3,339,194,100	14.9	37,145	4.6	1,627
Totals	\$22,473,828,400	100.0	\$250,000	0%	\$0
2025	Prev Year Taxable Market Share	Current Year Budget Share		Change from Previous Year	
		%age	Dollars	%age	Dollars
Champlin	1,161,197,800	5.1	13,151	31.5	3,153
Corcoran	1,806,478,300	8.0	20,459	1.7	344
Dayton	2,038,390,200	9.0	23,086	2.1	484
Maple Grove	10,089,589,600	44.5	114,270	2.3	2,544
Medina	1,684,881,900	7.4	19,082	2.1	386
Plymouth	2,570,902,100	11.3	29,117	-2.0	-601
Rogers	3,340,724,100	14.7	37,835	1.9	690
Totals	\$22,692,164,000	100.0	\$257,000	2.8%	\$7,000
2026	Prev Year Taxable Market Share	Current Year Budget Share		Change from Previous Year	
		%age	Dollars	%age	Dollars
Champlin	1,182,156,600	4.7	12,172	-7.4	-979
Corcoran	2,226,011,900	8.9	22,921	12.0	2,461
Dayton	2,508,501,900	10.1	25,829	11.9	2,744
Maple Grove	10,714,334,000	42.9	110,323	-3.5	-3,947
Medina	1,865,585,300	7.5	19,209	0.7	127
Plymouth	2,728,334,300	10.9	28,093	-3.5	-1,024
Rogers	3,734,410,400	15.0	38,452	1.6	617
Totals	\$24,959,334,400	100.0	\$257,000	100.0	\$0

2025 Hennepin County Projects - 1

Recited below are updates on projects under construction in 2025 with the assistance of Hennepin county Environment and Energy Staff. Funding sources for these projects include **(a)** from a federal agency Natural Resources Conservation Services, (NRCS); **(b)** state agency (Watershed-Based Implementation Fund [WBIF]) or another grant; **(c)** local entity (the Elm Creek Watershed Management Com-mission Capital Improvement Program [CIP]); **(d)** Hennepin County; or **(e)** the landowner.

Bottema Wetland Restoration (Corcoran)

This project was working with a landowner to restore seven wetlands and re-establish 42 acres of cropland to prairie. Hennepin County helped design the project which was installed in late 2023. The project was paired with another on the same property by the US Fish & Wildlife Service, restoring an additional eight wetlands and 38 acres of prairie. In 2025



Installation of the agridrain.



Completed berm and spillway.

additional funds were allocated to seed areas that were not well-established in 2023-2024 due to substantial rainfall that occurred just after construction activities concluded and before vegetation could be established. **b, c, d, e.**

Cain Wetland Fencing (Corcoran)

This proposed project will repair a failing fencing along a wetland on a property where cattle graze. The project is currently on hold, pending quotes from potential contractors. **c**

Christian Settling Basin (Dayton)

Hennepin County staff are working with the landowner of two parcels with a rare fen onsite. The goal of this project is to reduce sediment by 8.38 tons/year and phosphorus by 7.89 pounds/year from reaching this wetland from a neighboring crop field. The project will help slow runoff and let sediment settle out before it has a chance to reach the open wetland.

2025 Hennepin County Projects – 2

Christian Settling Basin, *contd.*



Erosion coming from neighboring parcel



Completed sediment basin

Construction began in December. All tree grubbing, excavation, and smoothing has been completed. The Contractor installed erosion control measures to prevent sedimentation from the bare neighboring field over winter.

The contractor installed a replacement culvert mid-summer and completed the seeding in the fall. This project has been inspected and closed out. **b, c, d, e.**

City of Corcoran

City of Corcoran staff contacted Hennepin County staff with interest in a cover crop planting for fallow city-owned farm fields just north of Corcoran City Hall. Staff recommended a perennial planting that should increase available habitat, decrease erosion, and reduce needed maintenance.

The County developed a plan to replant 27 acres of fallow farmland with a native mesic tallgrass prairie seed mix, reducing 2.78 tons of sediment and 4.48 pounds of phosphorus runoff annually in the South Fork Rush Creek subwatershed.

Less than ideal time and field conditions resulted in rescheduling the seeding from overwinter to fall. A cover crop plan was undertaken to outcompete some of the weed species that emerged and Roundup was sprayed to eliminate weeds that emerged prior to the fall seeding, which occurred in October. The City is also considering signage to explain the project and adding native flowering forbs for roadway beautification. Staff will also spot-spray for Thistle, which has become a persistent problem. **b, c, d, e.**

Lake Henry Hollow Horse Ranch (Rogers)

During a site visit, county Staff noticed several potential opportunities for cost-share for conservation projects including manure storage, barn gutters, exclusionary fencing around wetlands, pasture reseeding and heavy use area protections. Apparently under previous ownership the wetland was filled and a culvert installed. Hennepin County Staff surveyed the parcel and completed a level one wetland delineation. At year-end Staff were working with the MPCA to determine potential sites for the manure bunker to be constructed and are awaiting a finding of fact to be filed with the LGU. Funding sources for these projects are to be determined.

2025 Hennepin County Projects - 3

Sovereign Stables, Dayton

In December, County Staff responded to an inquiry into a cost-share project for this horse-boarding facility adjacent to French Lake. The landowner is exploring options for manure storage that will ensure that runoff will not end up in French Lake or the Diamond Creek subwatershed. Funding sources have not been identified at this time.

Stotts 1A/1B/Top of Hill Waterway (Corcoran)

This project is the installation of a water and sediment control basin (WASCOB) to control sediment erosion from the farm field to the west of the property. Construction of repairs has been completed, including installation of a 6" tile line and gravel curtain to capture a hill-side seep that was impacting the function of the waterway. Staff were seeking to identify the source of the erosion, most likely a drain tile issue. Staff worked with the landowner to rectify the issue before closing out the project in early summer.

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Trousdale Wetland Restoration (Corcoran)

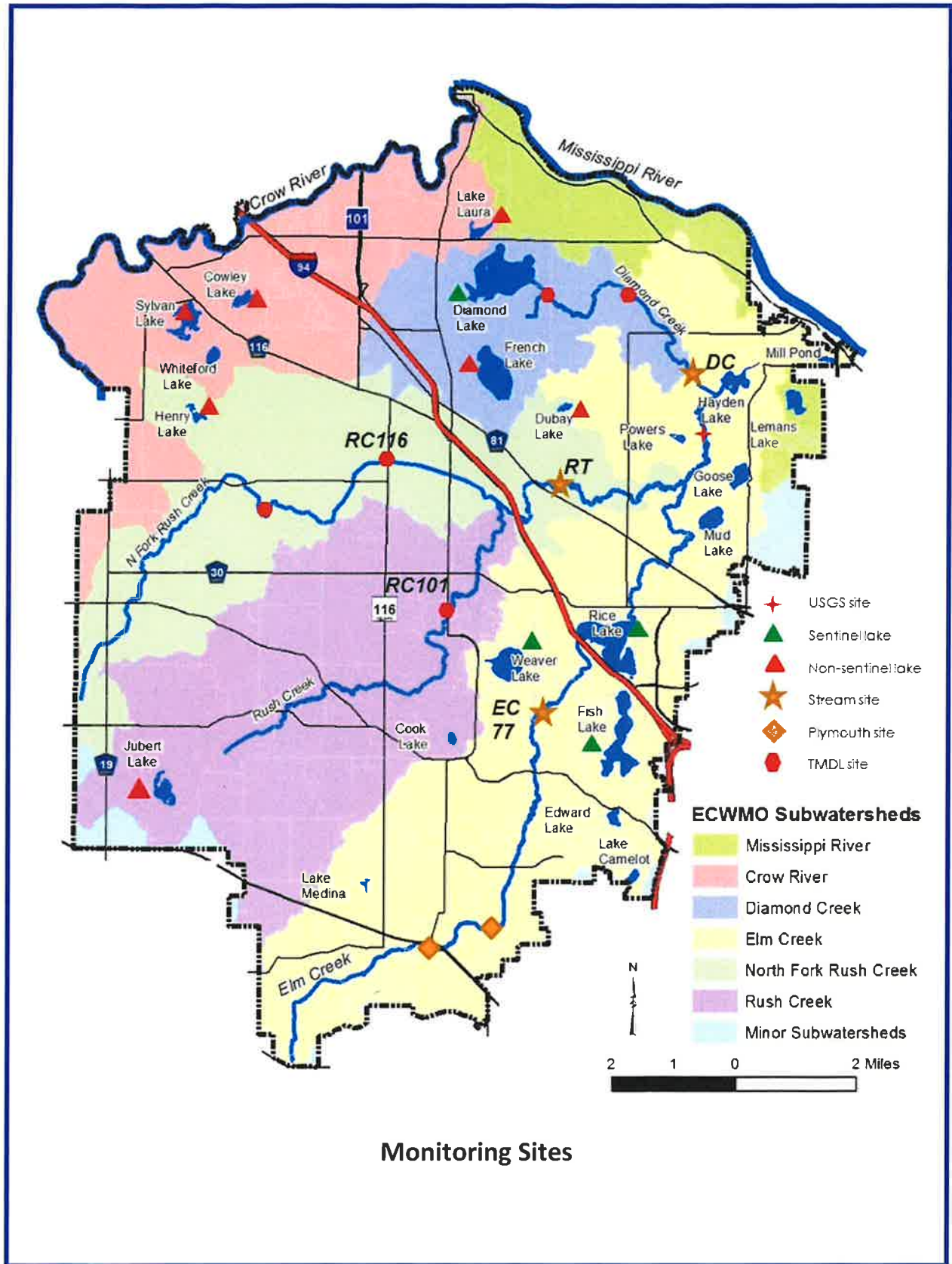
Hennepin County Staff are working with three landowners on a wetland restoration project that will impact all three properties. Applications have been completed by the three landowners. Engineering designs have been completed and County Staff are currently in the contracting phase of the project, which requires signatures from all three landowners. They are also working with BWSR to ensure that the project is properly contracted. Funding sources are yet to be identified.

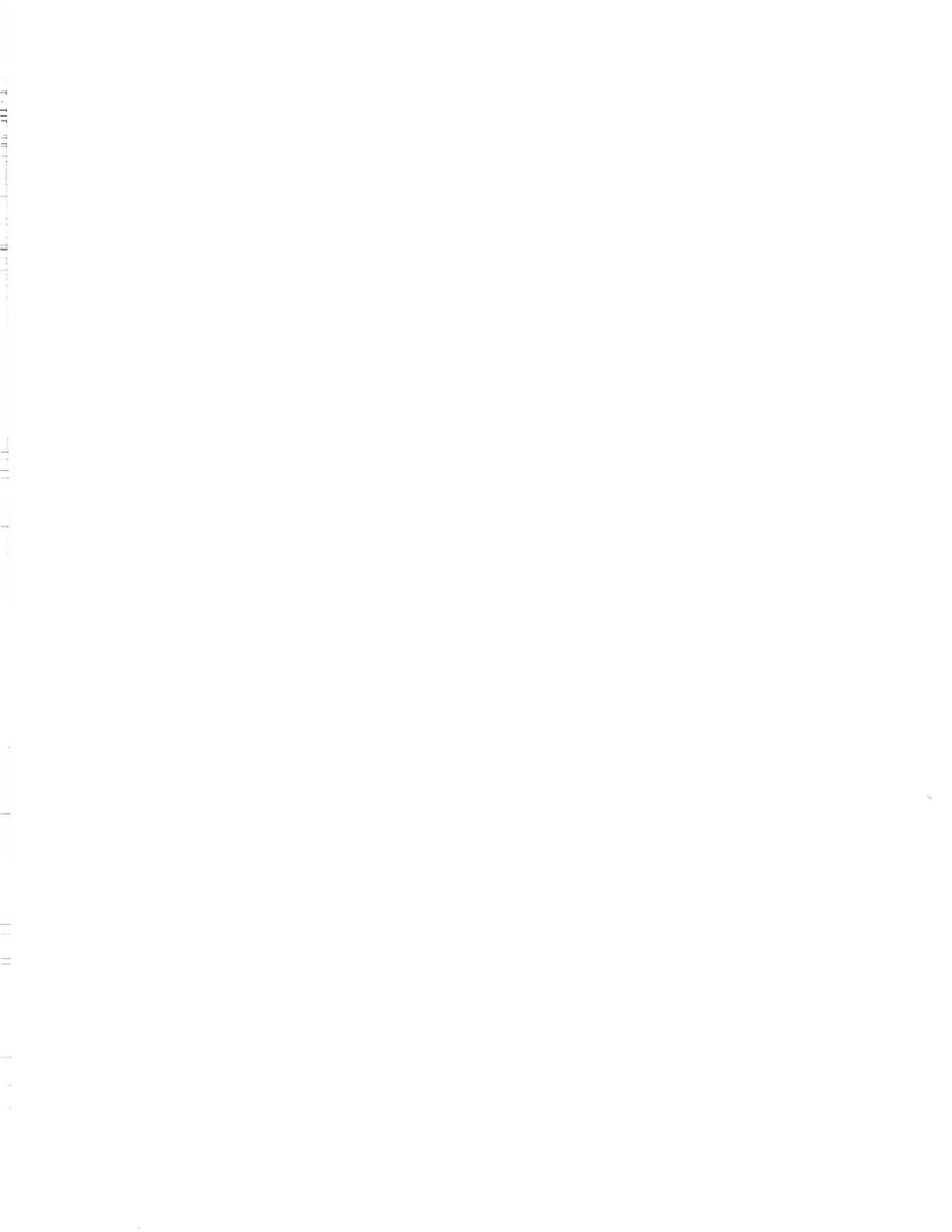
2025 Hennepin County Projects – 4

Welcome Ranch BMPs (Dayton)

Staff met with the facility manager to discuss EQIP selections and potential BMPs for the site in January. By July barn gutters had been installed on the main and accessory buildings, after which work began on developing plans for a manure bunker and heavy use area protections (HUAPs). Hennepin County Board approval was required since the total cost share funds exceeded \$100,000. Board approval was received; however, the HUAPs were quoted much higher than anticipated and Staff is continuing to work with the landowner on the manure bunker with future planning for the HUAPs. **b, c, d, e**







TRPD Lake and Stream Monitoring

Elm Creek Stream Monitoring – 2025

Stream monitoring started on April 1, 2025, and lasted until October 30, 2025. There was 26.7 inches of precipitation during the monitoring season and 32.7 inches during the calendar year. There were consistent rainfall events throughout spring and summer, but things dried out considerably in late fall. Five sites were monitored in 2025.

DC – Diamond Creek within Elm Creek Park Reserve

- Average flow: 7.21 cfs
- Minimum flow: 0.03 cfs
- Maximum flow: 28.6 cfs

EC77 – Elm Creek at Medicine Lake Regional Trail

- Average flow: 27.4 cfs
- Minimum flow: 5.4 cfs
- Maximum flow: 162.5 cfs

RC116 – Rush Creek at County Road 116

- Average flow: 14.6 cfs
- Minimum flow: 0 cfs
- Maximum flow: 106.3 cfs

RCSL – Rush Creek at Shannon Lane

- Average flow: 18.5 cfs
- Minimum flow: 1.0 cfs
- Maximum flow: 93.8 cfs

RT – Rush Creek at Territorial Road

- Average flow: 42.3 cfs
- Minimum flow: 0.31 cfs
- Maximum flow: 182.9 cfs



TRPD Lake and Stream Monitoring

Methods

Monitoring

- Bi-weekly water grab samples were collected to characterize base flow conditions.
- DC, EC77, and RT sites were equipped with ISCO automated samplers and measured water flow using ISCO flow meters. Automated sampling occurred following storm events.
- RC116 and RCSL sites were equipped with Hobo level loggers.
 - Manual discharge measurements and a rating curve was used to estimate flow.
- Parameters monitored included total phosphorus (TP), soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP) total nitrogen (TN), and total suspended solids (TSS).

Annual Load Estimate:

- Applied U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's FLUX model version 5.0 (Soballe, 2020).
- Concentrations and flow during sample period were input to FLUX to determine the sample period nutrient load.
- Sample period nutrient load was extrapolated to yearly load based on precipitation.
- Nutrient concentrations are flow weighted.

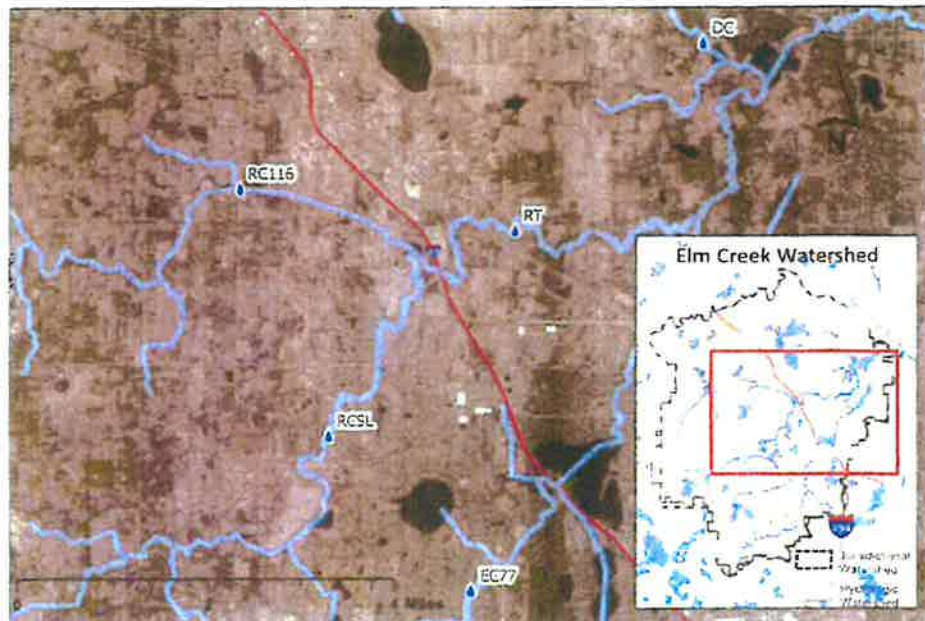
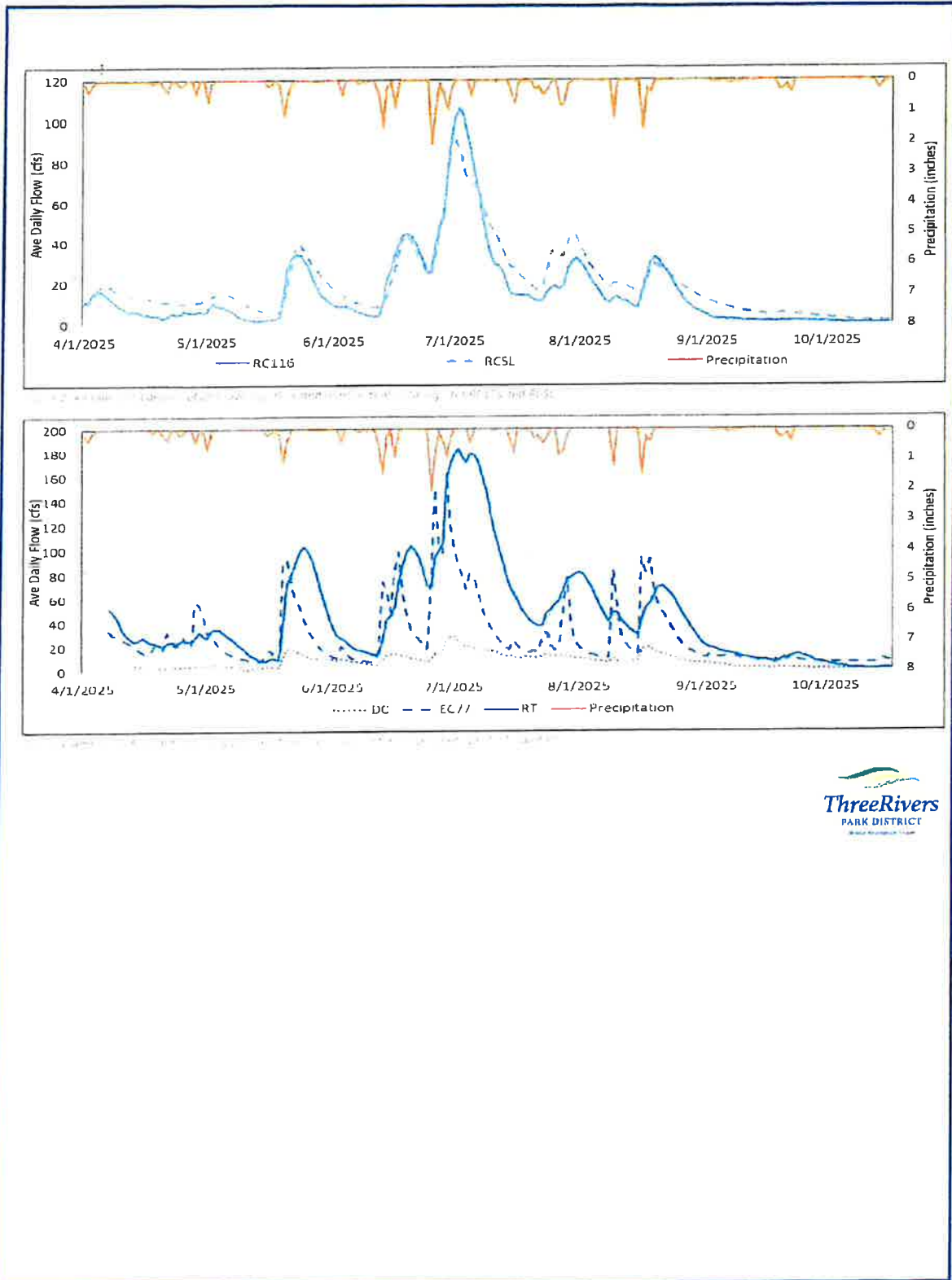


Figure 6: Aerial map of the Elm Creek Watershed showing monitoring sites.

TRPD Lake and Stream Monitoring



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Sample Concentration and Flux Results

- DC: 23 samples collected – 4 composite 15 routine grab and 4 event grab samples
- EC77: 22 samples collected – 1 composite and 15 grab and 6 event grab samples
- RC116: 13 samples collected – all were grab samples
- RCSL: 14 samples collected – all were grab samples
- RT: 20 samples collected – 3 composite and 13 grab and 4 event grab samples

Table 1. Sample concentration average, minimum, and maximum.

Site	Avg TP (min-max) (µg/L)	Avg SRP (min-max) (µg/L)	Avg TN (min-max) (mg/L)	Avg TSS (min - max) mg/l
DC	289 (121 - 672)	101 (19 - 189)	1.8 (1.1 - 3.0)	9.7 (3.8 - 26.7)
EC77	212 (124 - 545)	116 (16 - 276)	1.4 (0.8 - 2.6)	10.9 (1.0 - 42.0)
RC116	405 (94 - 1655)	184 (14 - 602)	1.9 (1.4 - 4.2)	5.8 (1.1 - 21.0)
RCSL	347 (109 - 948)	207 (21 - 448)	1.6 (1.3 - 2.8)	6.2 (2.9 - 15.0)
RT	330 (143 - 967)	196 (45 - 487)	1.6 (1.3 - 3.2)	6.6 (0.8 - 19.6)

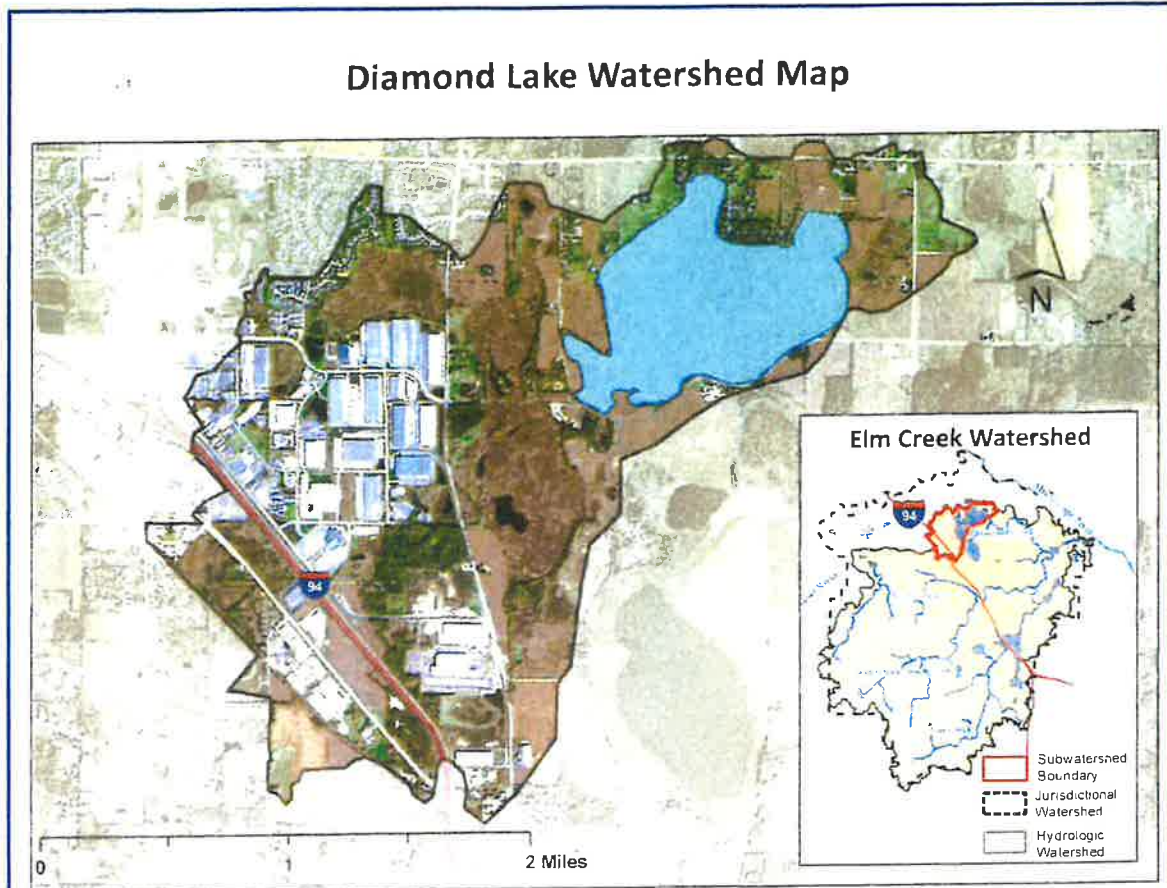
Table 2. Annual load estimates with flow-weighted concentrations derived from Flux₃₂.

Site	Nutrient Loading				Nutrient Concentration				Flow Volume (x 10 ⁶ m ³)	Annual Precipitation (inches)
	TP (lbs/yr)	SRP (lbs/yr)	TN (lbs/yr)	TSS (lbs/yr)	TP (µg/L)	SRP (µg/L)	TN (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)		
DC	3,211	1,143	17,171	102,551	317.4	113.0	1.70	10.14	4.59	32.69
EC77	9,556	5,133	55,448	585,154	249.3	133.9	1.45	15.26	17.39	32.69
RC116	14,948	6,668	47,371	167,076	738.7	329.5	2.34	8.26	9.18	32.69
RCSL	7,967	7,226	44,328	220,422	401.5	364.2	2.23	11.11	9.00	32.69
RT	26,180	15,915	111,801	488,320	444.7	270.3	1.90	8.29	26.70	32.69



Diamond Lake

Diamond Lake Watershed Map



Diamond Lake Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

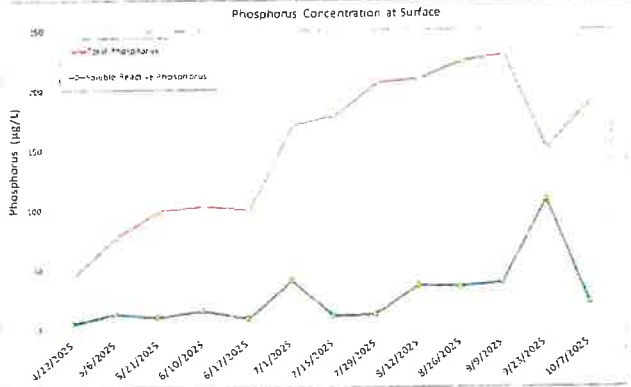
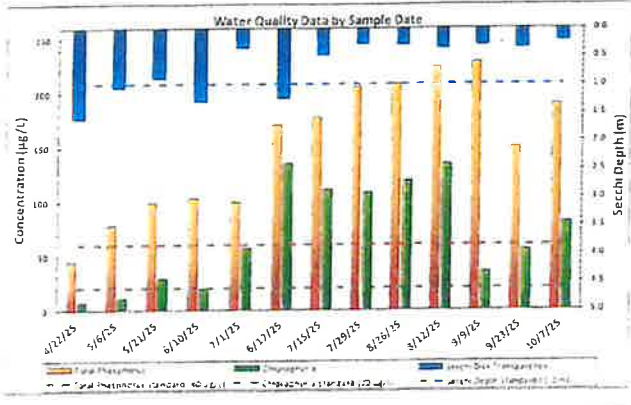
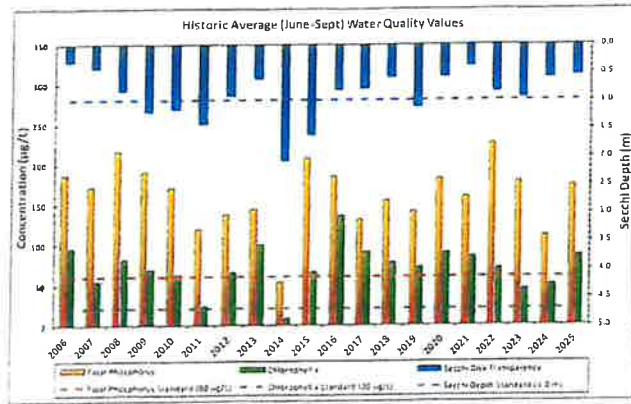
DNR #	27012500
Watershed Area	2,367 Acres
Lake Area	382 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	100%
Average Depth	3.97 ft
Maximum Depth	7.37 ft
Watershed:Lake Ratio	6.2:1
Impairment Classification	Excess Nutrients in 2006 Shallow Lake

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Diamond Lake



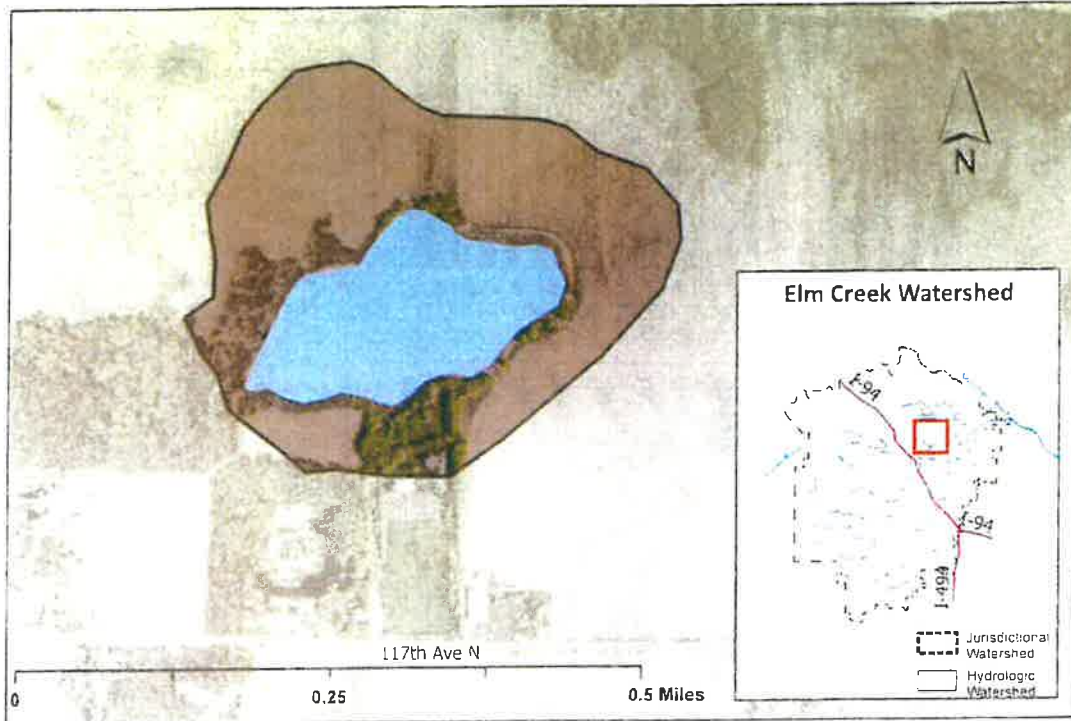
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2003	F	F	F	F
2004	F	D	F	F
2006	F	F	F	F
2007	F	D	F	F
2008	F	F	D	F
2009	F	D	C	D
2010	F	D	D	D-
2011	D	C	C	C-
2012	D	D	D	D
2013	D	F	F	F
2014	C	A	C	B-
2015	F	D	C	D
2016	F	F	D	F
2017	D	F	D	D-
2018	F	F	F	F
2019	D	D	D	D
2020	F	F	F	F
2021	F	F	F	F
2022	F	D	D	D
2023	F	C	D	D
2024	D	D	F	D-
2025	F	F	F	F
MPCA Standard	C	C	D	C-

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Lake Dubay

Lake Dubay Watershed Map



Lake Dubay Bathymetry



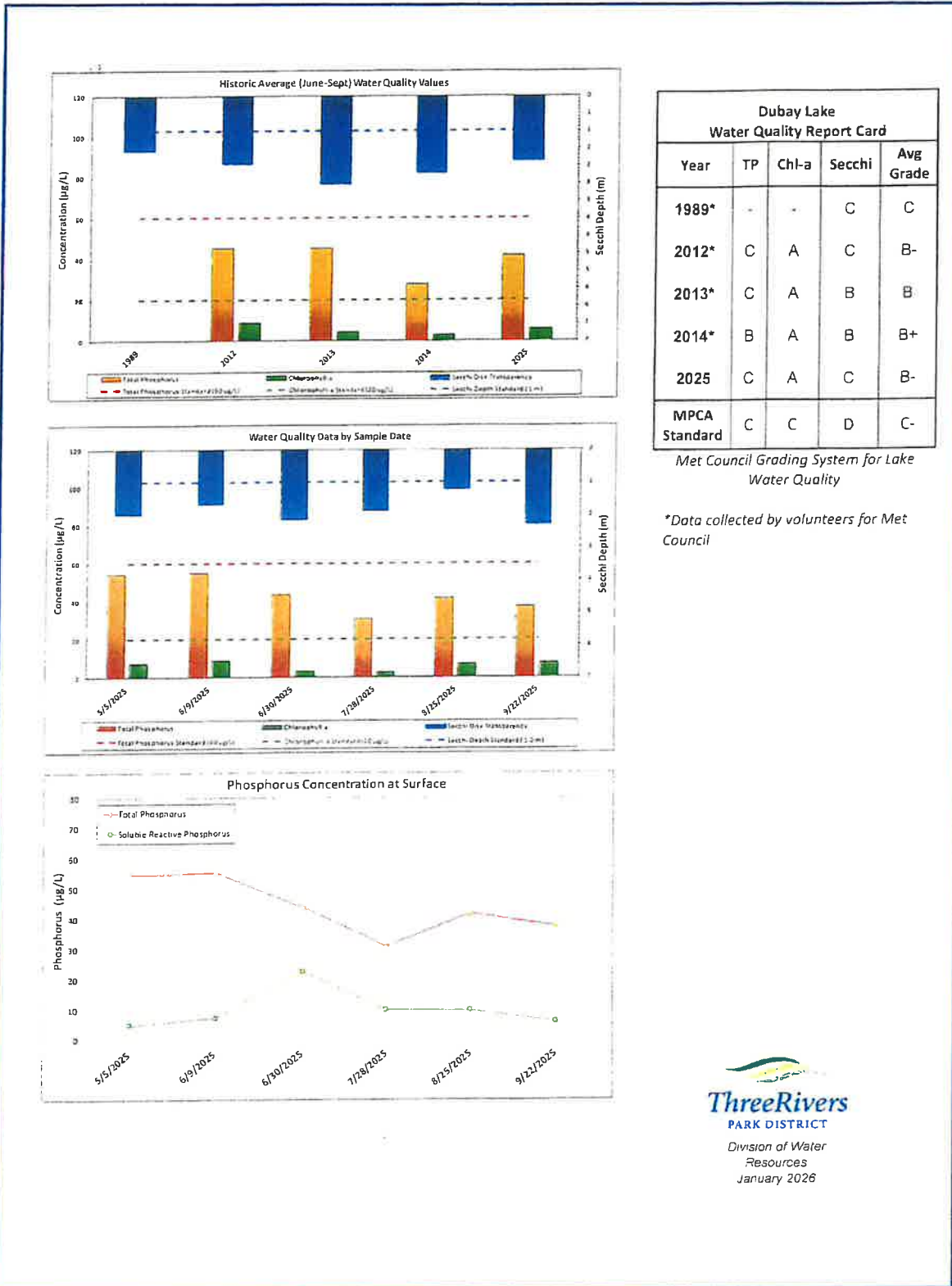
Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27012900
Watershed Area	57.3 Acres
Lake Area	15 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	100%
Average Depth	Unknown
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Watershed Area Lake Area	3.8:1
Impairment Classification	None
Classification	Shallow Lake

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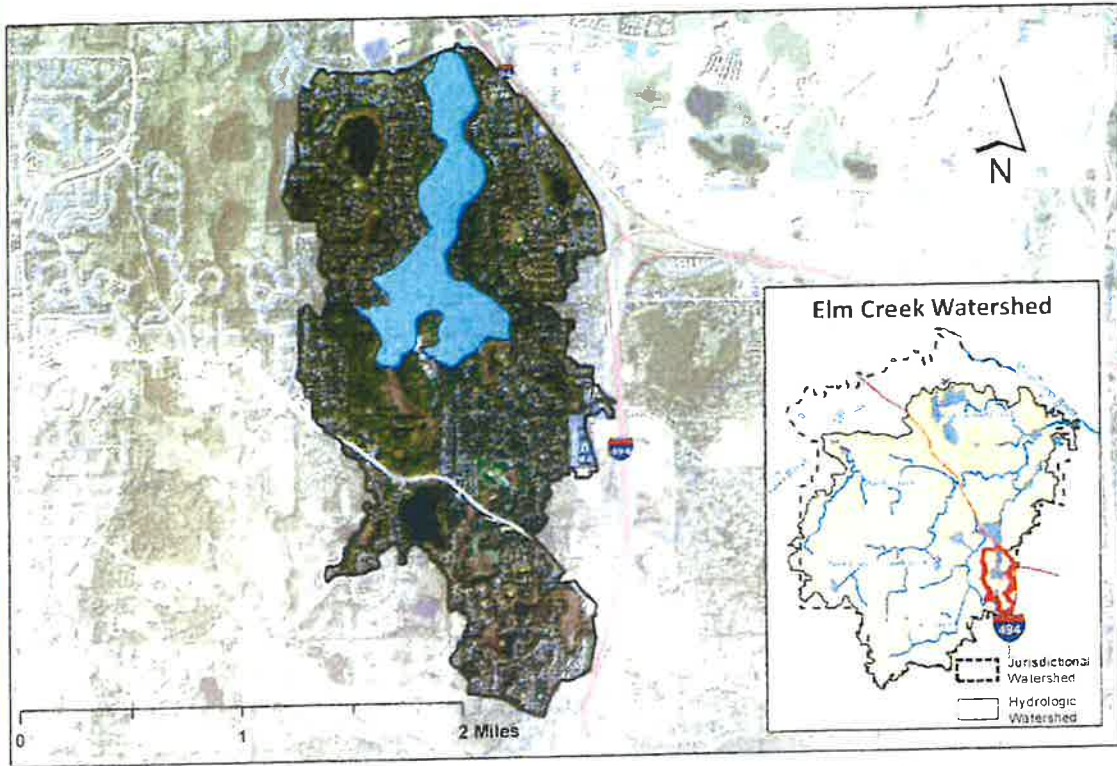
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Lake Dubay



Fish Lake

Fish Lake Watershed Map



Fish Lake Bathymetry



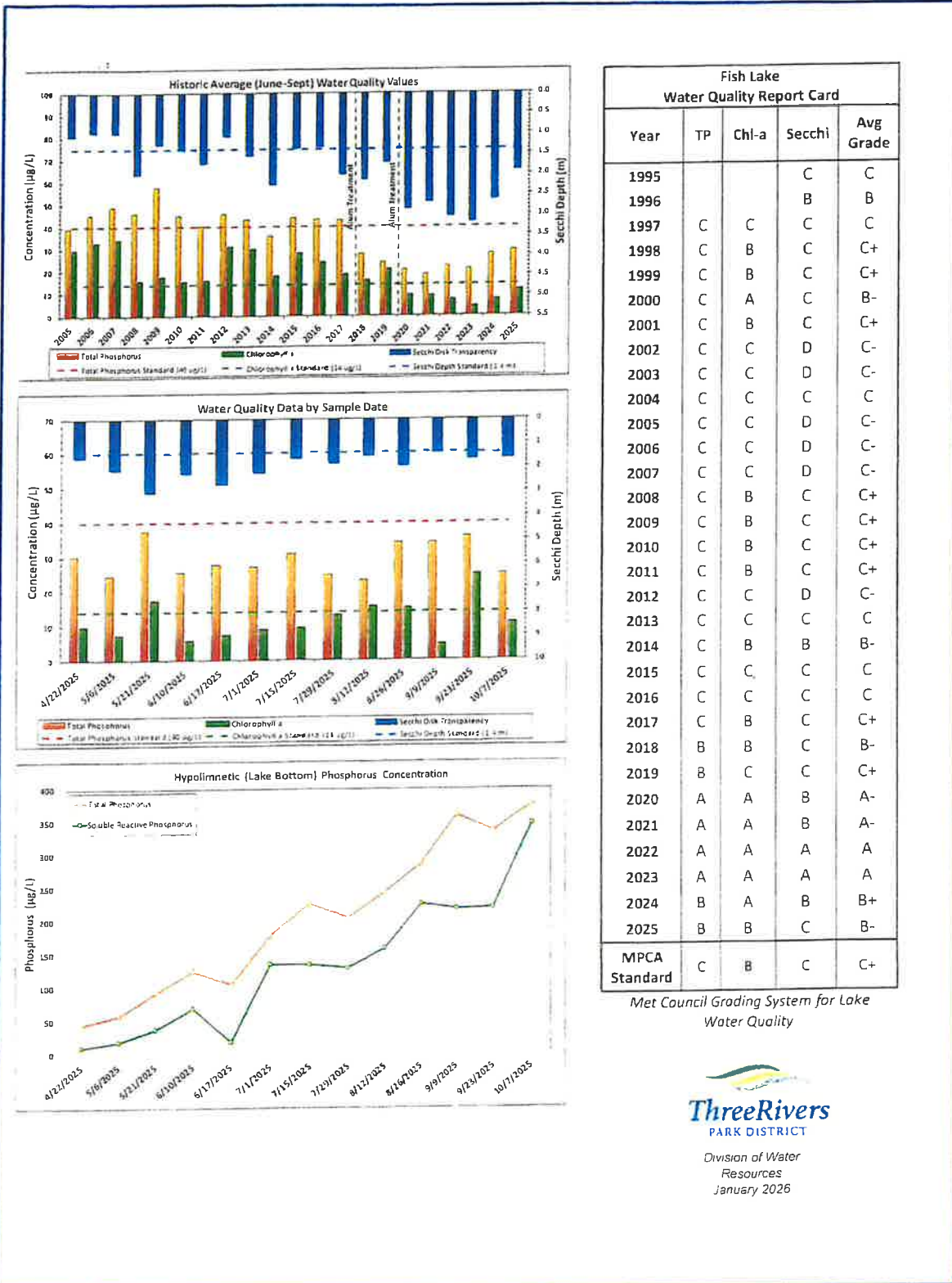
Lake and Watershed Characteristics	
DNR #	27011800
Watershed Area	1,611 Acres
Lake Area	232 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	32%
Average Depth	20.5 ft.
Maximum Depth	49 ft.
Watershed:Lake Ratio	6.9:1
Impairment	Excess Nutrients in 2008 Planned De-listing 2024
Classification	Deep Lake

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Fish Lake



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Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
1995			C	C
1996			B	B
1997	C	C	C	C
1998	C	B	C	C+
1999	C	B	C	C+
2000	C	A	C	B-
2001	C	B	C	C+
2002	C	C	D	C-
2003	C	C	D	C-
2004	C	C	C	C
2005	C	C	D	C-
2006	C	C	D	C-
2007	C	C	D	C-
2008	C	B	C	C+
2009	C	B	C	C+
2010	C	B	C	C+
2011	C	B	C	C+
2012	C	C	D	C-
2013	C	C	C	C
2014	C	B	B	B-
2015	C	C	C	C
2016	C	C	C	C
2017	C	B	C	C+
2018	B	B	C	B-
2019	B	C	C	C+
2020	A	A	B	A-
2021	A	A	B	A-
2022	A	A	A	A
2023	A	A	A	A
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MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

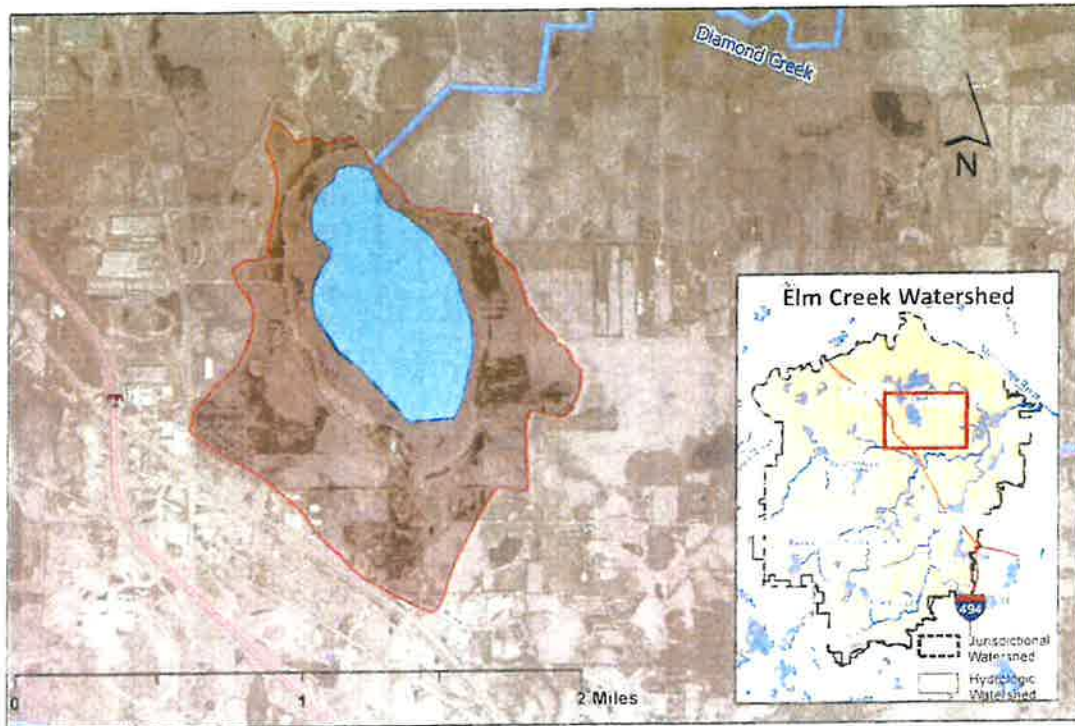
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French Lake

French Watershed Map



Bathymetry



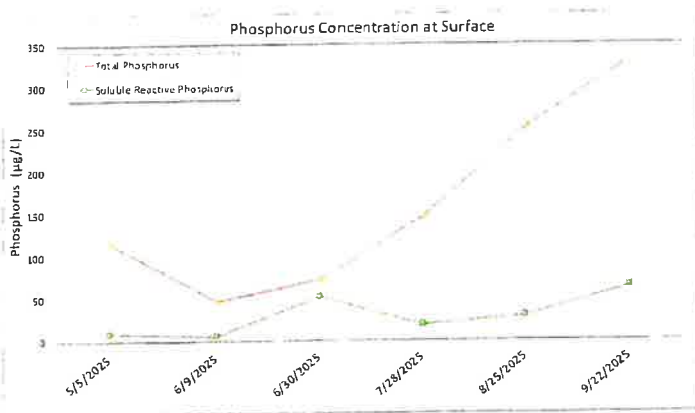
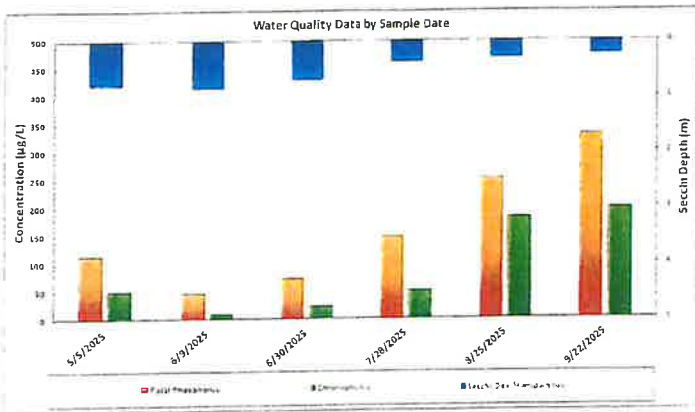
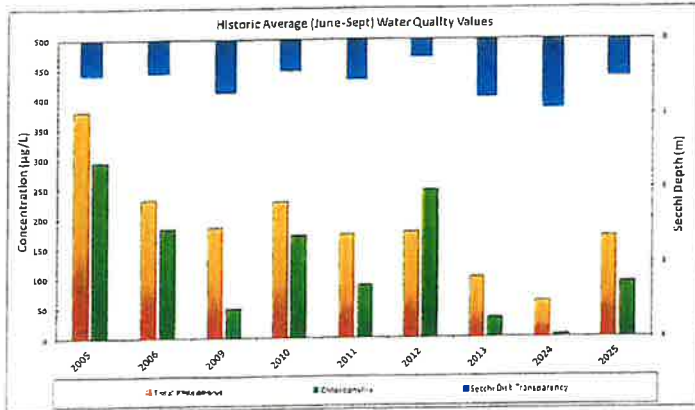
Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27012700
Watershed Area	845 Acres
Lake Area	217 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	100%
Average Depth	2.5 ft.
Maximum Depth	4.5 ft.
Watershed Area Lake Area	3.9:1
Impairment Classification	None
Classification	Wetland

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French Lake



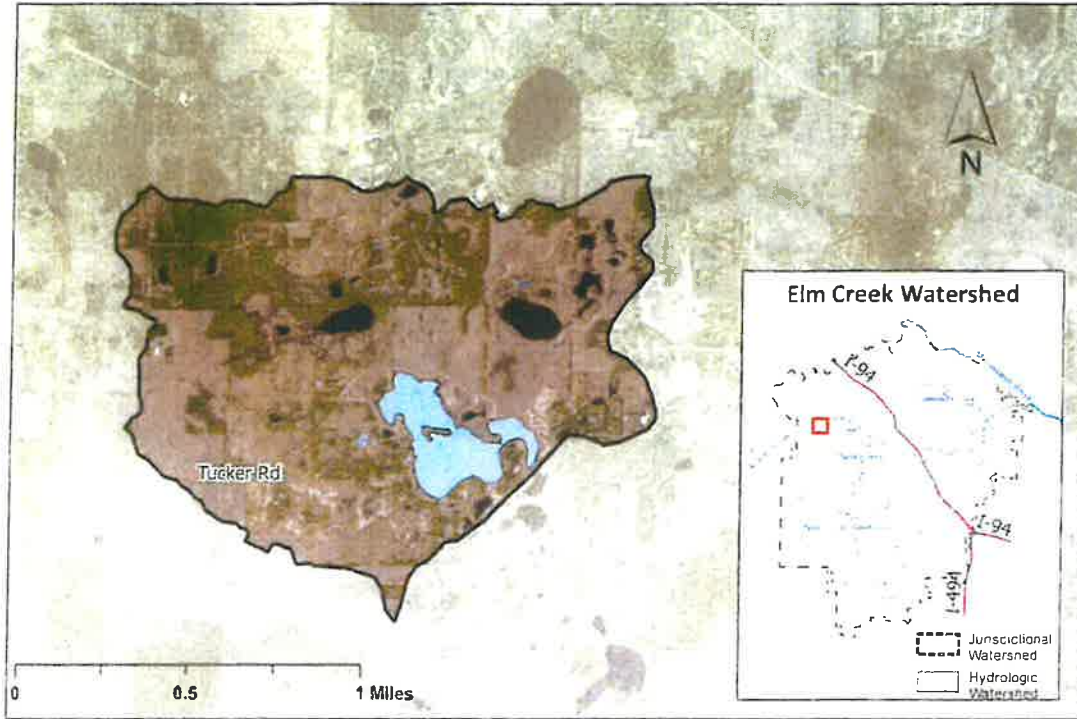
French Lake Water Quality Report Card				
Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
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2009	F	D	F	F
2010	F	F	F	F
2011	F	F	F	F
2012	F	F	F	F
2013	D	C	D	D+
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Henry Lake

Henry Lake Watershed Map



Henry Lake Bathymetry

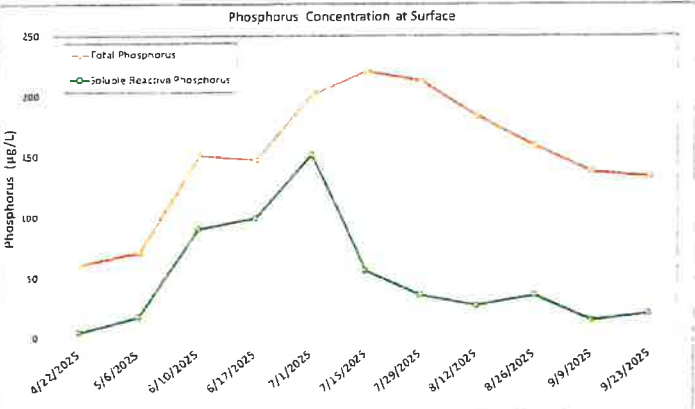
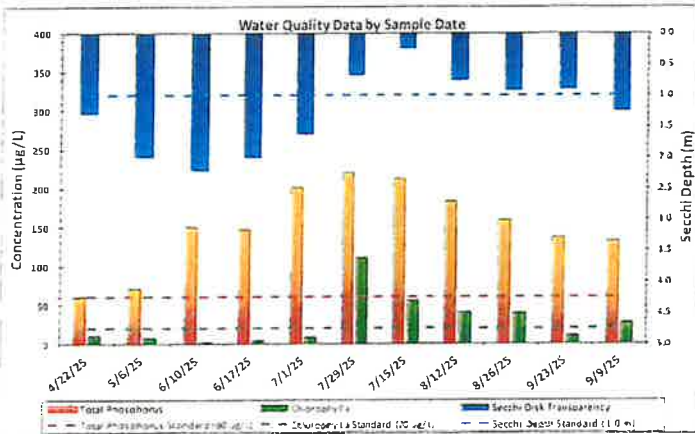
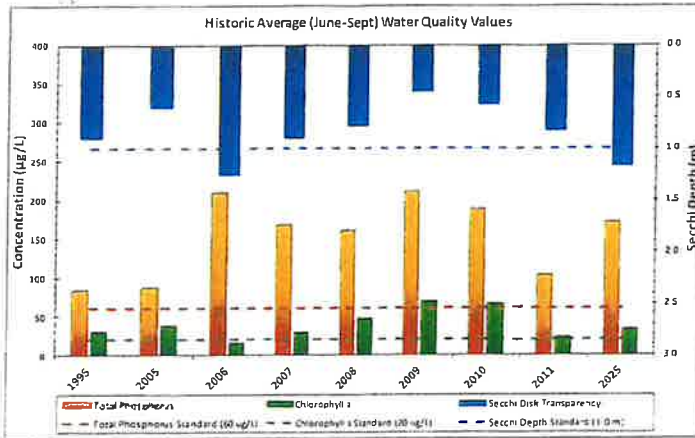


Lake and Watershed Characteristics	
DNR #	27017500
Watershed Area	879 Acres
Lake Area	31.1 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	100 %
Average Depth	Unknown
Maximum Depth	12 ft
Watershed Area Lake Area	28 1
Impairment Classification Excess Nutrients 2007	
Classification	Shallow Lake

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Henry Lake



Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
1995*	D	C	D	D+
2005*	D	C	F	D
2006*	F	B	C	C-
2007*	F	C	D	D
2008*	F	C	D	D
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2011*	D	C	D	D+
2025	F	C	D	D
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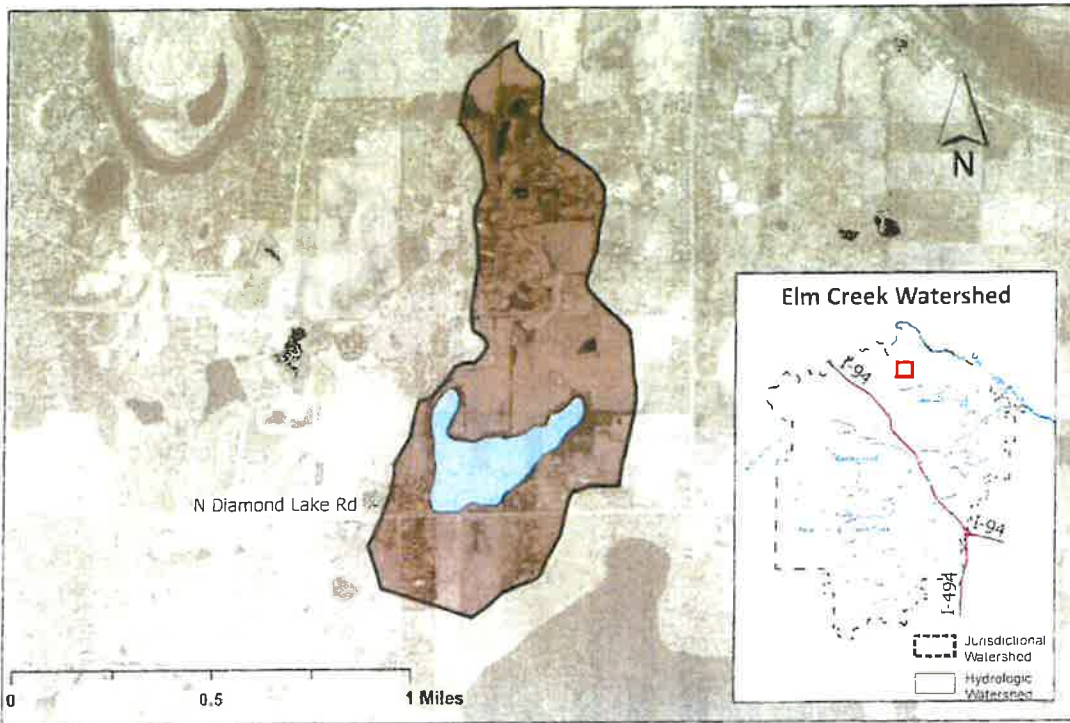
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Lake Laura

Lake Laura Watershed Map



Lake Laura Bathymetry



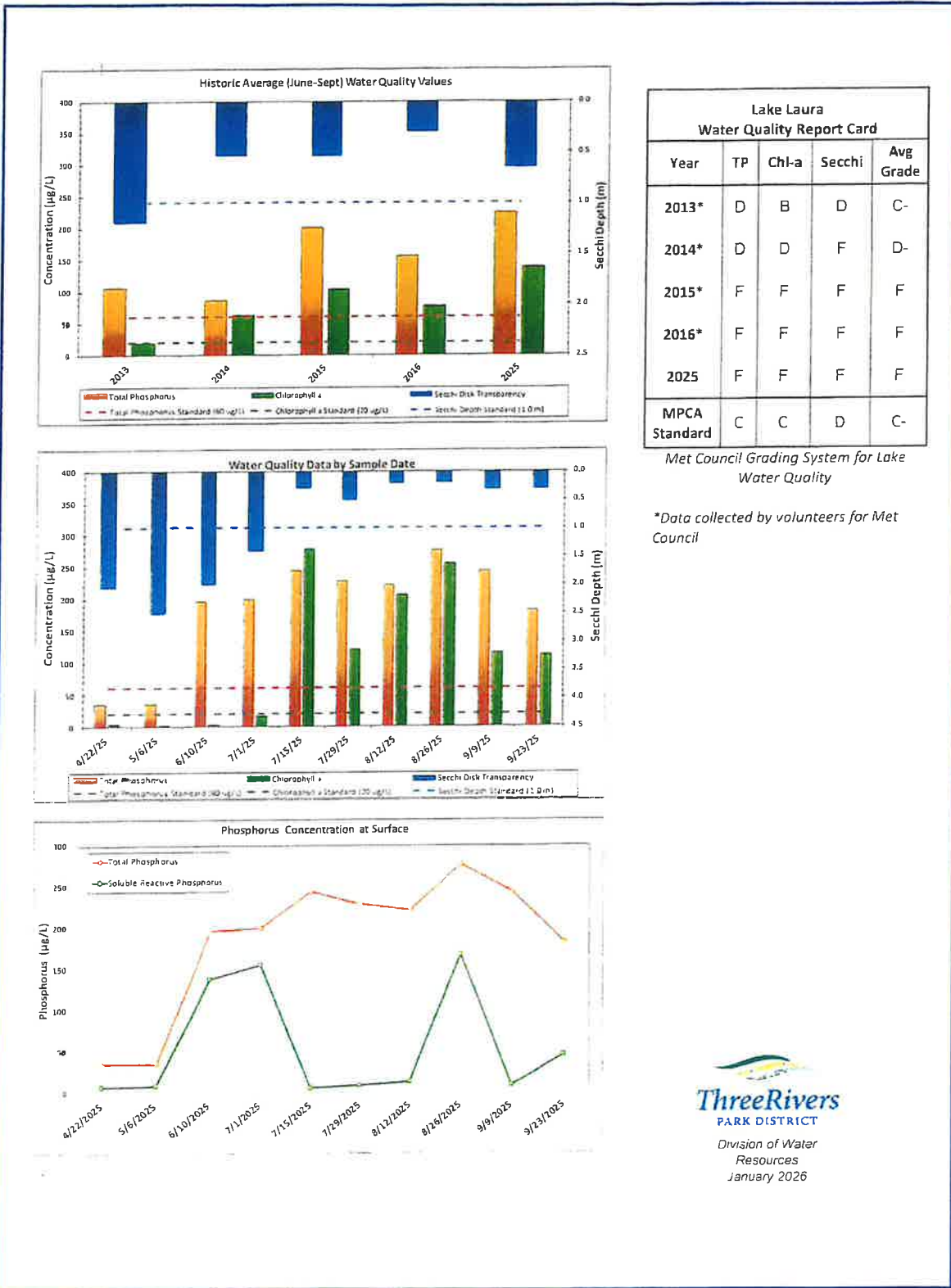
Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27012300
Watershed Area	320 Acres
Lake Area	34.8 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	100 %
Average Depth	Unknown
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Watershed Area / Lake Area	9.2:1
Impairment Classification Excess Nutrients 2019	
Classification	Shallow Lake

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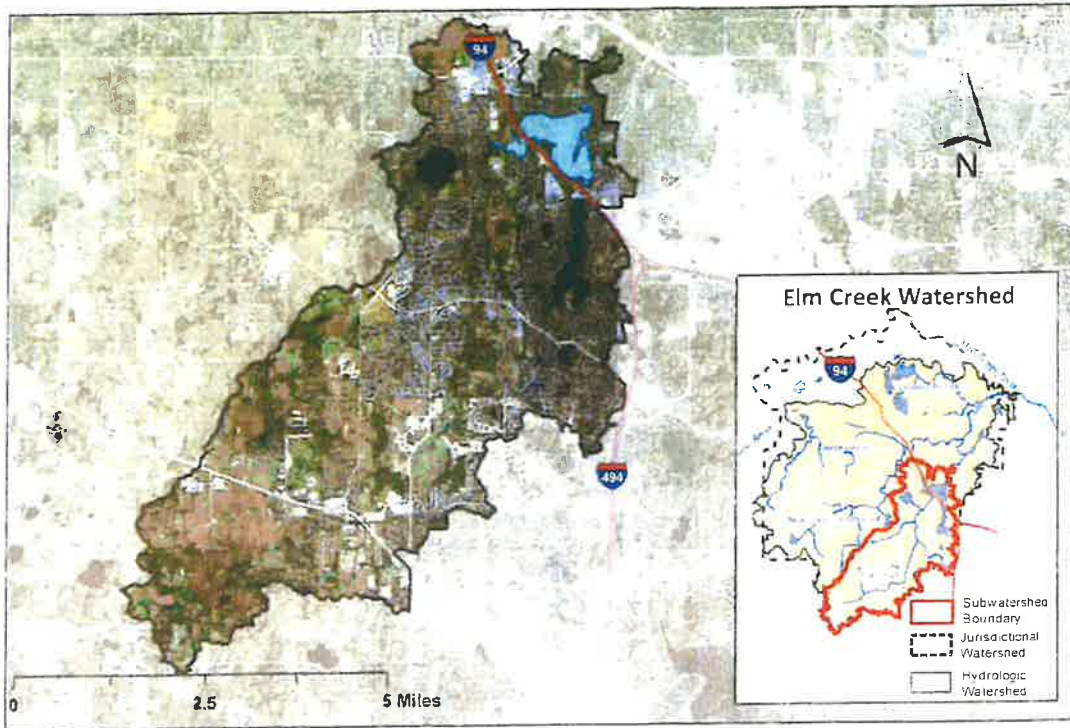
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Lake Laura



Rice Lake

Rice Lake Watershed Map



Rice Lake Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

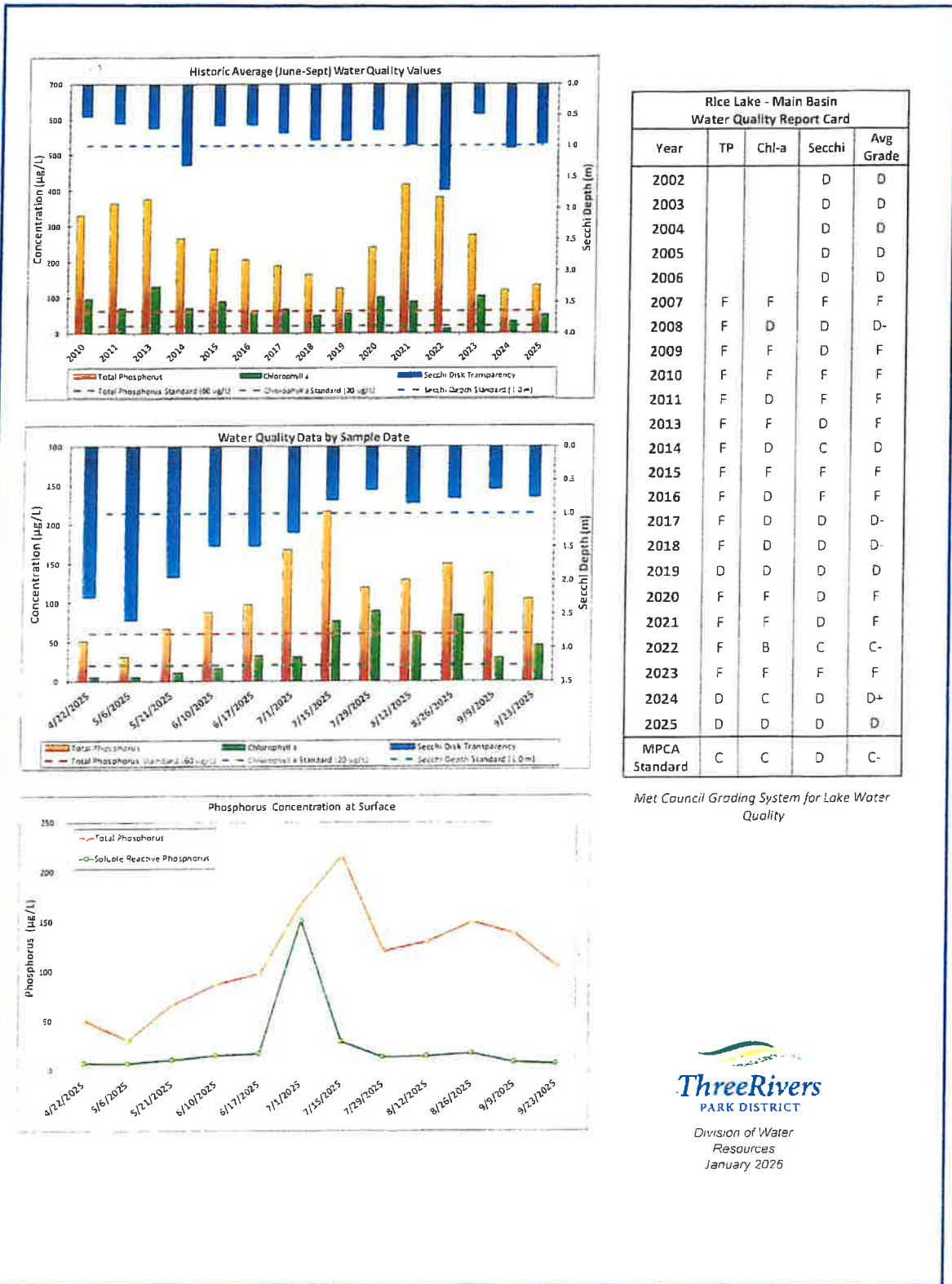
DNR #	27011601
Watershed Area	16,092 Acres
Lake Area	307 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	100%
Average Depth	7.02 ft
Maximum Depth	10.14 ft
Watershed Lake Ratio	52.4:1
Impairment	Excess Nutrients in 2010
Classification	Shallow Lake

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Rice Lake

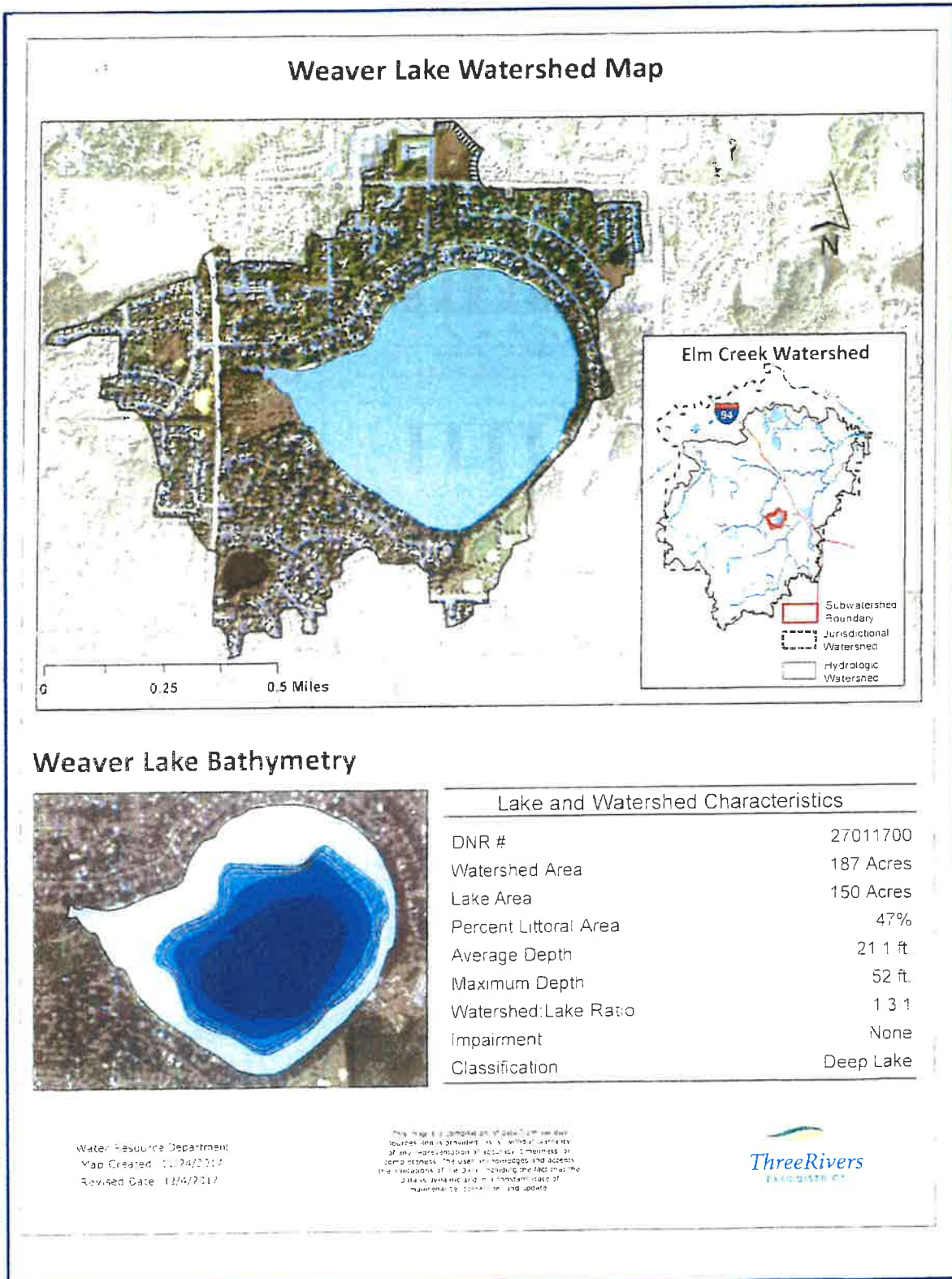


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2003			D	D
2004			D	D
2005			D	D
2006			D	D
2007	F	F	F	F
2008	F	D	D	D-
2009	F	F	D	F
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2018	F	D	D	D-
2019	D	D	D	D
2020	F	F	D	F
2021	F	F	D	F
2022	F	B	C	C-
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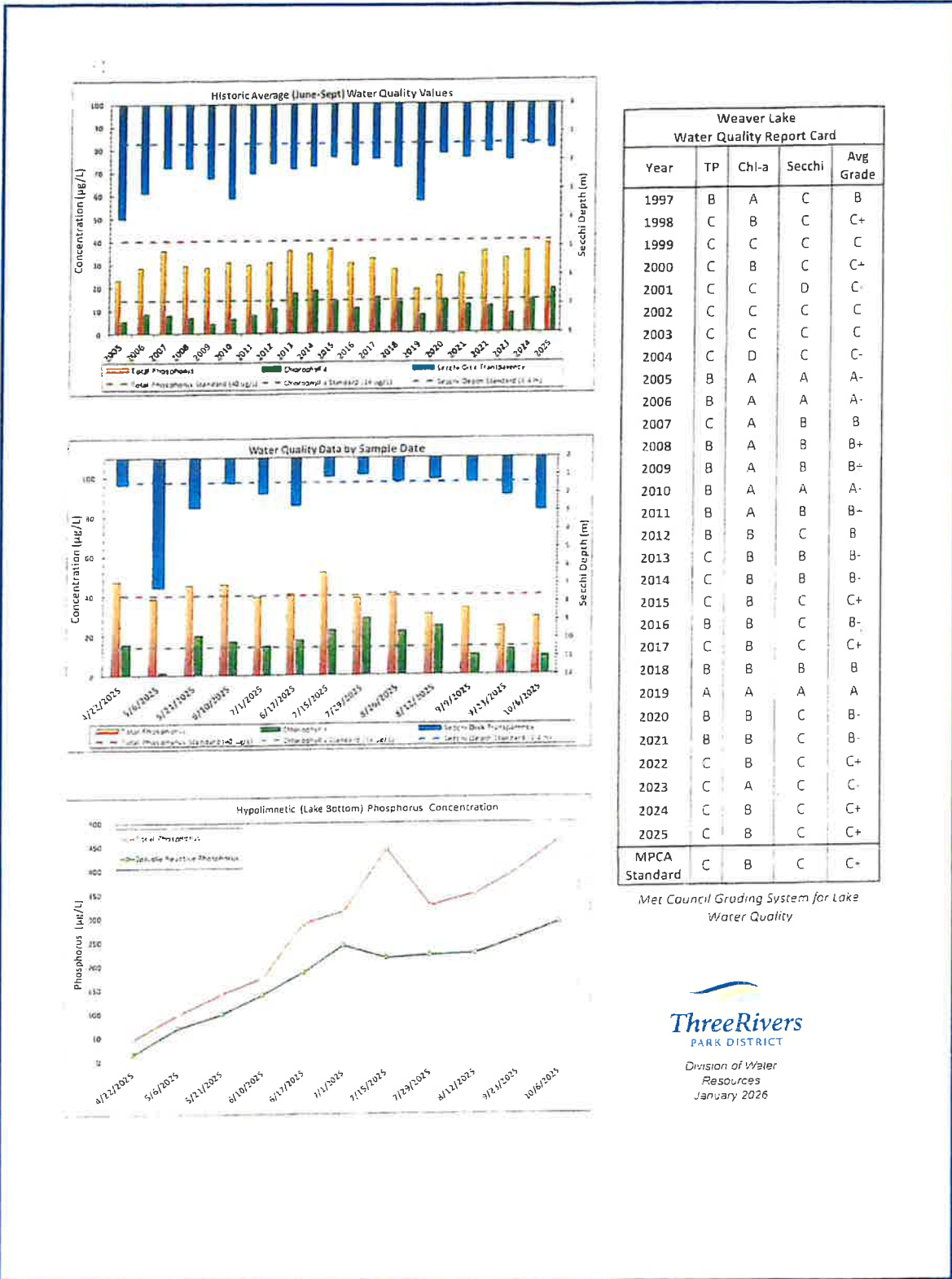
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Weaver Lake



Weaver Lake



CITIZEN-ASSISTED MONITORING PROGRAM (CAMP)



The Metropolitan Council's Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP) is a partnership to collect and analyze scientifically valid water-quality data from lakes in the seven-county Twin Cities area. Organizations and residents use the data to make better decisions about lake management.



[Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program Brochure \(pdf\)](#)

Under CAMP, sponsor organizations recruit volunteers to track water quality in local lakes. Sponsor organizations include counties, cities, watershed districts and other local governments.

Each volunteer monitors a specific site on a lake on a regular basis from mid-April through mid-October (every two weeks is most common). Volunteers collect a surface water sample, measure water temperature and clarity, and report weather and lake conditions.

With help from their sponsors, volunteers provide the data and samples to Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES). MCES analyzes the samples, reviews and analyzes data, assesses and reports on current lake conditions, and manages the CAMP program. CAMP is part of Met Council's [Lake Monitoring & Assessment Program](#).

Lake Monitoring History

Year	Cook	Cowley	Diamond	Dubay	Fish	French	Goose	Henry	Jubert	Laura	Medina	Mill Pond	Mud	Rice	Sylvan	Teal	Weaver
2025			T	T	T	T		T	C	T				T			T
2024		RB	T		T	RO		RO	RO					T	RB		T
2023		T	T		T									T	T		T
2022			T		T		T						T	T			T
2021			T		T		T					T	T	T			T
2020			T		T									T		C	T
2019			T		T									T			T
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2011			T	C	T	T		C				T	T	C/T			T
2010		C	T		T	T		C				T		C/T			T
2009		C	T		T	T		C				T		C			T

C = CAMP; T = Three Rivers; RB = recommended from budget; RO = recommended from other source.
 Shaded = Impaired Waters; Sentinel Lakes: Diamond, Fish, Rice, Weaver

2025 Stream Monitoring

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Watershed Connections

Fall 2025 highlights

Watershed Connections invites students in grades 6–12 to step beyond the classroom and experience science in action. Building on the foundation of River Watch, the revamped curriculum expands learning to streams, ponds, and wetlands, offering hands-on activities that reveal the hidden stories of our water ecosystems. By collecting organisms and interpreting what the biological community tells us, students gain a deeper understanding of environmental health and discover a facet of biology they may never have considered. Whether it sparks a lifelong passion or simply broadens their perspective, the program empowers students with knowledge, choice, and a sense of stewardship.



In fall 2025, returning school groups participated in Watershed Connections, and we expanded our reach by exploring partnerships with new schools and introducing opportunities for adult learners. Participants enjoyed hands-on field and lab experiences that made science approachable and engaging. They explored nearby natural areas, practiced scientific protocols, and discovered that learning can happen naturally while having fun. For some, it awakened curiosity and awareness; for others, it revealed new possibilities through conversations with professionals about education and careers. Many were surprised by how much

they enjoyed being in the water and working with organisms—an experience that turns science from theory into something real and memorable.

Approximately 346 youth and adult learners took part in fall 2025, visiting streams across Hennepin County to explore local watersheds, learn about water quality and stormwater impacts on ecosystems, and experience what it's like to be a biologist for a day. They collected aquatic macroinvertebrates, practiced basic identification techniques, and discovered the importance of biological monitoring and healthy habitats while considering how their own actions influence the natural environment.

Within the West Metro Water Alliance area, which includes the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission, and Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Management Commissions, three returning schools and one new group monitored sites in 2025. Two schools had multiple groups collecting, preserving, and identifying a full biological sample. All four groups were supported in the field with collection, identification, and data analysis by an experienced field biologist.

Watershed Connections – 2

In addition, three schools monitored four different sites on Minnehaha Creek and one site on Nine Mile Creek. Watershed Connections data and 2025 volunteer information is shown in the table below.



Looking ahead to 2026

In 2026, Watershed Connections will continue building momentum by welcoming new students from returning school groups and bringing additional schools into the program. We are in the planning stages with Brooklyn Center High School, Park Center High School, and Camden High School for the spring season.

We plan to expand opportunities for hands-on learning, deepen partnerships, and create even more chances for participants to experience science in action.

Watershed Connections data and volunteers 2025						
Stream Name	School	# Students	Season	Sample Date	Family Biotic Index	Location notes
Bassett Creek	MPS – ESL adult class	12	Fall	10/01/25	NA	Streamside survey at Theodore Wirth Park
Elm Creek	Wayzata HS	120	Fall	9/23/25	8.33- Very poor	Wayzata HS
Elm Creek	Osseo HS	40	Fall	9/30/25	6.05 -Fairly poor	Maple Grove HS
Minnehaha Creek	Hopkins HS	75	Fall	10/09/25	5.71-Fair 6.03-Fairly poor 8.03-Very poor	3 sites (Hopkins Crossroad, Burwell Park, Knollwood Target)
Minnehaha Creek	Benilde St. Margaret	59	Fall	10/23/25	6.09-Fairly poor	Utley Park
Nine Mile Creek	Edina HS	20	Fall	9/10/25	6.86-Poor	Nordic Circle
Shingle Creek	Avail Academy	20	Fall	9/25/25	4.12-VERY GOOD	Waterfall

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