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January 7, 2026

Representatives

and

Technical Advisory Committee Members
Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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<http://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/minutes-meeting-packets.html>

Dear Representatives and Members:

A regular meeting of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission will be held on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.** at Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Avenue North, Plymouth, MN. We will meet in **Meeting Room 1C** on the main level.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will NOT MEET this month.

Please email me at judie@jass.biz to confirm whether you or your Alternate will be attending the regular meeting.

Thank you.



Judie A. Anderson

Administrator

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Encls: Meeting Packet

cc:	Alternates	Eric Osterdyk	Diane Spector	Rebecca Carlson	City Clerks
	TAC Members	Karen Galles	Kris Guentzel	Brian Vlach	
	DNR	BWSR	Met Council	MPCA	
	Reviewing Agencies			Official Newspaper	

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AGENDA Regular Meeting | January 14, 2026

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Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Avenue North, Plymouth, MN.*

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order.
 - a. Approve Agenda.*
2. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Minutes last Meeting.*
 - b. Treasurer's Report and Claims.*
3. Open Forum.
4. Action Items.
 - a. Project Reviews.*
5. Old Business.
6. New Business.
 - a. 2026 Work Plan.*
 - b. 2026 CIP and Cost Share Program – Update.*
7. Fourth Generation Plan.*
 - a. Board Decision.*
 - b. Adopt Resolution 2026-01.*
8. Grant Opportunities.
 - a. Joint Chloride Management Plan - update.
9. Education and Outreach.
 - a. WMWA Update – verbal.
 - b. Grace Barcelow January Update.*
 - c. WMWA Strategic Planning update - verbal.
 - d. WMWA – next meeting –8:30 a.m., via Zoom, on February 10, 2026.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/922390839?pwd=TKlBQW1ZNlVXdzdtTDBTSDZkZmZuQT09>
10. Communications.
 - a. Staff Report.*
 - b. Hennepin County Staff Report.*
11. Project Reviews. (See next page.)
12. Other Business.
 - a. Appointment of Commissioners and Alternates are due by the member cities.
Appointments have been received from the City of Plymouth.
13. Adjournment.

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Project Reviews.

Project	Project Name		Project	Project Name
2014-015	Rogers Drive Extension		2025-001	Chankahda Trail Recon Ph 3, Plym.
2016-05W	Ravinia Wetland Bank Plan,		2025-002	Dayton Creek Addition, Dayton
2017-50W	E Mayers Wetland/floodplain viola,		2025-003	Ray J's Bar and Grill, Rogers.
2018-046	Graco Expansion, Rogers		2025-005	Taylor Development, Rogers.
2020-009	Stetler Barn, Medina		2025-006	Hennessey Grove Update, Maple
2020-017	Meadow View Townhomes, Medina.		2025-007	ECK 322 Extension, Maple Grove.
2020-033	Weston Woods, Medina		2025-009	Creative Lawn, Rogers.
			2025-014	Cowley Lake Preserve, Rogers.
2021-029	Tri-Care Grocery / Retail, Maple		2025-019	Northdale Boulevard Industrial,
2021-034	BAPS Hindu Temple, Medina		2025-021	Brockton Lane Business Park,
			2025-024	Ridge at Elm Creek, Maple Grove.
2022-006	Hamel Townhomes, Medina.		2025-025	Compass Orthodontics, Medina.
2022-011	Arrowhead Drive Turn Lane Expn,		2025-027	Legacy Woods, Dayton.
2022-018	Big Woods, Rogers		2025-028	Cartway Road, Champlin.
2022-040	Kariniemi Meadows, Corcoran		2025-029	Meadows of Medina
2022-043	Meander Park and Boardwalk, Medina.		2025-030	Villas at Hunter Hill, Medina
			2025-032	Lake Camelot Park Improvements,
			2025-033	Hope Meadows Phase II, Corcoran.
2023-001	Chankahda Trail Recon Phase 2,		2025-034	Hassan Sand and Gravel, Rogers.
2023-030	Woodland Hill of Corcoran		2025-035	Gardner School, Maple Grove.
			2025-036	Life Time Fitness, Maple Grove
			2025-037	Thicket Hills, Dayton.
2024-015	Hennessy Grove, Maple Grove.		2025-038	Telcom Construction, Dayton
2024-020	Woodland Hills of Corcoran 2024.		2025-039	Culvers, Maple Grove.
2024-021	Heather Meadows 3d Addn.		2025-040	Commerce Boulevard, Rogers.
2024-022	Hope Meadows Townhomes.		2025-041.	Arbor Ridge Business Park, Maple
2024-023	Upward Acres, Corcoran.		2025-042	113th Ave Trunk Sewer Ext, Dayton.
2024-027	Fairway Shores Villas, Corcoran		2025-043	Bella Woods, Maple Grove.
2024-030	Northview Preserve, Rogers		2025-044	Juniper Hill, Maple Grove.
2024-031	Parkway Neighborhood, Dayton.		2025-045	Wexley Park, Rogers.
2024-033	Fletcher Bypass, Rogers		2025-046	Edgewater Cove, Rogers.
			2025-047	Weaver Lake Road Rehab, M Grove.
			2025-048	Villas at Hunter Hill Updated, Medina
			2026-001	Northview Preserve 2d Addn, Rogers

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Regular Meeting Minutes December 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER. A meeting of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 11:40 a.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Avenue North, Plymouth, MN, by Chairman Doug Baines.

Present: Gerry Butcher, Champlin; Loren Evenrud, Corcoran; Doug Baines, Dayton; Joe Trainor, Maple Grove; Terry Sharp, Medina; Catherine Cesnik, Plymouth; and Dave Katzner, Rogers.

Also present: Jon Bottema and Ryan Bottema, Corcoran; Derek Asche, Shane Awalt, and R. J. Kakach, Maple Grove; Ben Scharenbroich, Plymouth; Mike Albers, Rogers; Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District; Kevin Ellis, Hennepin County; Eric Osterdyk and Diane Spector, Stantec; Rebecca Carlson, Resilience Resources; and Judie Anderson, JASS.

II. AGENDA. Motion by Trainor, second by Cesnik to approve the agenda.* *Motion carried unanimously.*

III. Motion by Cesnik, second by Trainor to approve the **Minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting.*** *Motion carried unanimously.*

IV. Motion by Cesnik, second by Sharp to approve the **December Treasurer's Report and Claims totaling \$67,894.85.*** *Motion carried unanimously.*

V. OPEN FORUM.

A. Chairman Baines noted the death of **Bill Walraven**, Commissioner from Champlin.

B. Evenrud described various **waterfowl and wildlife sightings** at his home on South Fork Rush Creek, including great blue heron, sandhill cranes, mergansers, and wood ducks. He noted that the presence of wood ducks is an indicator of good water quality.

C. Evenrud introduced **Jon and Ryan Bottema** who will be the Alternate Commissioners representing Corcoran. Jon Bottema described the wetland restoration project that he just completed on his property.

D. Cesnik announced that this is her last meeting as the Elm Creek **Commissioner from Plymouth.**

VI. PROJECT REVIEWS.

A. 2025-032 Lake Camelot Park Improvements, Plymouth.* The project disturbs approximately one acre within the existing Lake Camelot Park. The site is located southeast of the intersection of Chankahda Trail and Fernbrook Lane at the north edge of Lake Camelot. The project will consist of redevelopment to the existing park and will include the construction of

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sidewalk, bituminous pavement, improved play areas and equipment, as well as underground utilities and stormwater management. The project triggers Rules D, E, and I. In their findings dated November 10, 2025 Staff recommended approval with two conditions: (1) reconciliation of the escrow fee, and (2) revision of the wetland buffer monuments. Motion by Cesnik, second by Trainor to approve project 2025-032 with those conditions. *Motion carried unanimously.*

B. 2025-035 Gardner School, Maple Grove.* This project proposes the development of a childcare facility with associated parking and utility improvements on a 1.4-acre site located south of the Garland Lane and 96th Avenue intersection. Development will result in approximately 0.8 acres of impervious surface and trigger Rules D and E. In their findings dated December 8, 2025, Staff recommended approval with four conditions: (1) reconciliation of the escrow fee; (2) expand IESF material footprint to increase replacement period; (3) revise Detail 2 on Sheet C5.2 to match example provided; and (4) approval of an O&M Plan by the City. Motion by Trainor, second by Cesnik to approve project 2025-035 with those conditions. *Motion carried unanimously.*

C. 2025-037 Thicket Hills, Dayton. This is a 68.49-acre site located on the southwest corner of Lawndale Lane and Dayton River Road. At the closest point, the site is about 400 feet south of the Mississippi River. The site is comprised of one parcel which is a mixture of primarily cultivated vegetation along with grassland and approximately 2.70 acres of residential vegetation. There are 1.854 acres of impervious surface on the site which is located in the Mississippi River subwatershed. The applicant proposes construction of a two-story building, an event center, gravel parking lot, well, septic system, and stormwater treatment basin. The proposal will disturb 8.067 acres of the site and result in 2.511 acres of new impervious surface. The project review application was received August 28, 2025. Staff provided initial comments on September 18. The applicant has indicated they will request a 60-day extension to February 24, 2025. The applicant has also indicated that the wetland delineation is delayed and it will not be resolved by that date. Motion by Katzner, second by Trainor to grant the applicant an extension of one year from the application date. *Motion carried unanimously.*

D. 2025-042 113th Avenue Trunk Sewer Extension, Dayton.* This project is proposed on a 4.3-acre site located in the right-of-way of 113th Avenue north and comprised of seven parcels. Existing groundcover on site is mixture of short grasses, deciduous forest, and intermittently flooded grasslands. There are six small wetlands on site, two within the project area, and one floodplain on site. The site is in the Rush Creek subwatershed. The applicant proposes construction of an extension of the existing trunk sewer system. The proposal will disturb 4.3 acres and result in 0 acres of new impervious surface after development. A complete application was received November 3, 2025. The initial 60-day decision period per MN Statute 15.99 expires January 2, 2026. In their findings signed December 2, 2025, Staff recommends approval with two conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation and (2) an approved DNR permit for the temporary wetland impacts. Motion by Katzner, second by Cesnik to approve project 2025-042 with those conditions. *Motion carried unanimously.*

VII. OLD BUSINESS.

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A. Fourth Generation Plan. Spector reported that the Commission’s draft Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan was presented to the BWSR Central Region Committee on December 8, 2025, where it received few comments. The Plan will be presented for final approval at the December 18, 2025, full BWSR Board meeting. If approved, the Plan can be approved by the Commission at its January 14, 2026, meeting.

B. WMWA Strategic Planning Meeting. Members of the Committee met following the December 9 WMWA meeting where they discussed a new management structure as well as potential timelines for implementation and funding options. The Committee will meet again prior to the January WMWA meeting to refine these options.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Motion by Trainor, second by Cesnik to recreate the January 2025 **Winter Salt Week Proclamation**, and to encourage the Governor to proclaim January 26-30, 2026, as Winter Salt Week. *Motion carried unanimously.* The purpose of Winter Salt Week is to educate the public and professionals about the negative impacts of excessive road salt on freshwater ecosystems, drinking water, and infrastructure, and to promote responsible salt use and alternative winter maintenance practices.

B. 2025 Work Plan Year-End Report.* Last January the Commission set forth its work plan for 2025, identifying activities proposed to help make progress toward Third Generation Plan goals. The attached 2025 Work Plan in Review* highlights actions taken during 2025 in fulfillment of that work plan. This information will be incorporated into the Commission’s required Annual Report to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Some highlights include:

1. The Commission completed its Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan and held a public hearing on September 10, 2025. The Plan was forwarded to BWSR for final review and approval with the Central Region Committee scheduled for its review on December 8 and the full BWSR Board on December 18. If approved, it can be adopted by the Commission at its January 14, 2026 meeting.

2. Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) awarded by BWSR funded several activities in 2025. FY23 funds are currently supporting agricultural BMPs in targeted subwatersheds, and the South Fork Rush Creek subwatershed assessment (SWA) and feasibility study for remeandering a portion of North Fork Rush Creek were completed. The Commission also allocated a portion of FY23 funds to the outreach and conservation specialist shared with WMWA and Hennepin County. The FY25 funds are currently supporting additional agricultural BMPs, a Carp Management Plan for Fish and Rice Lakes, and several BMPs and feasibility studies in the City of Dayton for improvements to French and Diamond Lakes.

3. Several education and outreach initiatives are underway, including targeted lakeshore restoration workshops and projects. Work began on the joint Chloride Management Plan with Shingle Creek and West Mississippi WMOs.

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4. The Commission entered into an agreement with Shingle Creek/West Mississippi and Pioneer-Sarah Creek WMOs to jointly migrate and update their websites, with completion expected by July 1, 2026.

C. Motion by Butcher, second by Katzner to approve the **Non-Waiver of Monetary Limits of Tort Liability Insurance**. *Motion carried unanimously.*

IX. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH.

A. Included in the meeting packet were updates from Grace Barcelow,* Hennepin County Environment and Energy Conservation Specialist, grace.barcelow@hennepin.us regarding:

1. Chloride Reduction Campaign
2. Youth Stormwater Education Work
3. December media kit
4. Parkers Lake Chloride Reduction Project
5. Eagle Lake and Fish Lake Shoreline/Yard Restoration Projects
6. RBWMO and BCWMO Multi-Family Housing Project Planning
7. Strategic Planning Session

B. **West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA)** will meet via Zoom at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/922390839?pwd=TkIBQW1ZNXVXdzdtTDBTSDZkZmZuQT09>

X. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. **Staff Report.** The December 4, 2025, Staff Report* provides updates on the development projects currently under review by Staff.

B. Hennepin County Staff Report.*

1. **Lake Henry Hollow Horse Ranch, Rogers.** Hennepin County staff have worked with the MPCA to determine potential sites for the manure bunker to be constructed. Staff are currently awaiting a signed letter of interest from the landowner and the finding of fact to be filed with the LGU.

2. **City of Corcoran.** Hennepin County staff met with City staff on site to discuss the seeding and next steps. There was noticeable growth of the winter oats cover crops, but several patches of thistle were noted. Thistle has been a persistent problem on this site and will be managed moving forward. Staff will record areas with thistle so they can be spot sprayed and future growth can be observed. The Hennepin County board approved the cost-share funding for this project. An updated contract will be implemented to reflect this change.

3. **Welcome Ranch, Dayton.** The County Board approved the new proposed budget for the project. County staff are working with the landowner to get a contract in place. The landowner has obtained quotes for the manure bunker and heavy use area protections

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(HUAPs). However, the HUAPs were quoted much higher than anticipated. Staff will continue to work with the landowner on the manure bunker with future planning for the HUAPs.

4. Trousdale Wetland Restoration, Corcoran. Hennepin County staff are working with three landowners on a wetland restoration project that will impact parts of all three properties. Applications for the project have been completed by each landowner.

5. Sovereign Stables, Dayton. County staff responded to an inquiry into a cost-share project by Sovereign Stables, a horse boarding facility in Dayton. The facility is adjacent to French lake and is currently exploring options for manure storage. Staff completed a field visit to look at existing conditions and ask questions. Staff concluded that the project would be a viable candidate for cost-share funding, depending on the landowner’s ability to finance the project. Staff are working with the landowner to explore several options to store manure in a manner that will ensure that runoff does not end up in French Lake or the Diamond Creek subwatershed.

6. Information on **project funding** and other **County programming** completes the report.

7. Also included in the packet was Hennepin County’s “Stewardship: Define your goal and take action,” including the **Stewardship opportunity journey map**.

XI. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES.

Staff’s December 4, 2025, memo* provided an update on the Shingle Creek/West Mississippi/Elm Creek AIG Grant for a **Joint Chloride Management Plan**.

A. Stantec has been working on geospatial analysis for the management plan to identify key land covers like parking lots, sidewalks, driveways, dirt roads, and cropland within the watersheds. The first stakeholder meeting was held on October 22. The meeting was well attended by city and other staff. The group also discussed challenges to implementing BMPs and how the watersheds can best support their work. Some key takeaways from the meeting were:

- 1.** Smart Salting training is widespread, but it’s not clear if it translates to salt applications.
- 2.** Public expectations and perceptions of chloride applications are still an issue. Cities and applicators try to meet expectations while balancing responsible application.
- 3.** Enforcement of overapplication is challenging due to limited staff availability and the sheer number of applicators.
- 4.** The Commissions can help by providing uniform messaging and resources for cities to use with staff and residents, providing funding opportunities, and expanding outreach efforts.

B. A next step is identifying priority areas within each watershed to target chloride management actions. Stantec is also working on developing a survey for road authorities to understand their current chloride practices, challenges, and opportunities.

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C. At the November meeting Staff previewed an interactive webmap of relevant geospatial data. They will be sending this out to the cities to identify areas of known or potential concern for chloride use, which will be used to target implementation actions in the Plan.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS.

A. A reminder of appointments due by those members that appoint Commissioners annually.

B. Election of officers will take place at the March meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judie A. Anderson
Recording Secretary

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	2025 Budget	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	2025 Budget YTD
EXPENSES			2025 Activity	
GENERAL OPERATIONS				
Administrative Support	118,500.00	10,410.60	9,288.55	128,078.40
Grant Writing	3,000.00			0.00
Website	2,000.00	159.00	309.50	1,472.24
Legal Services	2,000.00	279.00	88.13	1,186.38
Audit	7,200.00			7,200.00
Insurance	4,000.00			3,515.00
Meeting Expense 2026			3,900.00	
Meeting Expense	6,000.00	174.19	181.52	5,852.49
Subtotal General Operations	142,700.00	11,022.79	13,767.70	147,304.51
TECHNICAL SUPPORT				
Technical Support - HCEE	25,000.00			20,372.08
Technical - Other General	78,000.00	5,186.25	1,641.25	73,662.88
Subtotal Technical Support	103,000.00	5,186.25	1,641.25	94,034.96
PROJECT REVIEWS				
Technical - Project Review	162,000.00	9,168.25	1,339.50	227,921.99
Project Review - Admin Support	20,000.00	2,114.10	1,982.56	28,641.01
Subtotal Project Reviews	182,000.00	11,282.35	3,322.06	256,563.00
EDUCATION				
Education	2,000.00		500.00	1,147.73
West Metro Water Alliance	15,000.00			15,000.00
Subtotal Education	17,000.00	0.00	500.00	16,147.73
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN				
Plan Amendment	500.00			846.00
4th Gen Plan Expense				31,627.12
Contribution to 4th Gen Plan	0.00			0.00
Subtotal Management Plan	500.00	0.00	0.00	32,473.12
WATER MONITORING PROGRAMS				
<i>Stream Monitoring</i>				
Stream Monitoring USGS	21,520.00			23,600.00
Stream Monitoring TRPD	11,730.00	11,730.00		11,730.00
Biological Monitoring	0.00			0.00
DO Longitudinal Survey	2,400.00			0.00
Partnership Biomonitoring (Comm share)	0.00			0.00
Rain Gauge	480.00	32.21	34.46	401.57
<i>Lake Monitoring</i>				
Lakes Monitoring - CAMP	840.00			0.00
TRPD Monitoring - Sentinel Lakes/Addn'l Lake	12,360.00	9,236.00		9,236.00
Aquatic Vegetation Surveys	1,365.00			0.00
<i>Other Water Monitoring</i>				
Macroinvertebrate Monitoring-River Watch	0.00			0.00
Wetland Monitoring - WHEP	0.00			0.00
Subtotal Monitoring	50,695.00	20,998.21	34.46	44,967.57
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	495,895.00	48,489.60	19,265.47	591,490.89
			2025 Activity	

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	2025 Budget	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	2025 Budget YTD
REVENUES				
GENERAL OPERATIONS				
Member Dues	257,000.00			277,459.00
Interest/Dividends Earned	30,000.00	5,529.93		75,924.87
From Reserves	20,395.00			0.00
Water Monitoring - TRPD Co-op Agmt	6,500.00			0.00
Subtotal General Operating Revenue	313,895.00	5,529.93	0.00	353,383.87
PROJECT REVIEW FEES				
Project Review Fee	162,500.00	34,000.00		278,000.00
Nonrefundable Project Fees	19,500.00	5,410.00		47,630.00
Additional Project Fee Escrow		4,504.00		
Project Escrow Refunded		(895.00)		
Subtotal Project Review Revenue	182,000.00	43,019.00	0.00	325,630.00
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE	495,895.00	48,548.93	0.00	679,013.87
OPERATING SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	0.00			87,522.98
			2025 Activity	
EXPENSES				
GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS				
<i>Studies / Project ID / SWA</i>				
TMDL 10 Year Review (Studies)	49,468.00			6,089.25
TRPD - TMDL Stream Monitoring		6,764.00		6,764.00
TRPD - TMDL Lakes Monitoring		5,244.00		5,244.00
<i>Grants</i>				
Rush Creek SWA Implementation (23 WBIF)	175,000.00			0.00
<i>Capital Projects</i>				
CIPs General				885.69
<i>Transfer from Encumbered Funds</i>				
<i>Transfer from Capital Projects</i>				
<i>Transfer from Cash Sureties</i>				
<i>Transfer from Grants</i>				
<i>From Fund Balance</i>				
TOTAL GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENSE		19,405.25	180,621.17	512,605.90
REVENUE				
GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS				
<i>Grants</i>				
<i>Capital Projects</i>				
<i>Transfer to (from) Capital Projects</i>				
<i>Transfer to (from) Cash Sureties</i>				
<i>Transfer to (from) Grants</i>				
<i>Transfer from Assigned Fund Balance</i>				
<i>Misc Income / Contingency</i>				
<i>From Unrestricted Cash Reserves</i>				
TOTAL GRANTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE		223,585.35	0.00	472,813.49

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Claims Presented	General Ledger Account No		Jan 2026	TOTAL
Connexus - Rain Gauge	551100		34.46	34.46
City of Maple Grove - Rush Creek Hollow Restoration				178,436.18
CIP 2024-01	563030		178,436.18	
Plymouth Parks & Rec - 2026 Room Rental	520000		3,900.00	3,900.00
Town Law Center - Web Design Agreement Share	521000		88.13	88.13
Watershed Partners -Membership 2026	590000		500.00	500.00
WSB - 25-26 Fish Rice Carp Mgt	584007		1,810.49	1,810.49
Resilience Resources				0.00
Technical - Project Review	578050			
Technical - Project Meetings	578070			
Stantec				3,355.25
Technical - Project Review	578050		1,339.50	
Technical - Project Pre-reviews and Inquiries	578060			
Technical - Project Meetings	578070			
Technical - Other General Engineering	577000		1,641.25	
N Fork Rush Creek Remeander Feasibility	584006		374.50	
4th Gen Plan - Technical	542620			
JASS				11,762.13
Administration	511000		9,288.55	
TAC Support	511000			
Annual Reporting/Work Plan	511000			
Meeting Expense (meal)	520000		181.52	
Website	581000		309.50	
Project Review Admin Support	578100		1,072.56	
Project Reviews - Project Specific Admin	578100		910.00	
WCA Monitoring Reimbursable - Ravinia	240201			
Education	590000			
4th Gen Plan - Admin	542600			
CIPs General	563001			
TOTAL CLAIMS				199,886.64



Account Number:
481113-238425

ELM CREEK WATERSHED MGMT ORG

Monthly Statement

Service Address
ELM CREEK RD
DAYTON MN

Total Amount Due	Due Date
\$34.46	January 20, 2026

Billing Summary

Billing Date: Dec 29, 2025

Previous Balance	\$32.21
Payments - Thank You!	\$32.21
Balance Forward	\$0.00
New Charges	\$34.46
Total Amount Due	\$34.46

Payment must be received on or before January 20, 2026

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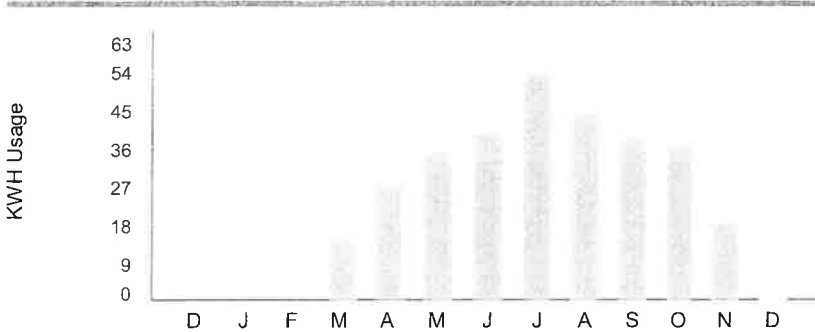
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TRA3-D-006908/043943 VG5C51 S1-ET-M1-C00002 1



Account Number:	481113-238425
Total Amount Due	\$34.46
Payment Due By	January 20, 2026

006908 1 AB 0.636 014277/006908/043943 022 03 VG5C51
ELM CREEK WATERSHED MGMT ORG
3235 FERNBROOK LN N
PLYMOUTH MN 55447-5325

Connexus Energy
PO Box 1808
Minneapolis, MN 55480-1808





12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, MN 55369-7064

763-494-6000

October 28, 2025

Ms. Judie Anderson
Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission
3235 Fernbrook Lane North
Plymouth, MN, 55447

SUBJECT: RUSH CREEK STREAM RESTORATION (THRU RUSH HOLLOW)
ELM CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT 2024-01

Dear Judie,

The City of Maple Grove is requesting final reimbursement for work completed as of October 28, 2025 on the Rush Creek Stream Restoration Project (thru Rush Hollow). Enclosed are invoices from WSB, Finance & Commerce, Ashwill Companies and Minnesota Native Landscapes for \$620,098.67. **The City of Maple Grove is requesting reimbursement of \$400,000** less costs incurred by the Commission including securing the County tax levy, preparation of agreements, project review, and administration per the terms of the Cooperative Agreement for the Rush Creek Stream Restoration Project (2024-01). Below is a summary of the invoices:

MNL Pay App #3	\$454,808.32
Ashwill Companies Pay App #	\$27,850.00
WSB most recent invoice 9/19/25 (roll-up total)	\$137,440.35
Finance and Commerce	\$221.61
Finance and Commerce	\$166.00
Finance and Commerce	\$168.00

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for funding this important project.

Sincerely,

Derek Asche
Water Resources Engineer
City of Maple Grove

Payment Request	\$400,000.00
Less Commission expense	- 138.00
Less 11/12/25 Payment	- 221,425.82

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TOTAL THIS PAYMENT \$178,436.18




Rental Agreement:

Date of Rental: once monthly 2025 @ \$325/mo
Time of Rental: 10:00 TOTAL \$3,900.00
Applicant Name: Elm Creek WMC
Phone number: 763 553-1144
Email: judie @ jass. biz

Upon application approval, the City of Plymouth shall make available to the holder of the permit the Plymouth Community Center's facilities for use on the date specified, and shall provide custodial services, building supervision, and police services (if required). The City reserves the right to exercise supervisory authority and to prevent unauthorized or illegal activities on City property. The City shall not be responsible for interruptions of the use of the described facilities for reasons beyond its control and reserves the right to cancel this permit for reasons of public safety or convenience.

I (We) represent and agree that I (we) have read and understand the information regarding the use of the Plymouth Community Center, including cancellations procedures, liabilities and responsibilities assumed, times and curfews, and maximum room capacities. I (We) further understand that this is only an application for use which provides me (us) with no assumed or implied rights for use until written approval is received. I (We) further understand that fees paid are non-refundable in accordance with City policies recited in the Policy for Use of the Plymouth Community Center.

Specifically, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the holder of this permit agrees to save, defend, and hold harmless the City for any damages to City personnel, facilities, equipment, or other City property, or to the property and/or person of any third party resulting from the use authorized hereby. The City is not liable for death or injury of any such person occurring as a result of the use of the facilities authorized hereby.

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 1-12-2025

FACILITY SALES RECEIPT

Receipt # 1217856
 Payment Date: 12/12/2025
 Household: 3647

- ELM CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION Plymouth Community Center
 3235 FERNBROOK LN N 14800 34th Avenue N
 PLYMOUTH MN 55447 Plymouth MN 55447
 Phone: (763)509-5280

Reservation Details: Plymouth Community Center-Event Wing, Aspen Room

Reserv. Contact: - Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission
 Phone Number: (763)553-1144
 Reserv. Number: 49075
 Status: Firm
 Purpose: Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission
 Anticipated Count: 30

<u>Date(s) And Times</u>	<u>New Fees</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>New Paid</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Wed 12/09/2026 10:00A to 3:00P	325.00	325.00	0.00	0.00	325.00

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
Hourly Rate Non-Profit	65.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	325.00

Special Questions: Link to existing reservation? 49075
 Event Function:
 Reservation Comment Code:
 How many people will be attending?
 Arrival time for set up:
 Event Start and End Time:
 Room set up needs:
 Will you be bringing in food? light snacks
 Catering? Name of Catering and will it be buffet or plated. Are they serving alcohol?
 AV Needs: projector/screen
 Rental contact name and phone number: Judie 763-553-1144

Processed on 12/12/25 @ 1:09 pm by nwarolin

Total New Fees	325.00
Total Due	325.00
Total Fees Paid	0.00
Total Paid	0.00
Balance From Receipt	325.00

PER MONTH

FACILITY SALES RECEIPT

Receipt # 1217856
Payment Date: 12/12/2025
Household: 3647

Household Balance Information
Overall Household Balance Due

3,900.00 *TOTAL 2026*



January 01, 2026

JASS Watershed Administrators
Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission
3235 Fernbrook Lane
Plymouth, MN 55447

Bill Period: 12-01-2025 - 12-31-2025

General Matters
WMWA

Fees	1,175.00
Expenses	10.50
Total for this Bill	1,185.50
Previous Balance	0.00
Total Amount to Pay as of 01-01-2026	1,185.50

Town Law Center PLLP
1250 Wayzata Blvd E
Unit 1065
Wayzata, MN 55391

January 01, 2026

Bill Number: 1067

Bill Period: 12-01-2025 - 12-31-2025

RE: Multiple Matters

General Matters
WMWA

General Matters

Time Details

Date	Professional	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
12-01-2025	Troy Gilchrist	Review and respond to email from Judie regarding reporting requirements; review law regarding same	0.30	235.00	70.50
12-09-2025	Troy Gilchrist	Work on professional services agreement for web work; email exchange with Grace N regarding same	0.40	235.00	94.00/4
12-11-2025	Troy Gilchrist	Prepare for, travel to, and attend meeting;	1.70	235.00	399.50
12-15-2025	Troy Gilchrist	Continue to work on agreement for web design project; email same to Grace for review	1.10	235.00	258.50/4
Total					822.50

Time Summary

Professional	Hours	Rate	Amount
Troy Gilchrist	3.50	235.00	822.50
Total			822.50

Expenses

Date	Professional	Description	Amount
12-11-2025	Troy Gilchrist	Mileage to attend meeting	10.50
Total Expenses			10.50

WMWA

Time Details

Date	Professional	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
12-09-2025	Troy Gilchrist	Work on professional services agreement for web work; email exchange with Grace N regarding same	0.40	235.00	94.00
12-15-2025	Troy Gilchrist	Continue to work on agreement for web design project; email same to Grace for review	1.10	235.00	258.50

We appreciate your business

Page 2 of 3

Date	Professional	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
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WMWA Total 352.50

Time Summary

Professional	Hours	Rate	Amount
Troy Gilchrist	1.50	235.00	352.50
Total			352.50

Total for this Bill 1,185.50
 Previous Balance 0.00
Total Amount to Pay as of 01-01-2026 1,185.50

Outstanding Balance as of 01-01-2026

Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days	180+ Days	Total
1,185.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,185.50

SHINGLE CREEK LEGAL
 TOTAL \$ 480.50

Web Design Agreement for Watershed Commissions
 TOTAL \$ 352.50

→ ELM CREEK — \$ 88.13
 SHINGLE CREEK — \$ 88.13
 WEST MISS. — \$ 88.12
 PIONEER-SARAH CREEK — \$ 88.12

WMWA Web Design work
 TOTAL \$ 352.50

METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS



INVOICE

Attention: Amy Juntunen
 Elm Creek WMC
 3235 Fernbrook Lane N.
 Plymouth, MN 55447
 Date: 12/22/2025

WATERSHED
 PARTNERS

651-523-2371
swicklund02@hamline.edu

Metro Watershed Partners
 Hamline University CGEE
 1536 Hewitt Ave. MS-A1760
 Saint Paul, MN 55104

Project Title: Metro Watershed Partners

Description	Cost
2026 Membership: Watershed Partners and Adopt-a-Drain	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$500.00

Benefits of membership:

- You and your colleagues are invited to attend our **monthly meetings**, both in person and virtual, to network and share information with other watershed education professionals and to hear monthly speakers on topics relevant to our work. The Watershed Partners meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 9:30–11am.
- Join our **listserv on Mobilize** to receive meeting notifications and partner updates, message with other partners, and send announcements. To be added to Mobilize, please email Sofie Wicklund (swicklund02@hamline.edu) and request to be added.
- Portable **educational exhibits** are available for free checkout. More information available [here](#).
- Your organization is **listed as a supporting partner** on cleanwatermn.org/about-us, and on adopt-a-drain.org when someone clicks on a drain in your service area, and on email communication to adopters in your area.
- Clean Water MN is now the host of the [Low Salt, No Salt Minnesota Toolbox](#) and LSNS is an annual partner of [Winter Salt Week](#).
- Access to the [CWMN photo gallery](#) with hundreds of high-quality photographs. A new and improved digital resource library will be launched in early 2026.
- Access to an **Adopt-a-Drain administrative portal** that allows you to view and download data about adopted drains and program participants in your area. Log in at mn.adopt-a-drain.org/nova. Contact us if you do not already have admin access and would like to be added.
- A customized MS4-ready **annual report** that includes summary data about adopted drains and program participants in your area.
- Access to **print resources to promote Adopt-a-Drain** to residents in your area. View the most current marketing guide [here](#). Download promotional materials from the [Google Drive folder](#).
- For an additional fee, Adopt-a-Drain participants in your area can receive **yard signs and a printed "welcome kit"** in the mail.

Duration of service: January 1 - December 31st, 2026. Unspent funds will rollover to support program activities in 2027.

701 XENIA AVENUE S
 SUITE 300
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN
 55416



Elm Creek Watershed Mgmt Comm
 Attn: Diane Spector
 3235 Fernbrook Lane
 Plymouth, MN 55447

December 16, 2025
 Project/Invoice: R-031099-000 - 5
 Reviewed by: Anthony Havranek
 Project Manager: Mary Newman

2025-26 Fish Rice Carp Management

Professional Services from November 01, 2025 to November 30, 2025

Phase 001 Project Management and Permitting
 MN DNR Permit Aq. and Reporting

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Newman, Mary	1.50	147.00	220.50	
Totals	1.50		220.50	
Total Labor				220.50
		Total this Task		\$220.50
		Total this Phase		\$220.50

Phase 003 Population Estimate Fish Lake and Rice Lake
 Fish Lake & Rice Lake - Fall Carp CPUE survey & PIT tag/M/R event

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Newman, Mary	10.75	147.00	1,580.25	
Totals	10.75		1,580.25	
Total Labor				1,580.25
		Total this Task		\$1,580.25
		Total this Phase		\$1,580.25

Phase EXP Expenses
 Expenses

Reimbursable Expenses

Misc Reimbursable Expense				
9/30/2025 Newman, Mary	Plastic Storage bags for otolith collect		9.74	
Total Reimbursables			9.74	9.74
		Total this Task		\$9.74
		Total this Phase		\$9.74

Project	R-031099-000	ECWMC - 2025-26 Fish Rice Carp Managemen	Invoice	5
Billing Limits		Current	Prior	To-Date
Total Billings		1,810.49	18,465.25	20,275.74
Limit				54,789.00
Remaining				34,513.26
			Total this Invoice	<u>\$1,810.49</u>



INVOICE

Invoice Number 2474317
Invoice Date October 29, 2025
Purchase Order --
Customer Number 167501
Project Number 227705924

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	North Fork Rush Creek Remeander Feasibility		
Project Manager	Osterdyk, Eric J	Contract Upset	37,550.00
Current Invoice Total (USD)	374.50	Amount Billed to Date For Period Ending	37,111.00 October 20, 2025

Top Task	100	Remeander Project			
Low Task	100.05	Basis of Design Memorandum			
Professional Services					
Category/Employee			Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
		Spector, Diane F	1.75	214.00	374.50
		Subtotal Professional Services	<u>1.75</u>		<u>374.50</u>

Low Task Subtotal	Basis of Design Memorandum	374.50
Top Task Subtotal	Remeander Project	374.50
	Total Fees & Disbursements	<u>374.50</u>
	INVOICE TOTAL (USD)	374.50

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

Invoice Number 2502545
Invoice Date December 17, 2025
Purchase Order --
Customer Number 167501
Project Number 227706626

Bill To

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

EFT/ACH Remit To (Preferred)

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Alternative Remit To

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

Project Elm Creek Technical Services

Project Manager	Osterdyk, Eric J	Contract Upset	476,166.00
Current Invoice Total (USD)	2,980.75	Amount Billed to Date For Period Ending	407,232.18 December 5, 2025

Top Task 101 2025 General Services

Low Task 101 2025 General Services

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	0.25	139.00	34.75
Setnor, Lisa Marie	0.50	155.00	77.50
Ramirez-Delgado, Elizabeth A	1.00	163.00	163.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	3.50	176.00	616.00
Spector, Diane F	3.75	200.00	750.00
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>9.00</u>		<u>1,641.25</u>

Low Task Subtotal **2025 General Services** 1,641.25

Top Task Subtotal 2025 General Services 1,641.25

Top Task 201 2025 Pre-Reviews

Low Task 201.2025.034 Hassan Sand & Gravel, Rogers

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Osterdyk, Eric J	0.50	176.00	88.00
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>0.50</u>		<u>88.00</u>

Low Task Subtotal **Hassan Sand & Gravel, Rogers** 88.00

Low Task 201.2025.035 Gardner School, Maple Grove

Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Clapp, Lucas W	1.75	146.00	255.50

Invoice Number	2502545
Invoice Date	December 17, 2025
Purchase Order	—
Customer Number	167501
Project Number	227706626

Osterdyk, Eric J	1.25	176.00	220.00
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>3.00</u>		<u>475.50</u>

Low Task Subtotal **Gardner School, Maple Grove** 475.50

Low Task 201.2025.040 **Commerce Boulevard Development, Rogers**
Professional Services

Category/Employee	Current Hours	Rate	Current Amount
Trosper, Sophie A	4.00	139.00	556.00
Osterdyk, Eric J	1.25	176.00	220.00
Subtotal Professional Services	<u>5.25</u>		<u>776.00</u>

Low Task Subtotal **Commerce Boulevard Development, Rogers** 776.00

Top Task Subtotal 2025 Pre-Reviews 1,339.50

Total Fees & Disbursements	<u>2,980.75</u>
INVOICE TOTAL (USD)	2,980.75

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3235 Fernbrook Lane
Plymouth MN 55447

Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission
3235 Fernbrook Lane
Plymouth, MN 55447

1/6/2026

Total by
Project Area

Administrative	42.910	87.500	3,754.63	
Admin - Bookkeeping, audit, budget	10.050	87.500	879.38	
<i>Admin - bookkeeping Sage - annual renewal</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>784.400</i>	<i>0.00</i>	
Admin - offsite	3.650	102.500	374.13	
Handbook		87.500	0.00	
<i>Office Support</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>3,600.00</i>	
<i>Bookkeeping Subscription</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>	<i>120.00</i>	
<i>Storage Unit - .47</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>183.77</i>	<i>183.77</i>	
<i>Data E-Storage</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>70.32</i>	<i>70.32</i>	
Data Processing/File Mgmt	1.08	87.50	94.50	
File Management		87.50	0.00	
Archiving		87.50	0.00	
Reimbursables	211.84	1.00	211.84	9,288.555
Meals	181.520	1.00	181.52	181.520
Administrative - TAC Support		87.50	0.00	
Admin - TAC support		102.50	0.00	
TAC Support File Management		87.50	0.00	
TAC support - reimbursables		1.00	0.00	0.000
Website - reimbursables		1.00	0.00	
Website	2.68	87.50	234.50	
<i>Web Domain renewal GoDaddy</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>75.00</i>	<i>75.00</i>	
<i>Website - Zoom</i>		<i>1.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	309.500
Annual Report		87.50	0.00	
Work Plans		87.50	0.00	
Annual Reporting/Work Plans - reimbursables		1.00	0.00	0.000
Project Reviews - Admin -	9.89	87.50	865.38	
Project Reviews - Admin Project Specific	10.40	87.50	910.00	910.00
Project Reviews - Admin offsite		102.50	0.00	
Project Reviews - Admin - File Mgmt		87.50	0.00	
<i>Drop Box Subscription</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>120.00</i>	<i>120.00</i>	
Project Reviews - reimbursables	87.18	1.00	87.18	1,072.555
				11,762.130

To: Elm Creek WMO Commissioners/TAC

From: Eric Osterdyk, PE
Diane Spector
Judie Anderson

Date: January 7, 2026

Subject: Draft 2026 Work Plan

**Recommended
Commission Action**

Discuss and revise as desired and adopt as printed, with revisions, or carry over to the February 11, 2026 meeting.

Attached is the proposed work plan for 2026, organized by Fourth Gen Plan goal areas. Many of the items on this list are routine, but some are special projects or studies. Highlights include:

- The Watershed -wide TMDL Ten Year Review has been underway in 2024-35 with data analysis of progress to date and additional lake and stream monitoring. This study will be completed by summer 2026.
- Several BWSR Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) activities are in implementation in 2026, including ag BMPs, the Fish and Rice Lake Fish Management Plan, and various BMPs in the City of Dayton, including a feasibility study for the proposed Diamond Lake Internal Load Project.
- We will continue to partner with WMWA and Hennepin County on enhanced education and outreach, with leadership and assistance from the shared outreach coordinator. In previous years the Commission sponsored two shoreline restoration/resilient yards workshops on Fish Lake with the shared coordinator and Metro Blooms as part of the WBIF funding.
- Chloride management is a priority topic, and work is underway to develop a chloride management plan jointly with the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi WMOs to refine the problem geospatially; identify the different stakeholders and their actions and messages; and establish goals and options for implementation. Work is expected to be complete by this fall.
- Admin staff will update the Commissioners’ Handbook and make it available on the updated website for ease in keeping it current.

2026 Work Plan

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. 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 Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan identifies issues, priorities, and goals for the ten-year period 2026-2035. The Annual Work Plan is a more detailed set of actions the Commission undertakes to work toward meeting those goals.

Priority 1: Protect, maintain, and improve the water quality and ecological integrity of the water and natural resources within the watersheds and the downstream receiving waters.

Goals:

- A. Reduce summer average TP concentration in Diamond Lake to 90 ug/L or better and improve TP, chl-a and clarity in Rice Lake by 10% from the 2013-2024 summer averages.
- B. Achieve stable or improving water quality (TP, chl-a and clarity in lakes and TP and TSS in streams) where there is sufficient data available to determine a trend.

Strategies:

- a. Administer rules and standards to reduce pollutant loading
- b. Share in their cost and seek grant funds for priority TMDL and other implementation projects
- c. Monitor lakes and streams
- d. Periodically review progress

2026 WATER QUALITY ACTIVITIES

Special Studies

1. 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.*
2. Work together with the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi WMOs to complete work on the Joint Chloride Management Plan, funded by a BWSR Accelerated Implementation Grant. *Use the*

geospatial data collected in 2025 to develop strategic actions for implementation in 2026 and later years.

3. 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.*

Implementation

4. 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 Watershed-Based Implementation Funding to these implementation efforts. The Commission will also coordinate with the City of Dayton on ongoing project and studies in the Diamond Creek subwatershed, including a feasibility study for internal load management on Diamond Lake.*

Monitoring

5. 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, Jubert and French, and either Dubay or Laura if they can be accessed) and two stream sites (Rush Creek at CR 116 and CR 101) will be monitored.*
6. Fund monitoring of lakes through Metropolitan Council's Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). *One lake will be monitored through CAMP in 2026, depending on volunteers.*
7. Continue to operate the monitoring station in Champlin in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS). *This will be ongoing in 2026.*
8. Promote watershed stewardship through Hennepin County's Watershed Connections program. *Hennepin County has resumed the program, but participation is in ongoing discussion.*

Agricultural Outreach

9. 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.*

Priority 2: Reduce stormwater runoff rates and volumes to limit flood risk, protect conveyance systems to limit erosion, protect surficial groundwater, and reduce or mitigate impacts that have already occurred.

Goals:

- A. Maintain the current flood profile of Elm Creek and tributaries.
- B. Achieve no net increase in runoff volume or rates of discharge from development and redevelopment to reduce potential for flooding, erosive velocities and streambank erosion.
- C. Foster groundwater recharge.

Strategies:

- a. Administer rules and standards to maintain or reduce the rates and volumes of runoff,
- b. Track new rates and volumes of runoff.
- c. Identify opportunities for additional storage and abstraction in the watershed.

2026 WATER QUANTITY ACTIVITIES

- 10. Continue to track new volumes and rates of runoff and any floodplain encroachment without compensating storage. *This is an ongoing activity in 2026.*

Priority 3: Educate and engage all stakeholders in the watersheds on surface water issues and opportunities.

Goals:

- A. Increase awareness of water resources in the watershed and create and support advocates willing to protect and preserve those resources.
- B. Provide opportunities for youth, family and adult education and participation.

Strategies:

- a. Provide general public education and outreach program with special emphasis on topics such as chloride, bacteria/pet waste, and nutrient management.
- b. Provide supplemental education and outreach on TMDLs.
- c. Continue to work cooperatively with other WMOs and agencies in the West Metro Water Alliance (WMWA) to provide joint education and outreach.
- d. Work towards a WMWA full-time dedicated shared staff member.

2026 Education and Outreach Activities

11. 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.*
12. Sponsor Lakeshore/Resilient Yard Workshops as part of the Commission's Education and Public Outreach Program. The workshops are presented by Metro Blooms. ***In 2026 the geographic focus area is again proposed to be Fish Lake. [Diamond Lake?]***
13. 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.*

Priority 4: Anticipate and proactively work to withstand adverse impacts from changing land use/cover and environmental and climate conditions.

Goals:

- A. Assist member cities in understanding and implementing options for enhancing watershed resiliency.

Strategies:

- a. Model and assess the potential impacts of land use/cover change climate on water resources
- b. Quantify and qualitatively assess risk and evaluate and implement responses for mitigation.
- c. Develop and implement strategies to appropriately manage future impacts.

2026 Resilience Activities

14. Stay abreast of current research and planning requirements. *This is an ongoing activity in 2026.*

General Operations

15. 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, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approve the Plan. *In January 2026 the Commission will adopt the final plan.*
16. 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.*

17. Provide City and Partnership Cost Share funding to support small projects as requested. *These programs are continuously open until funds are depleted.*
18. 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.*
19. 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.*
20. 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.*
21. Adopt a 2027 operating budget. *A Budget Committee will draft a 2027 operating budget for consideration by the Commission in May 2026.*
22. Prepare a 2025 Audit Report. *This report will be prepared by Johnson and Company, LTD and forwarded to BWSR per MN Rule 8410.*
23. 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.*
24. Publish an annual activity report summarizing the Commission's yearly activities and financial reporting. *The 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>.*

To: Elm Creek WMO Commissioners
Elm Creek WMO TAC Members

From: Eric Osterdyk, PE, CFM

Date: January 7, 2026

Subject: 2026 Annual CIP and Cost Share Planning

Recommended TAC/ Commission Action	Review and discuss.
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The Commission revised its Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of the Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan. The CIP typically is reviewed each year and amended as necessary to add, delete, or amend projects as opportunities arise, priorities change, or costs are re-evaluated. Note that the CIP is considered in two ways, The “CIP” is a list of all the *potential* projects the Commission and cities *might undertake* over the 10 year planning period and is usually organized in five-year increments. The “Annual CIP” is the list of proposed projects the Commission and cities *will be considering this year*.

The full current CIP is attached. The Fourth Generation Plan allows the Commissions to reschedule projects from year to year without going through a formal amendment process, and to revise the costs or scope of projects as more information becomes known. However, *adding* projects to the CIP requires a Minor Plan Amendment (MPA). This is a multistep process that involves notifying various parties, allowing for a comment period, holding a public meeting to discuss the amendment, and if it involves the capital levy, approval by Hennepin County. This process can take 2-3 months. The Annual CIP process begins early in the year since Hennepin County considers CIP MPA’s and maximum levy requests in June- July of each year.

Table 2 Column 2026 shows what we know are potential projects for this year’s Annual CIP for levy certification in September. *If there are any additional projects to be added for 2026 (which will be levied in 2027), notify staff ASAP so we can get things rolling.*

Cost Share Programs

Just a reminder as cities are considering potential improvements for 2026 that the Cost Share programs currently are carrying significant balances. The Cost Share programs are targeted at small projects (typically under \$100,000-200,000) and application can be considered at any time. Guidelines and applications can be requested from Judie.

Table 1. Estimated encumbered balances as of 11/30/2025, including levy funds expected 2025.

Watershed	City Cost Share	Partnership	Closed Projects
Elm Creek	\$264,373	\$143,386	\$278,516

Table 2. Fourth Generation Plan CIP.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2035
Watershed-wide Programs							
<i>City Cost Share Program</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy			100,000		100,000		300,000
Local Contribution			100,000		100,000		300,000
<i>Partnership Cost Share Program</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy			50,000		50,000		150,000
Local Contribution							
Rush Creek Subwatershed (Rush Creek, South Fork Rush Creek, Jubert Lake, Henry Lake)							
Capital Projects							
<i>Lake Internal Load Improvement</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy						100,000	
Local Contribution						0	
<i>Storage/Infiltration Project</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy							800,000
Local Contribution							0
<i>Rush Creek Hollow to Fernbrook Ln</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy	200,000						
Local Contribution	600,000						
<i>South Fork Rush, south of 101st</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy				750,000			
Local Contribution				2,250,000			
<i>Stream Project</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy							125,000
Local Contribution							375,000

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2035
<i>Special Studies</i>							
<i>Subwatershed Storage and Infiltration SWA</i>							
Commission Contribution-Other				50,000			
Other				0			
Diamond Creek Subwatershed (Diamond Creek, Diamond Lake, French Lake)							
<i>Capital Projects</i>							
<i>Diamond Lake Internal Load Improvement</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy	330,000	330,000					
Local Contribution	0	0					
<i>Lake Internal Load Improvement Project-</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy					300,000		
Local Contribution					0		
<i>Stream Project</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy							125,000
Local Contribution							375,000
<i>Special Studies</i>							
<i>Diamond Lake Neighborhood BMPs</i>							
Commission Contribution-Other	108,000						
Local Contribution	12,000						
Elm Creek Subwatershed (Elm Creek, Weaver Lake, Rice Lake, Fish Lake, Hayden Lake, Mill Pond, Other Lakes)							
<i>Capital Projects</i>							
<i>Lake Internal Load Project</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy			300,000				300,000
Local Contribution			0				0
<i>Rice Lake Trail and Shoreline Restoration</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy					200,000		
Local Contribution					600,000		

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2035
<i>Storage/ Infiltration Project</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy					400,000		
Local Contribution					0		
<i>Elm Creek Stream Project</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy							125,000
Local Contribution							375,000
<i>Reconstruct Bridge at Cartway and Elm Creek</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy		250,000					
Local Contribution		1,910,000					
<i>Brockton Ln WQ Improvements</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy						50,000	
Local Contribution						150,000	
<i>Special Studies</i>							
<i>Fish and Rice Lakes Carp Management</i>							
Commission Contribution-Other	50,000	100,000					
Other	0	0					
<i>Subwatershed Storage and Infiltration SWA</i>							
Commission Contribution-Other					50,000		
Other					0		
Crow River Subwatershed (Cowley Lake, Sylvan Lake, Lake Laura, Fox Creek)							
<i>Capital Projects -none</i>							
<i>Special Studies -none</i>							

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2035
Stormwater BMP Projects							
<i>Capital Projects</i>							
<i>Corcoran Street Sweeper</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy	100,000						
Local Contribution	300,000						
<i>Maple Grove Street Sweeper</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy		100,000					
Local Contribution		300,000					
<i>Agricultural BMPs</i>							
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy			150,000			150,000	200,000
Commission Contribution-Other	175,000						0
Local Contribution							
Other Watershed-Wide							
<i>Special Study-Flood Resiliency Modeling</i>							
Commission Contribution-Other			100,000				
Local Contribution							
<i>5th Generation Plan</i>							
Commission Contribution-Other		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	40,000
Local Contribution							
TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	\$1,875,000	\$3,000,000	\$810,000	\$3,060,000	\$1,810,000	\$450,000	\$3,590,000
Commission Contribution-Capital Levy	630,000	680,000	600,000	750,000	1,050,000	200,000	2,125,000
Commission Contribution-Other	333,000	110,000	110,000	60,000	60,000	10,000	40,000
Local/Other Contribution	912,000	2,210,000	100,000	2,250,000	700,000	250,000	1,425,000

December 18, 2025

Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission
c/o Judie Anderson, Administrator
3235 Fernbrook Lane
Plymouth, MN 55447

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I am pleased to inform you that the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) has approved the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission (ECWMC) Watershed Management Plan (Plan) at its regular meeting held on December 18, 2025. For your records I have enclosed a copy of the signed Board Order that documents approval of the Plan. Please be advised that the ECWMC must adopt and implement the Plan within 120 days of the date of the Order, in accordance with MN Statutes 103B.231, Subd. 10.

The commissioners, consultants, advisory committee members, and all others involved in the planning process are to be commended for their work on developing the Plan. With continued implementation of your Plan, the protection and management of the water resources within the watershed will be greatly enhanced to the benefit of the residents. The Board looks forward to working with you as you implement this Plan and document its outcomes.

Please contact Board Conservationist, Jen Dullum at 651-308-6956, jen.dullum@state.mn.us, or at the central office address for further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Todd Holman
Chair

Enclosure
cc's on next page

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Abby Shea, MDH (via email)
Megan Moore, DNR (via email)
Katie Kowalczyk, DOT (via email)
Maureen Hoffman, Met Council (via email)
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Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

In the Matter of the review of the Watershed Management Plan for the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231, Subdivision 9.

ORDER
APPROVING
A WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission (Commission) submitted a Watershed Management Plan (Plan) on September 29, 2025, to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231, Subd. 9, and;

Whereas, the Board has completed its review of the Plan;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. **Watershed Management Organization Establishment.** The Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission (Commission) was formed on February 1, 1973, through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with all or part of the following seven communities: Champlin, Corcoran, Dayton, Maple Grove, Medina, Plymouth, and Rogers. The Commission adopted their first Watershed Plan in 1983.
2. **Authority of Plan.** The Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act requires the preparation of a watershed management plan for the subject watershed area which meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Sections 103B.201 to 103B.251. The current Commission watershed management plan was approved by Board Order on September 23, 2015. Subsequently, the Commission completed one minor amendment between 2015 and 2025.
3. **Nature of the Watershed.** The Commission is located exclusively in Hennepin County in the northwest portion of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. It is bound by the Mississippi and Crow Rivers to the north, on the east by the West Mississippi and Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions, on the south by Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and on the west by the Pioneer–Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission. The Elm Creek watershed covers approximately 131 square miles. There are 22 lakes and four major streams in the Elm Creek watershed. The watershed predominantly drains directly to the Mississippi River with a small portion immediately tributary to the Crow River. The watershed continues to be influenced by agriculture with some high-density housing and commercial developments in the cities along the I-94 corridor.
4. **Plan Development and Review.** On March 29, 2024, the Commission sent notification of initiation of the planning process for the 2026-2035 Watershed Management Plan (Plan) to the plan review agencies and other parties as required by MR 8410, and solicited each agency’s priority issues, summaries of relevant water management goals, and water resource information. An initial planning meeting was hosted by the Board of Commissioners on June 12, 2024. Regular meetings were held with the Technical Advisory Committee and

between April and May 2025 established commissions from each of the seven member cities were provided opportunity to meet with Commission staff and review and comment on the plan. A public input survey was also conducted.

The draft Plan was submitted to the Board, other state agencies, and local governments for the formal 60-day review on June 16, 2025, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231 Subd. 7. The Commission prepared a written response to the 60-day comments, sent their responses to reviewers on August 27, 2025, and then held a public hearing on September 10, 2025. The Commission made revisions to the Plan to address the comments received and then approved the final draft Plan for final review by State Review Agencies and BWSR approval and submitted it to the Board on September 29, 2025. Comments received during the 90-day review period indicated that most reviewers did not have additional comments, however the Minnesota Department of Health recommended that additional comments be addressed, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources had two non-critical editorial comments.

5. **Local Review.** The Commission distributed copies of the draft Plan to local units of government for their review pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231 Subd. 7. Hennepin County provided comments that were addressed by the Commission, which included clarifying text and provided reference to resiliency planning tools.
6. **Metropolitan Council (Council) Review.** During the 60-day review, the Council commended the Commission for developing a watershed management plan that includes an inventory of its land and water resources, prioritization of issues, associated goals, and strategies to address its most important resources through a scientific approach, and applauded the Commission's Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Plan. They also acknowledged the Commission's commitment to addressing needs within the agricultural areas and dedicating Watershed Based Implementation Funding to implementation. The Council questioned how measurable progress and success will be defined for Priority 1, Goal 1. They also informed the Commission of the Council's technical memo on groundwater and suggested ensuring the plan is Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. The Council also attached an unofficial letter noting inconsistencies and typographical errors. During the 90-day review, the Council felt the updates made to the plan addressed concerns and did not have any additional comments.
7. **Department of Agriculture (MDA) Review.** The MDA did not provide formal comment.
8. **Department of Health (MDH) Review.** During the 60-day review, MDH commended the watershed for exceeding minimum water protection standards and noted appreciated that the plan was written in plain language and was well-organized and easy to understand and navigate. MDH commented that the plan should recognize that the watershed lies upstream of Minneapolis and St. Paul's drinking water intakes and recommends including more information about groundwater—addressing both quality and quantity—to fully meet requirements and protect drinking water sources. MDH also suggested encouraging local governments to manage potential contaminant sources continuously, especially in high-priority areas identified in updated Source Water Assessments. They stated that climate and resiliency planning should account for effects on both surface and groundwater. Lastly, MDH noted minor data errors and unclear language in the appendices, particularly in the Topography, Geology, and Infiltration sections. During the 90-day review, MDH noted that many of their comments had been addressed, but not all. The noted remaining incorrect geologic information in the Appendix, two 60-day comments that were not formally addressed, and they hoped to see groundwater incorporated more fully into the plan and with more consideration given to private wells in the context of climate change. They recommend addressing outstanding comments during a future plan amendment.
9. **Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Review.** During the 60-day review, the DNR provided suggestions and clarifications around public water basins, shoreland classifications and the Mississippi River Critical Corridor Area, DNR LakeFinder, work requiring a DNR Waters Permit, and 100-year flood events. During the 90-day review, DNR indicated that they felt the draft Plan satisfactorily addressed their comments. They did question if

climate change was missing from the numeric list of priority issues and suggested more description around the environmental justice area.

10. **Pollution Control Agency (PCA) Review.** During the 60-day review, several of the PCA comments revolved around measuring progress and setting quantifiable (numeric) goals to evaluate Plan success. Suggestions for a number of clarifications and additions were made for many of the waterbodies listed in the Plan and creating a table of actions was mentioned to track projects, pollutant reductions, and funding. Adding additional emphasis on engagement with underrepresented communities, adding agricultural outreach goals, and strengthening chloride reduction strategies were also stated. PCA applauded the resilience and adaptation summary but wondered if the two climate and resiliency sections—one under goals and actions and one under implementation—could be combined into one section and made into more clear actions. PCA also recommended that the Plan update provide an opportunity to include Tribal influence in the area and more demographic information. During the 90-day review, the PCA noted that they had no additional comments.
11. **Department of Transportation (DOT) Review.** The DOT did not provide formal comment.
12. **Board Review.** During the 60-day review, Board staff thanked the Commission for hosting various Plan development meetings, noted appreciation of the inclusion of priorities related to chloride pollution, climate resiliency and sustainability, agricultural best management practices, and education, and noted that the Plan was well written and utilized plain language. Board staff suggested updating the draft Plan date to 2026-2035 since the plan would likely go before the Board near the end of 2025. Staff also had comments on how priority issues were identified and prioritized, on goal measurability and progress evaluation, and a few other comments to help bring the plan into conformance with Minnesota Statutes Sections 103B.201 to 103B.251 and Minnesota Rules 8410. Staff also sent unofficial typographical, grammatical, and formatting comments. Staff felt the Plan was revised as necessary to provide required Plan content.
13. **Plan Summary.** The Commission has identified water quality, quantity, education, and changing land use/climate as its highest priorities. The Plan sets six watershed-wide and two resource-specific goals to address these priorities. The updated Plan will build on previous success through the continuation of several activities and introduction of new activities such as recently adopted updated Rules and Standards. Other programs include lake and stream monitoring, expanded education and outreach, funding for Best Management Practices and the Capital Improvement Program. The Plan also includes a four-phase climate resiliency and sustainability strategy.

Fourth Generation Management Plan Priorities

- Protect, maintain, and improve the water quality and ecological integrity of the water and natural resources within the watersheds and the downstream receiving waters.
 - Reduce stormwater runoff rates and volumes to limit flood risk, protect conveyance systems, protect surficial groundwater, and reduce or mitigate impacts that have already occurred.
 - Educate and engage all stakeholders in the watersheds on surface water issues and opportunities.
 - Anticipate and proactively work to withstand adverse impacts from changing land use/cover and environmental and climate conditions.
14. **Central Region Committee Meeting.** On December 8, 2025, the Board's Central Region Committee and staff met in St. Paul and online to review and discuss the final Plan. Those in attendance from the Board's committee Joe Collins (in-person), Jill Crafton (online), Jayne Hager Dee (in-person), Mark Zabel (online), Lori Cox (online), Joel Larson (online), Steve Robertson (in-person), Grant Wilson (online). Board staff in attendance were Marcey Westrick (Central Regional Manager, in-person), Jen Dullum (Board Conservationist, in-person). Others in attendance included Diane Spector (Stantec - Commission Staff, online) who provided highlights of the Plan and process and responded to comments. After presentation and discussion, the committee recommended approval of the Plan to the full Board.

CONCLUSIONS

1. All relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law and rule have been fulfilled.
2. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving the Watershed Management Plan for the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission (ECWMC) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231, Subd. 9.
3. The ECWMC Watershed Management Plan, attached to this Order, defines the water and water-related problems within the Commission’s boundaries, possible solutions thereto, and an implementation program through 2035.
4. The attached Plan is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Sections 103B.201 to 103B.251.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the attached Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission Watershed Management Plan submitted on September 29, 2025.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 18th day of December 2025.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES



Todd Holman, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: 12/18/2025

To: Elm Creek WMO Commissioners

From: Eric Osterdyk, PE
Diane Spector

Date: January 7, 2026

Subject: Adopt Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan

**Recommended
Commission Action**

Approve the attached resolution adopting the Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan.

The Commission has completed its Fourth Generation Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.231, which sets out the watershed management plan process for Metro area Watershed Management Organizations (WMOs). On December 18, 2025 received approval from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). The Board’s approval letter and Board action are attached. A resolution adopting the Plan is also attached for consideration and approval.

The new plan covers the period 2026-2035 and includes revised and new goals and strategies and a new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Implementation Plan. Some highlights include:

- “Stays the course” – continuing to implement development Rules; the monitoring and education and outreach programs; and CIP and cost share programs.
- Includes a special focus on Diamond and Rice Lakes with several actions to work toward meeting specific water quality targets.
- Continues the partnership with Hennepin County on outreach to agricultural and rural properties, including cost share for voluntary BMPs
- Continues to expand education and outreach efforts and work with other WMOs in the area toward a shared full-time WMWA education and outreach coordinator
- Proposes to develop a Climate Resilience and Sustainability Study – completing a vulnerability assessment and developing adaptation strategies. This study will focus on Commission concerns as well as compliment the climate resilience analyses and implementation actions that will be required by the Met Council in city 2050 Comprehensive Plans.

The Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan can be found at <https://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/watershed-management-plan.html>

ELM CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

Adopting Its Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission is the Watershed Management Organization responsible for preparing a watershed plan for the Elm Creek Watershed, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103B.231; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared such a watershed plan entitled *Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission Fourth Generation Watershed Management Plan*, (hereinafter the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 130B.231; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2025, the Plan was approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the period 2026-2035; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that adoption of the Plan is in accordance with the requirements of law and in the best interests of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission as follows:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted in accordance with Minn Stat. § 103B.231, Subd. 10.
2. The Administrator is directed to transmit a copy of the Plan to the clerks of all member communities together with a letter expressing the gratitude of the Commission for the assistance of the communities in preparing and reviewing the Plan and advising the communities of their obligation to adopt and amend local water management plans in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 103B.235.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission this fourteenth day of January, 2026.

Doug Baines, Chair

ATTEST:

Judie A. Anderson, Recording Secretary

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN**

I, Judie A. Anderson, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the Board of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the Board of said Commission at a regular meeting thereof held on the fourteenth day of January, 2026, at 11:30 a.m., that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this fourteenth day of January, 2026.

(NO SEAL)

Judie A. Anderson
Recording Secretary

Dear West Metro Water Alliance partners,

January 7, 2026

Happy 2026! We continue to make steady progress on WMWA projects and to advance our shared education and outreach efforts. Below is an update on current initiatives, next steps, and recent activity.

Chloride Reduction Campaign. Outreach has begun to the facilities already recommended by partners. As a reminder, I first requested facility recommendations in October, and I am still waiting to receive lists from several watersheds (Bassett, Elm, Shingle, and West Mississippi). Because capacity is limited this year, watershed and/or city staff recommendations are essential for ensuring consultations occur in the areas where they are most needed. Winter is moving quickly, so please send your recommendations as soon as you are able. Your support in identifying priority sites is greatly appreciated and helps ensure we can offer this service where it will have the most impact.

Youth Stormwater Education Work. No major updates at this time. Classrooms will begin Watershed Connections programming this spring.

Communications Work. The January [media kit](#) was shared with partners yesterday. This media kit offers information on the water quality and additional environmental benefits of preserving and protecting terrestrial and aquatic habitats, using beavers as an example. It also includes recommendations to reduce damage related to beaver activities. On Tuesday, I will share the draft 2026 communications plan and take questions. After that, partners will have two weeks to review and comment, with the goal of finalizing the plan following the February WMWA meeting.

Parkers Lake Chloride Reduction Project. We continue working with Bolton & Menk to implement recommended practices at four target properties. Consultations have been completed at all facilities in the northern subwatershed with on-site salt storage. This winter, our focus will be to implement site and equipment upgrades and host Smart Salting trainings.

Eagle Lake and Fish Lake Shoreline/Yard Restoration Projects. No major updates. Metro Blooms and Blue Thumb have completed and distributed restoration designs to participating residents. Letters of intent have been shared, and I continue to encourage implementation. For residents who attended last year's workshops, stipend contracts are being sent out, with one already fully signed. For a larger project identified on Fish Lake, ECWMC is interested in partial funding. We are working with the property owner, watershed staff, and Hennepin County to finalize cost-share agreements and plan for spring 2026 implementation.

RBWMO and BCWMC Multi-Family Housing Project Planning (2026–2027). We have met with RBWMO and BCWMC staff to discuss potential project sites and engagement strategies for 2026. Staff will be re-engaged in January to continue planning.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. I look forward to connecting at the WMWA meeting next week!

Thank you,

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STAFF REPORT | January 6, 2026

✓**2014-015 Rogers Drive Extension, Rogers.** This project involves improvements along Rogers Drive from Vevea Lane to Brockton Lane. The Commission approved the site plan contingent upon the City deferring 4.6 lbs. of phosphorus for treatment in future ponding opportunities as the easterly corridor of Rogers Drive develops. 2.3 lbs. will be accounted for in the Kinghorn Spec. Building site plan, with 2.3 lbs. still outstanding. This item will remain on the report until the total deferral is used. No updates as of September 22, 2025.

✓**2016-005W Ravinia Wetland Replacement Plan, Corcoran.** In 2016, the Commission approved Staff's recommendations on this wetland replacement plan. Barr Engineering has been providing monitoring to ensure the replacement meets the performance standards of the approved plans. The Commission initially held both replacement and monitoring escrows. In February 2025, the replacement escrow (\$292,000) was reduced in amount to \$100,000. The original monitoring escrow, \$30,000, was depleted in May of 2024. Since that time, Barr has invoiced the Commission for their expenses, which have been paid directly by the Commission. The Commission, in turn, invoices Lennar for those expenses.

The Commission has received a copy of the August 2025 Ravinia Wetland Delineation Report from Barr Engineering, along with a letter dated September 23, 2025, addressed to Lennar Corporation from Mallory Gross of the Army Corps. of Engineers. [Both of these documents may be found on the Commission's website [https://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/minutes--meeting-packets.html/Ravinia Documents](https://www.elmcreekwatershed.org/minutes--meeting-packets.html/Ravinia_Documents).] In her letter, Gross states, in part, that the Ravinia site is currently not meeting the mitigation conditions of the wetland permit. She further states that no further review of the site can take place until the two outstanding items listed in her letter are resolved. A response to her letter is requested within 60 calendar days of the date of the letter.

Tony Kaster, Stantec, provided a written description of additional documentation needed for the Ravinia site on September 14, 2025. Barr estimated that the cost to conduct another round of vegetation monitoring, prepare a modified monitoring report, and make minor adjustments to the wetland delineation report will be up to \$3,000. This estimate was administratively approved. Barr will conduct the monitoring on September 24, 2025 and provide the monitoring report and delineation report revisions by early/mid October.

Response by Karen Wold, Barr Engineering, on September 26: The last monitoring report that we prepared was based on the 2023 growing season. That was the sixth monitoring report. Note that we had initially planned on only five years of monitoring. During the spring 2024 agency site review, and Spring 2025 virtual meeting, agency reps agreed the six years of monitoring was sufficient. They just asked for a final wetland delineation report, which Barr provided in August 2025. The delineation report identified that there was still significant vegetation management that was needed to meet vegetation performance standards. Lennar hired RES to conduct vegetation management, which began in August 2025 after the delineation field work was completed.

During the August 21, 2025, site review, agency representatives said they needed another monitoring report, which I completed last week. I will need to calculate the areas based on current vegetation status and prepare the report. The reason for this additional monitoring is because there was no vegetation management on invasive species at the site between 2022 and 2025. So, the 2023 monitoring data no longer documented current conditions. The monitoring that I conducted last week accounts for the invasive species that RES killed in August and September

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2025, so I will calculate the areas that meet vegetation performance standards to determine the credits achieved based on current conditions.

Wetland 3 is so dominated by invasive species that they are not even trying to do any vegetation management in that area now. So, they will not get any credit for that wetland.

On September 30, 2025, Kevin Mattson confirmed that the City is holding a LOC surety in the amount of \$362,000 specific to the wetland mitigation permit.

Update from Karen Wold, November 4, 2025:

On October 29, 2025, Barr submitted the 2025 modified monitoring report and the updated 2025 wetland delineation report to the WCA LGU and the USACE for the Ravinia project-specific wetland replacement/mitigation site.

We identified a total of 2.7180 credits achieved based on the updated wetland delineation, in areas that meet hydrology and vegetation performance standards after the 2025 invasive vegetation treatments as documented on September 24, 2025. This assumes that the treated vegetation is dead and does not return and/or vegetation will continue to be managed to maintain current conditions. It also assumes that the overall vegetation performance standards are sufficient, even if vegetation plot performance standards are not all met. Note also, that that future overseeding of native species may be needed to cover bare areas resulting from invasive species control. In addition, control of invasive species is needed to maintain compliance with the requirements of the recorded Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants associated with the wetland replacement.

The residential project resulted in 1.22 acres of wetland impacts, which required 2.44 credits of replacement/mitigation. Therefore, the current 2.7180 credits, if acceptable to the WCA LGU and the USACE, are sufficient to provide the required replacement/mitigation for the project impacts.

The reports submitted on October 29, 2025 will be reviewed by the WCA LGU and the USACE. Barr recommends waiting for documentation of compliance from the WCA LGU and the USACE before releasing escrow or surety.

✓2017-050W Ernie Mayers Wetland/floodplain violation, Corcoran. The City of Corcoran contacted the Commission in 2017 concerning drainage complaints on Mayers’ property. TEPs were held to assess the violations and a restoration order was issued to Mayers. In 2018, an appeal of the restoration order was received by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. BWSR placed an order of abeyance (stay) on the appeal, seeking resolution between the LGU and Mayers. In 2021, the parties came to an agreement to resolve the violation which was signed by BWSR, Corcoran and Mayers. The Commission has not been provided with a copy of the agreement and the agreement does not resolve the Commission’s floodplain fill issue from the wetland work. Staff sent correspondence to that effect to Mayers on February 1, 2022, requesting an application and site plan. No WCA or floodplain compliance actions have been taken by Mayers or the City. Once the Commission is informed by the LGU of how the violations will be resolved, Staff can follow up on the outstanding Elm Creek floodplain issues. The City continues to work to resolve this item that was originally in the purview of the Commission as the WCA LGU administrator for Corcoran at the time. Other agencies including BWSR/DNR/Hennepin County Environmental/Army Corps and possibly others have also been involved. On April 14, 2025, the City of Corcoran noted that in February 2025 it had responded to BWSR regarding the breach of terms of settlement agreement and stipulation for dismissal.

✓2018-046 Graco Expansion, Rogers. This project is the expansion of an existing building. The site is located in an area that has regional ponding provided for rate control purposes, but must account for water quality and abstraction requirements on-site prior to discharging offsite. The Commission granted approval in October 2018 conditioned on: (1) submit a SWPPP plan meeting requirements, (2) clarify maintenance responsibilities for the iron enhanced sand filter, and (3) a letter from the City stating their intentions to provide the water quality deficit in an

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upcoming project. This item will remain on the Staff report until the water quality deficit has been made up. No updates as of September 22, 2025. *On December 9, City staff reported no new updates.*

✓**2020-009 Stetler Barn, Medina.** This site disturbs approximately 3.5 acres. Because of the limited available space for pasture, paddocks and land application of manure, understanding how these components will be managed was an important part of the review. In May 2020 the Commission approved this project contingent upon: (1) the landowner continuing to work with the U of M Extension Office and Hennepin County Rural Conservationist to finalize composting, pasture and paddock management plans and (2) a long-term pond/basin operation and maintenance plan and agreement with the City of Medina being approved by the City and the Commission. The agreement must be recorded on the land title with a copy of the recorded agreement provided to the Commission.

✓**2021-034 BAPS Temple, Medina.** In October 2025 the City advised Staff to reconcile the escrow.

✓**2022-006 Hamel Townhomes, Medina.** The escrow balance remains unpaid. *Dusty Finke will contact the applicant and the property owner regarding the outstanding escrow.*

✓**2022-018 Big Woods, Rogers.** This site is approximately 72.1 acres, with 61.0 acres being disturbed. The project will create 207 residential lots and include 23.6 acres of impervious surface after development. Staff findings dated June 1, 2022, were approved at the June meeting conditioned on: (1) reconciliation of the escrow fee balance; (2) receipt of a wetland alteration plan approved by the WCA LGU [the City]; and (3) approval by the City of the O&M plan with what is shown on the plan; (4) provide Notice of Decision forms from BWSR for Wetlands 2, 4, and 5 to confirm that wetland mitigation measures are not needed and that the wetlands are incidental; and (5) submit finalized construction plans prior to construction of the proposed buildings and parking lots. *Conditions having been met, this project will be closed out upon reconciliation of the escrow.*

✓**2022-040 Karineimi Meadows, Corcoran.** This 125-acre parcel in the southeast quadrant of the CR 10 and 19 intersection is proposed to be subdivided into ten large single family residential lots. The project will consist of constructing Chaparral Lane south of CR 10 with its associated drainage and stormwater basins into the site. Lot grading improvements will be customized and occur as the homes are built. Revised information and a recommendation for approval was provided to the Commission at their December 2022 meeting. The Commission approved this project contingent upon: (1) Ponds 3 and 4 filter volume drawdown rates being designed for a 1.0"/hour drawdown rate, or if the existing rate of 1.8"/hour is used, the 48-hour drawdown must be field-verified after construction; (2) an approved and recorded O&M agreement for the stormwater ponds being recorded on the property; (3) the escrow balance being reconciled; and (4) the City follow the Commission's recommended livestock management policy. Condition 1 will be verified by the applicant post-construction. A copy of the O&M agreement has been provided. On April 14, 2025, the City noted the drawdown test still needs to be completed. *The Commission received the test results on November 3, 2025. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.*

✓**2022-043 Meander Park and Boardwalk, Medina.** *This project is under construction. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.*

✓**2023-01 Chankahda Trail Reconstruction Phase 2, Plymouth.** Hennepin County and the City of Plymouth are proposing to reconstruct approximately four miles of Chankahda Trail over Peony Lane/Maple Grove Parkway to roughly 100 feet east of Vicksburg Lane. This project was approved with two conditions at the Commission's April 2023 meeting: (1) escrow reconciliation and (2) receipt of an updated compensatory storage plan that is separated from groundwater and hydraulically connected to the floodplain. On July 23, 2024, Ben Scharenbroich reported that City staff and the Commission's engineer are continuing to work on an agreement regarding the compensatory storage plan. *A meeting of City Staff and the Commission's engineer is intended to take place this month.* When an

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agreement is reached the escrow will be reconciled and this item removed from the report.

✓ **2023-030 Woodland Hills of Corcoran.** Staff have reconciled the escrow and issued an invoice for the outstanding escrow. This project will be removed from the report upon receipt of the balance due.

✓ **2024-015 Hennessey Grove, Maple Grove.** The 9.78-acre site is located south of Bass Lake Road and east of Lawndale Lane. The proposed reconstruction project includes mass grading, utilities, and a storm basin with filtration bench. This project was approved at the June meeting with four conditions. On September 26, Derek Asche reported that the applicant withdrew the project after Commission approval and the Commission will be unable to collect the outstanding escrow.

✓ **2024-020 Woodland Hills of Corcoran 2024.** *Staff have reconciled the escrow and issued an invoice for the outstanding escrow. This project will be removed from the report upon receipt of the balance due.*

✓ **2024-021 Heather Meadows Third Addition, Corcoran.** *Staff have reconciled the escrow and issued an invoice for the outstanding escrow. This project will be removed from the report upon receipt of the balance due.*

✓ **2024-023 Upward Acres, Corcoran.** *Staff have reconciled the escrow and issued an invoice for the outstanding escrow. This project will be removed from the report upon receipt of the balance due.*

✓ **2024-027 Fairway Shores Villas at Cook Lake, Corcoran.** This is a 40.56.-acre site located at the north end of Fir Lane off CR 10. The site is comprised of one existing parcel which is a mixture of planted, herbaceous, wetlands, and forested areas with 0 acres of existing impervious. The applicant proposes the construction of 75 single-family homes streets, utilities, stormwater ponds, and filtration basins. The proposal will disturb 28.9 acres, resulting in 9.7 acres of new impervious. The project triggers Commission rules D, E G and I. Staff's findings dated December 31, 2024, with four conditions, were approved by the Commission at its January 8, 2025, meeting. On April 17, 2025, the City reported that construction is anticipated to begin this spring. *The City provided a copy of the stormwater maintenance agreement to the Commission on November 3, 2025. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.*

✓ **2024-030 Northview Preserve, Rogers.** This project consists of the development of a 30.75-acre parcel . The project will disturb 29.3 acres and result in 75 single-family residential homes with associated streets and utility infrastructure and trigger Commission rules D, E, and I. In findings dated February 5, 2025, Staff recommended approval with four conditions. The project was approved at the February 12 Commission meeting. *The conditions having been met, the escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.*

✓ **2024-031 The Parkway Neighborhood, Dayton.** This project is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of I-94 and Dayton Parkway. The site is comprised of two impervious parcels which are a mixture of forested, planted, herbaceous, hayfield, and open water areas. The site is located just south of French Lake. The applicant proposes construction of multi-family, mixed-use, and commercial buildings, parking lots, landscaping, and a new road. The proposal will disturb 40.3 acres of the 67.33-acre site, resulting in 19.5 acres of new impervious surface. The development sizing presented incorporates the planned future 11.5 acres of impervious area in basin 1A-2. When this develops, provided it's in alignment with the proposed stormwater routing and impervious area, the project may only require erosion control review. In their findings dated January 31, 2025, Staff recommended approval with four conditions. These recommendations were approved at the February 12, 2025, meeting. On March 7, 2025, the City reported that the final plat is expected to go to the City Council at the end of March. Coordination with the City and other governing entities continues. It is unknown when construction will begin. Per the City on September 24, 2025, some approvals have been granted, others are still under review. Spring 2026 construction is targeted. Actual timeline will be dependent on developer compliance and City Council actions.

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✓**2024-033 Fletcher Bypass, Rogers.** The City is proposing a new roadway alignment to formally connect Fletcher Lane between CR 116/CR 159 (Territorial Road) to CSAH 81. The proposed project will realign Fletcher Bypass, extending approximately 0.9 miles from about 1,200 feet south of the Fletcher Lane and Territorial Road intersection to CSAH 81. The project will disturb 16.66 acres and result in an increase of 6.12 acres of new impervious surface. The project triggers Commission rules D and E. In their findings dated May 5, 2025, Staff recommended approval with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O&M Plan for the stormwater ponds approved by the City and (3) updated filtration basin drain tile details and HydroCAD model consistent with depicted/modeled elevations. This project was approved at the May meeting with those conditions. The stormwater pond and filtration basins will be maintained by the City. *The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.*

✓**2025-001 Chankahda Trail Reconstruction Phase 3, Plymouth.** This project is Phase 3 reconstruction of Chankahda Trail (formerly CR 47). This phase extends from Vicksburg Lane in the west to Northwest Boulevard at the east end of the corridor. Improvements include the reconstruction of the trail into a two-lane urban roadway, new trails along the north and south sides of the road, utility updates, and stormwater management BMPs. The project triggers Commission Rules D, E, and H. A findings-of-fact memo dated March 4, 2025, was prepared for the March meeting wherein the Commission approved the findings with three conditions: (1) reconciliation of escrow fee balance; (2) receipt of an approved O&M plan for the stormwater ponds, approved by the City; and (3) calculations showing the sumps or pre-treatment are sized to provide adequate pretreatment for the filtration BMPs.

✓**2025-002 Dayton Creek Addition, Dayton.** This is a two-parcel, 68.3-acre site located on the north and south side of Dayton Parkway between I-94 and Brockton Lane. The applicant proposes a plan for a new development. At this time the proposal covers only construction of a new roadway which will run north and south of existing Dayton Parkway, adding 2.25 acres of new impervious. Two stormwater BMPs and an existing pond are proposed to meet Commission requirements for the roads only. BMPs for future phases of development will be designed later and will require review. The applicant also proposes private ownership and maintenance of the future BMPs. In their findings revised March 26, 2025, Staff recommendation is approval with three contingencies. This project was approved at the April 9 meeting with those conditions. Per the City on September 24, 2025, some approvals have been granted, others are under review. Spring 2026 construction is targeted. Actual timeline will be dependent on developer compliance and City Council actions.

✓**2025-003 Ray J’s Bar and Grill, Rogers.** This is an approximately 2.7-acre development bounded by 141st Avenue North on the north, retail property on the south, Northdale Boulevard to the west, and Highway 101 to the east. The project triggers Commission rules D and E. A findings-of-fact dated February 2, 2025, recommended approval with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an approved operation and maintenance plan for the stormwater ponds approved by the City; and (3) updating of the HWL listed (905.27) in the Stormwater Management Report to be consistent with the HydroCAD results (905.18). The project was approved at the February 12 Commission meeting. *On December 9, City staff reported no new updates, the development is on hold, and the developer still needs to complete conditions 2 and 3.*

✓**2025-005 Taylor Development, Rogers.** The project consists of a 29-acre site located at 23580 109th Avenue North. The developer is proposing nine single-family lots including roads, sidewalks,

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and utilities. The project triggers Commission rules D, E, and I. In their findings dated March 4, 2025, Staff recommends approval with three conditions. These conditions were approved at the March 12 meeting: (1) reconciliation of escrow fee balance; (2) receipt of an approved O & M plan for the stormwater ponds, approved by the City; and (3) a finalized easement for the wetland EOF. *On December 9, City staff reported the easement was recorded on May 30, 2025. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.*

✓**2025-006 Hennessey Grove Update, Maple Grove.** This project was approved at the June 2024 Commission meeting. Since approval, this project has changed ownership and some minor floor elevations have been updated to meet the Commission's low floor requirements. The updated application outlined the new owner. In their findings dated January 21, 2025, this project was recommended for approval with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O & M plan for the stormwater pond and irrigation plan approved by the City; and (3) concurrence from the City that the proposed sidewalk will not require wetland mitigation. This approval was granted at the February 12, 2025, Commission meeting. On November 3, 2025, Derek Asche reported that no mitigation will be required due to de minimis exemption. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.

✓**2025-007 ECK 322 Extension, Maple Grove.** This project is a new utility project proposed by Xcel Energy that will disturb impervious pavement along approximately three miles of Weaver Lake Road. The project triggers Rules D and E. Findings dated March 4, 2025, included three conditions for approval: (1) reconciliation of escrow fee balance; (2) installation detail for trench crossing of Elm Creek at Weaver Lake Road north of Shadow Creek Road to ensure there are no floodplain or hydraulic impacts; and (3) a signed stormwater agreement with the City and confirmation that the agreement has been executed. Approval with these three conditions was granted at the March 12, 2025, meeting. On November 3, 2025, Derek Asche reported that the trench details meet Commission requirements and the agreement has been executed. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.

✓**2025-009 Creative Lawn, Rogers.** This project is located on the west side of Northdale Boulevard, south of Hennepin CR 144 (141st Avenue). The proposed project is a 3.0-acre site with approximately 2.4 acres of disturbed area and 1.07 acres of new and reconstructed impervious surfaces. The project is a redevelopment of a vacant industrial property and includes additional parking areas and greenhouse. In their findings dated May 6, 2025, Staff recommended approval with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O&M Plan for the stormwater ponds approved by the City; and (3) geotechnical analysis or soil boring showing three feet of separation between the bottom of the infiltration basin and seasonally high groundwater and suitable soils for infiltration. If infiltration is deemed unfeasible, the applicant has shown that stormwater rate volume and water quality requirements are met utilizing biofiltration. These conditions were approved at the May meeting. *On December 9, City staff reported the development is on hold, and the developer still needs to complete conditions 2 and 3.*

✓**2025-014 Cowley Lake Preserve, Rogers.** This project is a single-family shoreland PUD development. The project is located along the south shore of Cowley Lake, situated between the intersection of Territorial Road/Willandale Road and the westerly terminus of 133rd Avenue North. The preliminary

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plat consists of three parcels and totals approximately 89.0 acres. The development will result in 169 lots along Cowley Lake. The project triggers Rules D, E, G and I. Findings dated July 31, 2025 were included in the Commission packet for the August meeting wherein Staff recommended approval with four conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O & M Plan approved by the City; (3) an approved wetland replacement plan for the wetland impacts; and (4) an updated wetland buffer plan showing the seed mix that will be used to restore/create the proposed wetland buffers. These conditions were approved at the August 13 meeting. *On December 9, City staff reported the wetland replacement plan was approved in July and the wetland credits were purchased in October. The wetland buffer plan has been updated to show the seed mix. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.*

✓**2025-019 Northdale Boulevard Industrial, Rogers.** The project consists of a 43.8-acre site located at the northwest corner of the intersection between 147th Ave North and Highway 101. The project proposed consists of the construction of three (3) industrial buildings along with associated utility improvements, landscaping, and hardscaping. The project triggers Rules D, E, and F. A findings of fact memo dated June 3, 2025, was included in the packet for the June Commission meeting where the Commission approved this project with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O & M Plan approved by the City of Rogers; and (3) confirmation from the DNR that compensatory storage within the floodway will not require a no-rise certification. *On December 9, City staff reported the development is on hold, and the developer still needs to complete conditions 2 and 3.*

✓**2025-021 Brockton Lane Business Park, Corcoran.** This is a 78.85-acre site located on Brockton Lane, 600 feet south of Rush Creek. The site is comprised of one parcel which is a mixture of cultivated, forests, and herbaceous vegetation with 0 acres of existing impervious surface. The applicant proposes construction of two commercial buildings, truck dock and parking stalls, and 400 parking spaces. The proposal will disturb 43.09 acres of the site, and result in 26.48 acres of new impervious surface after development. In their findings updated June 4, 2025, Staff recommended approval with five stipulations: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) provide monumentation documentation for the wetland buffers within the plan set; (3) provide TEP's approval for the mitigation plan documenting the reduction in drainage area to both south wetlands and the impact of that and potential dewatering from connections between the south pond and the south wetland; (4) demonstration of the separation requirement for the NWL and EOF for the northern pond; and (5) an O & M agreement if required by the City. The Commission granted this approval at their June 11 meeting. The City provided copies of the outstanding documents to the Commission on November 3, 2025. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.

✓**2025-024 Ridge at Elm Creek, Maple Grove.** This project proposes the construction of 22 single-family lots along with associated utility improvements, landscaping, and street paving on a 13.4-acre site located west of Archer Lane and north of Elm Road. This second phase will disturb 4.1 acres and result in 2.2 acres of proposed impervious surface. The project triggers Rules D, E, G, and I. A findings of fact memo dated July 1, 2025, was included in the Commission packet for the July 9 Commission meeting wherein Staff recommended conditional approval with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O & M Plan approved by the City, and (3) an approved wetland buffer plan showing buffer monumentation. The project was approved with those conditions. On November

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3, 2025, Derek Asche reported that the City has received the buffer plan. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.

✓**2025-025 Compass Orthodontics, Medina.** The project proposes construction of an orthodontics clinic building and surface parking along with associated utility improvements, landscaping, and hardscaping on a 0.75-acre site located north of Highway 55, between Clydesdale Trail and the Wells Fargo Bank. The project triggers Rules D, E, and I. A findings of fact memo dated June 3, 2025, was included in the packet for the June 11 Commission meeting where the members approved this project with four conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O & M Plan approved by the City; (3) a final irrigation reuse plan including distribution piping and pumping plans and calculations; and (4) an approved wetland buffer plan showing buffer monumentation.

✓**2025-027 Legacy Woods, Dayton.** This project is a single 104.9-acre parcel located on the north side of Diamond Lake Road North between Brockton and Lawndale Lanes. Laura Lake is at the southeast corner of the proposed development. The site is a mixture of woodland, wetlands and some cultivated land in the high area with no impervious area. The site is located in the Crow River subwatershed. The applicant proposes construction of 10 houses with driveways and septic systems, and a new road. The proposal will disturb 18.7 acres of the 104.9-acre site, and result in 2.7 acres of new impervious surface after development. The applicant resubmitted a revised plan set and stormwater report on July 9, 2025, in response to Commission comments. In their findings revised July 30, 2025, Staff recommended approval with six conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O&M Plan approved by the City; (3) the Low Floor Elevation (LFE) and exact impervious for the ten proposed homes to be constructed at a later date. Each home must be submitted for review for consistency with these data at the time of construction to ensure alignment with Commission requirements, including the review fee; (4) provide the existing condition model for the 1-year event to document that the proposed condition mimics the existing 1- and 2-year events; (5) provide necessary easement documentation for the proposed tree preservation areas; and (6) provide extent and nature of wetland impacts proposed as well as the TEP executed approval of mitigation or de minimis determination. These conditions were approved at the August 13, 2025 meeting. On November 10, 2025, the City reported that this project is on hold. It is expected to resume if and when the City updates and approves an interim use land designation. Timing of this is unknown but is targeted for late 2025.

✓**2025-028 Cartway Road, Champlin.** The site is located between Trussel Avenue North and Elm Creek Road at the passing of Elm Creek on Cartway Road. The project will disturb 1.03 acres along Cartway Road and its crossing of Elm Creek, including street reconstruction, culvert replacement, sidewalk and utility improvements. The project triggers Rules D, E, F, G, H, and I. A findings of fact memo dated July 1, 2025, was included in the packet for the July 9 Commission meeting wherein Staff recommended approval with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an approved WCA No Loss application, and (3) an approved wetland buffer plan showing buffer monumentation. The project was approved with those conditions. The Commission has received a copy of the no loss application as well as the wetland buffer sign plan sheet. On November 3, 2025, City Staff reported that the project has been bid and awarded to the contractor. The contractor plans to perform some vegetation removal this fall and will begin work on the culvert replacement in February 2026. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.

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✓**2025-029 Meadows of Medina.** The project proposes development for 31 single-family residential housing units along with parking and utility improvements. The project consists of approximately 22 acres on a site north of Medina Road and west of Brockton Lane. The project triggers Rules D, E, F, G, and I. A findings of fact memo dated July 31, 2025 was included in the August meeting packet wherein Staff recommended approval with four conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O&M Plan approved by the City; (3) an approved wetland replacement plan for the wetland impacts; (4) an irrigation pumping and pipe network plan, along with calculations for the pump, showing that the irrigation of the proposed volume will occur within 48 hours. The project was approved with those conditions.

✓**2025-030 Villas at Hunter Hill, Medina.** The project spans approximately 3.2 acres. The site is west of Hunter Drive and south of Hamel Road. The project proposes to build residential housing units along with associated parking and driveways. The project triggers Rules D, E, G, and I. A findings of fact memo dated July 28, 2025 was included in the Commission packet for the August meeting wherein Staff recommended approval with three conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) an O&M Plan approved by the City; and (3) an updated grading and erosion control plan with a filtration basin design allowing for a minimum filtration media depth of 12 inches. The project was approved with those conditions. *An amendment to this project was submitted on December 10, 2025. The amendment will be reviewed under new project review 2025-048 Villas at Hunter Hill-Amendment.*

✓**2025-032 Lake Camelot Park Improvements, Plymouth.** The project disturbs approximately one acre within the existing Lake Camelot Park. The site is located southeast of the intersection of Chankahda Trail and Fernbrook Lane at the north edge of Lake Camelot. The project will consist of redevelopment to the existing park and will include the construction of sidewalk, bituminous pavement, improved play areas and equipment, as well as underground utilities and stormwater management. The project triggers Rules D, E, and I. Initial review of this project has been completed and initial comments were sent to the applicant on July 21, 2025, with a second round of comments sent to the applicant on August 6, 2025, and a third round sent on November 11, 2025. In their findings dated November 10, 2025 Staff recommended approval with two conditions: (1) reconciliation of the escrow fee, and (2) revision of the wetland buffer monuments. *These conditions were approved at the Commission's December 10, 2025. meeting.*

✓**2025-033 Hope Meadows Phase II, Corcoran.** This is a 12.83-acre phase of the original Hope Meadows Project (2024-022) located directly west of CR 116 at the intersection with Oswald Farm Road, Hunters Ridge and Hope Way. The existing condition is a combination of cultivated, grassland and forest with no pre-development impervious, but some impervious constructed on the overall site as the result of prior phases of the project. The applicant proposes construction of 18 single-family lots and existing Hope Way, disturbing 10.3 acres and creating 3.56 acres of new impervious. In their findings dated September 3, 2025, Staff recommended approval with three conditions: (1) reconciliation of the escrow fee; (2) provision of low floor elevations meeting Commission requirements; and (3) receipt of an O&M Plan if required by the City. The project was approved at the September meeting with those conditions. On November 3, 2025, the City reported that the developer has paused this project.

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✓**2025-034 Hassan Sand and Gravel, Rogers.** This project proposes redevelopment of the existing residential and agricultural buildings to construct a commercial building with associated parking. The project is located at 25720 141st Avenue and will disturb approximately 3.3 acres of the site. The project triggers Rules D and I. Initial review of this project has been completed and initial comments were sent to the applicant on August 21, 2025, and a second round of comments were sent on November 14, 2025. Staff are awaiting re-submittals addressing those comments. The applicant requested an additional 60-day review extension, which will expire on February 8, 2026.

✓**2025-035 Gardner School, Maple Grove.** This project proposes the development of a childcare facility with associated parking and utility improvements on a 1.4-acre site located south of the Garland Lane and 96th Avenue intersection. Development will result in approximately 0.8 acres of impervious surface and trigger Rules D and E. Initial review of this project has been completed, and initial comments were sent to the applicant on August 27, 2025. A second set of comments were sent on September 30, 2025, a third round on November 7, 2025, and a fourth round on November 21, 2025. In their findings dated November 21, 2025, Staff recommended approval with four conditions: (1) reconciliation of the escrow fee; (2) revision of IESF media and plantings; (3) revision of IESF underdrain design; and (4) approval of an O&M Plan by the City. *These conditions were approved at the Commission's December 10, 2025. meeting.*

✓**2025-036 Life Time Fitness, Maple Grove.** This project proposes redevelopment of existing agricultural land to construct a commercial building with associated parking on a 17.5-acre site located south of Highway 610 and north of 99th Place. Development will result in approximately 8.0 acres of impervious surface and will trigger Rules D and E. A findings of fact memo dated September 30, 2025, was included in the packet for the October 8 meeting wherein Staff recommended approval with two conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; and (2) an O & M Plan approved by the City. The project was approved at the October meeting with those conditions. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.

✓**2025-037 Thicket Hills, Dayton.** This is a 68.49-acre site located on the southwest corner of Lawndale Lane and Dayton River Road. At the closest point, the site is about 400 feet south of the Mississippi River. The site is comprised of one parcel which is a mixture of primarily cultivated vegetation along with grassland and approximately 2.70 acres of residential vegetation. There are 1.854 acres of impervious surface on the site which is located in the Mississippi River subwatershed of the Elm Creek watershed. The applicant proposes construction of a two-story building, an event center, gravel parking lot, well, septic system, and stormwater treatment basin. The proposal will disturb 8.067 acres of the site, and result in 2.511 acres of new impervious surface. The project review application was received August 28, 2025. Staff provided initial comments on September 18. The applicant responded with a letter stating they will address comments but without the required submittals. Staff extended the review period by 60 days to December 26, 2025 to allow for additional review. Presently, Staff has not received any revisions for review. The applicant has indicated they will request a 60-day extension to February 24, 2026. However, the applicant has indicated that the wetland delineation is delayed and it will not be resolved by this date. *An extension of one year from the application date was granted to the applicant at the December 10, 2025, Commission meeting, which will expire on August 28, 2026.*

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✓**2023-038 Telcom Construction New Office, Dayton.** The applicant proposes building a new office on an 8.423-acre parcel located at the southwest corner of 121st Avenue North and French Lake Road West. The site is approximately 250 feet southwest of French Lake. The site is comprised of one parcel which is a mixture of cultivated vegetation, grassland, forest, and wetlands. Wetlands border the site on the south and west. There are no floodplains or existing impervious surface on the site, which is located in the Diamond Creek subwatershed. The proposed construction includes a 26,096 SF office warehouse building with parking and drive areas and will disturb 6 acres of the 8.42-acre site, resulting in 3.33 acres of new impervious surface after development. A complete application was submitted September 9, 2025. The project review period was extended to January 7, 2026. Staff recommend approval with four conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; (2) update the proposed erosion control with a formal SWPPP, add silt fence around the wetland 3P outlet channel and the 2P ditch inlet; and shade all the slopes where the Cat 20 ECB is proposed; (3) address City comments on the filtration basin design; and (4) provide maintenance plan and agreement if required by the City. These conditions were approved at the Commission's November meeting.

✓**2025-039 Culvers, Maple Grove.** The project consists of a 1.2-acre site located south of the intersection of County Roads 101 and 10. This development is a part of previously approved HyVee - Markets at Rush Creek (Project Review 2009-004). The project proposes the construction of a restaurant and surface parking along with associated utility improvements, and landscaping. The project triggers Rules E & d. Findings dated September 30, 2025, were included in the packet for the October 8 meeting wherein Staff recommended approval with two conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation; and (2) an O & M Plan approved by the City. The project was approved with those conditions. The escrow will be reconciled and this project removed from the report.

✓**2025-040 Commerce Boulevard Development, Rogers.** The project consists of a 3.5-acre site located northeast of Commerce Boulevard and west of George Weber Drive in Rogers, MN. The project proposes construction of two commercial buildings along with associated parking and driveways. The project triggers Rules D and E. Initial review of this project has been completed and initial comments were sent to the applicant on October 24, 2025. *A second round of comments were sent to the applicant on November 14, 2025, and a third round on January 6, 2026. Staff are awaiting resubmittals addressing those comments.*

✓**2025-041 Arbor Ridge Business Park, Maple Grove.** The project consists of a 20.46-acre site with approximately 10.5 acres of disturbance. The site is located south of Arbor Ridge Parkway and east of Weston Way South and proposes construction of an office/industrial building and associated parking. The project triggers Rule D, E, and I. The project review application was initially received on October 30, 2025, *but was paused for design changes. A resubmittal with these changes was received on November 14, 2025, and initial comments were sent to the applicant on November 21, 2025. Staff are awaiting resubmittals addressing those comments.*

✓**2025-042 113th Avenue Trunk Sewer Extension, Dayton.** This project is proposed on a 4.3-acre site located in the right-of-way of 113th Avenue north and comprised of seven parcels. Existing groundcover on site is mixture of short grasses, deciduous forest, and intermittently flooded grasslands. There are six small wetlands on site, two within the project area, and one floodplain on site. The site is in the Rush Creek subwatershed. The applicant proposes construction of an extension

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of the existing trunk sewer system. The proposal will disturb 4.3 acres of the 4.3-acre site. A complete application was received November 3, 2025. The initial 60-day decision period per MN Statute 15.99 expires January 2, 2026. In their findings signed December 2, 2025, Staff recommended approval with two conditions: (1) escrow reconciliation and (2) an approved DNR permit for the temporary wetland impacts. *These conditions were approved at the Commission's December 10, 2025. meeting.*

✓2025-043 Bella Woods Phase 1, Maple Grove. The project spans approximately 3.5 acres. The site is located northeast of Commerce Boulevard and west of George Weber Drive. The project proposes to build two commercial buildings along with associated parking and driveways and triggers Rules D, E, and I. A complete project review application was received on December 10, 2025, initial comments were sent to the applicant on December 19, 2025, and a second round of comments were sent on January 6, 2026. Staff are awaiting re-submittals addressing those comments.

✓2025-044 Juniper Hill, Maple Grove. The project spans approximately 14 acres. The site is located at 16725 Elm Road North. The project proposes to construct 33 single-family homes with associated roadway and utilities and triggers Rules D, E, F, G, and I. A complete project review application was received on December 11, 2025, initial comments were sent to the applicant on December 22, 2025, and a second round of comments were sent on January 6, 2026. Staff are awaiting re-submittals addressing those comments.

✓2025-045 Wexley Park (FKA Emerson Grove), Rogers. The project spans approximately 17 acres. The site is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Territorial Road and Tucker Road. The project proposes to construct 33 residential lots along with associated streets and driveways and triggers Rules D, E, G and I. A complete project review application was received on December 12, 2025, and initial comments were sent to the applicant on December 22, 2025. Staff are awaiting re-submittals addressing those comments.

✓2025-046 Edgewater Cove, Rogers. The project spans approximately 26.85 acres on a site located on the southwest corner of Edgewater Boulevard and Industrial Boulevard. The project proposes building 57 new single-family units along with associated streets and driveways and triggers Rules D and E. A complete project review application was received on December 18, 2025, and initial comments were sent to the applicant on December 30, 2025. Staff are awaiting re-submittals addressing those comments.

✓2025-047 Weaver Lake Road Rehabilitation Project, Maple Grove. The project spans approximately 20 acres. The site is located along Weaver Lake Road from Maple Grove Parkway to East Fish Lake Road. The project proposes rehabilitating an approximate 1.7-mile section of Weaver Lake Road in addition to a utility relocation along West Fish Lake Road. The project triggers Rules D, E, G, H, and I. A complete project review application was received on December 22, 2025, and initial comments were sent to the applicant on December 31, 2025. Staff are awaiting re-submittals addressing those comments.

✓2025-048 Villas at Hunter Hill - Amendment, Medina. The project spans approximately 3.2 acres. The site is west of Hunter Drive and south of Hamel Road. The project proposes to build residential housing units along with associated parking and driveways, triggering Rules D and E. A complete

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project review application was received on January 5, 2026, and initial comments were sent to the applicant on January 6, 2026. Staff are awaiting re-submittals addressing those comments.

✓2026-001 Northview Preserve 2nd Addition Preliminary Plat, Rogers. Plans and application fee have been received, but Staff are waiting for the application to be signed by the City of Rogers to be considered complete. Project is under review.

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DATE: January 6, 2025

TO: Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission (ECWMC)

FROM: Kevin Ellis and Kris Guentzel; Hennepin County Department of Environment and Energy

RE: January 2026 ECWMC Updates

Project Updates

Trousdale Wetland Restoration

Staff met with LGU, BWSR, and engineering representatives for a pre-application meeting. Over the course of the meeting, questions were raised regarding the plan and existing conditions on site. A Level 2 wetland delineation will be completed, and staff will seek more information from local landowners regarding tile existence and maintenance. Hennepin County will work with engineering to collect information, data, and make edits and recommendations to the plan.

Sovereign Stables

Hennepin County are working with the Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to understand if this project is eligible for cost-share funding. If approved, the manure storage project will move into the design phase over winter 2026.

2025 Reporting and Closeout

Hennepin County staff started reporting progress made on all BWSR grants and programs during 2025. Hennepin County staff will work with ECWMC staff to ensure that all updates and invoiced funds are included in these reports.



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Project Funding Table: Invoiced Funds

Priority Subwatershed	Project	WBIF	CIP	Other	Total
Rush Creek	Cain Fencing	\$ -	\$ 3,545.12	\$ 10,635.38	\$ 14,180.50
	Mattila 1	\$ -	\$ 4,983.75	\$ 28,241.25	\$ 33,225.00
	Mattila 2	\$ 31,721.25	\$ 14,418.75	\$ 11,535.00	\$ 57,675.00
	Stotts TOHWW	\$ -	\$ 8,176.20	\$ 24,528.60	\$ 32,704.80
	Stotts 1A	\$ -	\$ 14,988.00	\$ 84,932.00	\$ 99,920.00
	Bottema	\$ 34,548.41	\$ 15,703.84	\$ 10,963.05	\$ 61,215.30
	Welcome Ranch Gutters	\$ 5,136.62	\$ 2,334.82	\$ 1,867.86	\$ 9,339.30
Diamond Creek	Christian Settling Basin	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 14,000.00
TOTALS		\$ 79,106.28	\$ 67,650.48	\$ 175,503.14	\$ 322,259.90
Invoiced	WBIF (FY23)	\$ 79,106.28			
	WBIF (FY25)	\$ -			
	CIP	\$ 67,650.48			
Budget	WBIF (FY23)	\$ 175,000.00			
	WBIF (FY25)	\$ 175,000.00			
	CIP	\$ 100,000.00			
Remaining	WBIF (FY23)	\$ 95,893.72			
	WBIF (FY25)	\$ 175,000.00			
	CIP	\$ 32,349.52			

Project Funding Table: Projects completed and utilize Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission (ECWMC) funds. Amounts in 'Funding Sources' columns include costs invoiced and encumbered. Funding sources may be from a federal agency (Natural Resources Conservation Service, or NRCS), state agency (Watershed-based implementation fund (WBIF) or another grant), or local entity (ECWMC Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Hennepin County, or from the landowner).

Project Funding Table: Allocated Funds

Priority Subwatershed	Project	WBIF	CIP	Hennepin County	Landowner	Total Allocated	Invoiced
Rush Creek	Stotts Phase 1A	\$ -	\$ 4,669.38	\$ 1,867.75	\$ 1,867.75	\$ 18,677.50	\$ 99,920.00
	Stotts Phase 1B	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$ -
	Stotts TOHWW Repairs	\$ 7,975.00	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ -
	Bottema Restoration	\$ 34,548.41	\$15,703.84	\$ 6,217.82	\$ 6,217.82	\$ 62,178.20	\$ 61,215.30
	Welcome Ranch	\$ 37,125.00	\$16,875.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 67,500.00	\$ -
	City of Corcoran	\$ 50,435.00	\$22,925.00	\$ 9,170.00	\$ 9,170.00	\$ 91,700.00	\$ -
	Cain Fencing 2.0	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$ -
Diamond Creek	Lake Henry Hollow	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$ -
	Van Asten Manure Bunker	\$ 20,295.00	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 36,900.00	\$ -
TOTALS		\$150,378.41	\$73,023.22	\$ 29,145.57	\$ 29,145.57	\$ 291,455.70	\$ 161,135.30
Allocated	WBIF (FY23)	\$ 79,648.41					
	WBIF (FY25)	\$ 57,420.00					
	CIP	\$ 73,023.22					
	HC	\$ 29,145.57					
	Landowner	\$ 29,145.57					
Budget	WBIF (FY23)	\$108,730.34					
	WBIF (FY25)	\$175,000.00					
	CIP	\$100,000.00					
Remaining	WBIF (FY23)	\$ 29,081.93					
	WBIF (FY25)	\$175,000.00					
	CIP	\$ 26,976.79					

Other Hennepin County Programming

2025 Highlights

Advanced zero-waste Policy

- Set a target to cut the amount of edible food discarded in half and finalized a Wasted Food Prevention Plan that provides a roadmap for reaching this target.
- Started offering grants for community-based zero-waste projects and to help food security organizations rescue and distribute more food.

Worked with residents and partners across the county to protect land and water

- Removed dead and diseased trees on properties of residents with lower incomes.
- Sold, gave away, and planted more than 17,000 trees.
- Partnered with landowners to preserve natural areas forever.
- Worked with farmers to install projects that protect water, make soil healthier, and improve their operations.

Facilitated opportunities for residents and partners to learn, act, and connect with their community

- Offered new Swap-It Events, our always popular Fix-It Clinics, and a Reuse Ride to kick off the Salvage Crawl.
- Provided volunteer training programs, Environmental Education Network meetings, and learning events about forestry and composting.
- Provided school recycling assemblies to nearly 6,000 students, gave free compost to 21 schools, and offered 40 presentations and training sessions at multifamily properties on food waste prevention, recycling, and organics recycling.
- Facilitated online challenges and pledges and won the Mighty Mississippi Cleanup Challenge for the second year in a row.

Provided grants for environmental projects

- Provided \$7 million in funding and expert assistance for 286 projects that improve recycling and prevent waste, protect and restore land and water, and educate and engage audiences in protecting the environment.

Expanded our offering and promotion of drop-offs and collections

- Collected hazardous waste and recyclables at our drop-off facilities and collection events.
- Offered building material donation events, yard sign recycling collections, medicine drop boxes, funding for new organics recycling drop-off sites, and promotion of paper shredding events and services.

Ensured businesses complied with regulations

- Inspected 860 businesses to ensure they are complying with hazardous waste and recycling regulations.
- Visited over 400 businesses and multifamily properties to provide in-person waste prevention and recycling assistance and education.