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RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

**Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
Virtual Monitoring via Zoom Webinar**

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Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Any RCWD resident may address the Board in his or her individual capacity, for up to three minutes, on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are requested to come to the podium, state their name and address for the record. Additional comments may be solicited and accepted in writing. Generally, the Board of Managers will not take official action on items discussed at this time, but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled on an upcoming agenda.

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 25, 2026, REGULAR MEETING; MARCH 25, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

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ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. 2025 District Financial Reports and Audit (Manager Weinandt, Nick Tomczik)
2. Ramsey County Lake Monitoring Services 2026 (Matt Kocian)
3. RCWD Annual Report Approval (Kendra Sommerfeld)
4. Check Register Dated April 8, 2026, in the Amount of \$91,878.40 Prepared by Redpath and Company

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. ArcGIS Dashboard Tool (Kendra Sommerfeld, Ali Chalberg)
2. District Engineer Updates and Timeline
3. Administrator Updates
4. Manager Updates

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2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Bradley called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Michael Bradley, 1st Vice-Pres. John Waller, 2nd Vice-Pres. Jess Robertson,
Treasurer Marcie Weinandt, Secretary Janet Hegland

Absent: None

Staff Present: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Drainage & Facilities
Manager Tom Schmidt, Project Manager David Petry, Program Technician Emmet Hurley
(video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) & District Attorney
John Kolb-Rinke Noonan

Visitors: Scott Robinson, Pauline Alfors, Dan Robinson

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Mary Jo McGuire

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

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Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Hegland, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL

Minutes of the March 9, 2026, Workshop and March 11, 2026, Board of Managers Regular Meeting.

Manager Hegland highlighted an edit needed within the minutes to clarify a vote that had passed 5-0.

37 **Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the minutes as amended.**
38 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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40 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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42 associated documentation unless a Manager or another interested person requests an opportunity for discussion:

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45 26-010	45 City of Roseville	45 Roseville	45 Final Site Drainage Plan	45 CAPROC 4 items
46 26-013	46 City of White Bear Lake	46 White Bear Lake	46 Final Site Drainage Plan	46 CAPROC 3 items

47 President Bradley asked about the Final Site Drainage Plan submitted by White Bear Lake and noted that it
48 was only the second one he had seen on the Board where they have considered stormwater credits, and
49 asked for some background information.

50 Regulatory Manager Hughes explained that past rule allowed public entities to take on a volume control
51 credit or a volume control debit, which typically applied to public projects. He stated that because there
52 were complications in tracking and resolving debits, they have moved away from that approach, but
53 wanted to recognize what had already been established prior to 2013. He explained that the way it is
54 currently written is that if you have a positive balance of volume control credits, they can be used within
55 the public entity’s entire jurisdiction, which is what White Bear Lake was doing in this instance by using a
56 few thousand of their credits.

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58 **It was moved by Manager Bradley and seconded by Manager Weinandt to approve the consent agenda**
59 **as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer’s Findings and**
60 **Recommendations, dated March 17, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.**

61

62 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

63 **1. Stantec Consulting Services Inc.-Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Maintenance Contracts**

64 Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt explained that staff were seeking approval for the service
65 agreements for the annual maintenance of the vegetative component in District-owned Iron-
66 Enhanced Sand Filters (IESF) at Hansen Park and Bald Eagle.

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68 **Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to authorize the Administrator, on**
69 **advice of counsel, to enter into a contracted services agreement with Stantec Consulting Services**
70 **Inc. for annual maintenance of the Hansen Park Iron Enhanced Sand Filter for an amount not-to-**
71 **exceed \$20,712.50. The Administrator is further authorized to approve contract amendments, not**
72 **to exceed 15% of the original contract price (\$3,106.90). Motion carried 5-0.**

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74 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to authorize the Administrator, on***
75 ***advice of counsel, to enter into a contracted services agreement with Stantec Consulting Services***
76 ***Inc. for annual maintenance of the Bald Eagle Iron Enhanced Sand Filter for an amount not-to-***
77 ***exceed \$12,341.30. The Administrator is further authorized to approve contract amendments, not***
78 ***to exceed 15% of the original contract price (\$1,851.20).***

79
80 Manager Waller stated that he thought that there was a third IESF within the District and asked
81 about its location.

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83 Public Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt explained that the third sand filter was not really a
84 District sand filter. He stated that it was located in Blaine behind Fleet Farm, and is a passive sand
85 filter, which did not have a pump.

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87 District Engineer Otterness noted that Manager Waller may be thinking of Oasis Pond in Roseville,
88 but noted that the City of Roseville manages that IESF.

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90 ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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92 Manager Weinandt asked for an update on how the IESFs were working.

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94 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that District staff had worked out the bugs with the
95 pumps and were working to address the remaining issues. He noted that as of the end of the last
96 year, both IESFs were functioning on a consistent basis.

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98 President Bradley noted that a planned burn was to be part of the maintenance work and
99 encouraged staff or the consultant to make sure that they contact residents who live nearby so they
100 understand what is happening and that it was a planned burn.

101
102 **2. Brown’s Preserve/Walls-Taylor Wetland Bank Sites Maintenance Work Order**

103 Drainage & Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that this work was for vegetation maintenance at the
104 Brown’s Preserve and Walls-Taylor Wetland bank sites by doing a prescribed burn.

105
106 Manager Hegland suggested that, because this borders Hornsby Street, she would recommend that
107 they take into consideration the closing of 97 for their road project. She asked that they try to find
108 a way to schedule the work while 97 was still open and accessible.

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110 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the work order for Red***
111 ***Rock Fire, estimated at \$24,916.75.***

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113 Manager Waller asked how many acres would be included in this work.

115 Drainage and Facilities Manager Schmidt stated that the total land area is close to 100 acres.

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117 ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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119 **3. Check Register Dated March 25, 2026, in the Amount of \$602,052.41 and March Interim Financial**
120 **Statements Prepared by Redpath and Company.**

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122 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Bradley, to approve the check register dated***
123 ***March 25, 2026, in the Amount of \$602,052.41 and the March Interim Financial Statements***
124 ***prepared by Redpath and Company. Motion carried 5-0.***

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126 Manager Weinandt explained that recently, District Administrator Tomczik, Office Manager Stasica,
127 and she had met with Redpath to prepare for the audit, which went well. She stated that she had
128 been very pleased with the work that Redpath had done and noted that she had the surety listings
129 for the in and out that had happened printed out. She noted that it was 2 pages long, which shows
130 that it was a very busy year for staff in inspecting permits and closing them out.

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132 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

133 **1. Staff Reports**

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135 **2. April Calendar**

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137 **3. Administrator Updates**

138 District Administrator Tomczik stated that staff had sent out the Stormwater Management Grant
139 contracts. He stated that the District had received numerous memorials in honor of Gary Krejcarek
140 and would be bringing them before the Board at one of their April meetings. He noted that President
141 Bradley had suggested looking into signage for Gary’s project as a water steward.

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143 **4. Manager Updates**

144 Manager Waller gave a brief update on meetings he listened to at the Capitol, including the
145 Environmental, Natural Resources, Finance, and Policy Committee, and noted that he expected the
146 bill that was approved by the Executive Board of BWSR and Minnesota Watersheds would be
147 introduced to the Senate during today’s session. He noted that if it gets to a hearing, he would like
148 the Board to authorize District Administrator Tomczik and District Attorney Kolb to be available for
149 testimony.

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151 President Bradley gave a brief overview of the proposed legislation that Manager Waller was
152 referring to in his update.

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154 Manager Weinandt updated the Board on the Jones Lake project and bonding request. She noted
155 that Governor Walz had appointed April Swendy from the Sandhill Watershed District to serve on
156 the Clean Water Council as a watershed representative.

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158 Manager Hegland explained that she was asked to pass along a thank you from Dave Rybak to Abel
159 and Connor for their response when he reported an issue with the Pine Street culvert.

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161 **ADJOURNMENT**

162 ***Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m.***

163 ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

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Virtual Monitoring Via Zoom Webinar**

Minutes

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6 The Board convened the special meeting/workshop at 9:32 a.m.

7 **Attendance:** Mike Bradley, Jess Robertson, John Waller, Marcie Weinandt, Janet Hegland

8 **Staff:** Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Drainage & Facilities
9 Manager Tom Schmidt, Project Manager David Petry, Program Support Technician
10 Emmet Hurley (video-conference), Office Manager Theresa Stasica

11 **Consultants:** District Engineers Chris Otterness & Adam Nies-Houston Engineering Inc., District
12 Attorney John Kolb-Rinke Noonan

13 **Visitors:** Scott Robinson, Pauline Alfors, Dan Robinson

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15 **Visitors monitoring via Zoom:** Jack Davis- City of Columbus Administrator; Ramsey County Commissioner
16 Mary Jo McGuire

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Items for Discussion and Information

Anoka County Ditch 10-22-32 Repair Alternative #4 Municipal / County Engagement

20 The Board reviewed the updated letter that was distributed at the meeting and discussed its content.

21 Scott Robinson, 8179 4th Ave, Lino Lakes, MN addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the ditches
22 ACSIC (As-Constructed Subsequently Approved Condition) elevation and the system's culvert sizes and
23 installed elevations.

24 District Attorney Kolb stated that it was important for managers to understand the Board's past decisions,
25 repairs, culverts, and maintenance of the ditch before the stakeholder meeting.

26 The Board by consensus agreed to accept the updated letter with the removal of "Repair Alternative 4"
27 from the first sentence of the letter. They also directed staff to organize a Board workshop to discuss ACD
28 10-22-32 before the stakeholder meeting is set.

Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3, and 5 – Prioritization and Funding

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30 Project Manager David Petry updated the Board on the continued legislative outreach efforts regarding
31 bonding for the Jones Lake project and work to date. District Engineer Otterness provided alternative
32 funding scenarios for District projects.

33 **Administrator Updates**

- 34 • Staff noted the Board's request for Jones Lake Project site tour and inclusion of available CAC
35 members.

36 The workshop was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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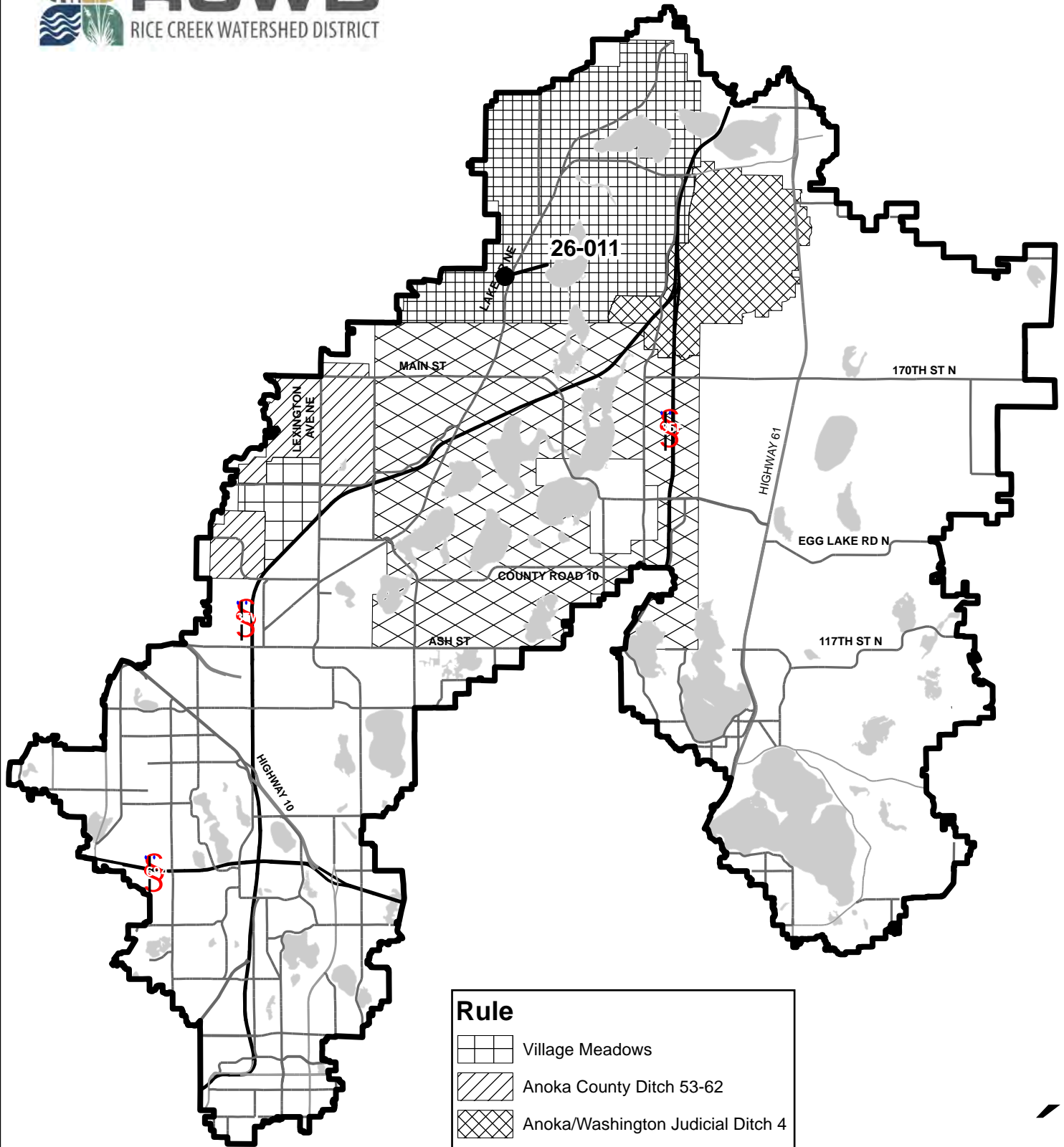
**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
CONSENT AGENDA**






April 8, 2026

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to Approve, Conditionally Approve Pending Receipt Of Changes, or Deny, the Permit Application noted in the following Table of Contents, in accordance with the District Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, as contained in the Engineer’s Findings and Recommendations, as contained in the Engineer’s Report dated March 31, 2026.

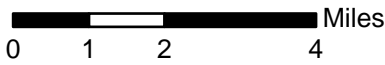
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Rule	
	Village Meadows
	Anoka County Ditch 53-62
	Anoka/Washington Judicial Ditch 4
	Lino Lakes CWPMP
	Columbus CWPMP

Permit Reviews
04/08/2026 Agenda





WORKING DOCUMENT: This Engineer's report is a draft or working document of RCWD staff and does not necessarily reflect action by the RCWD Board of Managers.

Permit Application Number:

26-011

Permit Application Name:

Urban Companies

Applicant/Landowner:

Escape Properties, LLC
Attn: Pam and Donald Caruth
125 County Road F E
St. Paul MN 55127
(651) 226-6109
pamcaruth@hotmail.com

Permit Contact:

BKBM Engineers
Attn: Keith Matte
6120 Earle Brown Drive STE 700
Minneapolis MN 55430
(763) 843-0446
Fax: (763) 843-0421
kmatte@bkbm.com

Urban Companies
Attn: Greg Urban
3781 Labore Road
St. Paul MN 55110
(651) 248-9830
Fax: (651) 426-3554
gurban@urbancompanies.com

Project Name: Urban Companies

Purpose: FSD – Final Site Drainage; Expansion of existing gravel storage.

Site Size: 6.13± acre parcel / 4.48 ± acres of disturbed area; existing and proposed impervious areas are 1.23 ± acres and 3.32 ± acres, respectively

Location: 13960 Lake Drive NE, Columbus

T-R-S: NW ¼, Section 33, T32N, R22W

District Rule: C, D

Recommendation: CAPROC

It is recommended that this Permit Application be given Conditional Approval Pending Receipt of Changes (CAPROC) and outstanding items related to the following items:

Conditions to be Met Before Permit Issuance:

Rule D – Erosion and Sediment Control

1. Submit the following information per Rule D.4:
 - (c) Name, address and phone number of party responsible for maintenance of all erosion and sediment control measures.
 - (h) Provide documentation that an NPDES Permit has been applied for and submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Administrative

2. Email one final, signed full-sized pdf of the construction plan set. Include a list of changes that have been made since approval by the RCWD Board. Final plans must include the following:
 - Ensure the vertical datum is labeled.
 - Additionally, ensure that gravel hatching and dimensioning is confined to the gravel boundaries in the pavement plans.
3. The applicant must pay the deferred Water Management District Charges associated with this parcel. These charges were previously noticed to the landowner in conjunction with a public hearing which established the charges to be due upon development or redevelopment of the parcel. The charges are subject to change during the 12-month CAPROC term of this permit application. Therefore, the applicant must contact the District prior to submitting final payment to verify the amount to be paid to the District.

PID: 333222210004
Amount: \$318.10
RCWD Fund: 80-04 (PDS ACD 10-22-32)

4. Submit a copy of the recorded plat or easements establishing drainage or flowage over stormwater management facilities, stormwater conveyances, ponds, wetlands, on-site floodplain up to the 100-year flood elevation, or any other hydrologic feature (if easements are required by the City of Columbus).
5. The applicant must submit a Draft Declaration for Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities acceptable to the District for proposed onsite stormwater management and pretreatment features.
6. The applicant must provide an attested copy of any and all signed and notarized legal document(s) from the County Recorder. Applicant may wish to contact the County Recorder to determine recordation requirements prior to recordation.
7. The applicant must submit a surety of \$7,500 along with an original executed escrow agreement acceptable to the District. If the applicant desires an original copy for their records, then two original signed escrow agreements should be submitted. The applicant must provide the first \$5000 in the form of a check and has the option of providing the remainder of the surety amount in the form of a check or a Performance Bond or Letter of Credit. The surety is based on \$2,500 for 4.48 acres of disturbance and \$5,000 for 9,983 CF of storm water treatment.

Stipulations: The permit will be issued with the following stipulations as conditions of the permit. By accepting the permit, the permittee agrees to these stipulations, which must be fulfilled prior to return of the surety:

1. Provide an as-built survey of all stormwater BMPs (ponds, rain gardens, trenches, swales, etc.) to the District for verification of compliance with the approved plans before return of the surety.

Exhibits:

1. Plan set containing 10 sheets dated 02-27-2026 and received 03-19-2026
2. MS4 Permit application receipt, received 02-17-2026
3. Stormwater Calculations, dated 02-27-2026 and received 03-02-2026, containing narrative, drainage maps, HydroCAD report for the 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year rainfall events for proposed and existing conditions

4. Revised Stormwater Calculations, dated 02-18-2026 and received 02-18-2026, containing narrative, drainage maps, HydroCAD report for the 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year rainfall events for proposed and existing conditions
5. Revised Stormwater Calculations, dated 03-19-2026 and received 03-19-2026, containing narrative, drainage maps, HydroCAD report for the 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year rainfall events for proposed and existing conditions
6. Geotechnical report, dated 10-03-2023 and received 10-06-2023 under permit 23-060

Findings:

1. Description – The project proposes to construct new bituminous parking lots, concrete sidewalks, gravel parking areas, and associated drainage features on a 6.13± acre parcel located in Columbus. The project will increase the impervious area from 1.23± acres to 3.32± acres and disturb 4.48± acres overall. In existing conditions, runoff drains to two wetlands and one depressional area located on site and runoff leaves the site in the north and southwest. In proposed conditions, runoff will drain to the two existing wetlands and will leave the site to the north. Runoff from the site drains overland, ending up in ACD 10-22-32 Main Trunk and then to Marshan Lake, the Resource of Concern. The applicant has submitted a \$3,000 application fee for a Rule C permit creating less than 5 acres of new and/or reconstructed impervious surface.
2. Stormwater – The applicant is proposing the BMPs as described below for the project:

Proposed BMP Description	Location	Pretreatment	Volume provided	EOF
Infiltration Basin #1	Northeast corner of site	Vegetated buffer	1,740± cubic feet below the outlet	905.80±
Infiltration Basin #2	Southwest property line	Vegetated buffer	47,331± cubic feet below the outlet	905.20±

Soils on site are primarily HSG A consisting of sands and loamy sands (SP). Thus, infiltration is considered feasible and used to meet the water quality requirement. Per Rule C.6(c)(1), the Water Quality requirement is 1.1-inches over the new/reconstructed area (2.50± acres) for a total requirement of 9,983± cubic feet.

Adequate pre-treatment has been provided. Drawdown is expected within 48-hours using an appropriate rate of 0.8 inches per hour. The seasonal high water table is estimated at elevation 899, which provides a minimum of three feet of separation. The project is not located within a DWSM area. The applicant has treated 100% of the required impervious area. Additional TSS removal is not required. The applicant has met all the Water Quality requirements of Rule C.6 and the design criteria of Rule C.9(a).

Point of Discharge	2-year (cfs)		10-year (cfs)		100-year (cfs)	
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
North of site	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.4	0.3
Southwest of site	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Totals	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.8	0.3

The project is not located within the Flood Management Zone. The applicant has complied with the rate control requirements of Rule C.7.

The applicant has complied with the bounce and inundation requirements of Rule C.8 for the moderately susceptible east wetland and slightly susceptible west wetland.

The applicant has complied with the freeboard requirements of Rule C.9(h).

3. Wetlands – Wetlands were delineated under review file(s) 23-089R with boundary decision, which remains valid, issued on 06-12-2023. The project will not impact any wetlands.

The project area is located within the Columbus CWPMP boundary zone 1 and is therefore not subject to Wetland Management Corridor (WMC) requirements.

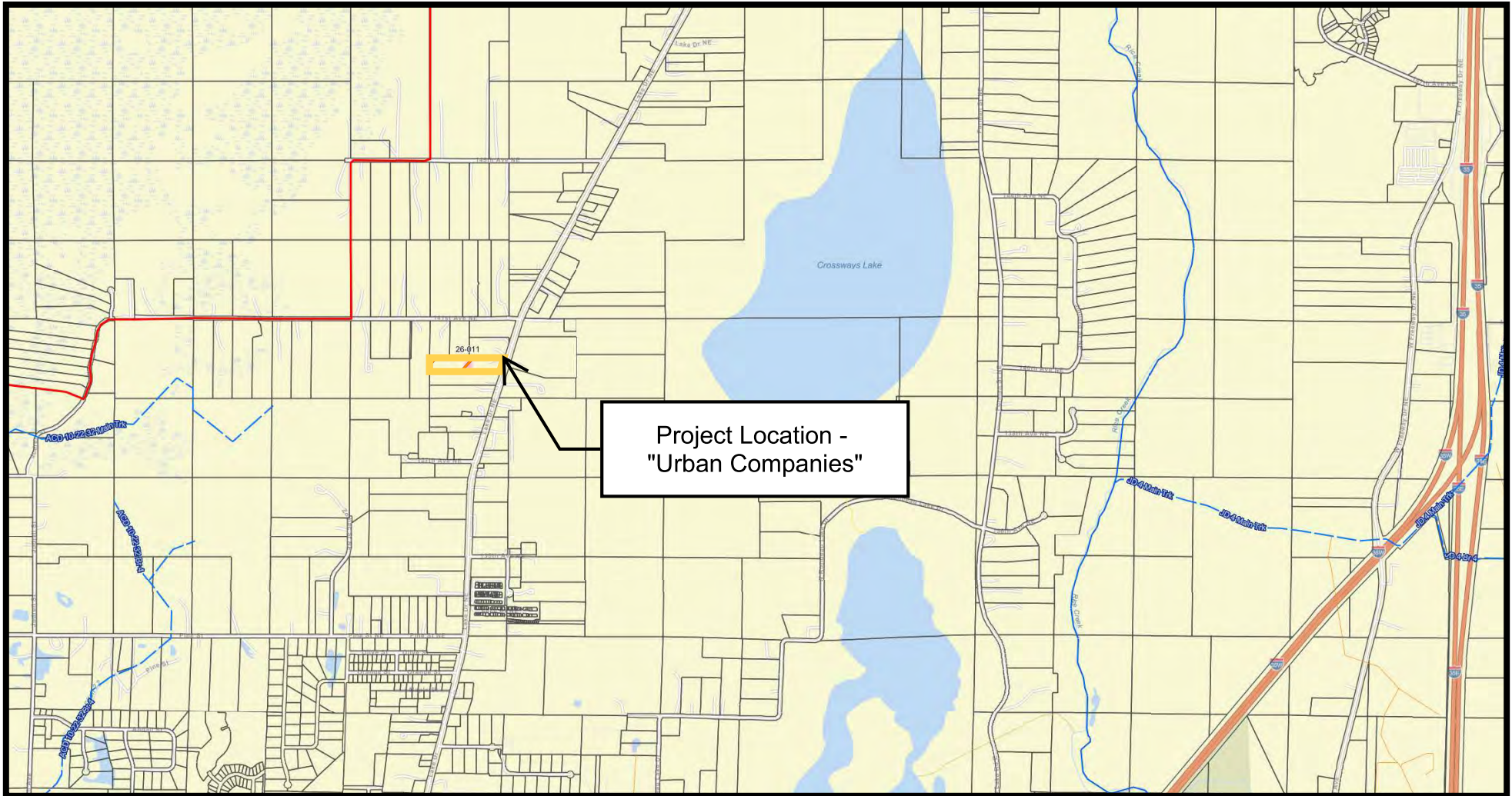
4. Floodplain – The site is not in a regulatory floodplain.
5. Erosion Control – Proposed erosion control methods include silt fence, sediment control logs, erosion control blankets, turf reinforcement mats, and rock construction entrances. The project will disturb more than 1 acre; an NPDES permit is required. The SWPPP is located on plan sheets C500 and C501. The information listed under the Rule D – Erosion and Sediment Control section above must be submitted. Otherwise, the project complies with RCWD Rule D requirements. The project does not flow to a nutrient impaired water (within 1 mile).
6. Regional Conveyances – Rule G is not applicable.
7. Public Drainage Systems – Rule I is not applicable.
8. Documenting Easements and Maintenance Obligations – Applicant must provide a draft maintenance declaration for approval, and a receipt showing recordation of the approved maintenance declaration and the drainage and flowage easements (if required).
9. Previous Permit Information – Permit 23-060 and associated review file 23-089R was applied for at the site but never constructed.

I hereby certify that this plan, specification or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Professional Engineer under the laws of the state of Minnesota.



03/31/2026

Katherine MacDonald, MN Reg. No 44590



Project Location -
"Urban Companies"

Legend



Project Location



District Boundary



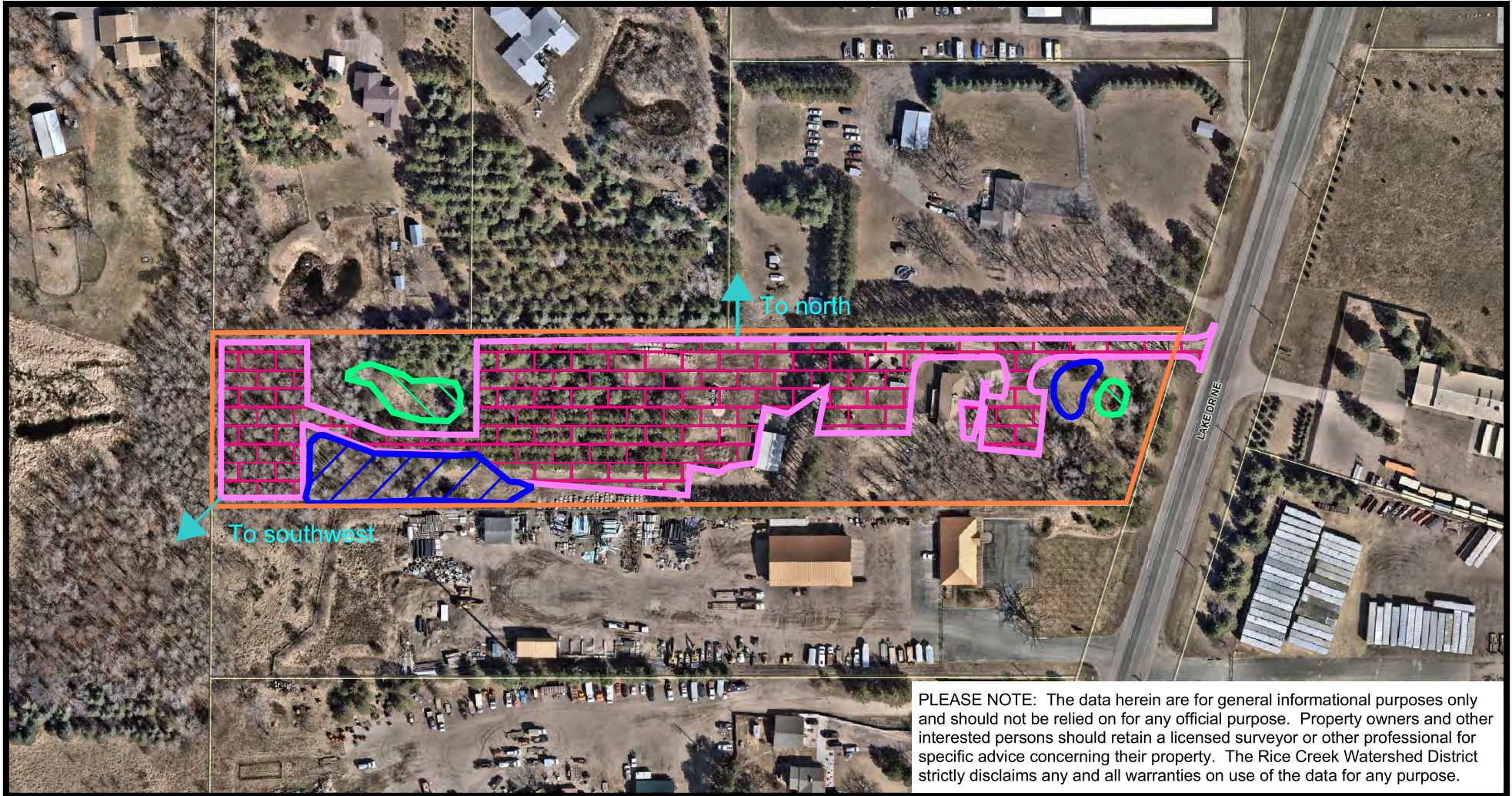
Public Waterway



Private Ditch


----- Public Ditch - Open Channel





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Legend

-  Project Location
-  Wetland
-  New/Reconstructed Impervious
-  Infiltration Basin
-  Drainage Arrow



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MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: April 1st, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Molly Nelson, Outreach and Grants Technician
Subject: A26-01 Greene Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

Introduction

A26-01 Greene Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

- Applicant: Greene, Residential
- Location: 6693 East Shadow Lake Dr, Circle Pines
- Total Eligible Project Cost: \$29,919.00
- RCWD Grant Recommendation: \$10,000.00 (50%)

Background

The A26-01 Greene Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration Water Quality Grant application proposes the stabilization and restoration of the shoreline of the applicant's residential property on Reshanau Lake in Circle Pines. Outlined details of the project scope are provided in the Anoka Conservation District's (ACD) technical memo. ACD staff provided construction ready designs and recommendations for a cost-share grant award which has been reviewed and approved by RCWD staff.

The estimated pollutant reductions for the proposed project are:

Existing Conditions (Based on Active Erosion)

- Total suspended solids (TSS): 3,941 lbs/year
- Total phosphorus (TP): 1.989 lbs/year
- Stormwater Volume: 1,478 cubic feet/year

Anticipated Future Conditions (Based on Imminent Erosion from Total Retaining Wall Failure)

- Total suspended solids (TSS): 6,125 lbs/year
- Total phosphorus (TP): 3.063 lbs/year
- Stormwater Volume: 1,478 cubic feet/year

The applicant received 2 bids for the project:

- Bid #1: JK Landscape Construction, LLC for 29,919.00
- Bid #2: Envision Enterprises, LLC for 29,919.50

The ACD provided a cost estimate amounting to \$35,014.80, which is higher than the proposed bids on the project.

Staff Recommendation

Based on the submitted application and program guidelines, RCWD staff support the project award of \$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible project expenses of \$29,919.00.

Request for Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to authorize the RCWD Board President, on advice of counsel, to approve the Water Quality Grant Contract for A26-01 of \$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible

project costs or up to \$10,000.00, whichever amount is lower, as outlined in the consent agenda and in accordance with the RCWD Staff's recommendation and established program guidelines.

Attachments

- A26-01 Greene Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration application documents.

A26-01 Greene Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration Existing Conditions



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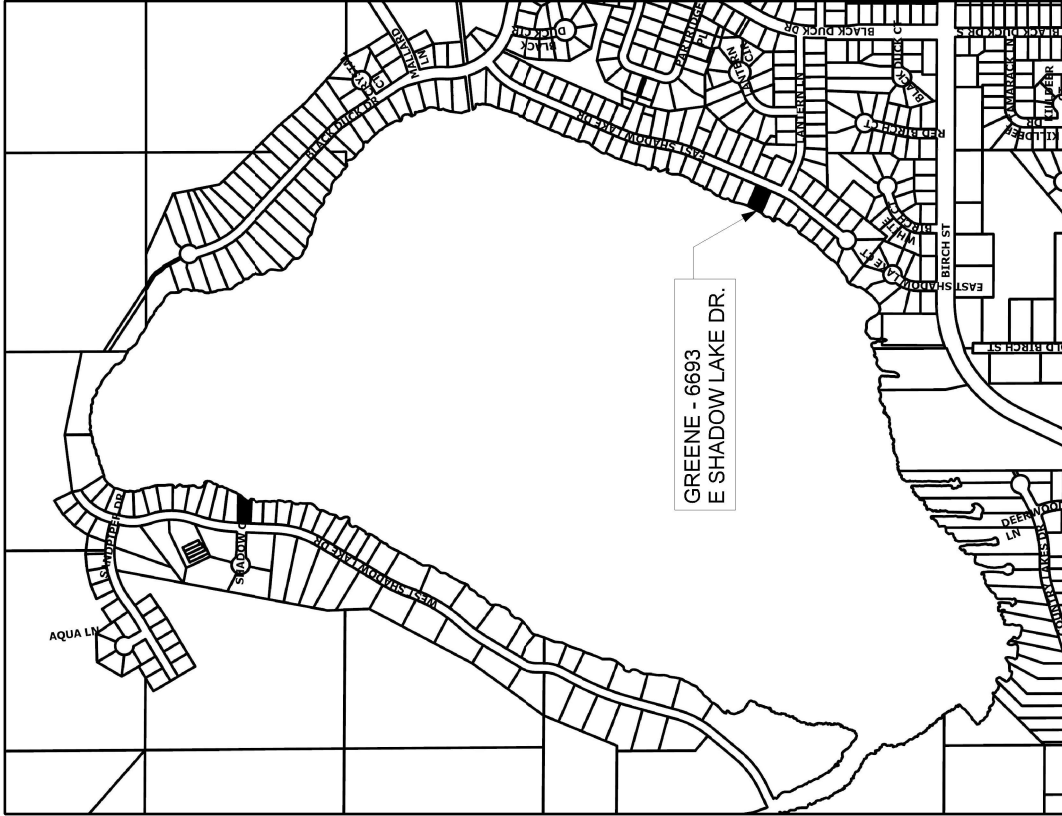


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GREENE LAKESHORE RESTORATION



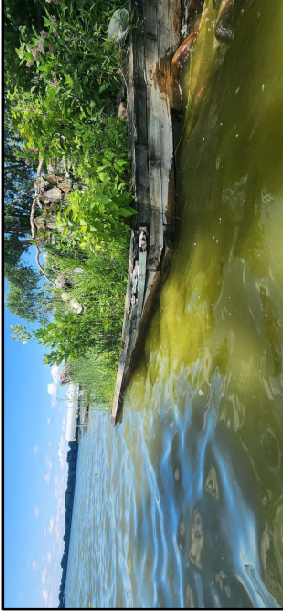
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PROJECT LOCATION

EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMER 2025



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PROJECT SYNOPSIS

Stabilize and restore 125 linear feet of eroding shoreline by removing failing timber retaining wall at the water's edge, regrading shoreline to a stable 3H:1V slope, installing angular Class II rock riprap to a moderate elevation, and planting a buffer of native vegetation throughout.



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STABILIZATION

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CLIENT: PAM GREENE

DESIGNER: BREANNA KEITH
DATE: 02/06/2026
REVISION:
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NOTES:

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PROJECT LOCATION

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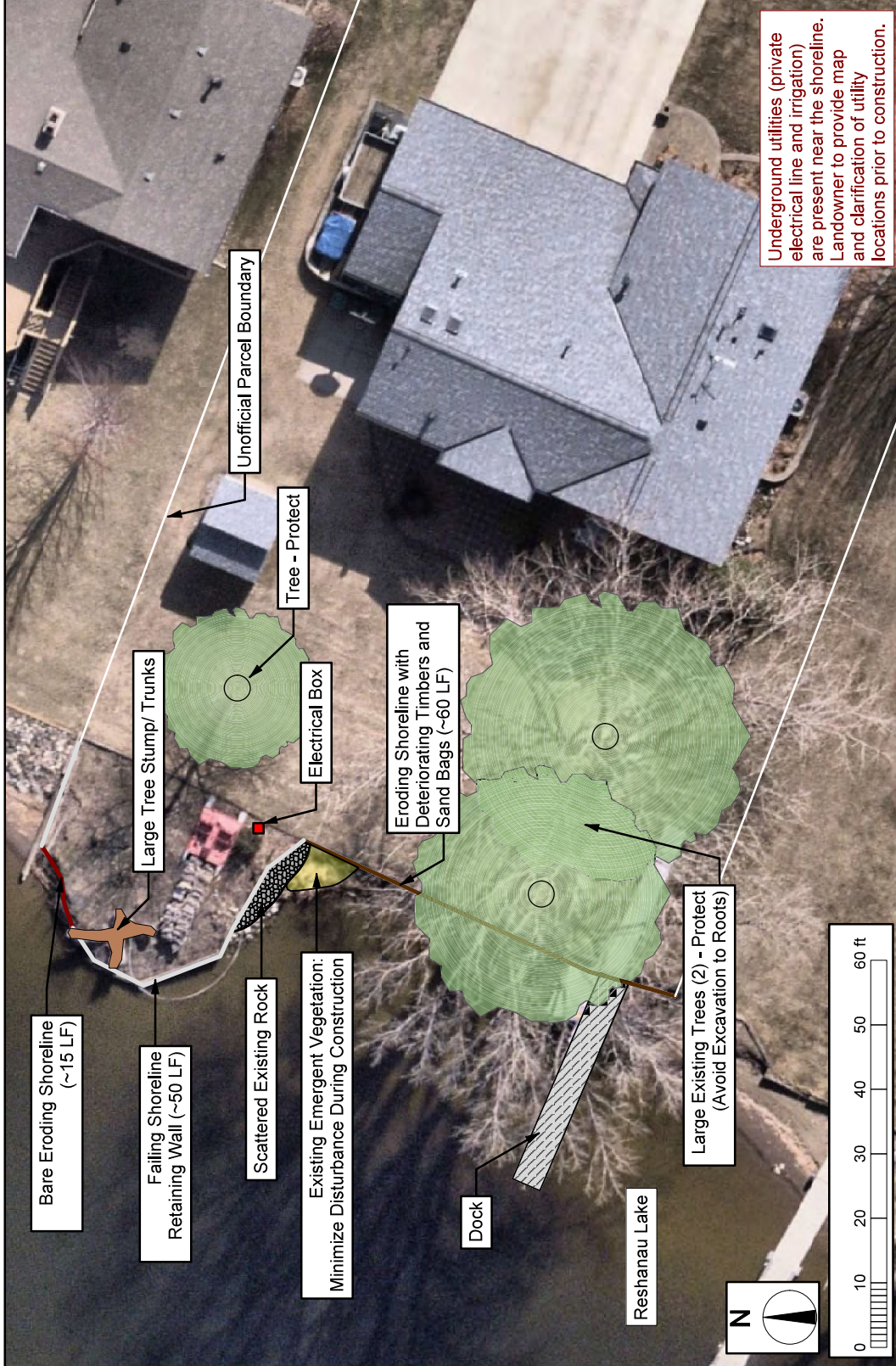
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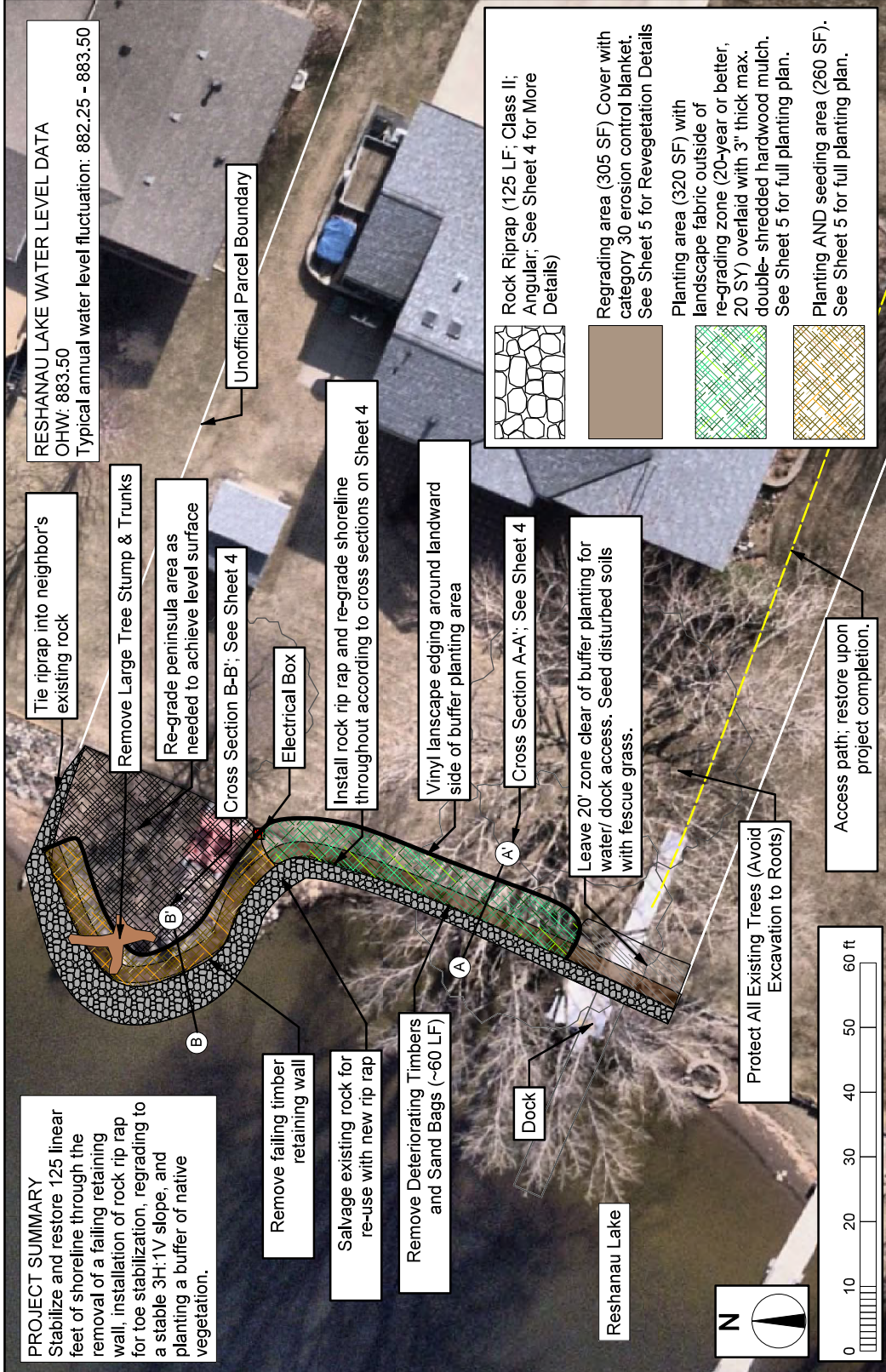
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EXISTING
CONDITIONS

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1 EXISTING CONDITIONS
Scale: 1:200



2 PROPOSED CONDITIONS
 Scale: 1:200

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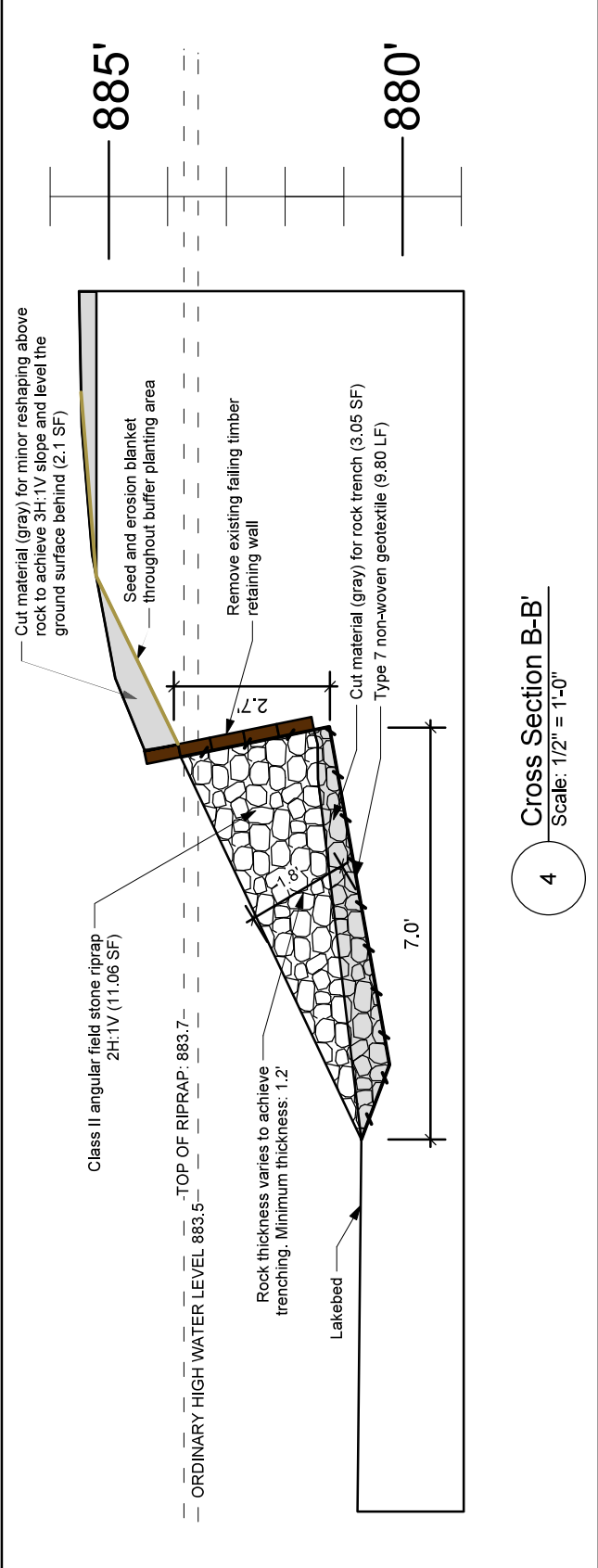
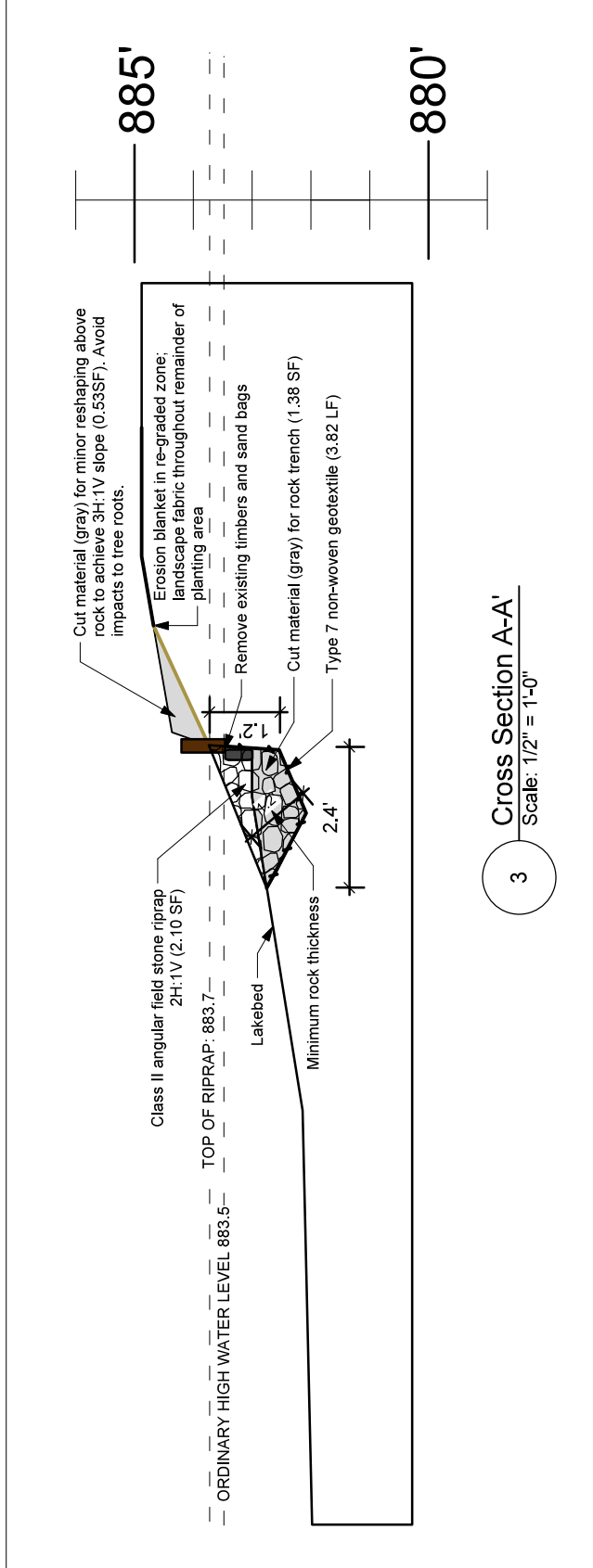
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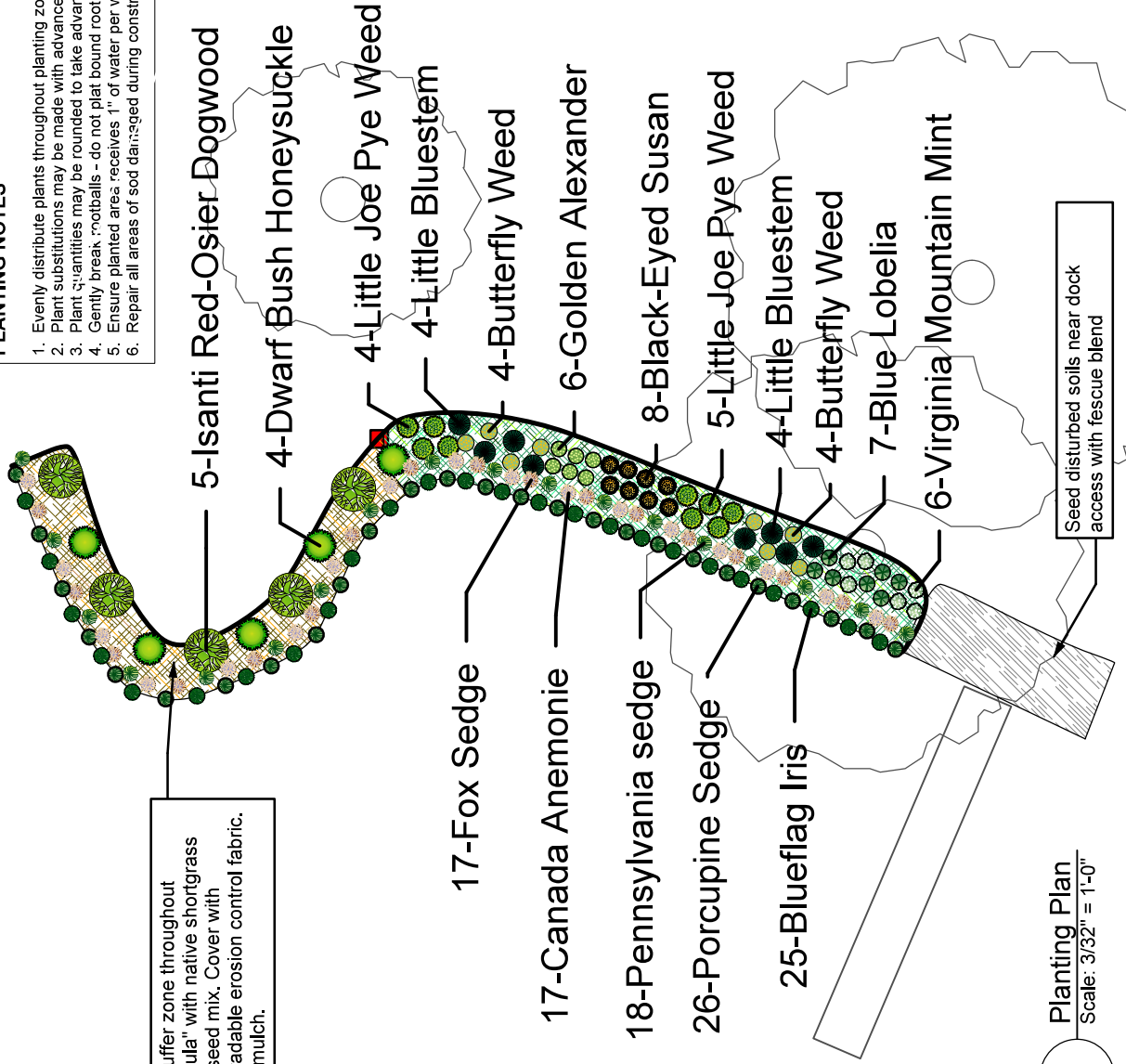
REGRADING AND
 RIPRAP CROSS
 SECTIONS



PLANTING NOTES

1. Evenly distribute plants throughout planting zones at spacing noted on plan above.
2. Plant substitutions may be made with advanced authorization from ACD and the landowner.
3. Plant quantities may be rounded to take advantage of volume discounts or purchase of entire flats.
4. Gently break rootballs - do not plant bound rootball.
5. Ensure planted area receives 1" of water per week (rainfall + irrigation) during establishment.
6. Repair all areas of sod damaged during construction.

Seed buffer zone throughout "peninsula" with native shortgrass prairie seed mix. Cover with biodegradable erosion control fabric. Do not mulch.



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Planting Plan
Scale: 3/32" = 1'-0"



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PLANTING PLAN

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GENERAL PROJECT STEPS

1. **Permits** - ACD to assist landowner with securing MN DNR permit and check with City for any other permits required.
 2. **Secure contractor** - Landowner solicits at least two quotes from qualified contractors and selects the lowest-bidding contractor.
 3. **Pre-construction meeting** - ACD staff hold brief onsite pre-construction meeting with selected contractor and landowner.
 4. **Verify property boundary** - Contractor must verify project extents with landowner to fit within property boundaries.
 5. **Order materials and plants** - Contractor to place orders in advance of the date needed to ensure availability and delivery. Substitutions can be made with approval from landowner and project designer.
 6. **Utility locate** - Contact Gopher One at least 48 hours prior to digging at 651-454-0002 to have utilities marked - contractor's responsibility. Landowner to mark and/ or provide maps indicating locations of any private utilities.
 7. **Layout and herbicide** - Mark planting and seeding areas. Before or after grading, treat existing vegetation within planting area with glyphosate herbicide. Do not remove the sod or till/grade except where required to achieve the design cross-section. If herbicide overspray into the lake may occur an aquatic-safe glyphosate is required. No herbicide should be applied to existing emergent aquatic plants, such as cattails or other vegetation in the lake. Repeat the herbicide treatment two weeks after the initial treatment. Planting & seeding may occur no sooner than five days after the second herbicide treatment.
 8. **Remove existing timber retaining wall and associated debris** - Contractor shall remove and dispose of existing retaining wall and associated debris, including sand bags.
 9. **Re-grade shoreline and install riprap** - See cross-sections for riprap details. Riprap will extend farther waterward in some areas than others to achieve a 2.5H:1V slope to the design elevation. Dig riprap toe trench, install Type 7 geotextile fabric, and place Class II riprap. The Contractor will work around trees not identified for removal. Do not break the roots of trees >4" in diameter at breast height during excavation. Rather, limit excavation in that area or do not excavate in that area.
 10. **Install landscaping fabric in specified mulched planting areas** - 20-year or better quality fabric that readily passes water is required. Overlap edges of landscaping fabric at least 6. Secure overlap with 6" biodegradable bio-stakes at approx 2 ft. intervals.
 11. **Complete seeding and install erosion control blanket in specified seeding and planting areas** - Seed buffer planting and dock/ water access areas as specified in plan. Cover with erosion control blanket; Category 30 or equivalent biodegradable blanket is required. Overlap edges at least 6 inches. Secure overlap with 6" biodegradable bio-stakes at approx 2 ft. intervals.
 12. **Install edging** - Edging circumscribes buffer planting/ seeding area. Edging should lay flat to ground surface for ease of future mowing. Do not install edging within 2 feet of water's edge.
 13. **Mulch** - Spread 3" thick maximum layer of double-shredded hardwood mulch in planting area where specified as shown in plan.
 14. **Buffer Planting** - For each plant, pull mulch aside and cut an "X" in the landscape fabric or erosion control blanket. A cordless drill with bulb auger may be used to make plant hole. All plants should be spaced as shown in planting plan.
 16. **Site restoration** - Contractor is responsible to restore any site disturbance due to construction through grading and re-seeding or sodding with turf grass. Landowner is responsible to water seeded areas.
 17. **Contractor watering** - Water all plants before planting and immediately after planting (ensure adequate water is applied to wet the soil below the wood mulch).
 18. **Landowner watering** - Landowner will ensure that planting receives at least 1" of water per week through September. The first 60 days after planting are most critical.
 19. **Landowner weeding** - Weeding every two weeks is recommended. Any plant in the project area that was not planted should be removed (except aquatic plants like cattails, where State law governs).
 20. **Landowner maintenance** - As needed, remove weeds and refresh mulch. After the first growing season the need for watering will be minimal, but during drought conditions occasional watering is beneficial.
- Materials and plant substitutions may be made with advanced authorization from ACD.
 - MN DNR Permit must be secured before work begins. Contractor must keep copy of permit at work site and comply with terms of permit.
 - Direct questions to Breanna Keith at 763-434-2030 ext 160 or breanna.keith@anokaswod.org

NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY
1	MOBILIZATION	EA	1.0
2	HERBICIDE EXISTING VEGETATION (RODEO OR SIMILAR AQUATIC-SAFE GLYPHOSATE CONCENTRATE, 2 APPLICATIONS)	SF	580.0
3	REMOVE EXISTING TIMBER RETAINING WALL (HEIGHT VARIES FROM 1 TO 6 TIMBERS TALL)	LF	125.0
4	COMMON EXCAVATION, EV*	CY	20.0
5	HAUL AND DISPOSE OF EXCESS MATERIAL, EV*	CY	20.0
6	SALVAGE EXISTING ROCK RIPRAP ALONG SHORELINE	CY	5.0
7	TYPE IV GEOTEXTILE FABRIC	SY	93.0
8	CLASS II ANGULAR RIPRAP (SIZE DISTRIBUTION 4" TO 12" DIAMETER)(COMBINE WITH SALVAGED ROCK)	CY	30.0
9	EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS (CATEGORY 4) AND BIO-STAKES (BIODEGRADABLE)	SY	40.0
10	DOUBLE SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH (3" MAX)	CY	3.0
11	1" PLANT PLUG (ALL SPECIES NOT LISTED IN OTHER SIZES BELOW)	EA	130.0
12	4" PLANT POTS (BLUE-FLAG IRIS AND DWARF BUSH HONEYSUCKLE)	EA	29.0
13	1-GALLON PLANT POT (RED OSIER DOGWOOD)	EA	5.0
14	SHORT PRAIRIE SEED MIX FOR BUFFER SEEDING AND PLANTING AREA	SF	260.0
15	FESCUE SEEDING (FOR THE RE-GRADED WATER ACCESS ZONE AND LEVELED PENINSULA)	SF	100.0
16	RESTORATION OF ANY SITE ACCESS PATHS AND/OR STAGING AREAS	LS	1.0

PROPOSED
 CONSTRUCTION
 SEQUENCE AND
 ESTIMATED
 QUANTITIES

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seeded areas.

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1	MOBILIZATION	EA	1.0	2000	2000
2	HERBICIDE EXISTING VEGETATION (RODEO OR SIMILAR AQUATIC-SAFE GLYPHOSATE CONCETRATE, 2 APPLICATIONS)	SF	580.0	1	580
3	REMOVE EXISTING TIMBER RETAINING WALL (HEIGHT VARIES FROM 1 TO 6 TIMBERS TALL)	LF	125.0	15	1875
4	COMMON EXCAVATION, EV*	CY	20.0	200	4000
5	HAUL AND DISPOSE OF EXCESS MATERIAL, EV*	CY	20.0	250	5000
6	SALVAGE EXISTING ROCK RIPRAP ALONG SHORELINE	CY	5.0	100	500
7	TYPE IV GEOTEXTILE FABRIC	SY	93.0	8	744
8	CLASS II ANGULAR RIPRAP (SIZE DISTRIBUTION 4" TO 12" DIAMETER) (COMBINE WITH SALVAGED ROCK)	CY	30.0	320	9600
9	EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS (CATEGORY 4) AND BIO-STAKES (BIODEGRADABLE)	SY	40.0	10	400
10	DOUBLE SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH (3" MAX)	CY	3.0	100	300
11	1" PLANT PLUG (ALL SPECIES NOT LISTED IN OTHER SIZES BELOW)	EA	130.0	10	1300
12	4" PLANT POTS (BLUE-FLAG IRIS AND DWARF BUSH HONEYSUCKLE)	EA	29.0	25	725
13	1-GALLON PLANT POT (RED OSIER DOGWOOD)	EA	5.0	35	175
14	SHORT PRAIRIE SEED MIX FOR BUFFER SEEDING AND PLANTING AREA	SF	260.0	3	780
15	FESCUE SEEDING (FOR THE RE-GRADED WATER ACCESS ZONE AND LEVELED PENINSULA)	SF	100.0	2	200
16	RESTORATION OF ANY SITE ACCESS PATHS AND/OR STAGING AREAS	LS	1.0	1000	1000
				TOTAL ESTIMATE	29179
				20% CONTINGENCY	5835.8
				GRAND TOTAL	35014.8

ESTIMATE

Shoreline Project - Reshanau Lake - P. Greene

Grand Total (USD)

\$29,919.50

BILL TO
Pam Greene
 6693 East Shadow Lake Drive
 Circle Pines, Minnesota 55014
 United States

612-720-9527
 pjg7474@msn.com

Estimate Number: 60
Estimate Date: March 2, 2026
Valid Until: April 1, 2026
Grand Total (USD): **\$29,919.50**

ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
RipRap - Natural Stone Gray Trap - 4" - 12" (or Yellow Limestone 4" - 12") TN	24	\$120.00	\$2,880.00
Landscaping Fabric Non-Woven Geotextile	2	\$115.00	\$230.00
ECM Blanketing Erosion Control/Natural/Coconut Blanketing (110' Roll)	2	\$215.00	\$430.00
Debris Removal and Disposal Timber and Debris Disposal/Ton	12	\$95.00	\$1,140.00
FlexEdge Poly Strip Edging (20ft Piece) Planting Area Perimter Edging	7	\$23.00	\$161.00
Heavy Equipment Access Area - Grass/Yard Repair Grass/Yard Repair	1	\$775.00	\$775.00



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ITEMS	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
Equipment and Transportation Fuel	1	\$525.00	\$525.00
Double Shredded Hardwood Mulch Bulk Mulch / CY	3	\$35.00	\$105.00
Prairie Seed Mix Planting Area Seed Mix	1	\$130.00	\$130.00
Fescue Seed Buffer and Planting Area	1	\$95.00	\$95.00
Plant Variety 1" Plantings Assortment	130	\$6.50	\$845.00
Plant Variety Medium Sized Plants	34	\$25.00	\$850.00
Black Topsoil Topsoil/CY	2	\$125.00	\$250.00
Pro-Trade Fabric Staples Underlayment Fabric Fasteners	4	\$19.00	\$76.00
Equipment Excavator (Medium)	1	\$775.00	\$775.00



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SRW Underlayment Fabric 6 ft. x 100 ft. Underlayment Fabric - Planting Area	1.5	\$75.00	\$112.50
Labor - Shoreline Restoration/Heavy Equipment Labor/Linear Ft	130	\$120.00	\$15,600.00
Labor - Tree Removal Tree Removal (Large)	1	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00
Labor - Edging Installation Edging Installation	1	\$375.00	\$375.00
Labor - Plantings Plant Installation/sq ft	320	\$5.75	\$1,840.00
Labor - Existing Retaining Timber Wall Removal Retaining Timber Wall Removal and Sand Bags	1	\$850.00	\$850.00
Labor - Grading Land Grading	1	\$325.00	\$325.00
Grand Total (USD):			\$29,919.50

Notes / Terms

Project Terms - Services Performed:



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3. Re-grade shoreline and install riprap - as specified per plan.
4. Install landscaping fabric in specified mulched planting areas
5. Complete seeding and install erosion control blanket in specified seeding and planting areas as specified per plan.
6. Install edging
7. Mulch - as specified per plan.
8. Buffer Planting - as specified per plan.
9. Site restoration - as specified per plan.
10. Contractor watering - as specified per plan.



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ESTIMATE

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 19512 Hubble Rd
 Clearwater, MN 55320-2078

jerry@jklandscape.com
 +1 (320) 980-2710
 Contractor License : BC631037



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Ship to
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Estimate details

Estimate no.: 1048
 Estimate date: 02/23/2026

Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Landscape Services	Mobilization	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Landscape Services	Herbicide existing vegetation - rodeo or similar	580	\$1.8965517	\$1,100.00
Landscape Services	Removal/disposal of existing timber wall and stump	125	\$31.00	\$3,875.00
Landscape Services	Common Excavation	20	\$60.00	\$1,200.00
Landscape Services	Haul and dispose of excess material	20	\$65.00	\$1,300.00
Landscape Services	Salvage existing rock rip rap along shoreline	5	\$75.00	\$375.00
Landscape Services	Type 4 Geotextile Fabric	93	\$12.00	\$1,116.00
Landscape Services	Class 2 angular rip rap 4" to 12" and combine with salvaged rock	30	\$390.00	\$11,700.00
Landscape Services	Erosion Control Blankets Cat. 4 and bio stakes	40	\$30.00	\$1,200.00
Landscape Services	Double shredded hardwood mulch 3" max	3	\$195.00	\$585.00
Landscape Services	1" plant plugs	130	\$11.00	\$1,430.00
Landscape Services	4" plant pots - blue flag iris and dwarf bush honeysuckle	29	\$17.00	\$493.00

Landscape Services	1 gallon plant pot - red osier dogwood	5	\$65.00	\$325.00
Landscape Services	short prairie seed mix for buffer seeding and planting area	260	\$2.00	\$520.00
Landscape Services	fescue seeding for regraded water access zone and leveled peninsula	100	\$3.00	\$300.00
Landscape Services	restoration of any site access paths and/or staging areas	1	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Total				\$29,919.00

Note to customer

*Unless noted, this estimate does not include any permit/application fees. We can obtain these for an additional fee.

*By Signing the Estimate and Contract, you are Acknowledging that you have Read and Agree to the Contract and Warranty Terms, which are also located on our website at: www.jklandscape.com/resources/contract-terms.

*Please See Our Website to View the Project Gallery & Detailed Services We Have To Offer.

*Credit Card payments require an additional 5% Processing Fee.

WE APPRECIATE YOU BUSINESS!!!

Accepted date

Accepted by

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: April 1st, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Molly Nelson, Outreach and Grants Technician
Subject: R26-04 Island Lake Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

Introduction

R26-04 Island Lake Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

- Applicant: Ramsey County
- Location: 3611 Victoria St N
- Total Eligible Project Cost: \$74,308.66
- RCWD Grant Recommendation: \$10,000.00 (50%)

Background

The R26-04 Island Lake Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration Water Quality Grant application proposes the restoration of the east Island Lake shoreline on a public property in Shoreview. Outlined details of the project scope are provided in the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation Division (RSWCD) technical memo. RSWCD staff provided construction ready designs and recommendations for a cost-share grant award which has been reviewed and approved by RCWD staff.

The estimated pollutant reductions for the proposed project are:

- Stormwater Volume Reduction: 28,661 cu-ft/yr (82%)
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS): 1,568.59 lbs/yr (96%)
- Total phosphorus (TP): 1.611 lbs/yr (89%)

The applicant received 4 bids for the project:

- Bid #1: Native Resource Preservation, LLC for \$93,040.75
- Bid #2: RES Great Lakes, LLC for \$99,828.68
- Bid #3: Natural Resource Services, Inc. for \$98,837.60
- Bid #4: Natural Shore Technologies, Inc. for \$74,308.66 (lowest bid)

The RSWCD provided a cost estimate amounting to \$122,775.00, which is higher than the lowest proposed bid on the project.

Staff Recommendation

Based on the submitted application and program guidelines, RCWD staff support the project award of \$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible project expenses of \$74,308.66.

Request for Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to authorize the RCWD Board President, on advice of counsel, to approve the Water Quality Grant Contract for R26-04 of \$10,000.00 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00, whichever amount is lower, as outlined in the consent agenda and in accordance with the RCWD Staff's recommendation and established program guidelines.

Attachments

- R26-04 Island Lake Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration application documents.

Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation Division



To: RCWD Advisory Committee
 From: Brian Olsen: Environmental Resource Specialist
 Date: 3/20/2026
 Re: Island Lake Shoreline (Ramsey County) Cost Share Application

Project: R26-04
 3611 Victoria St. N.
 Shoreview, MN 55126
 Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

Material & Labor Estimate: \$74,308.66
 Cost Share Request: \$10,000.00

Background:

The proposed project is located at Island Lake County Park along the West shoreline just South of the boat launch on Island Lake. The existing shoreline is as a vertical cut-face bank and is experiencing significant erosion, with areas of exposed soil along a steep bank. This ongoing erosion is contributing sediment and associated pollutants into Island Lake, negatively impacting water quality and shoreline stability. RCWD has Island Lake is classified as a Protection water body.

The proposed project involves shoreline stabilization and restoration using a combination all natural bioengineering techniques to properly slope and stabilize the existing shoreline bank. In addition, a native shoreline planting buffer will be installed to enhance long-term stability, provide pollinator habitat, and help filter stormwater runoff from the adjacent park property. The planting will include emergent, transitional & upland species areas. The planting will connect with the existing oak trees of the site to create a healthy Oak Savannah edge ecosystem along the shoreline. e. Implementation of this project will stabilize the shoreline, reduce sediment inputs to the lake, and establish a resilient, vegetated lake edge that supports long-term ecological health and habitat value.

Total catchment area treated by the proposed project is 3,980 square feet (0.091 acres). It is 40% impervious and includes road, sidewalk, and landscape/turf grass.

The Island Lake project is also supported by state grant funding through Watershed Based Implementation Funding. Ramsey County is hoping to also utilize the RCWD Water Quality Grant Program to provide the local match funding and to help cover the total cost of the project.

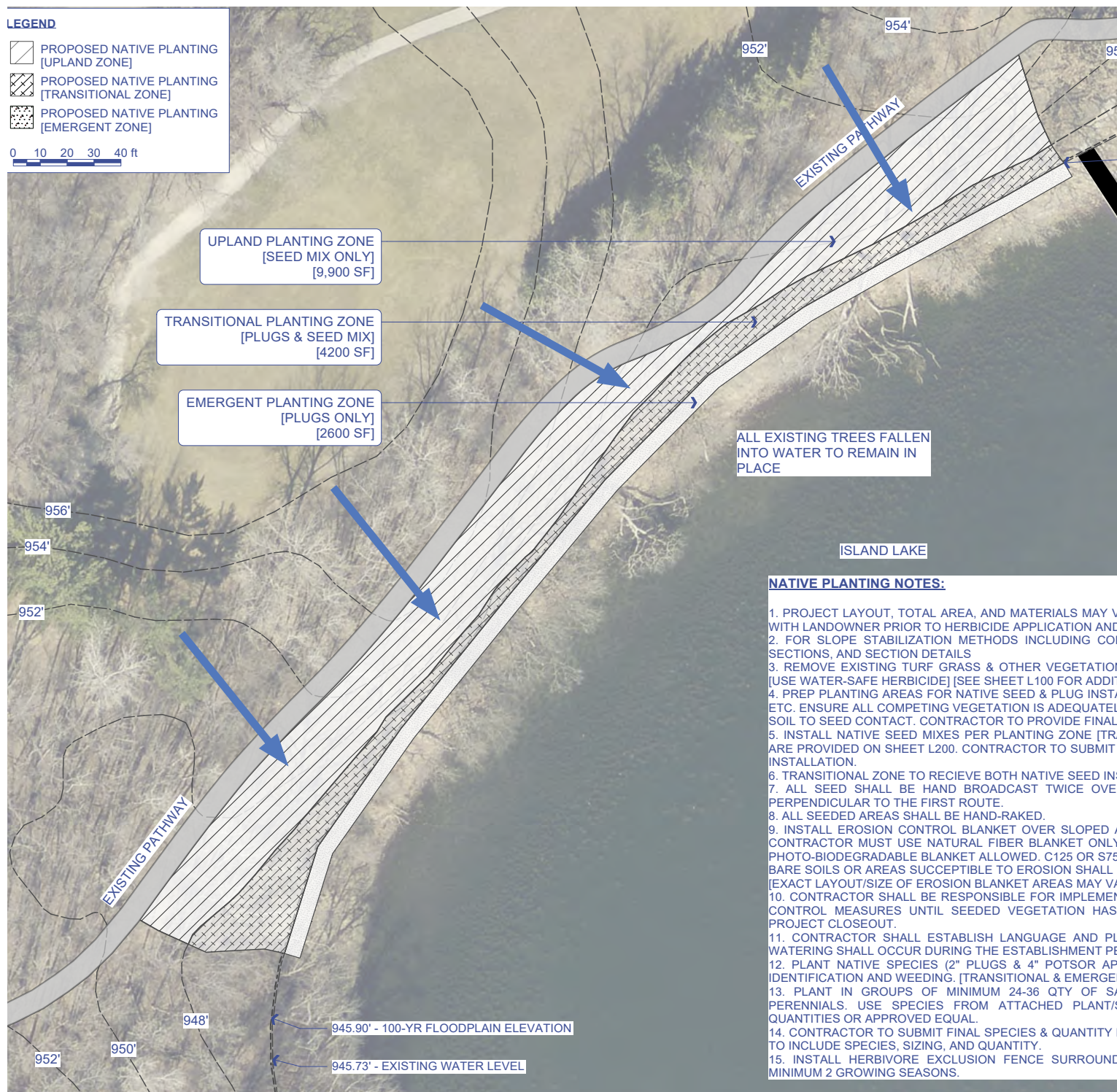
Recommendation:

It is my recommendation that the Karth Lake Shoreline project be awarded cost share in the amount of \$10,000.00 or 50% of the eligible project costs, whichever is less.

Pollution Reductions: Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

	Before	After	Reduction	Red. %
Volume (cu-ft/yr)	34,885	6,224	28,661	82%
TSS (lbs/yr)	1,639.70	70.75	1,568.95	96%
TP (lbs/yr)	1.820	0.209	1.611	89%

EXHIBIT A: Site Drainage



R26-04 Island Lake Project Existing Conditions



PHOTO 1 OF 2



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ISLAND LAKE SHORELINE RESTORATION

ISLAND LAKE COUNTY PARK

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DATE: 2/25/2026
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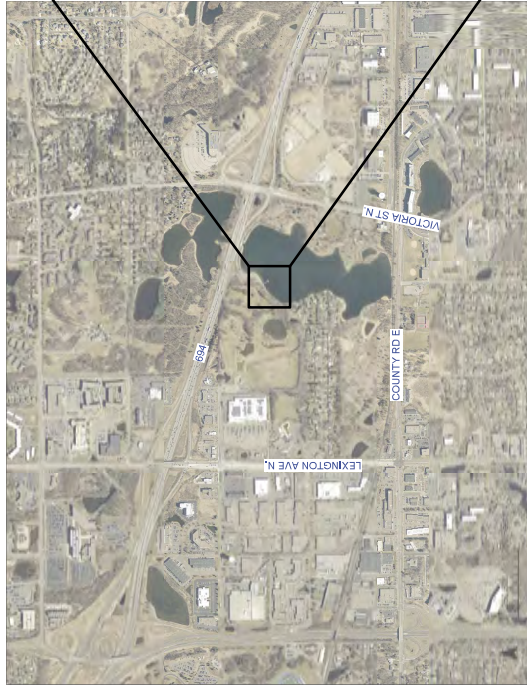
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TITLE & SHEET INDEX

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 ISLAND LAKE COUNTY PARK
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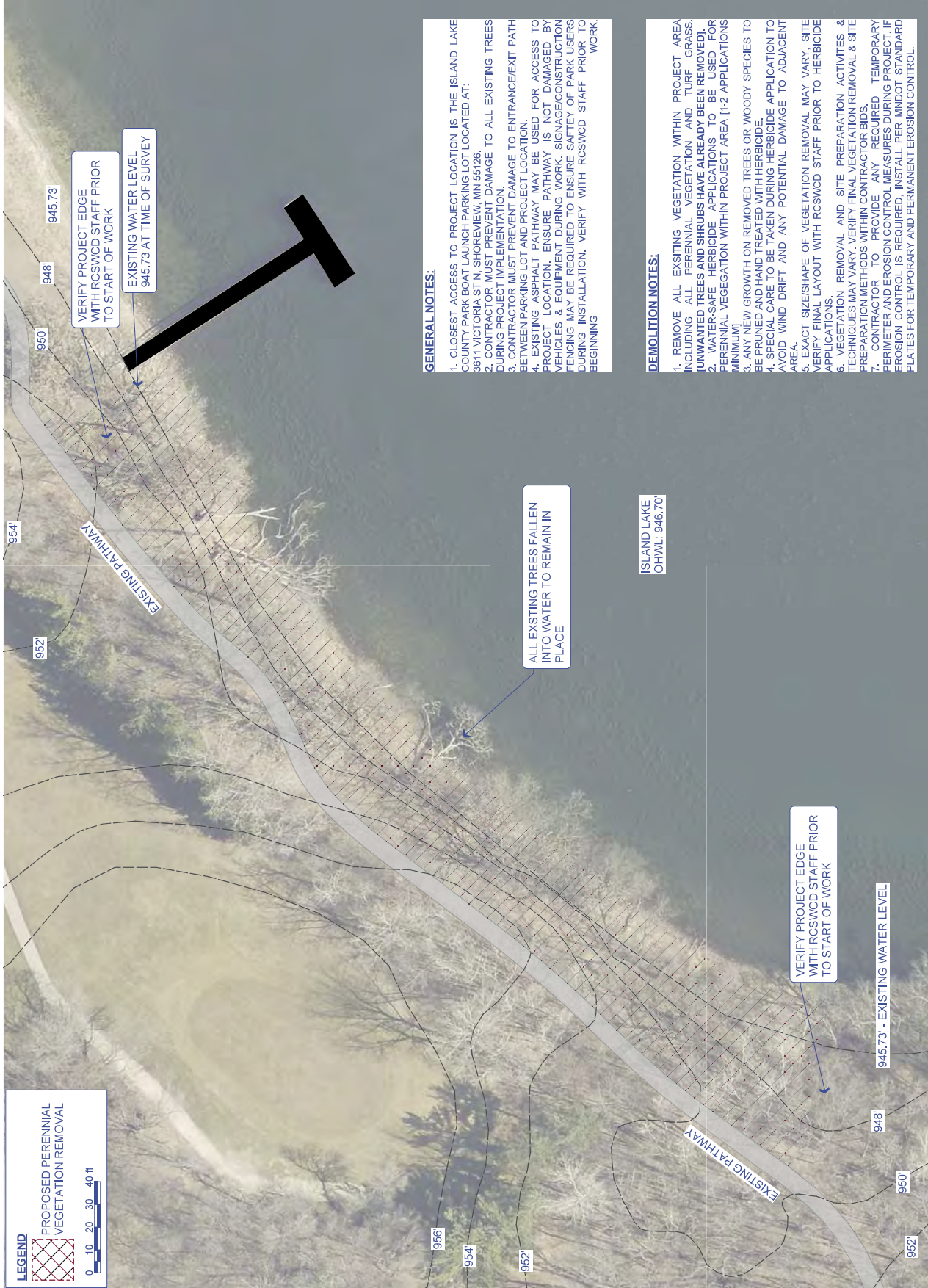


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INDEX OF SHEETS

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- L300-302: EXISTING & PROPOSED CROSS SECTIONS
- L400-401: SITE DETAIL DRAWINGS

THIS PLAN SET CONTAINS 10 SHEETS



GENERAL NOTES:

1. CLOSEST ACCESS TO PROJECT LOCATION IS THE ISLAND LAKE COUNTY PARK BOAT LAUNCH PARKING LOT LOCATED AT: 3611 VICTORIA ST N, SHOREVIEW, MN 55126.
2. CONTRACTOR MUST PREVENT DAMAGE TO ALL EXISTING TREES DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.
3. CONTRACTOR MUST PREVENT DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE/EXIT PATH BETWEEN PARKING LOT AND PROJECT LOCATION.
4. EXISTING ASPHALT PATHWAY MAY BE USED FOR ACCESS TO PROJECT LOCATION. ENSURE PATHWAY IS NOT DAMAGED BY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT DURING WORK. SIGNAGE/CONSTRUCTION FENCING MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE SAFETY OF PARK USERS DURING INSTALLATION. VERIFY WITH RCSWCD STAFF PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK.

DEMOLITION NOTES:

1. REMOVE ALL EXISTING VEGETATION WITHIN PROJECT AREA INCLUDING ALL PERENNIAL VEGETATION AND TURF GRASS. (UNWANTED TREES AND SHRUBS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REMOVED).
2. WATER-SAFE HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS TO BE USED FOR PERENNIAL VEGETATION WITHIN PROJECT AREA (1+2 APPLICATIONS MINIMUM).
3. ANY NEW GROWTH ON REMOVED TREES OR WOODY SPECIES TO BE PRUNED AND HAND TREATED WITH HERBICIDE.
4. SPECIAL CARE TO BE TAKEN DURING HERBICIDE APPLICATION TO AVOID WIND DRIFT AND ANY POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO ADJACENT AREA.
5. EXACT SIZE/SHAPE OF VEGETATION REMOVAL MAY VARY. SITE VERIFY FINAL LAYOUT WITH RCSWCD STAFF PRIOR TO HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS.
6. VEGETATION REMOVAL AND SITE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES & TECHNIQUES MAY VARY. VERIFY FINAL VEGETATION REMOVAL & SITE PREPARATION METHODS WITH CONTRACTOR BIDS.
7. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE ANY REQUIRED TEMPORARY PERIMETER AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES DURING PROJECT IF EROSION CONTROL IS REQUIRED. INSTALL PER MNDOT STANDARD PLATES FOR TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EROSION CONTROL.

VERIFY PROJECT EDGE WITH RCSWCD STAFF PRIOR TO START OF WORK

EXISTING WATER LEVEL 945.73 AT TIME OF SURVEY

ALL EXISTING TREES FALLEN INTO WATER TO REMAIN IN PLACE

ISLAND LAKE OHWL: 946.70

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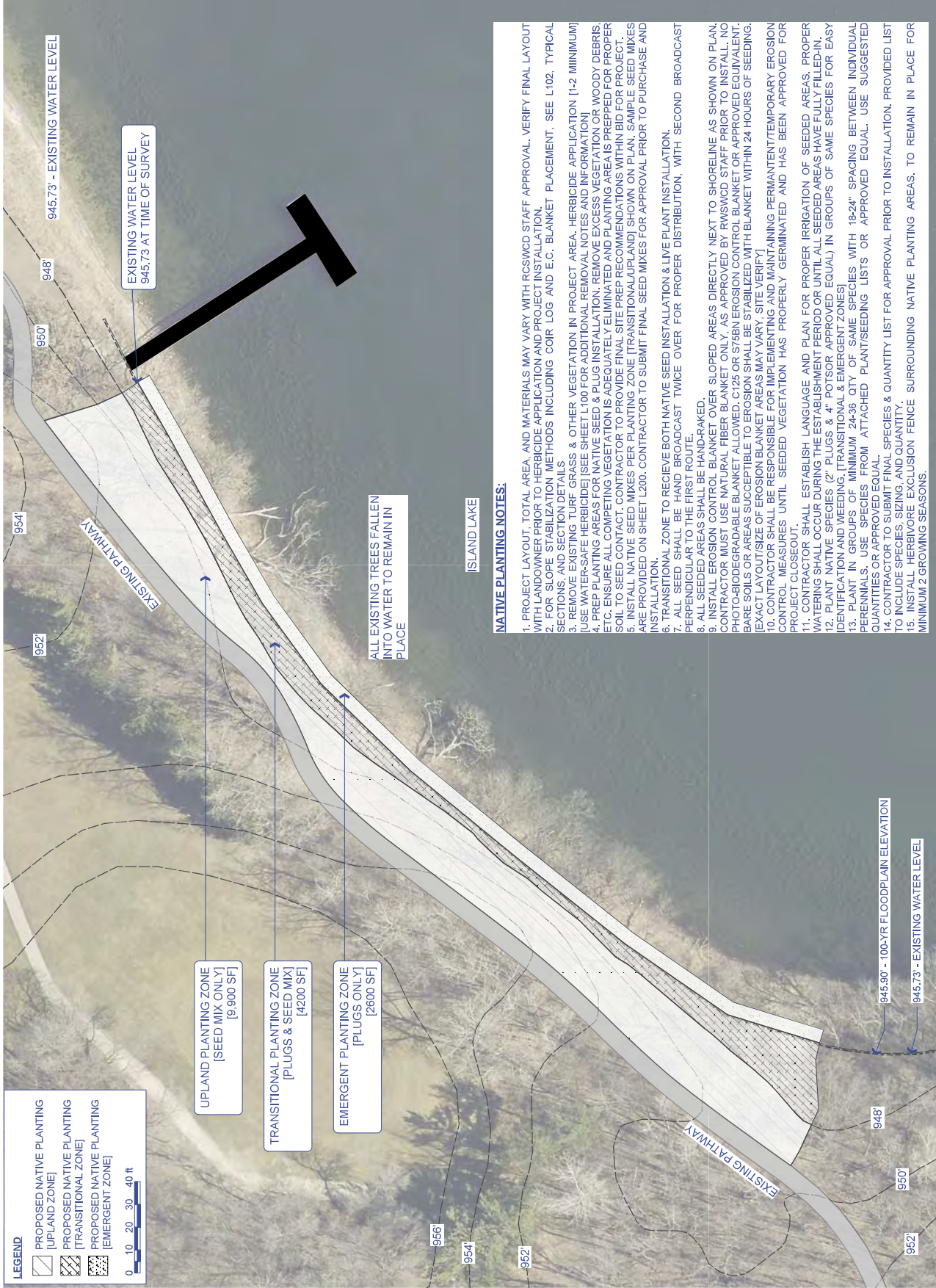
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LAYOUT PLAN

L101



NATIVE PLANTING NOTES:

1. PROJECT LAYOUT, TOTAL AREA, AND MATERIALS MAY VARY WITH RCWSWCD STAFF APPROVAL. VERIFY FINAL LAYOUT WITH LANDOWNER PRIOR TO HERBICIDE APPLICATION AND PROJECT INSTALLATION.
2. FOR SLOPE STABILIZATION METHODS INCLUDING COIR LOG AND E.C. BLANKET PLACEMENT, SEE L102, TYPICAL SECTIONS AND SECTION DETAILS.
3. REMOVE EXISTING TURF GRASS & OTHER VEGETATION IN PROJECT AREA. HERBICIDE APPLICATION [1-2 MINIMUM] (USE WATER-SAFE HERBICIDE) [SEE SHEET L100 FOR ADDITIONAL REMOVAL NOTES AND INFORMATION]
4. PREP PLANTING AREAS FOR NATIVE SEED & PLUG INSTALLATION. REMOVE EXCESS VEGETATION OR WOODY DEBRIS ETC. ENSURE ALL COMPETING VEGETATION IS ADEQUATELY ELIMINATED AND PLANTING AREAS PREPARED FOR PROPER SOIL TO SEED CONTACT. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE FINAL SITE PREP RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN BID FOR PROJECT.
5. INSTALL NATIVE SEED MIXES PER PLANTING ZONE (TRANSITIONAL/PLAND) SHOWN ON PLAN. SAMPLE SEED MIXES ARE PROVIDED ON SHEET L200. CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT FINAL SEED MIXES FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION.
6. TRANSITIONAL ZONE TO RECEIVE BOTH NATIVE SEED INSTALLATION & LIVE PLANT INSTALLATION.
7. ALL SEED SHALL BE HAND BROADCAST TWICE OVER FOR PROPER DISTRIBUTION, WITH SECOND BROADCAST PERPENDICULAR TO THE FIRST ROUTE.
8. ALL SEED AREAS SHALL BE HAND-RAKED.
9. INSTALL EROSION CONTROL BLANKET OVER SLOPED AREAS DIRECTLY NEXT TO SHORELINE AS SHOWN ON PLAN. CONTRACTOR MUST USE NATURAL FIBER BLANKET ONLY, AS APPROVED BY RWSWCD STAFF PRIOR TO INSTALL. NO PHOTO-BIODEGRADABLE BLANKET ALLOWED. C125 OR S756N EROSION CONTROL BLANKET OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT. BARE SOILS OR AREAS SUSCEPTIBLE TO EROSION SHALL BE STABILIZED WITH BLANKET WITHIN 24 HOURS OF SEEDING. [EXACT LAYOUT/SIZE OF EROSION BLANKET AREAS MAY VARY. SITE VERIFY]
10. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING AND MAINTAINING PERMANENT/TEMPORARY EROSION CONTROL MEASURES UNTIL SEEDED VEGETATION HAS PROPERLY GERMINATED AND HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR PROJECT CLOSEOUT.
11. CONTRACTOR SHALL ESTABLISH LANGUAGE AND PLAN FOR PROPER IRRIGATION OF SEEDED AREAS. PROPER WATERING SHALL OCCUR DURING THE ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD OR UNTIL ALL SEEDED AREAS HAVE FULLY FILLED-IN.
12. PLANT NATIVE SPECIES (2" PLUGS & 4" POTS OR APPROVED EQUAL) IN GROUPS OF SAME SPECIES FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION AND WEEDING. (TRANSITIONAL & EMERGENT ZONES)
13. PLANT IN GROUPS OF MINIMUM 24-36 QTY OF SAME SPECIES WITH 18-24" SPACING BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL PERENNIALS. USE SPECIES FROM ATTACHED PLANT/SEEDING LISTS OR APPROVED EQUAL. USE SUGGESTED QUANTITIES OR APPROVED EQUAL.
14. CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT FINAL SPECIES & QUANTITY LIST FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. PROVIDED LIST TO INCLUDE SPECIES, SIZING, AND QUANTITY.
15. INSTALL HERBIVORE EXCLUSION FENCE SURROUNDING NATIVE PLANTING AREAS. TO REMAIN IN PLACE FOR MINIMUM 2 GROWING SEASONS.

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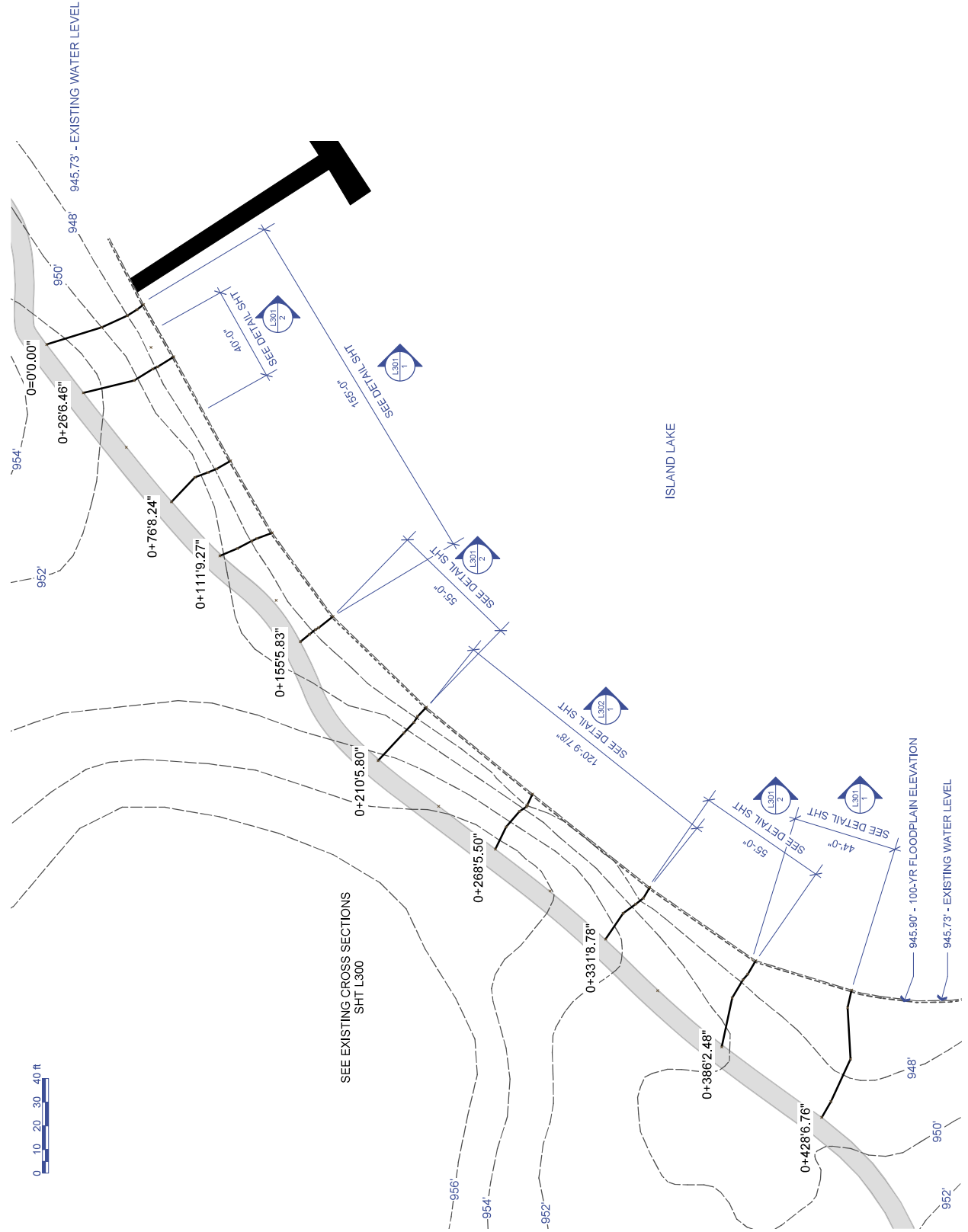
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LAYOUT PLAN (pg2)

L102



UPLAND ZONE MASTER LIST

Description: SSNS Savanna & Woodland Edge Mix
 Seeding Rate: 10 lb/acre (52 seeds/square foot)
 Notes: Soil - Wet Mesic to Dry Mesic; Sun - Partial to Shade

Common Name	Scientific Name	% of Mix	Seeds/ft ²	Total
Graasses				
Big Bluestem	Andropogon gerardi	8.00%	2.9	0.80 PLS lb
Sideoats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula	14.00%	3.1	1.40 PLS lb
Ear-leaved Blome	Bromus tataricus	4.00%	1.1	0.40 PLS lb
Silky Wild Rye	Elymus villosus	12.00%	2.4	1.20 PLS lb
Virginia Wild Rye	Elymus virginicus	2.5	1.60 PLS lb	
Littleblueth Grass	Hystrix patula	8.00%	2.2	0.80 PLS lb
Botteblueth Grass	Schizachyrium scoparium	6.00%	3.3	0.60 PLS lb
Indiangrass	Sorghastrum nutans	10.00%	4.4	1.00 PLS lb
Sedge & Rushes				
Plains Oval Sedge	Carex breviar	0.60%	0.6	0.06 PLS lb
Field Oval Sedge	Carex molesta	0.40%	0.4	0.04 PLS lb
Spreading Oval Sedge	Carex normalis	0.40%	0.4	0.04 PLS lb
Long-beaked Sedge	Carex sprengelii	0.60%	0.2	0.06 PLS lb
Forbs				
Antise Hysop	Agastache foeniculum	0.40%	1.3	0.04 PLS lb
Columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	0.40%	0.6	0.04 PLS lb
Common Milkweed	Aedopis sylvica	1.60%	0.2	0.16 PLS lb
Smooth Blue Aster	Aster laevis	0.80%	1.6	0.08 PLS lb
Calico Aster	Aster lateriflorus	0.20%	1.8	0.02 PLS lb
Prairie Conopsis	Coreopsis palmata	0.40%	0.1	0.04 PLS lb
Tall Conopsis	Coreopsis tripteris	0.80%	0.4	0.08 PLS lb
Purple Prairie Clover	Dalea purpurea	3.20%	2.1	0.32 PLS lb
Sweet Joe Yew Weed	Eupatorium purpureum	0.80%	1.2	0.08 PLS lb
Cream Gentian	Gentiana lewisii	0.40%	2.1	0.04 PLS lb
Maxillaria's Sunflower	Helianthus maximiliani	1.60%	0.8	0.16 PLS lb
Ox-eye Sunflower	Helopsis helianthoides	1.60%	0.4	0.16 PLS lb
False Broomrape	Kuhnia eupatorioides	0.40%	0.5	0.04 PLS lb
Wild Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	0.60%	1.5	0.06 PLS lb
Common Evening Primrose	Oenothera biennis	0.40%	1.3	0.04 PLS lb
Sweet Cicely	Oenothera claytoni	0.60%	0.1	0.06 PLS lb
Solomon's Seal	Polygonatum canaliculatum	0.40%	0.0	0.04 PLS lb
Prairie Wild Rose	Rosa arkansana	0.60%	0.1	0.06 PLS lb
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	0.80%	2.7	0.08 PLS lb
Brown-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia triloba	0.80%	1.0	0.08 PLS lb
Late Flywort	Scrophularia marilandica	0.20%	1.2	0.02 PLS lb
Stiff Goldenrod	Solidago rigida	0.40%	0.6	0.04 PLS lb
Early Meadow Rue	Thalictrum dioicum	0.40%	0.1	0.04 PLS lb
Ohio Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	0.40%	0.1	0.04 PLS lb
Culver's Root	Veronicastrum virginicum	0.20%	5.9	0.02 PLS lb
Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea	1.60%	0.6	0.16 PLS lb

2 TRANSITIONAL ZONE MASTER LIST

TRANSITIONAL ZONE: WET-TRANSITIONAL PLANT SPECIES LIST

Soil Moisture: Wet / Wet-Mesic / Mesic; Contractor to provide final list for approval

Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Remarks
Graasses			
Canada Blue Joint	Calamagrostis canadensis	2" Plug	Contractor to select species from list for the appropriate site conditions; field verification and approval by Owner Representative required. Install seed mix per plans. Install perennials with spacing & groupings as specified per plans.
Pow Blingrass	Poa palustris	2" Plug	
Fringed Brome	Bromus ciliatus	2" Plug	
Sedge & Rushes			
Water Sedge	Carex babilli	2" Plug	
Plains Oval Sedge	Carex breviar	2" Plug	
Red-tailed Sedge	Carex comosa	2" Plug	
Caterpillar Sedge	Carex critica	2" Plug	
Percupine Sedge	Carex hystricina	2" Plug	
Lake Sedge	Carex lasiocarpa	2" Plug	
Common Hop Sedge	Carex lupulina	2" Plug	
Pond-stom Sedge	Carex scoparia	2" Plug	
Woolf Sedge	Carex stipida	2" Plug	
Woolf Sedge	Carex straminea	2" Plug	
Woolf Sedge	Carex vulpinoidea	2" Plug	
Creeping Spikemush	Echinochloa palustris	2" Plug	
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	2" Plug	
Softstem Bulrush	Scirpus validus	2" Plug	
Green Bulrush	Scirpus atrovirens	2" Plug	
Forbs & Ferns			
Sweet Flag	Acorus americanus	2" Plug	
Water Hainstem	Alisma subcordatum	2" Plug	
Water Hainstem	Alisma plantago-aquatica	2" Plug	
Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	2" Plug	
Nodding Bur Marigold	Bidens cernua	2" Plug	
Turtlehead	Chelone glabra	2" Plug	
Showy Tick Trefoil	Desmodium canadense	2" Plug	
Joe Yew Weed	Eupatorium perfoliatum	2" Plug	
Bonest	Eupatorium purpureum	2" Plug	
Grass Leaf Cudweed	Euthamia graminifolia	2" Plug	
Bearsweet	Helianthus autumnalis	2" Plug	
Greenish Blue Flag Iris	Iris macrospora	2" Plug	
Yellow Flag Iris	Iris versicolor	2" Plug	
Meadow Blazing Star	Liatris ligularis	2" Plug	
Prairie Blazing Star	Liatris pycnostachya	2" Plug	
Denise Blazing Star	Liatris spicata	2" Plug	
Cardinal Flower	Loebelia cardinalis	2" Plug	
Great Blue Lobelia	Loebelia spithamea	2" Plug	
Monkey Flower	Mimulus ringens	2" Plug	
Sensitive Fern	Onclea sensibilis	2" Plug	
Mountain Mint	Pycnanthemum virginicum	2" Plug	
Common Arrowweed	Sagittaria latifolia	2" Plug	
Common Arrowweed	Sagittaria arifolia	2" Plug	
Blue Virginia	Symplocarum novae-angliae	2" Plug	
Blue Virginia	Veronica hastata	2" Plug	
Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea	2" Plug	

3 EMERGENT ZONE MASTER LIST

EMERGENT ZONE: EMERGENT PLANT SPECIES LIST

Soil Moisture: Below Water Line / Wet; Contractor to provide final list for approval

Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Remarks
Species			
Sparganium latifolia	Sparganium latifolia	4" Container	Contractor to select species from list for the appropriate site conditions; field verification and approval by Owner Representative required. Install perennials with spacing & groupings as specified per plans.
Hard Stem Bulrush	Scirpus seticus	4" Container	
Three Square Bulrush	Scirpus pungens	4" Container	
Soft Stem Bulrush	Scirpus validus	4" Container	
Sparganium angustatum	Sparganium angustatum	4" Container	

UPLAND ZONE MASTER LIST

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Common Name	Scientific Name	% of Mix	Seeds/ft ²	Total
Graasses				
Big Bluestem	Andropogon gerardi	8.00%	2.9	0.80 PLS lb
Sideoats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula	14.00%	3.1	1.40 PLS lb
Ear-leaved Blome	Bromus tataricus	4.00%	1.1	0.40 PLS lb
Silky Wild Rye	Elymus villosus	12.00%	2.4	1.20 PLS lb
Virginia Wild Rye	Elymus virginicus	2.5	1.60 PLS lb	
Littleblueth Grass	Hystrix patula	8.00%	2.2	0.80 PLS lb
Botteblueth Grass	Schizachyrium scoparium	6.00%	3.3	0.60 PLS lb
Indiangrass	Sorghastrum nutans	10.00%	4.4	1.00 PLS lb
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Forbs				
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Prairie Conopsis	Coreopsis palmata	0.40%	0.1	0.04 PLS lb
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False Broomrape	Kuhnia eupatorioides	0.40%	0.5	0.04 PLS lb
Wild Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	0.60%	1.5	0.06 PLS lb
Common Evening Primrose	Oenothera biennis	0.40%	1.3	0.04 PLS lb
Sweet Cicely	Oenothera claytoni	0.60%	0.1	0.06 PLS lb
Solomon's Seal	Polygonatum canaliculatum	0.40%	0.0	0.04 PLS lb
Prairie Wild Rose	Rosa arkansana	0.60%	0.1	0.06 PLS lb
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	0.80%	2.7	0.08 PLS lb
Brown-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia triloba	0.80%	1.0	0.08 PLS lb
Late Flywort	Scrophularia marilandica	0.20%	1.2	0.02 PLS lb
Stiff Goldenrod	Solidago rigida	0.40%	0.6	0.04 PLS lb
Early Meadow Rue	Thalictrum dioicum	0.40%	0.1	0.04 PLS lb
Ohio Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	0.40%	0.1	0.04 PLS lb
Culver's Root	Veronicastrum virginicum	0.20%	5.9	0.02 PLS lb
Golden Alexanders	Zizia aurea	1.60%	0.6	0.16 PLS lb

3 EMERGENT ZONE MASTER LIST

EMERGENT ZONE: EMERGENT PLANT SPECIES LIST

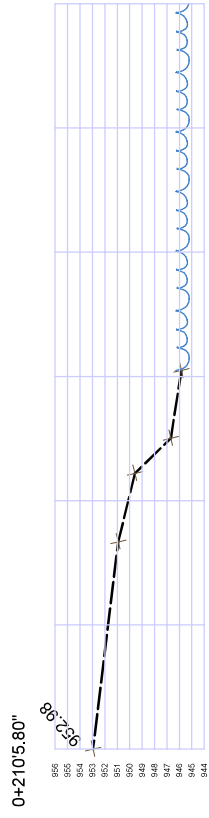
Soil Moisture: Below Water Line / Wet; Contractor to provide final list for approval

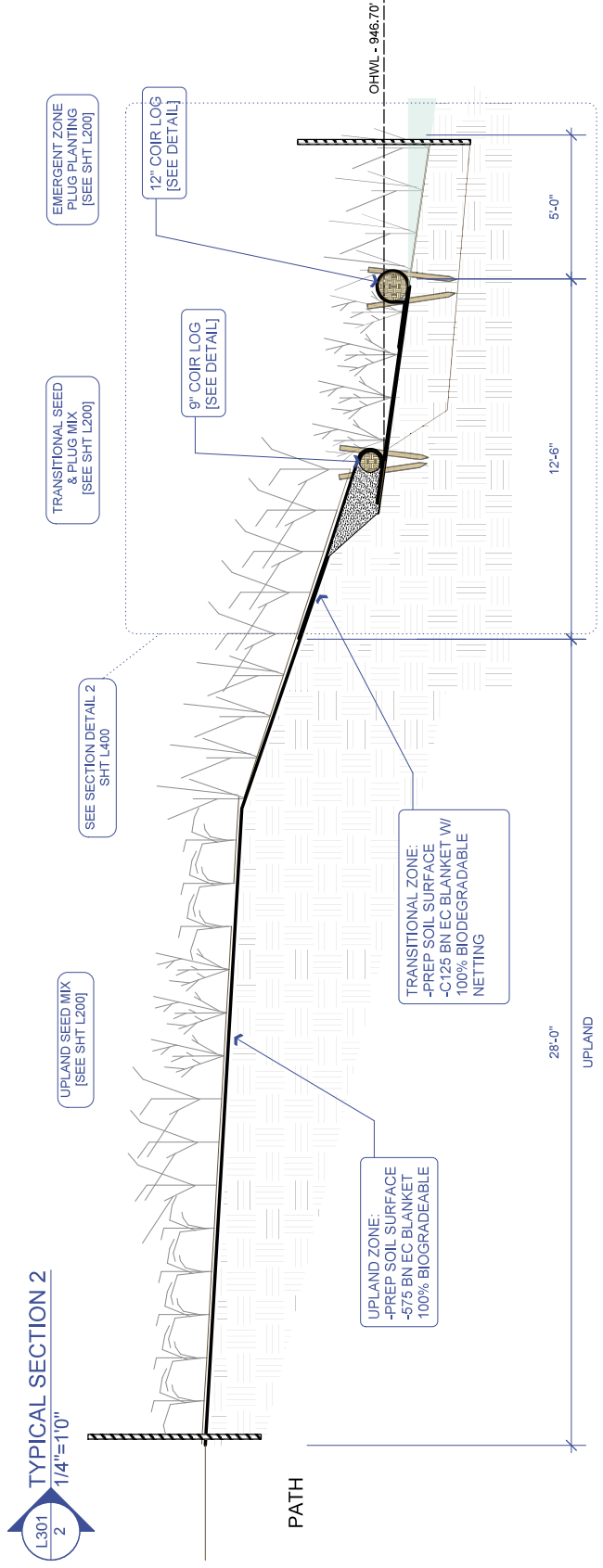
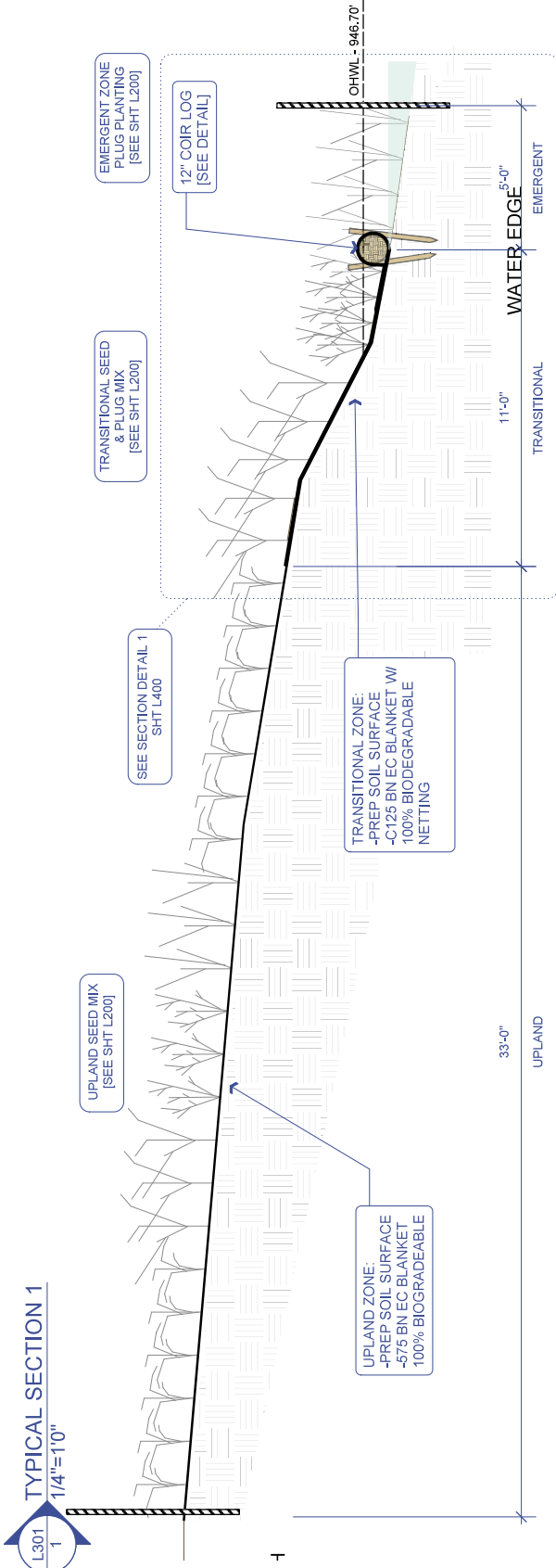
Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Remarks
Species			
Sparganium latifolia	Sparganium latifolia	4" Container	Contractor to select species from list for the appropriate site conditions; field verification and approval by Owner Representative required. Install perennials with spacing & groupings as specified per plans.
Hard Stem Bulrush	Scirpus seticus	4" Container	
Three Square Bulrush	Scirpus pungens	4" Container	
Soft Stem Bulrush	Scirpus validus	4" Container	
Sparganium angustatum	Sparganium angustatum	4" Container	

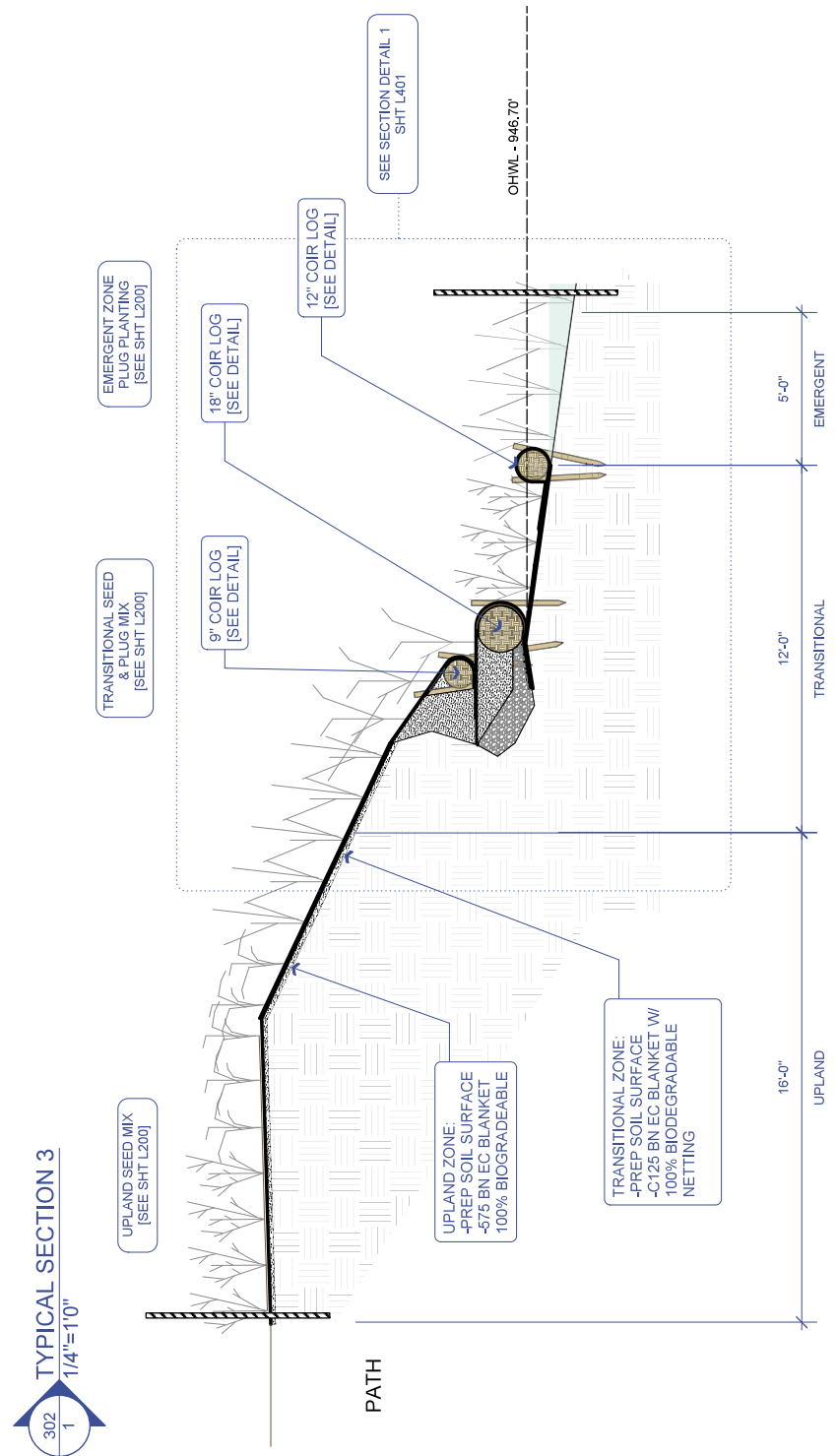
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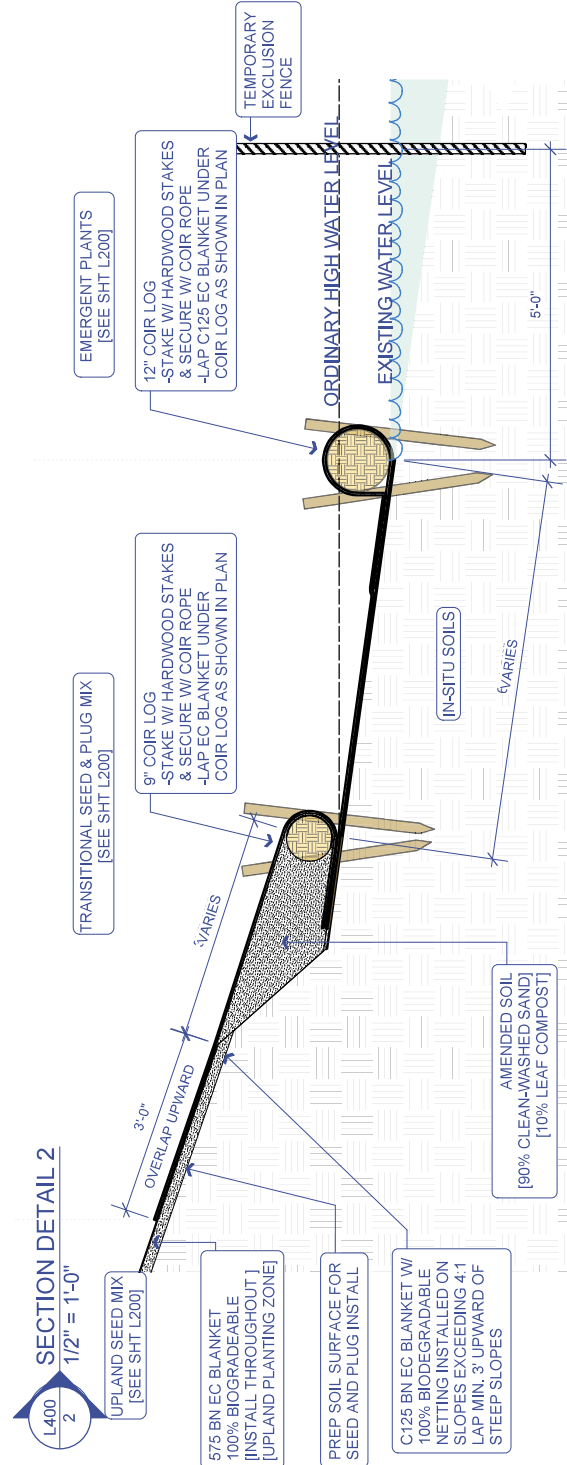
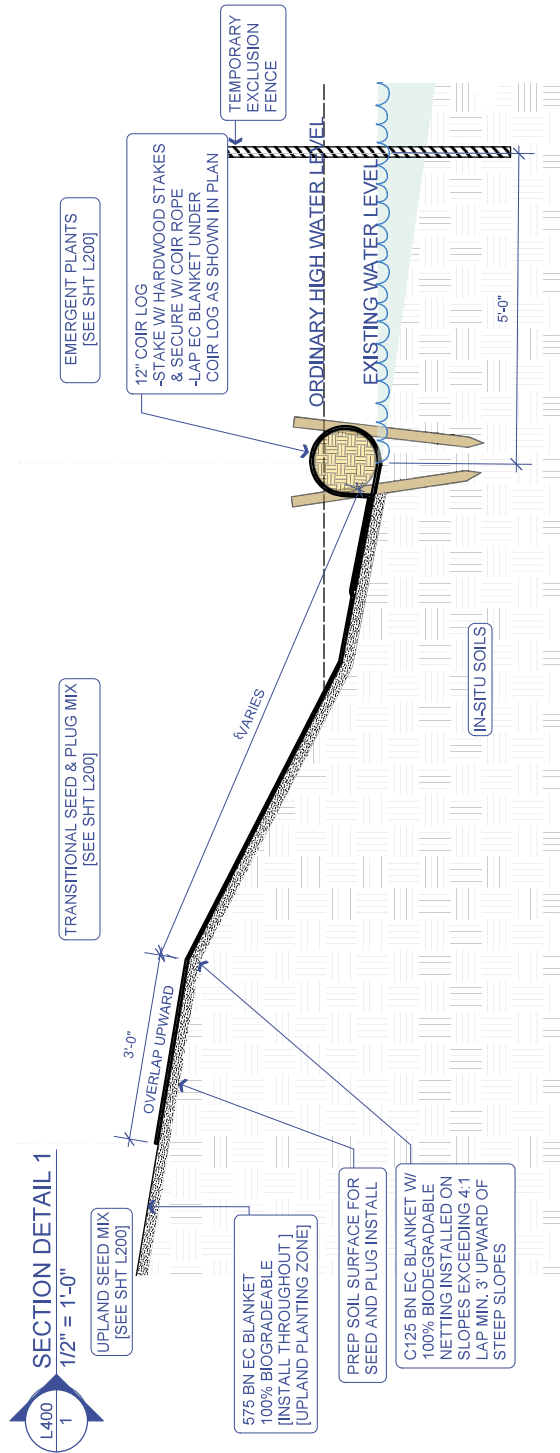
Description: SSNS Savanna & Woodland Edge Mix
 Seeding Rate: 10 lb/acre (52 seeds/square foot)
 Notes: Soil - Wet Mesic to Dry Mesic; Sun - Partial to Shade

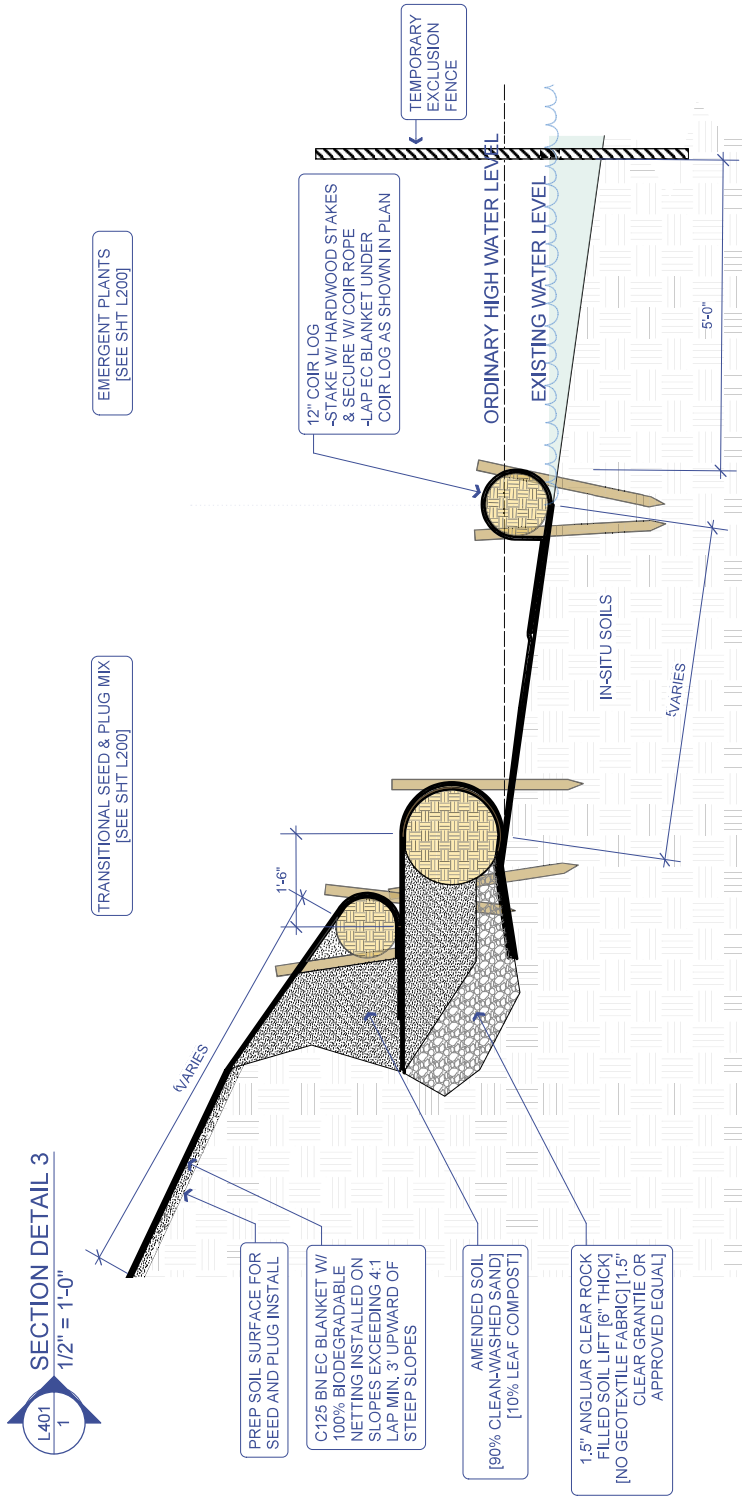
Common Name	Scientific Name	% of Mix	Seeds/ft ²	Total
Graasses				
Big Bluestem	Andropogon gerardi	8.00%	2.9	0.80 PLS lb
Sideoats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula	14.00%	3.1	1.40 PLS lb
Ear-leaved Blome	Bromus tataricus			











SECTION DETAIL 3
 L401 1
 1/2" = 1'-0"

EMERGENT PLANTS
 [SEE SHT L200]

TRANSITIONAL SEED & PLUG MIX
 [SEE SHT L200]

PREP SOIL SURFACE FOR SEED AND PLUG INSTALL

C125 BN EC BLANKET W/ 100% BIODEGRADABLE NETTING INSTALLED ON SLOPES EXCEEDING 4:1 LAP MIN. 3' UPWARD OF STEEP SLOPES

AMENDED SOIL [90% CLEAN-WASHED SAND] [10% LEAF COMPOST]

1.5" ANGLUAR CLEAR ROCK FILLED SOIL LIFT [6" THICK] [NO GEOTEXTILE FABRIC] [1.5" CLEAR GRANITE OR APPROVED EQUAL]

12" COIR LOG
 -STAKE W/ HARDWOOD STAKES & SECURE W/ COIR ROPE
 -LAP EC BLANKET UNDER COIR LOG AS SHOWN IN PLAN

TEMPORARY EXCLUSION FENCE

ORDINARY HIGH WATER LEVEL

EXISTING WATER LEVEL

IN-SITU SOILS

VARIES

5'-0"

RSWCD Cost Estimate

ISLAND LAKE SHORELINE RESTORATION

TOTAL OPINION OF COST

DATE: 2/25/2026

Item #	Item Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Item Cost
SHORELINE STABILIZATION & PLANTING					
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2	BIO-LOG/SILT FENCE OR OTHER EROSION CONTROL AS NEEDED	LS	1.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
3	EXISTING TURF REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP	AC	0.03	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 285.00
4	EXISTING VEGETATION [PERENNIAL & WOODY] REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP	AC	0.30	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 3,900.00
5	9" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	270.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 13,500.00
6	12" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	430.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 23,650.00
7	18" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	120.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 7,800.00
8	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET [C125BN OR EQUAL] [TRANSITIONAL ZONE]	SF	4,800.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 16,800.00
9	STRAW BLANKET [S75BN OR EQUAL] [UPLAND ZONE]	SF	9,750.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 24,375.00
10	AMENDED SOIL FILL [90% CLEAN-WASHED SAND/10% LEAF COMPOST]	CY	28.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 3,360.00
11	1.5" ANGULAR CLEAR GRANITE ROCK	CY	5.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
12	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 2" PLUG [TRANSITIONAL SPECIES]	EA	756.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,780.00
13	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 4" POT [EMERGENT SPECIES]	EA	900.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 11,250.00
14	SEED MIXTURE [NATIVE TRANSITIONAL/WET MESIC MIX]	SF	4,200.00	\$ 0.25	\$ 1,050.00
15	SEED MIXTURE [UPLAND DRY MESIC MIX]	SF	9,750.00	\$ 0.10	\$ 975.00
16	TEMPORARY EXCLUSION FENCE [4' VINYL COATED WIRE, METAL T-POSTS]	LF	1,100.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 6,050.00
17	SITE RESTORATION – [TURF REPAIR AS NEEDED]	SITE	1.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
				Subtotal	\$ 122,775.00
PROJECT TOTAL					\$ 122,775.00

RAMSEY COUNTY Funding	\$ 7,775.00
RCSWCD Grant Funding	\$ 100,000.00
RCWD Grant Funding	\$ 15,000.00
Total Possible Grant Funding	\$ 115,000.00

PRICE PROPOSAL

Bid #1



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ECO PROPOSAL DETAILS

Island Lake County Park Boat Launch

3611 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN 55126, USA

Shoreline restoration project requiring erosion control, turf & veg removal, site prep, Coir log install, blanketing, and plug/seed install.

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Mobilization	1 Lump Sum	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Pre-con Erosion Control	1 Lump Sum	\$8,990.00	\$8,990.00
Turf Removal & Site Prep -Removal of sod via CAT 299D3XHP tracked skid steer with a bucket and off-site disposal. -Site prep via 2 herbicide applications and 1 tillage	0.03 Acres	\$137,525.00	\$4,125.75
Vegetation Removal & Site Prep -Perennial vegetation & woody resprouts removal including 1 herbicide treatment and cut-stump treatment of woody resprouts -Site prep includes 1 additional herbicide treatment, 1 tillage, and an Rx burn	0.3 Acres	\$29,632.00	\$8,889.60
Coir log - 9" -Purchase and installation per specs on L301-302	270 Linear Feet	\$19.10	\$5,157.00
Coir log - 12" -Purchase and installation per specs on L301-302	430 Linear Feet	\$21.80	\$9,374.00
Coir log - 18" -Purchase and installation per specs on L301-302	120 Linear Feet	\$29.00	\$3,480.00
Erosion Control Blanket C125BN or equivalent -Purchase and installation per specs on L301-302	4,800 Square Feet	\$0.57	\$2,736.00
Straw Blanket S75BN or equivalent -Purchase and installation per specs on L301-302	9,750 Square Feet	\$0.41	\$3,997.50
Amended Soil Fill 90% clean-washed sand/10% leaf compost -Purchase and installation per L401	28 Cubic Yards	\$220.80	\$6,182.40
1.5" Angular Clear Granite Rock -Purchase and installation per L401	5 Cubic Yards	\$720.00	\$3,600.00
2" Plug Planting Transitional species per L200 -Includes initial watering	756 Each	\$7.00	\$5,292.00
4" Pot Planting Emergent species per L200 -Includes initial watering	900 Each	\$13.55	\$12,195.00



Seeding - Native Transitional/Wet Mesic Mix -Seeded in two passes (~50% each) with the second pass perpendicular to the first -Seed will be hand raked to create good seed-to-soil contact	4,200 Square Feet	\$0.42	\$1,764.00
Seeding - Upland Dry Mesic Mix -Seeded in two passes (~50% each) with the second pass perpendicular to the first -Seed will be hand raked to create good seed-to-soil contact	9,750 Square Feet	\$0.21	\$2,047.50
Temporary Exclusion Fence -Herbivore exclusion fence surrounding native planting areas	1,100 Linear Feet	\$7.80	\$8,580.00
Site Restoration - Turf repair as needed -Areas will be smoothed and otherwise prepared for seed as needed. -Approved lawn mix will be seeded and blanketed	1 Lump Sum	\$2,630.00	\$2,630.00
TOTAL			\$93,040.75

By accepting this proposal you also agree to our Terms and Conditions which can be viewed at <https://www.nativeresourcepreservation.com/terms-and-conditions>



ISLAND LAKE SHORELINE RESTORATION

TOTAL OPINION OF COST

DATE: 2/25/2026

RES Great Lakes, LLC

Item #	Item Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Item Cost
SHORELINE STABILIZATION & PLANTING					
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1.00	\$ 7,796.00	\$ 7,796.00
2	BIO-LOG/SILT FENCE OR OTHER EROSION CONTROL AS NEEDED	LS	1.00	\$ 3,063.00	\$ 3,063.00
3	EXISTING TURF REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP	AC	0.03	\$ 56,832.00	\$ 1,704.96
4	EXISTING VEGETATION [PERENNIAL & WOODY] REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP	AC	0.30	\$ 18,499.00	\$ 5,549.70
5	9" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	270.00	\$ 21.60	\$ 5,832.00
6	12" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	430.00	\$ 28.20	\$ 12,126.00
7	18" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	120.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 5,640.00
8	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET [C125BN OR EQUAL]	SF	4,800.00	\$ 0.64	\$ 3,072.00
9	STRAW BLANKET [S75BN OR EQUAL]	SF	9,750.00	\$ 0.53	\$ 5,167.50
10	AMENDED SOIL FILL [90% CLEAN-WASHED SAND/10% LEAF COMPOST]	CY	28.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 8,736.00
11	1.5" ANGULAR CLEAR GRANITE ROCK	CY	5.00	\$ 802.00	\$ 4,010.00
12	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 2" PLUG [TRANSITIONAL SPECIES]	EA	756.00	\$ 6.92	\$ 5,231.52
13	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 4" POT [EMERGENT SPECIES]	EA	900.00	\$ 17.01	\$ 15,309.00
14	SEED MIXTURE [NATIVE TRANSITIONAL/WET MESIC MIX]	SF	4,200.00	\$ 0.50	\$ 2,100.00
15	SEED MIXTURE [UPLAND DRY MESIC MIX]	SF	9,750.00	\$ 0.38	\$ 3,705.00
16	TEMPORARY EXCLUSION FENCE [4' VINYL COATED WIRE, METAL T-POSTS]	LF	1,100.00	\$ 7.65	\$ 8,415.00
17	SITE RESTORATION – [TURF REPAIR AS NEEDED]	SITE	1.00	\$ 2,371.00	\$ 2,371.00
				Subtotal	\$ 99,828.68
				PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 99,828.68

RAMSEY COUNTY Funding \$
 RCSWCD Grant Funding \$
 RCWD Grant Funding \$
Total Possible Grant Funding \$

ISLAND LAKE SHORELINE RESTORATION

TOTAL OPINION OF COST

DATE: 2/25/2026

Item #	Item Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Item Cost
SHORELINE STABILIZATION & PLANTING					
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1.00	\$ 3,450 -	\$ 3,450 -
2	BIO-LOG/SILT FENCE OR OTHER EROSION CONTROL AS NEEDED	LS	1.00	\$ 3,850 -	\$ 3,850 -
3	EXISTING TURF REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP	AC	0.03	\$ 4,420 -	\$ 132.60 -
4	EXISTING VEGETATION [PERENNIAL & WOODY] REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP	AC	0.30	\$ 4,420 -	\$ 1,326 -
5	9" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	270.00	\$ 39.15 -	\$ 10,570.50 -
6	12" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	430.00	\$ 37.35 -	\$ 16,060.50 -
7	18" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	120.00	\$ 55.85 -	\$ 6,702 -
8	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET [C125BN OR EQUAL]	SF	4,800.00	\$ 0.54 -	\$ 2,592 -
9	STRAW BLANKET [S75BN OR EQUAL]	SF	9,750.00	\$ 0.31 -	\$ 3,022.50 -
10	AMENDED SOIL FILL [90% CLEAN-WASHED SAND/10% LEAF COMPOST]	CY	28.00	\$ 715 -	\$ 20,020 -
11	1.5" ANGULAR CLEAR GRANITE ROCK	CY	5.00	\$ 1,540 -	\$ 7,700 -
12	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 2" PLUG [TRANSITIONAL SPECIES]	EA	756.00	\$ 4.00 -	\$ 3,024 -
13	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 4" POT [EMERGENT SPECIES]	EA	900.00	\$ 8.75 -	\$ 7,875 -
14	SEED MIXTURE [NATIVE TRANSITIONAL/WET MESIC MIX]	SF	4,200.00	\$ 0.25 -	\$ 1,050 -
15	SEED MIXTURE [UPLAND DRY MESIC MIX]	SF	9,750.00	\$ 0.15 -	\$ 1,462.50 -
16	TEMPORARY EXCLUSION FENCE [4' VINYL COATED WIRE, METAL T-POSTS]	LF	1,100.00	\$ 8.25 -	\$ 9,075 -
17	SITE RESTORATION – [TURF REPAIR AS NEEDED]	SITE	1.00	\$ 1,325 -	\$ 1,325 -
				Subtotal	\$ 98,837.60
PROJECT TOTAL					\$ 98,837.60

RAMSEY COUNTY Funding \$ -
RCSWCD Grant Funding \$ -
RCWD Grant Funding \$ -
Total Possible Grant Funding \$ -

Bid Submitted by:

Natural Resource Services, Inc.
 Brad Vierkant
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Bid #4

NATURAL SHORE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Maple Plain, MN

ISLAND LAKE SHORELINE RESTORATION - BID for Ramsey County - March 17th, 2026

Item #	Item Description	Unit	Est. Qty	Unit Price	Item cost
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00
2	BIO-LOG/SILT FENCE OR OTHER EROSION CONTROL AS NEEDED	LS	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
3	EXISTING TURF REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP (1,307 SF)	AC	0.03	\$15,000.00	\$450.00
4	EXISTING VEGETATION REMOVAL & SOIL BED PREP (13,068 SF)	AC	0.3	\$15,000.00	\$4,500.00
5	9" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE	LF	270	\$22.90	\$6,183.00
6	12" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	430	\$25.30	\$10,879.00
7	18" COIR LOG [HARDWOOD STAKES & COIR ROPE TO SECURE]	LF	120	\$43.40	\$5,208.00
8	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET [C125BN OR EQUAL]	SF	4,800	\$0.40	\$1,920.00
9	STRAW BLANKET [S75BN OR EQUAL] <i>(double bio-net)</i>	SF	9,750	\$0.34	\$3,315.00
10	AMENDED SOIL FILL [90% CLEAN-WASHED SAND/10% LEAF COMPOST]	CY	28	\$150.00	\$4,200.00
11	1.5" ANGULAR CLEAR GRANITE ROCK	CY	5	\$160.00	\$800.00
12	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 2" PLUG [TRANSITIONAL SPECIES] <i>(we only use 3")</i>	EA	756	\$6.36	\$4,808.16
13	NATIVE PERENNIAL: 4" POT [EMERGENT SPECIES]	EA	900	\$10.60	\$9,540.00
14	SEED MIXTURE [NATIVE TRANSITIONAL/WET MESIC MIX]	SF	4,200	\$0.20	\$840.00
15	SEED MIXTURE [UPLAND DRY MESIC MIX]	SF	9,750	\$0.15	\$1,462.50
16	TEMPORARY EXCLUSION FENCE [4' VINYL COATED WIRE, METAL T-POSTS]	LF	1,100	\$3.73	\$4,103.00
17	SITE RESTORATION - [TURF REPAIR AS NEEDED]	SITE	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
				TOTAL =	\$74,308.66





MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: April 1st, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Molly Nelson, Outreach and Grants Technician
Subject: R26-05 Anderson Slope Stabilization

Introduction

R26-05 Anderson Slope Stabilization

- Applicant: Anderson, Residential
- Location: 3180 Rice Creek Terrace, New Brighton
- Total Eligible Project Cost: \$13,389.50
- RCWD Grant Recommendation: \$6,694.75 (50%)

Background

The R26-05 Anderson Slope Stabilization Water Quality Grant application proposes the stabilization and restoration of the steep upland slope leading down to the Rice Creek on the south side of the applicant's residential property. Outlined details of the project scope are provided in the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation Division (RSWCD) technical memo. RSWCD staff provided construction ready designs and recommendations for a cost-share grant award which has been reviewed and approved by RCWD staff.

The estimated pollutant reductions for the proposed project are:

- Stormwater Volume Reduction: 3,160 cu-ft/yr (97%)
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS): 349.70 lbs/yr (100%)
- Total phosphorus (TP): 0.26 lbs/yr (99%)

The applicant received 1 bid for the project:

- Bid #1: Light Dark Landscapes: \$13,389.50

The RSWCD provided a cost estimate amounting to 14,155.40, which is higher than the proposed bid on the project.

Staff Recommendation

Based on the submitted application and program guidelines, RCWD staff support the project award of \$6,694.75 not to exceed 50% of eligible project expenses of \$13,389.50.

Request for Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to authorize the RCWD Board President, on advice of counsel, to approve the Water Quality Grant Contract for R26-05 of \$6,694.75 (50%) not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00, whichever amount is lower, as outlined in the consent agenda and in accordance with the RCWD Staff's recommendation and established program guidelines.

Attachments

- R26-05 Anderson Slope Stabilization application documents.

Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation Division



To: RCWD Advisory Committee
From: Brian Olsen: Environmental Resource Specialist
Date: 3/20/2026
Re: Anderson Cost Share Application

Project: R26-05
3180 Rice Creek Ter
New Brighton, MN 55112
Slope Stabilization

Material & Labor Estimate: \$13,389.50
Cost Share Request: \$6,694.75

Background:

The proposed project is located at a residential property in New Brighton. The property is on a bluff like landscape just South of Rice Creek. The existing site has a very steep slope from the floodplain area up to the house location and is experiencing erosion as there is little groundcover vegetation and a section of old timber walls is crumbling. The ongoing erosion is contributing sediment and associated pollutants into Rice Creek, negatively impacting water quality and slope stability.

The proposed project involves slope stabilization and restoration using all natural bioengineering techniques. The slope will be cleared of the crumbling timber walls, as well as any existing non-native or invasive species that are limiting the groundcover growth. There has also been several trees removed which will help to let light in to the proposed planting area. The slope will be seeded and planted with native species and covered in temporary erosion control blanket. There also will be biodegradable sediment log checks installed at key points of the slope to slow water and limit erosion during establishment. Once established, the native planted slope will provide long-term stability, pollinator habitat, and help filter stormwater runoff from the property. Implementation of this project will stabilize the slope, reduce sediment inputs to Rice Creek, and establish a resilient, vegetated slope that supports long-term ecological health and habitat value.

Total catchment area treated by the proposed project is 6,526 square feet (0.150 acres). It is 24% impervious and includes roof and landscape/turf grass.

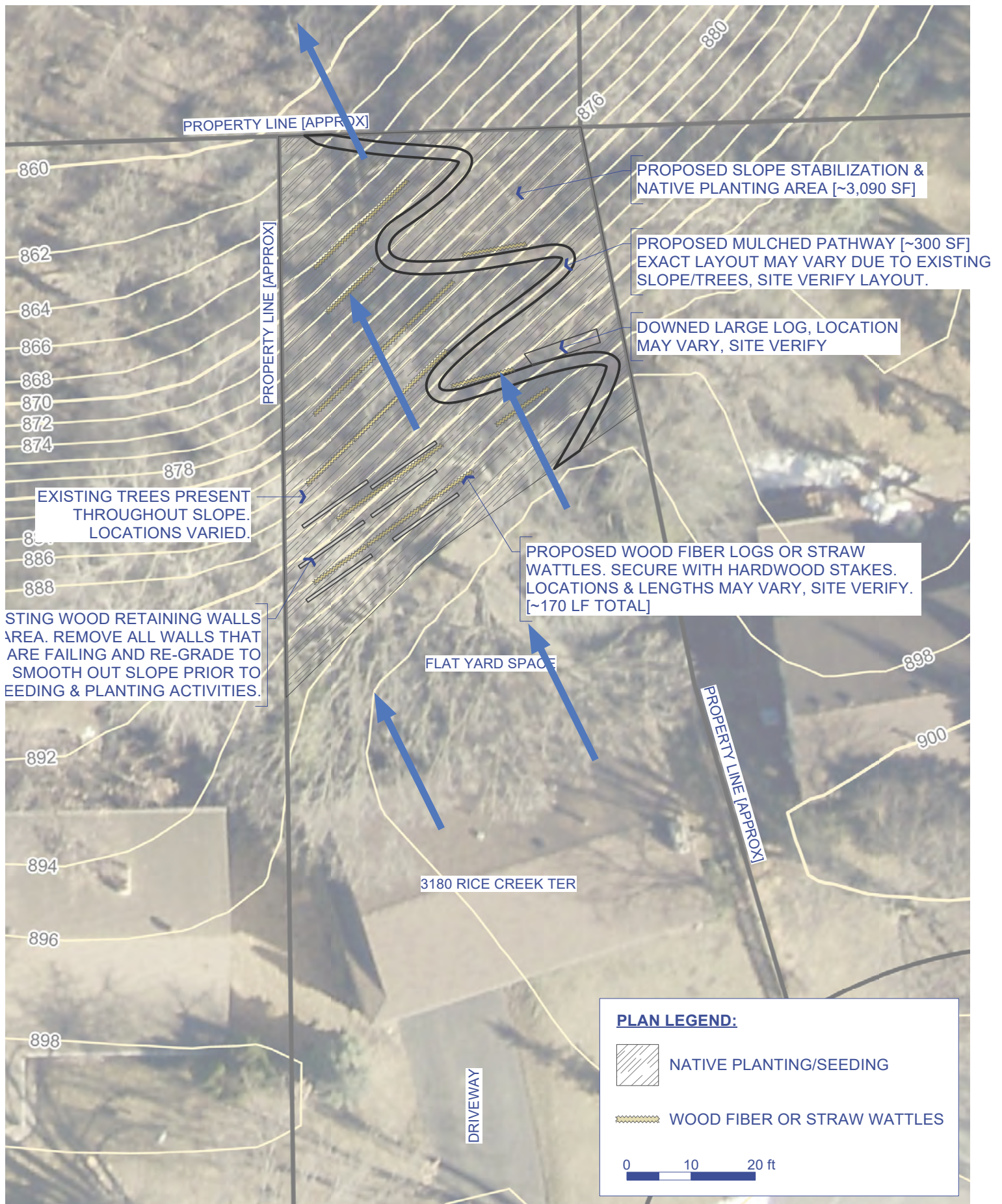
Recommendation:

It is my recommendation the project be awarded cost share in the amount of \$6,694.75 or 50% of the eligible project costs, whichever is less.

Pollution Reductions: Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration

	Before	After	Reduction	Red. %
Volume (cu-ft/yr)	3,273	112	3,160	97%
TSS (lbs/yr)	350.55	0.85	349.70	100%
TP (lbs/yr)	0.2648	0.0032	0.2616	99%

EXHIBIT A: Site Drainage



R26-05 Anderson Slope Stabilization Existing Conditions



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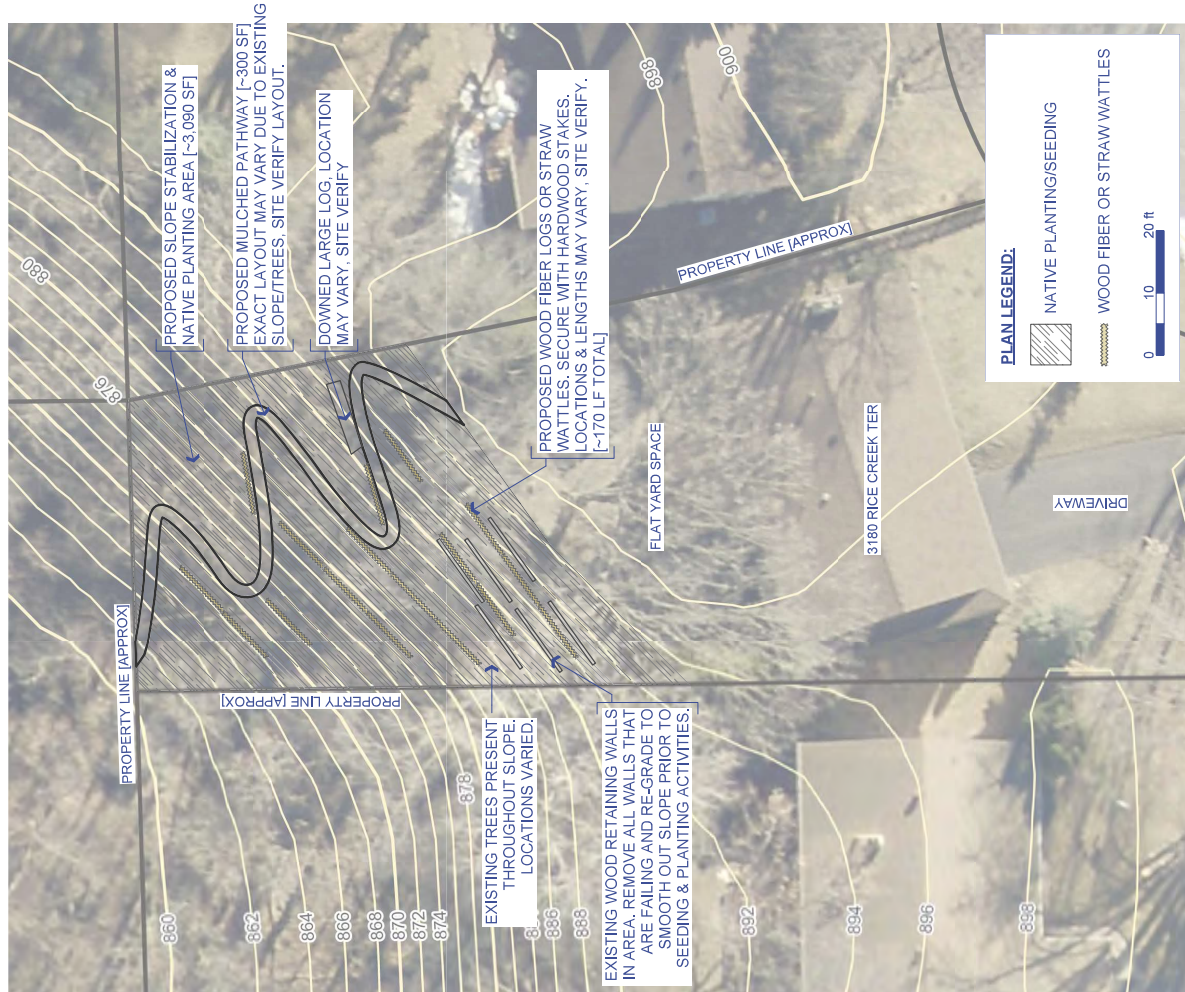
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GENERAL PROJECT NOTES:

1. CONTRACTOR/LANDOWNER TO LOCATE UTILITIES PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK AND SECURE ANY NECESSARY PERMITS. CONFIRM WITH RGSWCD STATE IF ANY UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CONFLICT WITH PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATIONS.
2. CONTRACTOR/LANDOWNER TO VERIFY PROPERTY BOUNDARIES BEFORE BEGINNING WORK.
3. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TEMPORARY PERIMETER & EROSION CONTROL MEASURES DURING ANY SOIL DISTURBANCE PERIODS. EXISTING TREES & SHRUBS TO BE PROTECTED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BY PLANS OR LANDOWNER. NO MATERIALS TO BE STORED UNDER TREES.
5. CONTRACTOR/LANDOWNER TO NOTIFY RGSWCD STAFF MEMBER ANTICIPATED START DATE OF PROJECT INSTALLATION PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK.

NATIVE PLANTING NOTES:

1. REMOVE EXISTING VEGETATION IN PROJECT AREA. HERBICIDE APPLICATION AS NEEDED [1/2 MINIMUM] OR EQUIVALENT MECHANICAL METHOD OF REMOVAL. [FLUSH-CUT WOODY SPECIES AND TREAT]
2. REMOVE ALL EXCESS VEGETATION/LEAF LITTER WHERE APPLICABLE. RAKE AREA TO PREP SITE FOR NATIVE SEED INSTALLATION & PLANTING. ENSURE ALL COMPETING VEGETATION IS EFFECTIVELY REMOVED & AREA IS PREPARED FOR PROPER SEED TO SOIL CONTACT.
3. REMOVE SMALLER TREE BRANCHES AND DOWNED WOODY MATERIAL THROUGHOUT SITE. LARGER LOGS TO REMAIN IN PLACE. WOODY MATERIAL MAY BE USED FOR TRAIL EDGE CREATION OR OTHER AS DETERMINED BY CONTRACTOR.
4. REMOVE ALL EXISTING RETAINING WALLS & DISPOSE OF. HAND GRADE AREAS OF WALL REMOVAL TO SMOOTH SLOPE PRIOR TO SEEDING & EROSION BLANKET RECOVERY.
5. HAND-BROADCAST NATIVE SEED MIX TWICE OVER PLANTING AREA WITH SECOND PASS PERPENDICULAR TO THE FIRST. LIGHTLY RAKE AFTER SEED BROADCAST TO ENSURE SEED TO SOIL CONTACT. NATIVE SEED MIX TO BE MADE UP OF SPECIES FROM SUGGESTED LIST ON SHEET L200 OR OTHER APPROVED SEED MIX PROVIDED BY CONTRACTOR.
6. INSTALL BIODEGRADABLE NETTING EROSION CONTROL BLANKET OVER ALL PLANTING AREAS. C125BN OR S75BN OR EQUIVALENT BIODEGRADABLE BLANKET. PHOTOGRADABLE NETTING IS NOT ALLOWED. SECURE WITH BIODEGRADABLE STAKES.
7. INSTALL 6" WOOD FIBER LOGS OR STAW WATTLES ON STEEPEST SLOPES OF SITE AT REGULAR INTERVALS. CONTRACTOR TO SITE VERIFY FINAL LOCATIONS AND REQUIRED LINEAR FEET OF LOGS NEEDED. SECURE WITH HARDWOOD STAKES.
8. INSTALL LIVE NATIVE PLANTS THROUGHOUT PLANTING AREA. SEE SUGGESTED PLANTING LIST & QUANTITIES PROVIDED ON SHEET L200.
9. INSTALL PERENNIALS AT 24-30" SPACING IN GROUPS OF LIKE SPECIES FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION AND WEEDING. INSTALL IN GROUPS OF 12-36 OF SAME SPECIES.
10. INSTALL SHRUBS AT 48" SPACING. INSTALL IN GROUPS OF SAME SPECIES OR AS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS.
11. LANDOWNER/CONTRACTOR MAY ADD/SUBSTITUTE FINAL SPECIES FOR PROJECT. IF ALTERNATE SPECIES ARE USED, CONTRACTOR/LANDOWNER MUST PROVIDE A LIST INCLUDING SPECIES, SIZING, AND QUANTITY TO RGSWCD STAFF PRIOR TO PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR APPROVAL.
12. EXACT SIZE/SHAPE OF PLANTING AREA MAY VARY. MAINTAIN APPROXIMATE SQUARE FEET SIZE. VERIFY FINAL LAYOUT WITH LANDOWNER PRIOR TO VEGETATION REMOVAL AND PROJECT INSTALLATION.
13. VEGETATION REMOVAL & SITE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES MAY VARY. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY PROPOSED MEASURES WITHIN COMPLETED BID FOR PROJECT.
14. CONTRACTOR/LANDOWNER SHALL ESTABLISH CONTRACT LANGUAGE AND PLAN FOR PROPER IRRIGATION OF SEEDED AREAS. PROPER WATERING SHALL OCCUR DURING THE ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD OF THE PROJECT. CONTACT RGSWCD STAFF FOR RECOMMENDED WATERING AND ESTABLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS.



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3180 RICE CREEK TER
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WATERSHED DISTRICT:
RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

DESIGNER: BRIAN T. OLSEN
DATE: 1/29/2026

REVISION:

REVISION:

REVISION:

CHECKED BY:

TAA:

NOTES:

- CONTACT GORPHER STATE ONE CALL TO CONFIRM UTILITY LOCATIONS PRIOR TO WORK.
- MAINTAIN SQUARE FEET
- SUBSTITUTIONS TO CONSTRUCTION DESIGN AND MATERIALS MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION
- ORIGINAL SHEET SIZE: 11"x17"

SCALE: 1"=20'-0"

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SITE LAYOUT

L100

NATIVE PLANTING SUGGESTED SPECIES & QUANTITIES LIST:

1. SUGGESTED NATIVE PLANTING QUANTITIES:
 - SLOPE STABILIZATION NATIVE PLANTING:
 - NATIVE PERENNIALS: 540 QTY - 2" PLUGS OR EQUIVALENT
 - NATIVE SHRUBS: 12 QTY - 2 GALLON OR EQUIVALENT
2. SUGGESTED SPECIES LIST PROVIDED BELOW. CHOOSE A MIX OF BOTH SHAR AND PART-SUN SPECIES PER SITE CONDITIONS. RECOMMENDATION IS TO SELECT LOW SPECIES DIVERSITY FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE. (10-15 SPECIES) PROVIDE FINAL SPECIES LIST FOR NATIVE PLANTING AREA PRIOR TO PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR APPROVAL.
 3. SEE NOTES ON SHEET L100 FOR SPACING/GROUPING INFORMATION
 4. UTILIZE SIMILAR SPECIES LIST TO RECOMMENDED HERE FOR NATIVE SEED MIX. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE FINAL SEED MIX AND SEEDING RATE FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

SHADE PERENNIALS SPECIES LIST:

Grasses/Sedges/Groundcovers	Common Name
<i>Allium tricoccum</i>	Wild Leek
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild Ginger
<i>Carex blanda</i>	Common Wood sedge
<i>Carex pennsylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Sedge
<i>Carex radiata</i>	Eastern Star Sedge
<i>Iris cristata</i>	Dwarf Crested Iris
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern

Forbs	Common Name
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Maidenhair Fern
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Wild Strawberry
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander
<i>Helianthus strumosus</i>	Pale Leaved Sunflower
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	Starry solomon's Plume
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Blue Bells
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Wild Blue Phlox
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	May Apple
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacobs Ladder
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Wild Golden Glow
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	Zig Zag Goldenrod
<i>Symphoricaricum oolentangense</i>	Skyblue Aster
<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	early Meadow Rue

PART-SUN PERENNIALS SPECIES LIST:

Grasses/Sedges/Groundcovers	Common Name
<i>Carex brevior</i>	Plains Oval Sedge
<i>Carex eburnea</i>	Ivory Sedge
<i>Carex pennsylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Sedge
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Common Rush
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Path Rush
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed

Forbs	Common Name
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common Yarrow
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Anise Hyssop
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Pale Purple Coneflower
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Prairie Smoke
<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	Prairie Blazing Star
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower
<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	Wild Blue Lupine
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow Coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Orange Coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-Eyed Susan
<i>Symphoricaricum laeve</i>	Smooth Blue Aster
<i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i>	Spiderwort
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	Ohio Spiderwort
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders

PART-SUN SHRUBS SPECIES LIST:

Latin Name	Common Name
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Regent Serviceberry
<i>Aronia melanocarpa var. elata</i>	Glossy black chokeberry
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Cornus sericea 'Isanti'</i>	Isanti Red Osier Dogwood
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'</i>	Gro-Low Sumac
<i>Sambucus pubens</i>	Red berried elder
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Lowbush Blueberry
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry
<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American cranberrybush



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DESIGNER: BRIAN T. OLSEN
 DATE: 1/29/2026

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NOTES:
 -CALL Gopher ONE TO MARK UTILITIES BEFORE DIGGING
 -PLANT LOCATION MAY VARY
 -PLANT SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY RCD STAFF
 -ORIGINAL SHEET SIZE: 11"x17"

SCALE: N/A

PLANTING PLAN

L200

ALL ITEMS AS SPECIFIED BELOW ARE FOR REFERENCE USE ONLY

Anderson Residence
 3180 Rice Creek Terrace
 New Brighton, MN 55112
 BMP Type: Slope Stabilization
 Number of BMPs: 1 of 1

County: Ramsey
 Date: 1/29/2026

INSTALLED MATERIALS & LABOR - SLOPE STABILIZATION

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Existing Vegetation Removal, Planting/Seed Bed Prep & Disposal invasive/existing undesirable perennials & shrub removal [herbicide appl. as needed, etc.] rake/remove excess vegetation, leaf litter & small woody/tree branch debris	3090.00	SF	\$ 0.80	\$ 2,472.00
Wood Retaining Walls Removal & Disposal remove failing wooden retaining walls & disposal, hand grading to smooth slope as needed	1.00	LS	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Erosion Control Blanket: S75BN, C125BN; or equal biodegradable netting blanket [secure per manufacturers specification with biodegradable stakes]	140.00	SY	\$ 4.75	\$ 665.00
6" Wood Fiber Logs or Straw Wattles; secure with hardwood stakes	170.00	LF	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,700.00
Native Seed Mix [contractor to provide final mix & seeding rate] [furnish & install]	3090.00	SF	\$ 0.26	\$ 803.40
Native Perennial: 2" Plugs; or equivalent	540.00	EA	\$ 5.25	\$ 2,835.00
Native Shrub: #2 Container; or equivalent; verify selection & placement with landowner	12.00	EA	\$ 65.00	\$ 780.00
Plant Herbivore Protection: Cages/Fencing/Etc. as needed	1.00	LS	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Mobilization	1.00	LS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
			Subtotal	\$ 14,155.40

ADDITIONAL BID ITEMS AS NECESSARY

*Contractor to provide a separate bid for labor and materials for the proposed access path shown on the plans

Subtotal \$ -

PROJECT TOTAL

Project Estimate	\$ 14,155.40
:-10%	\$ 12,739.86
:+10%	\$ 15,570.94
Estimated WD/WMO Grant Award:	\$7,077.70
Estimated RCPR Grant Award:	\$0.00
Potential Grant Award Total:	\$7,077.70
Estimated Landowner Cost:	\$7,077.70

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Anderson Residence
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 Updated by LDL: 3/19/26

INSTALLED MATERIALS & LABOR - SLOPE STABILIZATION

Item	Qty	Unit	Unit Cost	Amount
Existing Vegetation Removal, Planting/Seed Bed Prep & Disposal invasive/existing undesirable perennials & shrub removal [herbicide appl. as needed, etc.] rake/remove excess vegetation, leaf litter & small woody/tree branch debris	3090.00	SF	\$ 1.95 -	\$ 6025.50 -
Wood Retaining Walls Removal & Disposal remove failing wooden retaining walls & disposal, hand grading to smooth slope as needed	1.00	LS	\$ 1000.00 -	\$ 1000.00 -
Erosion Control Blanket: S75BN, C125BN; or equal biodegradable netting blanket [secure per manufacturers specification with biodegradable stakes]	140.00	SY	\$ 6.75 -	\$ 945.00 -
6" Wood Fiber Logs or Straw Wattles; secure with hardwood stakes	170.00	LF	\$ 2.75 -	\$ 467.50 -
Native Seed Mix [contractor to provide final mix & seeding rate] [furnish & install]	3090.00	SF	\$.35 -	\$ 1081.50 -
Native Perennial: 2" Plugs; or equivalent	540.00	EA	\$ 4.50 -	\$ 2430.00 -
Native Shrub: #2 Container; or equivalent; verify selection & placement with landowner	12.00	EA	\$ 45.00 -	\$ 540.00 -
Plant Herbivore Protection: Cages/Fencing/Etc. as needed	1.00	LS	\$ 200.00 -	\$ 200.00 -
Mobilization	1.00	LS	\$ 700.00 -	\$ 700.00 -
			Subtotal	\$ 13389.50 -

ADDITIONAL BID ITEMS AS NECESSARY

*Contractor to provide a separate bid for labor and materials for the proposed access path shown on the plans

- On separate estimate, LDL will provide line items for the following:
- Materials and labor of the mulch path
- Path "railing" (as needed and determined post install)
- Watering system (temporary)
- Deliveries
- Safety harness? Waiting to hear back

On separate estimate

Subtotal \$ -

PROJECT TOTAL

Project Estimate	\$ 13389.50 -
:-10%	\$ 12050.55 -
:+10%	\$ 14728.45 -
Estimated WD/WMO Grant Award:	\$0.00
Estimated RCPR Grant Award:	\$0.00
Potential Grant Award Total:	\$0.00
Estimated Landowner Cost:	\$0.00

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ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. 2025 District Financial Reports and Audit (Manager Weinandt, Nick Tomczik)

MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: March 31, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Manager Marcie Weinandt, Treasurer & Nick Tomczik, Administrator
Subject: 2025 District Financial Reports and Audit

Introduction

Watershed districts must annually complete a financial report and audit pursuant to M.S. 103B and 103D.

Background

On March 24, 2026, District staff and Board Treasurer met to review the draft 2025 Annual Financial Report and Audit prepared by Redpath and Company, Ltd. (Redpath) for the year ending December 31, 2025. Copies of the final report will be sent via email by Redpath to the State Auditor’s Office and the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

The Financial Report & Audit concludes with two letters to the District Managers one titled “Report on Internal Control” found on page 69 (packet page 146) and one titled “Minnesota Legal Compliance Report” found on page 71 (packet page 148).

The Report on Internal Control identified that the auditors did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that they considered to be a material weakness. The Report on Minnesota Legal Compliance noted that the District failed to comply with provisions of the claims and disbursements section of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*; a single submitted invoice was not paid within 35 days. Staff have been reminded to ensure all invoices are timely sent to the Office Manager for processing payment.

Recommendation

Treasurer and Staff recommend acceptance and filing of the 2025 Annual Financial Report and Audit.

Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to accept and authorize the filing of the Rice Creek Watershed District 2025 Annual Financial Report and Audit.

Attachment

2025 Annual Financial Report and Audit

COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To the Honorable Managers of
Rice Creek Watershed District
Blaine, Minnesota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Rice Creek Watershed District for the year ended December 31, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated December 22, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Rice Creek Watershed District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2025. We noted no transactions entered into by Rice Creek Watershed District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The most sensitive estimates affecting the governmental activities financial statements are:

- the estimates used to calculate the net pension liability, the pension related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense
- management's estimate of the value of intangible assets (wetland credits)

Management's estimates relating to the net pension liability, pension related deferred outflows and inflows of resources and pension expense are based on actuarial studies. Management's estimates relating to intangible assets are based on calculations provided by the District's Engineer. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. Determining sensitivity is subjective, however, we believe the disclosure most likely to be considered sensitive is Note 12 – Contingencies.



The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no uncorrected misstatements that have an effect on our opinion on the financial statements. The uncorrected misstatements or the matters underlying them could potentially cause future period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though, in our judgment, such uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 30, 2026.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Rice Creek Watershed District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Rice Creek Watershed District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the budgetary comparison schedules and schedules of pension information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the individual fund financial statements and supplementary financial information which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory section and other information, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reports

Various reports on compliance and internal controls are contained in the Other Required Reports section of the audited financial statement document.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Managers and management of Rice Creek Watershed District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Redpath and Company LLC

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LLC
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 30, 2026

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

ORGANIZATION

December 31, 2025

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Managers:	
Michael J. Bradley - President	January 17, 2027
John J. Waller - First Vice-President	January 17, 2028
Steven P. Wagamon - Second Vice-President	January 17, 2028
Marcie Weinandt - Treasurer	January 17, 2026
Jess Robertson - Secretary	January 17, 2026
Staff:	
Administrator: Nick Tomczik	Technician / Inspector: William Roach Alissa Chalberg
Project Manager: David Petry	Operations & Maintenance Inspector Abel Green
Office Manager: Theresa Stastica	Technical Field Assistant: Connor Price
Lake and Stream Manager: Matthew Kocian	Water Monitoring Technician: Catherine Nester
Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes	Program Support Technician: Emmet Hurley
Communication and Outreach Manager Kendra Sommerfeld	Project Technician: Sara Belden
Drainage and Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt	Inspector: Erik Larson Sarah Struntz
Outreach and Grant Technician Molly Nelson	
Regulatory Technician: Anna Grace	
Permit Technician: Kelsey White	

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Managers of
Rice Creek Watershed District
Blaine, Minnesota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Rice Creek Watershed District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Rice Creek Watershed District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Rice Creek Watershed District, as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Rice Creek Watershed District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Rice Creek Watershed District's 2024 financial statements, and we expressed unmodified audit opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund in our report dated March 14, 2025. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.



Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Rice Creek Watershed District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Rice Creek Watershed District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Rice Creek Watershed District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedules, and the schedules of pension information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Rice Creek Watershed District's basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements and supplementary financial information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund financial statements and the supplementary financial information are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and other information sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Redpath and Company LLC

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LLC
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 30, 2026

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2025
With Comparative Totals For December 31, 2024

Statement 1

	Primary Government	
	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
Assets:		
Cash and investments	\$18,414,113	\$16,536,752
Due from other governments	128,796	107,135
Interest receivable	-	51,394
Property taxes receivable:		
Delinquent	57,562	64,098
Due from county	39,841	34,772
Special assessments receivable:		
Deferred	404,554	122,695
Special deferred	195,817	186,542
Delinquent	23,214	17,917
Due from county	910	136
Prepaid items	50,711	50,213
Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation and amortization:		
Nondepreciable	1,239,793	1,239,793
Depreciable	801,383	828,592
Lease asset - office space	603,255	80,177
Total assets	<u>21,959,949</u>	<u>19,320,216</u>
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	<u>216,730</u>	<u>130,487</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	361,137	244,864
Contracts/retainage payable	-	4,666
Due to other governments	154,928	106,404
Deposits payable	1,624,857	1,770,457
Unearned revenue	92,256	43,228
Lease liability:		
Due within one year	105,570	87,565
Due in more than one year	489,175	-
Compensated absences payable:		
Due within one year	112,572	67,098
Due in more than one year	11,131	10,515
Net pension liability:		
Due in more than one year	488,822	478,792
Total liabilities	<u>3,440,448</u>	<u>2,813,589</u>
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>332,692</u>	<u>335,834</u>
Total deferred inflows	<u>332,692</u>	<u>335,834</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	2,049,686	2,060,997
Restricted	618,037	205,341
Unrestricted	15,735,816	14,034,942
Total net position	<u>\$18,403,539</u>	<u>\$16,301,280</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Statement 2

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025

With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	
					Totals	
				2025	2024	
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$2,304,301	\$135,856	\$ -	\$ -	(\$2,168,445)	(\$1,960,199)
Programs	3,055,501	-	560,791	-	(2,494,710)	(2,537,510)
Interest expense on debt	2,833	-	-	-	(2,833)	(2,854)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$5,362,635</u>	<u>\$135,856</u>	<u>\$560,791</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(4,665,988)</u>	<u>(4,500,563)</u>
General revenues:						
Property taxes					6,009,030	6,029,722
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					1,485	1,594
Unrestricted investment earnings					747,732	808,515
Gain on sale of capital asset					-	59,650
Miscellaneous other					10,000	-
Total general revenues					<u>6,768,247</u>	<u>6,899,481</u>
Change in net position					2,102,259	2,398,918
Net position - January 1					<u>16,301,280</u>	<u>13,902,362</u>
Net position - December 31					<u>\$18,403,539</u>	<u>\$16,301,280</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2025
With Comparative Totals For December 31, 2024

Statement 3

Assets	General Fund	509 Planning Special	Total Governmental Funds	
		Revenue Fund	2025	2024
Cash and investments	\$2,143,581	\$16,270,532	\$18,414,113	\$16,536,752
Due from other governments	-	128,796	128,796	107,135
Accrued interest receivable	-	-	-	51,394
Property taxes receivable:				
Delinquent	4,816	52,746	57,562	64,098
Due from county	3,308	36,533	39,841	34,772
Special assessments receivable:				
Deferred	-	404,554	404,554	122,695
Special deferred	-	195,817	195,817	186,542
Delinquent	-	23,214	23,214	17,917
Due from county	-	910	910	136
Prepaid items	19,900	30,811	50,711	50,213
Total assets	\$2,171,605	\$17,143,913	\$19,315,518	\$17,171,654
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$118,751	\$242,386	\$361,137	\$244,864
Contracts/retainage payable	-	-	-	4,666
Due to other governments	-	154,928	154,928	106,404
Deposits payable	1,624,857	-	1,624,857	1,770,457
Unearned revenue	-	92,256	92,256	43,228
Total liabilities	1,743,608	489,570	2,233,178	2,169,619
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Unavailable revenue	4,816	676,331	681,147	391,251
Fund balance:				
Nonspendable	19,900	30,811	50,711	50,213
Restricted	-	48,956	48,956	90,451
Committed	-	8,694,929	8,694,929	6,302,359
Assigned	-	7,313,452	7,313,452	7,764,645
Unassigned	403,281	(110,136)	293,145	403,116
Total fund balance	423,181	15,978,012	16,401,193	14,610,784
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$2,171,605	\$17,143,913	\$19,315,518	\$17,171,654
Fund balance reported above			\$16,401,193	\$14,610,784
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:				
Capital assets and right to use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			2,644,431	2,148,562
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			216,730	130,487
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are associated with long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			(332,692)	(335,834)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:				
Compensated absences payable			(123,703)	(77,613)
Net pension liability			(488,822)	(478,792)
Lease liability			(594,745)	(87,565)
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.			681,147	391,251
Net position of governmental activities			\$18,403,539	\$16,301,280

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025
With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Statement 4

	General Fund	509 Planning	Total Governmental Funds	
		Special Revenue Fund	2025	2024
Revenues:				
General property taxes	\$499,520	\$5,516,046	\$6,015,566	\$6,021,429
Special assessments	-	88,801	88,801	23,617
Intergovernmental	123	174,124	174,247	529,056
Permits	-	135,856	135,856	85,614
Investment income	102,793	644,939	747,732	808,515
Miscellaneous	-	14,605	14,605	19,871
Total revenues	<u>602,436</u>	<u>6,574,371</u>	<u>7,176,807</u>	<u>7,488,102</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	439,079	1,799,317	2,238,396	2,009,500
Programs	-	2,986,551	2,986,551	3,142,809
Capital outlay	-	41,741	41,741	64,129
Debt service				
Principal	23,379	93,498	116,877	100,993
Interest	567	2,266	2,833	2,854
Total expenditures	<u>463,025</u>	<u>4,923,373</u>	<u>5,386,398</u>	<u>5,320,285</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>139,411</u>	<u>1,650,998</u>	<u>1,790,409</u>	<u>2,167,817</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	-	59,650
Transfers in	-	370,000	370,000	-
Transfers out	<u>(370,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(370,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(370,000)</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,650</u>
Net change in fund balance	(230,589)	2,020,998	1,790,409	2,227,467
Fund balance - January 1	<u>653,770</u>	<u>13,957,014</u>	<u>14,610,784</u>	<u>12,383,317</u>
Fund balance - December 31	<u>\$423,181</u>	<u>\$15,978,012</u>	<u>\$16,401,193</u>	<u>\$14,610,784</u>

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RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025
With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Statement 5

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement 2) are different because:		
Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement 4)	\$1,790,409	\$2,227,467
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation or amortization expense:		
Capital outlay	41,741	64,129
Depreciation expense	(68,950)	(64,630)
Amortization expense	(100,979)	(96,212)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:		
Change in delinquent property taxes	(6,536)	8,293
Change in delinquent and deferred special assessments	296,432	98,979
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. loans payable) provide current resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.		
Principal payments on lease liabilities	116,877	100,993
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Expenses reported in the Statement of Activities include the effects of the changes in these expense accruals as follows:		
Change in compensated absences payable	(46,090)	6,101
Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures, however, pension expense is reported in the Statement of Activities. This is the amount by which net pension expense differed from pension contributions in the current period.	<u>79,355</u>	<u>53,798</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement 2)	<u><u>\$2,102,259</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,398,918</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Rice Creek Watershed District (the District) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The District was organized January 18, 1972 under the Minnesota Watershed Act as amended by the Minnesota Water Resources Board as provided in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 112. The District covers areas within the following four counties: Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington. The District is operated by a five member Board of Managers appointed by the respective County Boards of Commissioners for staggered three year terms. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the reporting entity should include the primary government and its component units.

Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (primary government) is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the primary government misleading. There are no organizations considered to be component units of the District.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*. There are no *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers all revenues, except reimbursement grants, to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Reimbursement grants are considered available if they are collected within one year of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for financial resources to be used for general administrative expenses and for the construction and maintenance of projects of common benefit to the District.

509 Planning Fund (special revenue fund) – has been established to record transactions resulting from the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act (Chapter 509, Laws of 1982 Minnesota Statutes Section 473.875 to 473.883). Property taxes are committed for the 509 Planning Fund.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are transactions that would be treated as revenues, expenditures or expenses if they involved external organizations, such as buying goods and services or payments in lieu of taxes, are similarly treated when they involve other funds of the District. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

D. BUDGETS

The District prepares annual revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund and 509 Planning Special Revenue Fund. The District monitors budget performance on the fund basis. All amounts over budget have been approved by the Board through the disbursement approval process. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the District for budgeting data. All appropriations end with the fiscal year for which they were made. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the District.

E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investment balances from all funds are pooled and invested to the extent available in authorized investments. Investment income is allocated to individual funds on the basis of the fund's equity in the cash and investment pool.

Investments are stated at fair value, based upon quoted market prices. Investment income is accrued at the balance sheet date.

F. PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Board of Managers annually adopts a tax levy and certifies it to the County in December (levy/assessment date) of each year for collection in the following year. The County is responsible for billing and collecting all property taxes for itself, the District, the local School District and other taxing authorities. Such taxes become a lien on January 1 and are recorded as receivables by the District at that date. Real property taxes are payable (by property owners) on May 15 and October 15 of each calendar year. Personal property taxes are payable by taxpayers on February 28 and June 30 of each year. These taxes are collected by the County and remitted to the District on or before July 7 and December 2 of the same year. Delinquent collections for November and December are received the following January. The District has no ability to enforce payment of property taxes by property owners. The County possesses this authority.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District recognizes property tax revenue in the period for which the taxes were levied. Uncollectible property taxes are not material and have not been reported.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District recognizes property tax revenue when it becomes both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. In practice, current and delinquent taxes received by the District in July, December and January are recognized as revenue for the current year. Taxes collected by the County by December 31 (remitted to the District the following January) are classified as due from county. Taxes not collected by the county by December 31 are classified as delinquent taxes receivable. The portion of delinquent taxes not collected by the District in January are fully offset by deferred inflow of resources because they are not available to finance current expenditures.

G. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE RECOGNITION

Special assessments are levied against benefited properties for the cost or a portion of the cost of special assessment improvement projects in accordance with State Statutes. These assessments are collectible by the District over a term of years usually consistent with the term of the project. Collection of annual installments (including interest) is handled by the County Auditor in the same manner as property taxes. Property owners are allowed to prepay future installments without interest or prepayment penalties.

Once a special assessment roll is adopted, the amount attributed to each parcel is a lien upon that property until full payment is made or the amount is determined to be excessive by the Board or court action. If special assessments are allowed to go delinquent, the property is subject to tax forfeit sale. Proceeds of sales from tax forfeit properties are remitted to the District in payment of delinquent special assessments. Pursuant to State Statutes, a property shall be subject to a tax forfeit sale after three years unless it is homesteaded, agricultural or seasonal recreational land in which event the property is subject to such sale after five years.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District generally recognizes special assessment revenue in the period that the assessment roll was adopted by the Board. Uncollectible special assessments are not material and have not been reported.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenue from special assessments is recognized by the District when it becomes measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current fiscal period. In practice, current and delinquent special assessments received by the District are recognized as revenue for the current year. Special assessments that are collected by the County by December 31 (remitted to the District the following January) are also recognized as revenue for the current year. All remaining delinquent, deferred and special deferred assessments receivable in governmental funds are completely offset by deferred inflow of resources.

H. INVENTORIES

The original cost of materials and supplies has been recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. The District does not maintain material amounts of inventories of goods and supplies.

I. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets, and intangible assets such as easements and computer software, are reported in the applicable governmental columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Equipment	5 - 15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Infrastructure	25 years
Temporary easements	Life of easements

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vacation and sick pay benefits that are attributable to services already rendered, accumulated, and are more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid is accrued in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

K. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities.

L. FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications that disclose constraints for which amounts in those funds can be spent. These classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - consists of amounts that are not in spendable form, such as prepaid items.

Restricted - consists of amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions.

Committed - consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints are established by Resolution of the Board of Managers.

Assigned - consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints reflect the specific purpose for which it is the District's intended use. These constraints are established by the Administrator.

Unassigned - is the residual classification for the general fund and also reflects negative residual amounts in other funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to first use restricted, and then use unrestricted resources as they are needed.

When committed, assigned or unassigned resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use resources in the following order: 1) committed, 2) assigned and 3) unassigned.

M. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund services provided and used are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers.

N. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates that affect amounts reported in the financial statements during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from such estimates.

O. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications were made to prior year amounts to conform to the current year presentation.

P. PREPAID ITEMS

Certain payments to vendors (insurance) reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are reported using the consumption method and recorded as expenditures/expenses at the time of consumption.

Q. COMPARATIVE TOTALS

The basic financial statements, required supplementary information, individual fund financial statements, and supplementary financial information include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not at the level of detail required for a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, from which the summarized information was derived.

R. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The government has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the pension related deferred outflows reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has pension related deferred inflows of resources reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The government also has a type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental fund balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from the following sources: property taxes and special assessments.

S. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to and deductions from PERA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA, except that PERA's fiscal year end is June 30. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments, and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

T. LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

The District has recorded right-to-use leased assets. The right-to-use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right-to-use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

Note 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. DEPOSITS

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the Board of Managers. All such banks are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Minnesota Statutes require that all District deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds. Securities pledged as collateral are required to be held in safekeeping by the District or in a financial institution other than that furnishing the collateral. Minnesota Statute 118A.03 identifies allowable forms of collateral. The District has no additional deposit policies addressing custodial credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. At December 31, 2025, the entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance or perfected collateral held by the District's agent in the District's name.

B. INVESTMENTS

Subject to rating, yield, maturity and issuer requirements as prescribed by statute, Minnesota Statutes 118A.04 and 118A.05 authorize the District to invest in United States securities, state and local securities, commercial paper, time deposits, temporary general obligation bonds, repurchase agreements, Minnesota joint powers investment trust and guaranteed investment contracts.

The District has investments in the Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund (4M fund). The 4M fund is an external investment pool regulated by Minnesota Statutes and the Board of Directors of the League of Minnesota Cities. For the Term series and 4M Multi-Class Fund (which includes the Liquid Asset Class and the PLUS Class), the fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of pool shares. The pool is managed to maintain a portfolio weighted average maturity of no greater than 60 days and seeks to maintain a constant net asset value (NAV) of \$1 per share. The pool measures its investments at amortized cost in accordance with GASB Statement No. 79.

The 4M Limited Term Duration (LTD) Fund requires a minimum balance of at least \$50,000. Redemptions from the LTD Fund may only be made monthly and require at least two weeks advance notice. The Fund measures its investments at fair value and has a floating NAV per share which is determined daily.

Statement No. 79. The 4M Liquid Asset Class has no redemption requirement. The 4M Plus Class requires funds to be deposited for a minimum of 14 calendar days. Withdrawals prior to the 14-day restriction period are subject to a penalty equal to 7 days interest on the amount withdrawn.

At December 31, 2025, the total amount of investments held in the 4M fund was \$11,417,194. The maximum maturity of 4M fund investments is 14 days.

A summary of the District's cash and investments at December 31, 2025 is as follows:

Investment Type	Rating	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)		
			Less Than 1	1-5	6-10
External investment pool - 4M Multi-Class Fund	AAAm	\$11,160,344	\$11,160,344	\$ -	\$ -
External investment pool - 4M Limited Term Duration	AAAm	256,850	256,850		
Brokered Certificates of Deposit	Not rated	2,484,366	1,490,635	993,731	-
U.S. Treasuries	AA+	4,634,440	-	4,137,902	496,538
Total		<u>\$18,536,000</u>	<u>\$12,907,829</u>	<u>\$5,131,633</u>	<u>\$496,538</u>
			Total investments		\$18,536,000
			Deposits		(121,887)
			Total cash and investments		<u>\$18,414,113</u>

The deficit deposit balance represents checks which were outstanding at year end. As checks are cashed, amounts are automatically transferred from the 4M fund to fund the disbursements.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The hierarchy has three levels. Level 1 investments are valued using inputs that are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 investments are valued using inputs that are based on quoted prices for similar assets or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 investments are valued using inputs that are unobservable.

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The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2025:

Investment Type	12/31/2025	Fair Value Measurement Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments at fair value:				
Brokered Certificates of Deposit	\$2,484,366	\$ -	\$2,484,366	\$ -
U.S. Treasuries	4,634,440	4,634,440	-	-
		<u>\$4,634,440</u>	<u>\$2,484,366</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments not categorized:				
External investment pool- 4M Fund Multi-Class Fund	11,160,344			
External investment pool - 4M Limited Term Duration	256,850			
Total investments	<u>\$18,536,000</u>			

C. INVESTMENT RISKS

Credit Risk – this is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will be unable to fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. The District follows State Statutes in regards to credit risk of investments. To ensure security when considering an investment, the District cross-checks all depositories under consideration against existing investments to make certain that funds in excess of insurance limits are not deposited with the same institution unless collateralized as outlined herein. Furthermore, the Board of Managers will approve all financial institutions, brokers and advisers with which the District will do business.

Interest Rate Risk – this is the risk that changes in the interest rates of debt investments could adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District minimizes interest rate risk by structuring its investment portfolio to ensure that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity.

Concentration of Credit Risk – this is the risk of loss that may be attributed to the magnitude of the District’s investment in a single issuer. The District diversifies its investments according to type and maturity. The District portfolio, to the extent feasible, contains a mixture of short-term (shorter than one year) and long-term (more than one year) investments. The District attempts to match its investments with anticipated cash-flow requirements. Extended maturities may be used to take advantage of higher yields

Custodial Credit Risk – For investments in securities, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investment securities that is in the possession of an outside party. The District minimizes deposit custodial risk by obtaining collateral for all uninsured amounts on deposit and necessary documentation to show compliance.

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Note 3 RECEIVABLES

Significant receivable balances not expected to be collected within one year of December 31, 2025 are as follows:

	<u>Major Funds</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>509 Planning Fund</u>	
Deferred special assessments	\$ -	\$172,292	\$172,292
Special deferred special assessments	-	195,817	195,817
Delinquent special assessments	-	3,924	3,924
Delinquent property taxes	2,200	24,100	26,300
Total	<u>\$2,200</u>	<u>\$396,133</u>	<u>\$398,333</u>

Note 4 UNAVAILABLE REVENUES

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of unavailable revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	<u>Property Taxes</u>	<u>Special Assessments</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$4,816	\$ -	\$4,816
509 Planning Fund	52,746	623,585	676,331
Totals	<u>\$57,562</u>	<u>\$623,585</u>	<u>\$681,147</u>

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Note 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2025 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Construction in process - wetland credits	\$421,080	\$ -	\$ -	\$421,080
Land and permanent easements	818,713	-	-	818,713
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,239,793</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,239,793</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated (owned assets):				
Vehicles	163,032	-	-	163,032
Equipment	347,042	41,741	(107,544)	281,239
Infrastructure	817,771	-	-	817,771
Temporary easements	30,000	-	-	30,000
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>1,357,845</u>	<u>41,741</u>	<u>(107,544)</u>	<u>1,292,042</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	109,057	9,671	-	118,728
Equipment	255,712	26,068	(107,544)	174,236
Infrastructure	140,984	32,711	-	173,695
Temporary easements	23,500	500	-	24,000
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>529,253</u>	<u>68,950</u>	<u>(107,544)</u>	<u>490,659</u>
Total owned capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>828,592</u>	<u>(27,209)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>801,383</u>
Right-to-use lease assets, being amortized:				
Lease asset - office space	465,025	624,057	-	1,089,082
Total lease assets, being amortized	<u>465,025</u>	<u>624,057</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,089,082</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Lease asset - office space	384,848	100,979	-	485,827
Total accumulated amortization	<u>384,848</u>	<u>100,979</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>485,827</u>
Total lease assets, net	<u>80,177</u>	<u>523,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>603,255</u>
Governmental activities capital assets - net	<u>\$2,148,562</u>	<u>\$495,869</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,644,431</u>

Depreciation expense on owned capital assets and amortization expense on lease assets were charged to function/programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$100,979
Programs	68,950
Total depreciation and amortization expense - governmental activities	<u>\$169,929</u>

Note 6 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

A. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The District participates in the General Employees Retirement Plan (General Plan) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). Plan provisions are established and administered according to Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353, 353D, 353E, 353G and 356. Minnesota Statutes Chapter 356 defines each plan's financial reporting requirements. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Membership in the General Plan includes employees of counties, cities, townships, schools in non-certified positions, and other governmental entities whose revenues are derived from taxation, fees, or assessments. Plan membership is required for any employee who is expected to earn more than \$425 in a month, unless the employee meets exclusion criteria.

B. BENEFITS PROVIDED

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service. When a member is "vested," they have earned enough service credit to receive a lifetime monthly benefit after leaving public service and reaching an eligible retirement age. Members who retire at or over their Social Security full retirement age with at least one year of service qualify for a retirement benefit.

The General Employees Plan requires three years of service to vest. Benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for General Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989 receive the higher of the Step or Level formulas. Only the Level formula is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under the Step formula, General Plan members receive 1.2% of the highest average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 1.7% for each additional year. Under the Level formula, General Plan members receive 1.7% of the highest average salary for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full retirement benefit is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. Members can receive a reduced requirement benefit as early as age 55 if they have three or more years of service. Early retirement benefits are reduced by 0.25% for each month under age 65. Members with 30 or more years of service can retire at any age with a reduction of 0.25% for each month the member is younger than age 62. The Level formula allows General Plan members to receive a full retirement benefit at age 65 if they were first hired before July 1, 1989 or at age 66 if they were hired on or after July 1, 1989. Early retirement begins at age 55 with an actuarial reduction applied to the benefit.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase is equal to 50% of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1% and a maximum of 1.5%. The 2025 annual increase was 1.25%. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a prorated increase.

C. CONTRIBUTIONS

Minnesota Statutes Chapters 353, 353E, 353G, and 356 set the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature.

General Plan members were required to contribute 6.50% of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2025 and the District was required to contribute 7.50% for General Plan members. The District's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the year ended December 31, 2025 were \$104,157. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

D. PENSION COSTS

At December 31, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$488,822 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled \$11,792.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2025, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The District's proportionate share was 0.0148% at the end of the measurement period and 0.0130% for the beginning of the period.

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$488,822
State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>11,792</u>
Total	<u><u>\$500,614</u></u>

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the District recognized pension expense of \$24,802 for its proportionate share of the General Plan's pension expense. In addition, the District recognized an additional (\$1,809) as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the General Employees Fund.

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At December 31, 2025, the District reported General Employees Fund deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$46,979	\$ -
Changes in actuarial assumptions	11,777	116,942
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	182,186
Changes in proportion	105,890	33,564
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>52,084</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$216,730</u>	<u>\$332,692</u>

The \$52,084 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Pension Expense</u>
2026	(37,410)
2027	(50,660)
2028	(45,231)
2029	(34,745)
2030	-
Thereafter	-

The net pension liability will be liquidated by the general fund.

E. ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The total pension liability for the cost-sharing defined benefit plan was determined by an actuarial valuation as of the June 30, 2025, using the entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.25% per year
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

The long-term investment rate of return is based on a review of inflation and investment return assumptions from a number of national investment consulting firms. The review provided a range of investment return rates considered reasonable by the actuary. An investment return of 7.00% is within that range.

Benefit increases after retirement are assumed to be 1.50% for the General Plan.

Salary growth assumptions in the General Plan range in annual increments from 11.50% after one year of service to 3.0% after 27 years of service.

Mortality rates for the General Plan are based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table. The tables is adjusted slightly to fit PERA’s experience.

Actuarial assumptions for the General Plan are reviewed every four years. The General Plan was last reviewed in 2022. The assumption changes were adopted by the board and became effective with the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2025:

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The combined service annuity loading factors increased from 15% to 19% for vested terminated members and from 3% to 44% for non-vested, terminated members.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase changed from 1.25% to 1.50%.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- The post-retirement benefit increase formula changed to 100% of the Social Security annual increase, between 1.00% and 1.75%, beginning January 1, 2026. If the funded ratio (on a market value of assets basis) is less than 85% for the last two consecutive annual valuations or is less than 80% in the most recent actuarial valuation, the maximum is reduced to 1.50%. Previously, the benefit increase was 50% of the Social Security annual increase, between 1.00% and 1.50%.
- The 1.00% additional employer contribution is eliminated when the plan reaches 98% funded status (on an actuarial value of assets basis); this contribution was previously scheduled to stop when the plan reached 100% funded status.

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	33.5%	5.10%
International equity	16.5%	5.30%
Fixed income	25.0%	0.75%
Private markets	25.0%	5.90%
Total	100%	

F. DISCOUNT RATE

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2025 was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the GERF was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

G. PENSION LIABILITY SENSITIVITY

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease in Discount Rate</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate</u>
Proportionate share of the General Plan net pension liability	\$1,187,272	\$488,822	(\$77,778)

H. PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at www.mnpera.org.

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Note 7 FUND BALANCE

A. CLASSIFICATIONS

At December 31, 2025, a summary of the governmental fund balance classifications are as follows:

	General Fund	509 Planning Special Revenue Fund
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid items	\$19,900	\$30,811
Committed for:		
60-15 SW Management C-S	-	1,081,985
80-15 Municipal Public Drainage System Maintenance	-	107,871
90-01 Water Quality Grant Program	-	121,550
99-60 Project Anticipation - Restoration	-	4,700,000
99-80 Project Anticipation - Ditch & Creek	-	2,283,523
99-90 Project Anticipation - Lake & Stream	-	200,000
99-95 Project Anticipation - District Facility	-	200,000
Total Committed Fund Balance:	0	8,694,929
Assigned for:		
60-01 Anoka Chain of Lakes WMP	-	259,924
60-03 Lower Rice Creek WMP	-	87,314
60-04 Middle Rice Creek WMP	-	117,401
60-06 Bald Eagle Lake WMP	-	86,570
60-08 RCD 2,3&5 WMP	-	603,091
60-11 Regional Water Management PP	-	58,461
60-24 Southwest Urban Lakes Imp	-	74,739
60-29 Clear Lake WMP	-	138,672
60-35 Stormwater Master Plan	-	53,623
60-36 Municipal CIP early coordination	-	9,237
60-37 Groundwater management & stormwater reuse	-	61,858
80-01 Natural Waterway Management	-	12,943
80-02 Ditch Maintenance	-	254,779
80-03 Repair reports & studies	-	81,308
80-08 RCD 4 repair	-	2,330
80-21 AWJD 3 Repair	-	18,112
80-23 ACD 15 & AWJD 4	-	480,666
80-25 ACD 53-62 Repair	-	228,007
90-04 Surface Water Monitoring	-	38,021
90-26 Common Carp Management	-	11,201
90-27 Curly Leaf Pond Management	-	44,599
Communication and outreach	-	198,970
Information management	-	322,389
Regulatory purposes	-	1,585,504
District facilities	-	717,363
Lake and stream management	-	369,728
Ditch and creek maintenance	-	516,849
Restoration	-	879,793
Total Assigned Fund Balance:	0	7,313,452
Restricted for:		
60-05 Bald Eagle Lake WMD	-	25,689
80-06 ACD 46 WMD	-	23,267
Total Restricted Fund Balance:	0	48,956
Unassigned*		
80-05 ACD 31 WMD	-	(6,926)
80-07 RCD 4 WMD	-	(47,578)
80-24 ACD 53-62 WMD	-	(55,632)
General Fund	403,281	-
Total Unassigned Fund Balance:	403,281	(110,136)
Total	\$423,181	\$15,978,012

*Deficit fund balances in WMD projects will be eliminated with future restricted revenue collections

B. MINIMUM UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE POLICY

The District has formally adopted a policy regarding minimum unassigned and assigned fund balances. The most significant revenue source of the District is property taxes. The revenue source is received in two installments during the year – June and December. As such, it is the District’s goal to begin each fiscal year with sufficient working capital to fund operations between each semi-annual receipt of property taxes.

The policy establishes a year end targeted unassigned fund balance (General Fund) and assigned fund balance (509 Planning Fund) amount for cash flow timing needs of not less than 40% of the subsequent year’s budgeted operating expenditures. At December 31, 2025, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was 75% of the subsequent year’s budgeted expenditures. The assigned fund balance of the 509 Planning Fund was sufficient to meet policy requirements.

Note 8 FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS - COMPLIANCE AUDITS

The District receives financial assistance from federal, state and local governmental agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the applicable fund. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the District at December 31, 2025.

Note 9 COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE

Compensated absences activity for the year ended December 31, 2025 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> 12/31/2024	<u>Net</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Balance</u> 12/31/2025	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Compensated absences payable	\$77,613	\$46,090	\$123,703	\$112,572

Note 10 LEASE LIABILITY

The District has a lease agreement for office space, including related garage space, that was originally scheduled to expire on October 31, 2025. During 2025, the lease was modified to extend the lease term through October 31, 2030. The modification did not reduce the District’s right to use the leased assets and was accounted for as a lease remeasurement. As a result, the lease liability was remeasured using the District’s incremental borrowing rate of 2 percent, with a corresponding adjustment to the related right-to-use lease asset.

<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Modifications &</u> <u>Remeasurements</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
\$87,565	\$ -	\$624,057	(\$116,877)	\$594,745

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The future minimum lease liability and the net present value of the related payments as of December 31, 2025 was as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Principal Payments	Interest Payments
2026	105,570	10,031
2027	120,107	8,692
2028	125,371	6,242
2029	130,814	3,685
2030	112,883	1,037
Total	<u>\$594,745</u>	<u>\$29,687</u>

Note 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters.

Workers compensation coverage is provided through a pooled self-insurance program through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT). The District pays an annual premium to the LMCIT. The District is subject to supplemental assessments if deemed necessary by the LMCIT. The LMCIT reinsures through Workers Compensation Reinsurance Association (WCRA) as required by law. For workers compensation, the District is not subject to a deductible. The District's workers compensation coverage is retrospectively rated. With this type of coverage, final premiums are determined after loss experience is known. The amount of premium adjustment, if any, is considered immaterial and not recorded until received or paid.

Property and casualty insurance coverage is provided through a pooled self-insurance program through the LMCIT. The District pays an annual premium to the LMCIT. The District is subject to supplemental assessments if deemed necessary by the LMCIT. The LMCIT reinsures through commercial companies for claims in excess various amounts. The District retains risk for deductible portions. These deductibles are considered immaterial to the financial statements.

There were no significant reductions in insurance from the previous year or settlements in excess of insurance coverage for any of the past three fiscal years. Any pending claims against the District are expected to be fully covered by the District's insurance.

Note 12 CONTINGENCIES

In settlement agreements approved in 2005, the District committed that when development occurs on two tracts then owned by the Metro Shooting Center and Trost, the application of the District's wetland rules will not have the result of affording the owner for the Metro Shooting parcel fewer than 100 contiguous non-wetland acres for development, and the owner of the Trost parcel no fewer than 45 such acres. If additional wetland replacement/mitigation is required under regulatory programs administered by the District to attain the stated acreage, the District will bear the cost of that replacement/mitigation. The District is unable at this time to estimate the District expense if and when the liability should arise.

Note 13 RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recently approved the following statements which were not implemented for these financial statements:

Statement No. 103 *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2025.

Statement No. 104 *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2025.

Statement No. 105 *Subsequent Events*. The provisions of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2026.

The effect these standards may have on future financial statements is not determinable at this time.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025
With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Statement 6

	Budgeted Amounts		2025 Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual Amounts
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes:					
Current and delinquent:					
Ramsey County	\$241,188	\$241,188	\$236,154	(\$5,034)	\$236,114
Anoka County	160,055	\$160,055	\$156,715	(3,340)	147,878
Washington County	105,324	\$105,324	\$103,126	(2,198)	99,880
Hennepin County	3,600	3,600	3,525	(75)	3,521
Total general property taxes	510,167	510,167	499,520	(10,647)	487,393
Intergovernmental	-	-	123	123	129
Investment income	25,105	25,105	102,793	77,688	116,268
Total revenues	535,272	535,272	602,436	67,164	603,790
Expenditures:					
Current:					
Hydrological engineering	58,250	58,250	45,607	12,643	41,106
Legal	50,000	50,000	41,419	8,581	34,698
Wages	262,968	262,968	246,857	16,111	242,193
Manager's per diem	33,000	33,000	25,625	7,375	26,875
Manager's travel and expense	9,000	9,000	7,725	1,275	9,265
Audit and accounting	22,000	22,000	20,324	1,676	19,023
Contract services	26,000	26,000	13,209	12,791	18,648
Insurance	8,000	8,000	7,380	620	6,554
Office expense	14,455	14,455	12,485	1,970	8,430
Publication information and education	10,700	10,700	3,290	7,410	3,781
Dues and memberships	15,899	15,899	15,158	741	13,286
Debt Service:					
Principal	25,000	25,000	23,379	1,621	20,197
Interest	-	-	567	(567)	572
Total expenditures	535,272	535,272	463,025	72,247	444,628
Revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	139,411	139,411	159,162
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers out	(370,000)	(370,000)	(370,000)	-	-
Net change in fund balance	(\$370,000)	(\$370,000)	(230,589)	\$139,411	159,162
Fund balance - January 1			653,770		494,608
Fund balance - December 31			\$423,181		\$653,770

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - 509 PLANNING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2025
 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		2025 Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual Amounts
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes:					
Current and delinquent:					
Ramsey County	\$2,663,359	\$2,663,359	\$2,607,778	(\$55,581)	\$2,681,030
Anoka County	1,767,439	1,767,439	1,730,554	(36,885)	1,678,949
Washington County	1,163,060	1,163,060	1,138,787	(24,273)	1,134,073
Hennepin County	39,757	39,757	38,927	(830)	39,984
Total general property taxes	<u>5,633,615</u>	<u>5,633,615</u>	<u>5,516,046</u>	<u>(117,569)</u>	<u>5,534,036</u>
Special assessments	85,038	85,038	88,801	3,763	23,617
Intergovernmental	60,000	60,000	174,124	114,124	528,927
Permits	61,200	61,200	135,856	74,656	85,614
Investment income	416,260	416,260	644,939	228,679	692,247
Miscellaneous	9,500	9,500	14,605	5,105	19,871
Total revenues	<u>6,265,613</u>	<u>6,265,613</u>	<u>6,574,371</u>	<u>308,758</u>	<u>6,884,312</u>
Expenditures:					
Planning and projects:					
Information management:					
Boundary management program	1,000	1,000	370	630	769
District-wide model	60,000	60,000	54,132	5,868	12,622
Database & viewer maintenance	60,000	60,000	36,664	23,336	26,678
District website	2,500	2,500	18,149	(15,649)	3,194
Communication & outreach:					
Water communication and outreach	14,000	14,000	6,250	7,750	11,899
Master water steward program	30,000	30,000	19,807	10,193	10,254
Outreach partnership	43,000	43,000	43,958	(958)	25,780
Mini-grants program	20,000	20,000	21,652	(1,652)	8,015
Engineering & technical support	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,677
Watershed plan maintenance	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-
Restoration projects:					
Anoka Chain of Lakes water management project	160,000	160,000	5,795	154,205	490,993
Lower Rice Creek water management project	185,000	185,000	26,942	158,058	64,481
Middle Rice Creek water management project	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	-
Bald Eagle Lake WMD	28,272	28,272	2,797	25,475	3,517
Bald Eagle Lake water management project	100,000	100,000	62,234	37,766	16,634
RCD 2, 3 & 5 basic water management project	500,000	500,000	245,870	254,130	19,206
Regional water management partnership projects	54,000	54,000	17,787	36,213	-
Stormwater management cost share	1,106,433	1,106,433	486,254	620,179	22,702
Southwest urban lakes implementation	100,000	100,000	7,025	92,975	1,411
Clear Lake water quality	85,000	85,000	18,495	66,505	-
Stormwater master planning	35,000	35,000	17,941	17,059	33,451
Municipal CIP early coordination	10,000	10,000	420	9,580	4,625
Groundwater management & stormwater reuse	55,000	55,000	2,310	52,690	40,638
Regulatory:					
Rule revision & permit guidance	50,000	50,000	431	49,569	37,844
Permit review, inspection & coordination	925,000	925,000	637,875	287,125	597,534

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RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - 509 PLANNING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2025
 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Expenditures: (continued)	Budgeted Amounts		2025 Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual Amounts
	Original	Final			
Ditch and creek maintenance:					
Municipal public drainage system maintenance	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$ -	\$50,000	\$ -
Repair reports & studies	160,000	160,000	124,681	35,319	199,457
Ditches - maintenance	345,000	345,000	326,943	18,057	326,871
Natural waterway management	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	-
ACD 10-22-32 WMD	14,361	14,361	15,743	(1,382)	-
ACD 46 WMD	41,016	41,016	5,759	35,257	11,990
RCD 4 WMD	94,538	94,538	15,556	78,982	133,423
RCD 4 repair	48,000	48,000	7,614	40,386	89,649
AWJD 3 repair	-	-	546	(546)	268,772
ACD 15 & AWJD 4	248,370	248,370	18,367	230,003	3
ACD 53-62 WMD	354,000	354,000	19,364	334,636	13,799
ACD 53-62 repair	246,000	246,000	31,632	214,368	29,359
District facilities:					
District facilities repair	311,000	311,000	38,337	272,663	-
Inspection, operation & maintenance	112,000	112,000	121,294	(9,294)	105,675
Lake and stream management:					
Water quality grant program	281,646	281,646	164,009	117,637	179,095
Surface water monitoring program	240,000	240,000	206,492	33,508	221,061
Common carp management	200,000	200,000	146,573	53,427	120,304
Curly leaf pondweed management	50,000	50,000	10,483	39,517	7,427
Total projects and planning	<u>6,538,136</u>	<u>6,538,136</u>	<u>2,986,551</u>	<u>3,551,585</u>	<u>3,142,809</u>
Capital outlay	41,741	41,741	41,741	-	64,129
Administrative:					
Employee education	36,050	36,050	16,241	19,809	20,939
Legal fees	20,050	20,050	5,302	14,748	9,016
Staff travel	4,125	4,125	3,273	852	2,644
Office expense	436,536	436,536	214,914	221,622	241,544
Payroll taxes	100,078	100,078	90,382	9,696	76,774
Rent	-	-	5	(5)	-
Salaries and wages	1,598,626	1,598,626	1,469,200	129,426	1,234,724
Total administrative	<u>2,195,465</u>	<u>2,195,465</u>	<u>1,799,317</u>	<u>396,148</u>	<u>1,585,641</u>
Debt service:					
Principal	100,000	100,000	93,498	6,502	80,796
Interest	-	-	2,266	(2,266)	2,282
Total debt service	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>95,764</u>	<u>4,236</u>	<u>83,078</u>
Total expenditures	<u>8,875,342</u>	<u>8,875,342</u>	<u>4,923,373</u>	<u>3,951,969</u>	<u>4,875,657</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(\$2,609,729)</u>	<u>(\$2,609,729)</u>	<u>1,650,998</u>	<u>\$4,260,727</u>	<u>2,008,655</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	59,650
Transfers in	370,000	370,000	370,000	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,650</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$2,239,729)</u>	<u>(\$2,239,729)</u>	<u>2,020,998</u>	<u>\$4,260,727</u>	<u>2,068,305</u>
Fund balance - January 1			<u>13,957,014</u>		<u>11,888,709</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$15,978,012</u>		<u>\$13,957,014</u>

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RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY -
 GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND
 For The Last Ten Years

Statement 8

Measurement Date June 30	Fiscal Year Ending December 31	District's Proportionate (Percentage) of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability (a)	State's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability Associated with District (b)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with District (a+b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll (a+b)/c	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2016	2016	0.0116%	\$941,862	\$12,247	\$954,109	\$719,843	132.5%	68.9%
2017	2017	0.0115%	734,152	9,210	743,362	739,145	100.6%	75.9%
2018	2018	0.0121%	671,258	22,024	693,282	814,170	85.2%	79.5%
2019	2019	0.0119%	657,924	20,499	678,423	844,687	80.3%	80.2%
2020	2020	0.0121%	725,450	22,239	747,689	860,483	86.9%	79.1%
2021	2021	0.0122%	520,995	15,818	536,813	876,721	61.2%	87.0%
2022	2022	0.0127%	1,005,844	29,551	1,035,395	953,338	108.6%	76.7%
2023	2023	0.0125%	698,986	19,202	718,188	991,735	72.4%	83.1%
2024	2024	0.0130%	478,792	12,381	491,173	1,096,114	44.8%	89.1%
2025	2025	0.0148%	488,822	11,792	500,614	1,335,940	37.5%	90.8%

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RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS - GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND
For The Last Ten Years

Statement 9

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
2016	\$52,836	\$52,836	\$ -	\$704,475	7.5%
2017	59,502	59,502	-	793,365	7.5%
2018	62,890	62,890	-	838,543	7.5%
2019	63,344	63,344	-	844,589	7.5%
2020	65,413	65,413	-	872,181	7.5%
2021	67,107	67,107	-	894,765	7.5%
2022	73,669	73,669	-	982,241	7.5%
2023	79,171	79,171	-	1,055,613	7.5%
2024	89,469	89,469	-	1,192,923	7.5%
2025	104,157	104,157	-	1,388,763	7.5%

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Note A LEGAL COMPLIANCE – BUDGETS

The General Fund and 509 Planning Special Revenue Fund budgets are legally adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level for both funds.

Note B PENSION INFORMATION

PERA – General Employees Retirement Fund

2025 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The combined service annuity loading factors increased from 15% to 19% for vested terminated members and from 3% to 44% for non-vested, terminated members.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase changed from 1.25% to 1.50%.

2025 Changes in Plan Provisions:

- The post-retirement benefit increase formula changed to 100% of the Social Security annual increase, between 1.00% and 1.75%, beginning January 1, 2026. If the funded ratio (on a market value of assets basis) is less than 85% for the last two consecutive annual valuations or is less than 80% in the most recent actuarial valuation, the maximum is reduced to 1.50%. Previously, the benefit increase was 50% of the Social Security annual increase, between 1.00% and 1.50%.
- The additional employer contribution is eliminated when the plan reaches 98% funded status (on an actuarial value of assets basis); this contribution was previously scheduled to stop when the plan reached 100% funded status.

2024 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- Rates of merit and seniority were adjusted, resulting in slightly higher rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were adjusted as follows: increase the rate of assumed unreduced retirements, slight adjustments to Rule of 90 retirement rates, and slight adjustments to early retirement rates for Tier 1 and Tier 2 members.
- Minor increase in assumed withdrawals for males and females.
- Lower rates of disability.
- Continued use of Pub-2010 general mortality table with slight rate adjustments as recommended in the most recent experience study.
- Minor changes to form of payment assumptions for male and female retirees.
- Minor changes to assumptions made with respect to missing participant data.

2024 Changes in Plan Provisions:

- The workers' compensation offset for disability benefits was eliminated. The actuarial equivalent factors updated to reflect the changes in assumptions.

2023 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.50% to 7.00%.

2023 Changes in Plan Provisions:

- An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million was contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.
- A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.50% minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTES TO RSI
December 31, 2025

2022 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

2021 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50% to 6.50% for financial reporting purposes.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

2020 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the Pub-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

2020 Changes in Plan Provisions:

- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and 0.0% after. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

2019 Changes in Plan Provisions:

- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16 million due per year through 2031.

2018 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00% per year through 2044 and 2.50% per year thereafter to 1.25% per year.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTES TO RSI
December 31, 2025

2018 Changes in Plan Provisions:

- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00% to 3.00%, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00%, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Annual increases were changed from 1.00% per year with a provision to increase to 2.50% upon attainment of 90% funding ratio to 50% of the Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00% and not more than 1.50%, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.8% for active members and 60% for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now 0.0% for active member liability, 15.0% for vested deferred member liability and 3.0% for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed annual increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year for all years to 1.0% per year through 2044 and 2.5% per year thereafter.

2016 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year through 2035 and 2.5% per year thereafter to 1.0% per year for all years.
- The assumed investment return was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%. The single discount rate was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, and inflation were decreased by 0.25% to 3.25% for payroll growth and 2.50% for inflation.

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INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
December 31, 2025
With Comparative Amounts For December 31, 2024

Statement 10

	2025	2024
Assets:		
Cash and investments	\$2,143,581	\$2,366,365
Accrued interest receivable	-	51,394
Property taxes receivable:		
Delinquent	4,816	5,470
Due from county	3,308	2,820
Prepaid items	19,900	19,947
Total assets	\$2,171,605	\$2,445,996
Liabilities, deferred inflow of resources, and fund balance		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$118,751	\$16,299
Deposits payable	1,624,857	1,770,457
Total liabilities	1,743,608	1,786,756
Deferred inflow of resources:		
Unavailable revenue	4,816	5,470
Fund balance:		
Nonspendable	19,900	19,947
Unassigned	403,281	633,823
Total fund balance	423,181	653,770
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources, and fund balance	\$2,171,605	\$2,445,996

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025
With Comparative Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Statement 11

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenues:		
General property taxes	\$499,520	\$487,393
Intergovernmental	123	129
Investment income	102,793	116,268
Total revenues	<u>602,436</u>	<u>603,790</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	439,079	423,859
Debt service:		
Principal	23,379	20,197
Interest	567	572
Total expenditures	<u>463,025</u>	<u>444,628</u>
Revenues over expenditures	<u>139,411</u>	<u>159,162</u>
Other financing sources (uses):		
Transfers out	<u>(370,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(230,589)</u>	<u>159,162</u>
Fund balance - January 1	<u>653,770</u>	<u>494,608</u>
Fund balance - December 31	<u><u>\$423,181</u></u>	<u><u>\$653,770</u></u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Exhibit 1

509 PLANNING FUND - COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH - 30

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2025		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budgeted Amounts				
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$251,566	\$251,566	\$246,316	(\$5,250)	\$222,035
Intergovernmental	-	-	4,015	4,015	58
Investment income	14,323	14,323	22,191	7,868	22,518
Total revenues	<u>265,889</u>	<u>265,889</u>	<u>272,522</u>	<u>6,633</u>	<u>244,611</u>
Expenditures:					
General government:					
Administration	177,889	177,889	149,418	28,471	151,827
Programs:					
Watershed communication & outreach	14,000	14,000	6,250	7,750	11,899
Master water steward program	30,000	30,000	19,807	10,193	10,254
Outreach partnership	43,000	43,000	43,958	(958)	25,780
Mini-grants program	20,000	20,000	21,652	(1,652)	8,015
Engineering & technical support	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,677
Watershed plan maintenance	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-
Debt Service:					
Principal	12,500	12,500	11,687	813	10,099
Interest	-	-	283	(283)	285
Total expenditures	<u>305,389</u>	<u>305,389</u>	<u>253,055</u>	<u>52,334</u>	<u>221,836</u>
Revenues over expenditures	<u>(39,500)</u>	<u>(39,500)</u>	<u>19,467</u>	<u>58,967</u>	<u>22,775</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers out	<u>(80,000)</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$119,500)</u>	<u>(\$119,500)</u>	<u>(60,533)</u>	<u>\$58,967</u>	<u>22,775</u>
Fund balance - January 1			<u>290,314</u>		<u>267,539</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$229,781</u>		<u>\$290,314</u>

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -

BUDGET AND ACTUAL

509 PLANNING FUND - INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - 35

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Exhibit 2

	2025			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$261,193	\$261,193	\$255,743	(\$5,450)	\$252,428
Intergovernmental	-	-	64	64	16,964
Investment income	14,821	14,821	22,964	8,143	24,031
Total revenues	<u>276,014</u>	<u>276,014</u>	<u>278,771</u>	<u>2,757</u>	<u>293,423</u>
Expenditures:					
General government:					
Administration	169,024	169,024	114,309	54,715	99,378
Programs:					
Boundary management program	1,000	1,000	370	630	769
District-wide model	60,000	60,000	54,132	5,868	12,622
Database & viewer maintenance	60,000	60,000	36,664	23,336	26,678
District website	2,500	2,500	18,149	(15,649)	3,194
Capital outlay	17,240	17,240	17,240	-	26,550
Debt Service:					
Principal	6,250	6,250	5,844	406	5,050
Interest	-	-	142	(142)	143
Total expenditures	<u>316,014</u>	<u>316,014</u>	<u>246,850</u>	<u>69,164</u>	<u>174,384</u>
Revenues over expenditures	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	31,921	71,921	119,039
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers out	<u>(133,000)</u>	<u>(133,000)</u>	<u>(133,000)</u>	-	-
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$173,000)</u>	<u>(\$173,000)</u>	(101,079)	<u>\$71,921</u>	119,039
Fund balance - January 1			<u>423,468</u>		<u>304,429</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$322,389</u>		<u>\$423,468</u>

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -

BUDGET AND ACTUAL

509 PLANNING FUND - RESTORATION PROJECTS - 60

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Exhibit 3

	2025			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$885,775	\$885,775	\$867,290	(\$18,485)	\$1,218,262
Special assessments	-	-	-	-	223
Intergovernmental	30,000	30,000	159,432	129,432	454,343
Investment income	137,070	137,070	212,371	75,301	191,894
Total revenues	<u>1,052,845</u>	<u>1,052,845</u>	<u>1,239,093</u>	<u>186,248</u>	<u>1,864,722</u>
Expenditures:					
General government:					
Administration	391,346	391,346	305,680	85,666	218,295
Programs:					
Anoka Chain of Lakes water management project	160,000	160,000	5,795	154,205	490,993
Lower Rice Creek water management project	185,000	185,000	26,942	158,058	64,481
Middle Rice Creek water management project	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	-
Bald Eagle Lake WMD	28,272	28,272	2,797	25,475	3,517
Bald Eagle Lake water management project	100,000	100,000	62,234	37,766	16,634
RCD 2, 3 & 5 basic water management project	500,000	500,000	245,870	254,130	19,206
Regional water management partnership projects	54,000	54,000	17,787	36,213	-
Stormwater management cost share	1,106,433	1,106,433	486,254	620,179	22,702
Southwest urban lakes implementation	100,000	100,000	7,025	92,975	1,411
Clear Lake water quality	85,000	85,000	18,495	66,505	-
Stormwater master planning	35,000	35,000	17,941	17,059	33,451
Municipal CIP early coordination	10,000	10,000	420	9,580	4,625
Groundwater management & stormwater reuse	55,000	55,000	2,310	52,690	40,638
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	5,761
Debt Service:					
Principal	12,500	12,500	11,687	813	10,099
Interest	-	-	283	(283)	285
Total expenditures	<u>2,922,551</u>	<u>2,922,551</u>	<u>1,211,520</u>	<u>1,711,031</u>	<u>932,098</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$1,869,706)</u>	<u>(\$1,869,706)</u>	27,573	<u>\$1,897,279</u>	<u>932,624</u>
Fund balance - January 1			<u>3,510,784</u>		<u>2,578,160</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$3,538,357</u>		<u>\$3,510,784</u>

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
509 PLANNING FUND - REGULATORY - 70
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Exhibit 4

	2025		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budgeted Amounts				
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$1,181,055	\$1,181,055	\$1,156,407	(\$24,648)	\$1,276,662
Intergovernmental	-	-	285	285	11,263
Investment income	73,432	73,432	113,772	40,340	140,985
Licenses and permits	61,200	61,200	135,856	74,656	85,614
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	71
Total revenues	<u>1,315,687</u>	<u>1,315,687</u>	<u>1,406,320</u>	<u>90,633</u>	<u>1,514,595</u>
Expenditures:					
General government:					
Administration	559,437	559,437	503,141	56,296	436,427
Programs:					
Rule revision & permit guidance	50,000	50,000	431	49,569	37,844
Permit review, inspection & coordination	925,000	925,000	637,875	287,125	597,534
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	5,761
Debt Service:					
Principal	31,250	31,250	29,219	2,031	25,250
Interest	-	-	708	(708)	713
Total expenditures	<u>1,565,687</u>	<u>1,565,687</u>	<u>1,171,374</u>	<u>394,313</u>	<u>1,103,529</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>234,946</u>	<u>484,946</u>	<u>411,066</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in	<u>160,000</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$90,000)</u>	<u>(\$90,000)</u>	<u>394,946</u>	<u>\$484,946</u>	<u>411,066</u>
Fund balance - January 1			<u>1,190,558</u>		<u>779,492</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$1,585,504</u>		<u>\$1,190,558</u>

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Exhibit 5

509 PLANNING FUND - DITCH AND CREEK MAINTENANCE - 80

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2025		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024
	Budgeted Amounts				
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$1,403,854	\$1,403,854	\$1,374,556	(\$29,298)	\$1,190,648
Special assessments	85,038	85,038	88,801	3,763	23,394
Intergovernmental	30,000	30,000	9,929	(20,071)	45,934
Investment income	91,714	91,714	142,098	50,384	154,298
Miscellaneous	9,500	9,500	14,605	5,105	19,800
Total revenues	<u>1,620,106</u>	<u>1,620,106</u>	<u>1,629,989</u>	<u>9,883</u>	<u>1,434,074</u>
Expenditures:					
General government:					
Administration	319,988	319,988	248,436	71,552	239,602
Programs:					
Municipal Public Drainage System Maintenance	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	-
Repair reports & studies	160,000	160,000	124,681	35,319	199,457
Ditches - maintenance	345,000	345,000	326,943	18,057	326,871
Natural waterway management	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	-
ACD 10-22-32 WMD	14,361	14,361	15,743	(1,382)	-
ACD 46 WMD	41,016	41,016	5,759	35,257	11,990
RCD 4 WMD	94,538	94,538	15,556	78,982	133,423
RCD 4 repair	48,000	48,000	7,614	40,386	89,649
AWJD 3 repair	-	-	546	(546)	268,772
ACD 15 & AWJD 4	248,370	248,370	18,367	230,003	3
ACD 53-62 WMD	354,000	354,000	19,364	334,636	13,799
ACD 53-62 repair	246,000	246,000	31,632	214,368	29,359
Capital outlay	5,460	5,460	5,460	-	5,761
Debt Service:					
Principal	18,750	18,750	17,531	1,219	15,149
Interest	-	-	425	(425)	428
Total expenditures	<u>1,955,483</u>	<u>1,955,483</u>	<u>838,057</u>	<u>1,117,426</u>	<u>1,334,263</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(335,377)</u>	<u>(335,377)</u>	<u>791,932</u>	<u>1,127,309</u>	<u>99,811</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers out	<u>(906,434)</u>	<u>(906,434)</u>	<u>(906,434)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$1,241,811)</u>	<u>(\$1,241,811)</u>	<u>(114,502)</u>	<u>\$1,127,309</u>	<u>99,811</u>
Fund balance - January 1			<u>1,730,498</u>		<u>1,571,037</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$1,615,996</u>		<u>\$1,730,498</u>

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -

Exhibit 6

BUDGET AND ACTUAL

509 PLANNING FUND - LAKE AND STREAM MANAGEMENT - 90

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2025		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budgeted Amounts				
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$1,026,552	\$1,026,552	\$1,005,129	(\$21,423)	\$904,456
Intergovernmental	-	-	248	248	240
Investment income	54,213	54,213	85,361	31,148	101,655
Total revenues	<u>1,080,765</u>	<u>1,080,765</u>	<u>1,090,738</u>	<u>9,973</u>	<u>1,006,351</u>
Expenditures:					
General government:					
Administration	365,224	365,224	315,823	49,401	275,626
Programs:					
Water quality grant program	281,646	281,646	164,009	117,637	179,095
Surface water monitoring program	240,000	240,000	206,492	33,508	221,061
Common carp management	200,000	200,000	146,573	53,427	120,304
Curly leaf pondweed management	50,000	50,000	10,483	39,517	7,427
Capital outlay	6,541	6,541	6,541	-	14,536
Debt Service:					
Principal	12,500	12,500	11,687	813	10,099
Interest	-	-	283	(283)	285
Total expenditures	<u>1,155,911</u>	<u>1,155,911</u>	<u>861,891</u>	<u>294,020</u>	<u>828,433</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>228,847</u>	<u>303,993</u>	<u>177,918</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers out	<u>(803,221)</u>	<u>(803,221)</u>	<u>(803,221)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$878,367)</u>	<u>(\$878,367)</u>	<u>(574,374)</u>	<u>\$303,993</u>	<u>177,918</u>
Fund balance - January 1			<u>1,159,473</u>		<u>981,555</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$585,099</u>		<u>\$1,159,473</u>

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
509 PLANNING FUND - DISTRICT FACILITIES - 95

Exhibit 7

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2025				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
General property taxes	\$623,620	\$623,620	\$610,605	(\$13,015)	\$469,545
Intergovernmental	-	-	151	151	125
Investment income	30,687	30,687	46,182	15,495	56,866
Total revenues	<u>654,307</u>	<u>654,307</u>	<u>656,938</u>	<u>2,631</u>	<u>526,536</u>
Expenditures:					
General government:					
Administration	212,557	212,557	162,510	50,047	164,486
Programs:					
District facilities repair	311,000	311,000	38,337	272,663	-
Inspection, operation & maintenance	112,000	112,000	121,294	(9,294)	105,675
Capital outlay	12,500	12,500	12,500	-	5,760
Debt Service:					
Principal	6,250	6,250	5,843	407	5,050
Interest	-	-	142	(142)	143
Total expenditures	<u>654,307</u>	<u>654,307</u>	<u>340,626</u>	<u>313,681</u>	<u>281,114</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>316,312</u>	<u>316,312</u>	<u>245,422</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers out	<u>(750,868)</u>	<u>(750,868)</u>	<u>(750,868)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(\$750,868)</u>	<u>(\$750,868)</u>	<u>(434,556)</u>	<u>\$316,312</u>	<u>245,422</u>
Fund balance - January 1			<u>1,151,919</u>		<u>906,497</u>
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$717,363</u>		<u>\$1,151,919</u>

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -

BUDGET AND ACTUAL

509 PLANNING FUND - PROJECT ANTICIPATION FUND - 99

For The Year Ended December 31, 2025 With Comparative Actual Amounts For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Exhibit 8

	2025			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	2024 Actual
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual		
	Original	Final			
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	\$2,883,523	\$2,883,523	\$2,883,523	\$ -	\$ -
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$2,883,523</u>	<u>\$2,883,523</u>	2,883,523	<u>\$0</u>	0
Fund balance - January 1			4,500,000		4,500,000
Fund balance - December 31			<u>\$7,383,523</u>		<u>\$4,500,000</u>

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OTHER INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Ramsey County	\$2,255,190	\$2,260,135	\$2,244,642	\$2,380,608	\$2,682,100	\$2,784,025	\$2,765,785	\$2,877,215	\$2,917,144	\$2,843,932
Anoka County	1,200,535	1,175,521	1,215,977	1,287,817	1,434,715	1,543,088	1,556,638	1,644,027	1,826,827	1,887,269
Washington County	870,937	867,386	848,569	920,932	1,008,834	1,060,719	1,047,202	1,107,578	1,233,953	1,241,913
Hennepin County	30,239	34,244	32,838	34,135	37,345	39,970	39,638	44,232	43,505	42,452
Total	4,356,901	4,337,286	4,342,026	4,623,492	5,162,994	5,427,802	5,409,263	5,673,052	6,021,429	6,015,566
Minnesota State Aid - Market Value Credit	1,579	1,453	1,272	1,351	1,432	1,432	1,450	1,430	1,593	1,484
Total revenue	\$4,358,480	\$4,338,739	\$4,343,298	\$4,624,843	\$5,164,426	\$5,429,234	\$5,410,713	\$5,674,482	\$6,023,022	\$6,017,050
Levy amount - per RCWD budget	\$4,383,000	\$4,383,000	\$4,383,000	\$4,710,392	\$5,181,376	\$5,181,376	\$5,409,299	\$5,458,494	\$6,099,752	\$6,143,783
Collection percentage	99.4%	99.0%	99.1%	98.2%	99.7%	104.8%	100.0%	104.0%	98.7%	97.9%

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OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

To the Honorable Managers of
Rice Creek Watershed District
Blaine, Minnesota

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Rice Creek Watershed District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Rice Creek Watershed District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Rice Creek Watershed District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Rice Creek Watershed District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Managers, management, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Redpath and Company LLC

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LLC
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 30, 2026



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MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

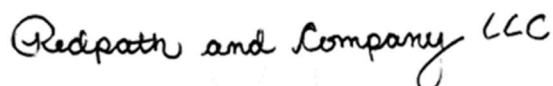
To the Honorable Managers of
Rice Creek Watershed District
Blaine, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Rice Creek Watershed District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Rice Creek Watershed District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2026.

In connection with our audit, we noted that Rice Creek Watershed District failed to comply with provisions of the claims and disbursements section of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as described in the schedule of findings and responses as item 2025-001. Also, in connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Rice Creek Watershed District failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting– bid laws, depositories of public funds and public investments, conflicts of interest and miscellaneous provisions sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding Rice Creek Watershed District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

Rice Creek Watershed District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the schedule of findings and responses as item 2025-001. Rice Creek Watershed District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it

This report is intended solely for the information and use of those charged with governance and management of Rice Creek Watershed District and the State Auditor and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



REDPATH AND COMPANY, LLC
St. Paul, Minnesota

March 30, 2026



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2025-001 Prompt Payment of Local Government Bills

Criteria: Minnesota State Statutes require prompt payment of local government bills.

MS 471.425 Subd. 2. Reads in part:

Subd. 2. Payment required.

A municipality must pay each vendor obligation according to the terms of the contract or, if no contract terms apply, within the standard payment period unless the municipality in good faith disputes the obligation.

...

(a) For municipalities who have governing boards which have regularly scheduled meetings at least once a month, the standard payment period is defined as within 35 days of the date of receipt.

Condition: During the course of our audit, we identified two maintenance invoices from November and December 2024 which were not paid until February 2025.

Cause: Our understanding is that the invoices were not provided to the office manager for payment.

Effect: The District is not in compliance with Minnesota State Statute 471.425.

Recommendation: We recommend the District establish procedures to ensure all invoices are provided to the office manager promptly upon receipt so that payment can be issued within the statutory timeframe.

Management Response: District management acknowledges the finding. The delayed payments occurred because the invoices were not routed to the Office Manager for processing in a timely manner. The Office Manager's process is for staff to have all electronic invoices sent directly to the Office Manager for processing. Management has reminded staff of this process and will continue to monitor it to help ensure vendor obligations are paid within the required timeframe.

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ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

2. Ramsey County Lake Monitoring Services 2026 (Matt Kocian)

MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: March 31, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Matt Kocian, Lake and Stream Manager
Subject: Ramsey County Lake Monitoring Services 2026

Introduction

Seeking Board approval for agreement with Ramsey County for lake monitoring services in 2026.

Background

Water quality monitoring is conducted on most lakes in the Rice Creek Watershed. Data are used to track long-term trends and improvement following projects completed by the RCWD and others. Data are also used to diagnose water quality problems and identify appropriate improvement projects. Water quality monitoring data support acquisition of state grant dollars; existing data and post-project monitoring are often required for grants.

Several agencies cooperate to ensure data coverage while avoiding overlapping effort. District staff monitor 8-10 lakes annually. The District supports a volunteer monitoring program (the *Community Assisted Monitoring Program – “CAMP”*) that covers another 8-10 lakes. Finally, staff at Ramsey County cover nine lakes.

Ramsey County staff have monitored water quality on lakes in Ramsey County since the early 1980’s. Since 2016, the District has reimbursed Ramsey County for labor and equipment costs for monitoring lakes located with the Rice Creek Watershed. Other watershed districts in Ramsey County (e.g. RWMWD) do the same. In 2026, Ramsey County labor and equipment costs will be \$26,559.55. This cost was anticipated and is included in the approved 2026 District budget. The agreement between the District and Ramsey County is attached here; see Exhibit C for costs invoiced by Ramsey County.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend proceeding with the agreement. Data collected by Ramsey County are extremely valuable, and their labor and equipment costs are economical.

Note: Costs for laboratory sample analysis are separate (Exhibit D of the attached agreement). RCWD also bears these costs, but on a ‘fee-for-service’ basis (non-contract). These costs were also anticipated and included in the approved 2026 budget.

MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District



Proposed Motion

Manager _____ moves to authorize the Administrator to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County for lake monitoring services in 2026 for an amount not to exceed \$26,559.55.

Attached:

Ramsey County Agreement with the Rice Creek Watershed District for 2026 Lake Monitoring Services

**RAMSEY COUNTY AGREEMENT
WITH THE RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
for 2026 LAKE MONITORING SERVICES**

This Agreement is between the Rice Creek Watershed District, a local special purpose unit of government ("Watershed") and Ramsey County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, ("County") for the testing of water quality, within the Watershed, within Ramsey County.

RECITALS

1. County is in possession of water quality testing facilities and capability.
2. Watershed desires County, upon request, to perform water quality testing on its behalf.
3. Watershed is willing to pay County costs and expenses for such tests.
4. All tests requested by Watershed will be within the Watershed's boundaries and within Ramsey County.

AGREEMENT

1. Scope of Agreement

- 1.1. County will perform a water quality testing protocol for Watershed pursuant to the 2009 Ramsey County Lake Management Program Sampling Protocol ("Baseline Request") at the locations and according to the parameters as listed in Exhibit A. Baseline testing will be performed eight times per year at each location between the dates of May 1st and September 30th.
- 1.2. Upon request, and subject to staffing or other limitations, County will perform Additional Testing as directed by the Watershed. Additional Testing will be performed within 2 weeks of receiving request.
- 1.3. This agreement is limited to the services requested and provided between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

2. Water Quality Testing Services

- 2.1. County staff will collect samples, preserve and transport samples and perform water quality tests or otherwise arrange for testing in accordance with Section 3 herein.

2.2. All tests will be performed in accordance with accepted industry standards. The designated standard for each test is identified in Exhibit B.

2.3. Nothing herein is intended to transfer any statutory duties or responsibilities.

3. Sub-contracting for Testing Services

3.1. If the County is unable to perform the testing, County may sub-contract for the water quality testing to be performed by a qualified third-party.

3.2. Qualified sub-contractors will comply with industry standards and will be solicited in accordance with state law and County procedures. The County will maintain a list of qualified sub-contractors.

3.3. Prior to submitting a sample for testing to a qualified sub-contractor, County will obtain a quote for the procedure and specific number of samples and will provide the specific quote and the identity of the sub-contractor to Watershed. County will not proceed with testing until it receives written approval by the Watershed to proceed. If Watershed does not provide approval, the services will not be provided, and the watershed will not be responsible for the associated costs.

3.4. The sub-contractor quote for sample testing is identified in Exhibit D.

4. Test Reports and Samples

4.1. County will deliver test reports to Watershed within 30 days of availability, or when otherwise requested.

4.2. Upon transmittal to Watershed, County is not responsible for maintaining a record of the sample, the test or its results.

4.3. County and Watershed shall be considered joint owners of the tests, and may use, share or distribute the same in any non-commercial manner. The samples will be disposed of at the County's discretion.

5. Water Quality Test Fees

5.1. Except as provided in Section 5.2, County will perform the sampling, transportation, and testing for the Baseline Request and the Extended Baseline Request, if any, at a flat rate. The flat rate is based on the quantity of testing done in the previous year and the current year's labor and testing rates, plus a pro rata portion of the County's identified equipment costs. The flat rate for the current year is provided and itemized in Exhibit C.

5.2. The flat rate fee identified in Section 5.1 will be credited for any test performed by a sub-contractor pursuant to Section 3. The credit will be equal to the per sample cost identified in Exhibit B.

5.3. County will perform Additional Testing, as provided in Section 1.2, at the rate provided in Exhibit B or the rate quoted by the qualified sub-contractor, for any requested collection, transportation, or testing.

5.4. Watershed will be billed directly from a qualified sub-contractor for sample testing. Exhibit D identifies quoted costs from the sub-contractor conducting sample testing.

6. Payment Schedule

6.1. County will invoice for the Baseline Request, and any Extended Baseline Request, fees, less any credit, in November following the testing season.

6.2. County will invoice for any Additional Testing services in November, along with the invoice for the Section 6.1 fees.

6.3. County will invoice Watershed for any third-party costs as incurred.

6.4. Watershed will pay all invoices within 60 days of receipt.

7. The Watershed and County shall indemnify, defend, and hold each other harmless against any and all liability, losses, costs, damages, expenses, claims, or actions, including attorney's fees, which the indemnified party, its officials, agents, or employees may hereafter sustain, incur, or be required to pay, arising out of or by reason of any act or omission of the indemnifying party, its officials, agents, or employees, in the execution, performance, or failure to adequately perform the indemnifying party's obligation pursuant to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver by the County or the Watershed of any statutory or common law immunities, liability limits, or exceptions on liability.
8. County will maintain all records pertaining to fees or costs incurred in connection with the services for six years from the date of completion of the services. County agrees that any authorized Watershed representative or the state auditor may have access to and the right to examine, audit and copy any such records during normal business hours.
9. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by mutual agreement of the parties. Any amendment must be in writing.

Rice Creek Watershed District

By: _____
Administrator

Date: _____

RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

County Manager

Date: _____

Approval recommended:

Brian Isaacson, Director
Public Works Department

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Assistant County Attorney

Exhibit A: Baseline Request

Lake Sites to be Tested Under Baseline Agreement

Lake Name	DNR Lake ID	DNR Lake Site ID
Otter	02-0003	203
Bald Eagle	62-0002	207
Bald Eagle	62-0002	202
Bald Eagle	62-0002	210
Josephine	62-0057	401
Turtle	62-0061	208
Long	62-0067	202
Long	62-0067	201
Island South	62-0075-01	202
Island North	62-0075-02	202
Johanna	62-0078	101
Silver West	62-0083	204
White Bear	82-0167	234
White Bear	82-0167	229
White Bear	82-0167	230
White Bear	82-0167	231

Water Parameters to be Tested

- Ammonia
- Chloride
- Chlorophyll a
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Inorganic Nitrogen
- pH
- Phytoplankton community analysis
- Secchi Disk Depth
- Soluble Reactive Phosphorus
- Specific Conductivity
- Temperature
- Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
- Total Phosphorus
- Zooplankton community analysis

Exhibit B: Laboratory Analysis Methods and Rates

Procedure	Method	Method Year	Cost/Sample
SRP Filtering	EPA 365.1 Rev 2	1993	\$5.00
Zooplankton Analysis	SM 10200 G	2017	\$61.25
Phytoplankton Analysis	SM 10200 F	2017	\$61.25
Labor			\$86.89

*Rates for 2022 analysis by RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. All other procedure rates are for Ramsey County. Subject to review on an annual basis.

EXHIBIT C: Baseline Request Estimated Program and Flat Fee

RCWD		2026	
Analysis 2026	Count	Unit Price	Amount Billed by Ramsey County
SRP filtering	427	\$5.00	\$2,135.00
Zooplankton	72	\$61.25	\$4,410.00
Phytoplankton	72	\$61.25	\$4,410.00
Equipment	41%	\$4,175.57	\$1,702.15
Labor	160	\$86.89	\$13,902.40
		Total	\$26,559.55

EXHIBIT D: RMB Labs Quoted 2026 Rates

Analysis 2026	Count	Unit Price	Amount Billed by RMB Labs
Total Phosphorus	413	\$ 16.80	\$ 6,938.40
Soluble Reactive Phosphorous	413	\$ 16.80	\$ 6,938.40
Chloride	177	\$ 14.00	\$ 2,478.00
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	128	\$ 20.30	\$ 2,598.40
Ammonia	128	\$ 16.10	\$ 2,060.80
Nitrate + Nitrite	128	\$ 14.00	\$ 1,792.00
Chlorophyll A	128	\$ 21.00	\$ 2,688.00
		Total	\$25,494.00

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

3. RCWD Annual Report Approval (Kendra Sommerfeld)



MEMORANDUM
Rice Creek Watershed District

Date: March 25, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Kendra Sommerfeld, Communications & Outreach Manager
Subject: RCWD Annual Report Approval

Introduction

Rice Creek Watershed District is required to submit an annual activity report to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Commissioner of Natural Resources, and the Director of the Division of Ecological and Water Resources of the Department of Natural Resources within 120 days of the end of the District’s fiscal year.

Background

The content of this annual activity report includes an assessment of the previous year’s annual work plan including progress made towards WMP goals, program accomplishments and actions for the year, a summary of work plans for the following year, and several other administrative criteria.

Outreach and Communications Manager has made substantial changes to format and content from previous reports to reduce repetition, streamline information, and better highlight the District’s work and accomplishments more efficiently.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the 2025 Annual Report with any necessary changes from Board for submission to the Board of Water and Soil Resources and other required recipients by the deadline.

Proposed Motion

Motion by Manager _____ to approve the 2025 Annual Report with any necessary changes from Board and authorize submission to the Board of Water and Soil Resources and other required recipients by the deadline.

Attachments:

Draft 2025 Annual Report



2025



Annual Report

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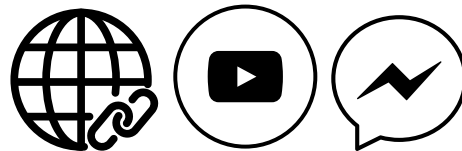
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About Us

- A special-purpose unit of government
- Established by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources on January 18, 1972, upon petition by county boards with support from citizens and cities.
- Approximately 186 square miles of urban and rural lands in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington Counties.
- Includes all or portions of 28 cities and townships. (Arden Hills, Birchwood Village, Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Columbus, Dellwood, Falcon Heights, Forest Lake, Fridley, Grant, Hugo, Lauderdale, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Mahtomedi, May Township, Mounds View, New Brighton, Roseville, Saint Anthony, Scandia, Shoreview, Spring Lake Park, White Bear Lake, White Bear Township and Willernie).



Contact Us



Rice Creek Watershed District's Mission:

To manage, protect, and improve the water resources of the District through flood control and water quality projects and programs.

Meet Our Team

Board of Managers

Mike Bradley, President

County: Ramsey | Term Expires: January 2027

John Waller, 1st Vice President

County: Washington | Term Expires: January 2028

Steve Wagamon, 2nd Vice President

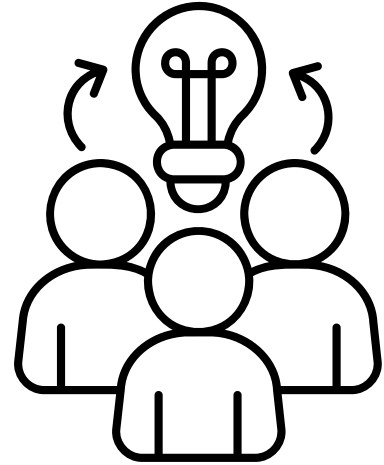
County: Anoka | Served 2011 to January 2026

Marcie Weinandt, Treasurer

County: Ramsey | Term Expires: January 2029

Jess Robertson, Secretary

County: Anoka | Term Expires: January 2029



Staff

Nick Tomczik – District Administrator

Patrick Hughes – Regulatory Manager

Matthew Kocian – Lake & Stream
Manager

Tom Schmidt – Drainage and Facilities
Manager

Theresa Stasica – Office Manager

Kendra Sommerfeld – Communications
& Outreach Manager

Molly Nelson – Outreach and Grants
Technician

Ali Chalberg – Watershed Technician
and Inspector

Anna Grace – Regulatory Technician

Kelsey White – Permit Technician

Catherine Nester – Water Monitoring
Technician

Abel Green – Operations and
Maintenance Inspector

Will Roach – Watershed
Technician/Inspector

Erik Larson – Watershed Inspector

Sarah Struntz – Watershed Inspector

David Petry – Project Manager

Sara Belden – Project Technician

Emmet Hurley – Program Support
Technician

Connor Price – Technical Field
Assistant

Legal, Professional, and Consulting Services

Rinke Noonan for legal counsel, Redpath and Company for accounting, Houston Engineering for technical consulting, and RYMARK for information technologies.



RCWD Staff and Board Managers at MN Watersheds Conference



Mng. Bradley, Nick Tomczik, Mng. Weinandt at MN Watersheds conference



Mng. Weinandt getting recognized at MN Watersheds Conference as Clean Water Council Rep

Introduction and Mission

What's in Our Annual Report

- This annual report reviews and assesses the previous year's work and its progress toward the goals of the RCWD 2020–2029 Watershed Management Plan (WMP).
- *There are clickable links throughout the report to bring you to additional information.*
- This report is organized by RCWD's primary program areas, summarizing 2025 accomplishments and the 2026 work plan within each
- The report fulfills the requirements of MN Statute Chapter 103D.351, which requires watershed districts to file an annual report with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

Rice Creek Watershed District's Watershed Management Plan (WMP)

The 2020 WMP outlines RCWD's goals and strategies for addressing watershed challenges, focusing on water quality management, flood control, and resource preservation. Key initiatives include monitoring programs, regulations, and best management practices.

[Full WMP Here.](#)

Community engagement and stakeholder involvement are emphasized for effective management. The next 10-year watershed management plan planning process will start in 2028.



2025 Highlights

Administration & Budget

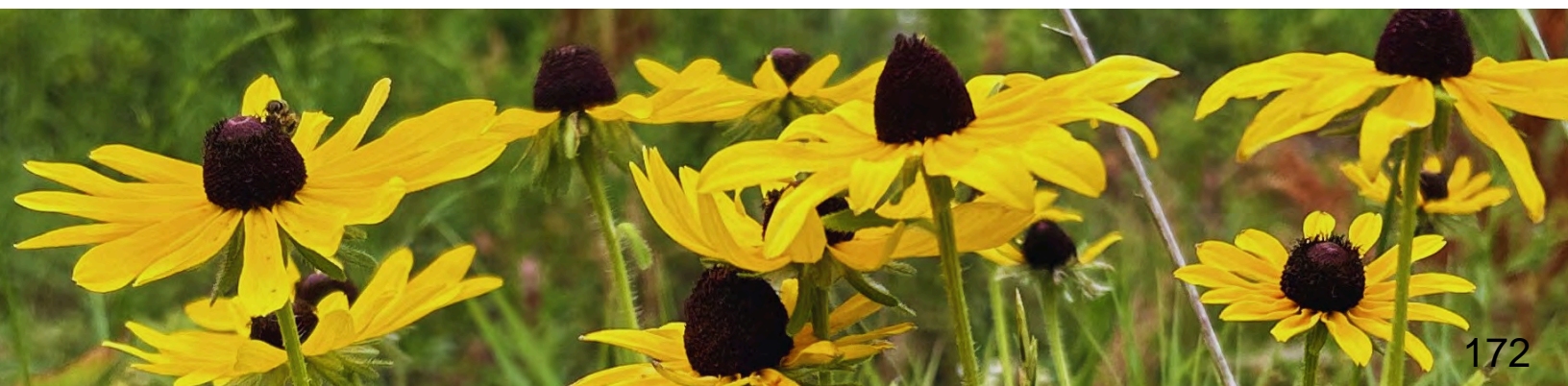
- Levy increase of 0.72% for 2025; District maintained required 40% General Fund and Implementation Fund balance reserves.
- Total expenditures of \$5.32 million against a budget of \$8.33 million; \$4.5 million in Project Anticipation Fund carried forward.
- All 28 communities now have RCWD Board-approved Local Water Management Plans.

Public Drainage

- Completed 160 inspections and 45 maintenance projects on 11 of 22 public drainage systems (68% of systems, exceeding the 20% annual minimum goal).
- Initiated repair of Anoka County Ditch 5 #3-62 (Branches 5 & 6), allocating costs using a blend of ad valorem (60%) and water management district funds (40%).
- In 2025, MPCA requested updated MS4 mapping; current guidance suggests public drainage systems and District-owned facilities may not meet MPCA's requirements to necessitate RCWD holding an MS4 permit. MPCA provided a petition for RCWD to request reevaluation of its MS4 status.
- RCWD is no longer regulated under the General Stormwater Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). an MS4 as of 2025.

Grant Programs

- Stormwater Management Grant Program: Awarded \$300,000 to 5 cities (1 in Anoka County, 4 in Ramsey County) for water quality and flood control projects, providing estimated removal of 18.2 lbs phosphorus and 8,600 lbs sediment.
- Water Quality Grant Program: Awarded approximately \$119,705 to 15 projects assisting landowners with installation of BMPs.
- Mini-Grants Program: Issued 40 mini-grants (rain barrels, low-mow turf, native plantings, and water outreach/education) totaling \$17,341.



2025 Highlights

Projects

- Secured \$1.173 million Stormwater Implementation Grant from the MPCA for final design and Phase 1 construction of the Jones Lake Project (flood mitigation along Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3, and 5).
- Submitted \$6.84 million bonding request to Minnesota Management and Budget to complete the Jones Lake Project.
- Awarded \$108,900 from the Clean Water Fund (**WBIF**) to complete final designs for Clearwater Creek channel restoration (Main Trunk of Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch 3).
- Awarded \$50,000 from BWSR through a Water Quality and Storage Grant for a stormwater storage feasibility study along Hardwood Creek (Main Trunk of Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch 2).
- Awarded \$71,000 from MPCA for a feasibility analysis and preliminary designs for stormwater BMPs in the East Moore Lake subwatershed in Fridley.
- Initiated a feasibility study to assess streambank stabilization and stormwater treatment alternatives along Lower Rice Creek near Old Central Ave in Fridley.
- Completed the Hwy 61 Ponds Project and the Clearwater Creek / JD3 Feasibility Study.

Water Quality & Monitoring

- Staff monitored 13 lakes, 12 long-term stream/ditch sites, and 5 synoptic sites; partners and volunteers monitored an additional 17–18 lakes.
- Collected 413 water samples from lakes, streams, and ditches, resulting in 2,035 individual laboratory analyses.
- Four lakes (Bald Eagle, Golden, Island, and White Rock) were removed from the MPCA Impaired Waters list, transitioning to 'protection' status.
- Completed the first phase of alum treatment at Centerville Lake (Clean Water Fund grant-supported).
- Removed 419 adult carp from the Long Lake/Lino Chain of Lakes; cumulative removals since program inception: 57,934 carp (~40,000 lbs). Carp biomass reduced to ~92 kg/ha, meeting the District's <100 kg/ha long-term goal. **Learn more about carp management in the watershed [here](#).**
- Partnered with seven lake associations to manage curlyleaf pondweed on Bald Eagle, Clear, Centerville, Josephine, Johanna, Peltier, Reshanau, Golden, and Silver Lakes.
- Aquatic plant surveys conducted at 10 lakes. **Learn more about native aquatic plants [here](#).**

2025 Highlights

District Facilities

- Inspected 23 of 32 inventoried facilities (72%), exceeding the 10-year plan target. Legal access secured for 20 of 32 facilities (63%).
- Completed non-routine maintenance at 10 facilities, with focus on troubleshooting and repairing Iron-Enhanced Sand Filters (IESFs) at Hansen Park, Oasis Pond, and Bald Eagle Lake.

Regulatory (Permitting)

- Received 123 permit applications; issued 102 permits; closed 153 permits.
- Conducted 1,186 total inspections which included 309 construction sites.
- Updated District rules took effect January 1, 2025 and were successfully implemented.
- Extended inspection service agreements with Ramsey County SWCD and Washington Conservation District through December 31, 2026.
- Amended JPA with the City of Centerville for erosion and sediment control inspections, incorporating a two-year automatic term renewal.

Outreach & Communications

- Sponsored 4 Blue Thumb shoreline and rain garden workshop, a U of M AIS Detector Workshop, and 2 Smart Salting certification workshops (for Anoka and Ramsey County).
- Installed the District's first water-themed public art project at Moore Lake Park; sponsored 3 additional water/nature art opportunities with White Bear Center for the Arts.
- Installed a rain garden at Hayes Elementary School (Fridley) in partnership with Anoka County SWCD through the Pollinator Pathway Grant.
- Participated in Growing Green Hearts activities at Highview Middle School, Hayes Elementary, and Centennial Library.



Administration & Budget

RCWD developed its 2025 budget to align with the Watershed Management Plan and deliver transparency regarding its long-term financial stability.

The 2025 levy increase was 0.72%. The District estimates its levy impact on every \$400,000 of taxable market value to be approximately \$63. The remainder of revenue came from water management districts, fees, grants, investment income, and use of the District's fund balance.

The District maintained a 40% assigned administrative fund and unassigned implementation fund balance per its General Fund Balance Policy. The 2025 budget included approximately \$2.6 million in project anticipation/fund balance fund, earmarking dollars for future projects without the need to borrow funds.

Outside Funding Sources

BWSR Clean Water Fund Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF), MPCA Clean Water Fund grants, and other state grant programs.

For the FY24–25 WBIF program year, RCWD received approval to apply for funds for the design of restoration and stabilization work on Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch 3 (Clearwater Creek) downstream of I-35W.



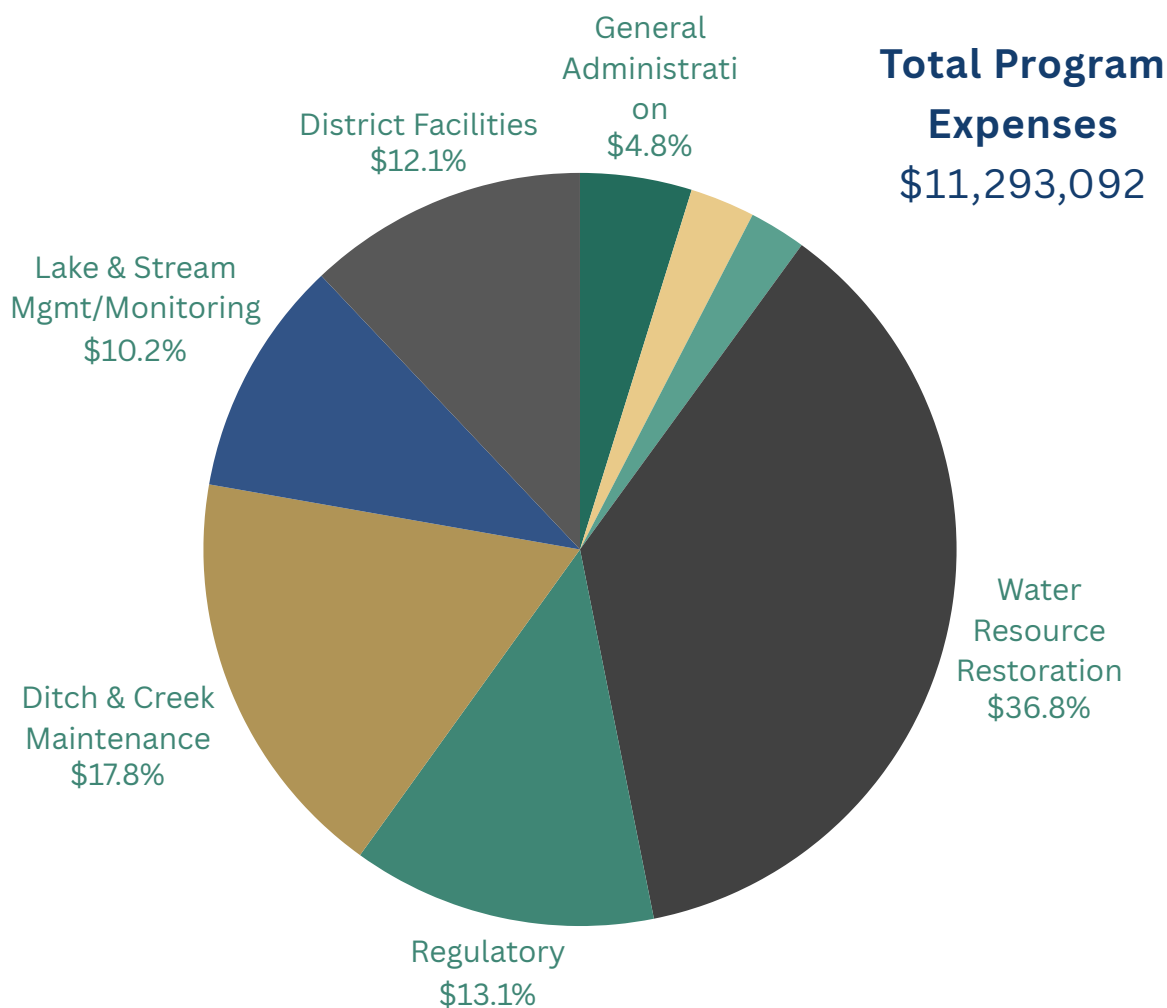
2026 Work Plan – Administration & Budget

- Continue to develop a transparent budget in consideration of the District's mission and stakeholder needs.
- Re-evaluate the prioritization of District capital projects and protection of past public dollar infrastructure investments during the annual budgeting cycle.
- Continue to develop and implement an effective framework for securing outside funding.
- Evaluate new concerns or assistance requests with consideration to urgency, the nature of the District's responsibility, and available funding and staffing capacity.

Budget Allocations

Program	2026 Budget
General Administration	\$541,279
Environmental Education	\$314,720
Information Mgmt/Technology	\$275,386
Water Resource Restoration	\$4,159,896
Regulatory	\$1,476,440
Ditch & Creek Maintenance	\$2,014,514
Lake & Stream Mgmt/Monitoring	\$1,149,963
District Facilities	\$1,360,895

2026 Budget



Public Drainage

RCWD serves as the Drainage Authority for approx. 114 miles of public drainage systems (county and judicial ditches) established under MN Statute 103E. The District's goal is to schedule, prioritize, and execute inspection and maintenance to preserve and restore drainage function.

2025 Accomplishments

Staff exceeded 160 inspections and completed 45 maintenance projects on 11 of 22 drainage systems in 2025 – 68% of all systems, well above the 20% annual minimum goal. All 17 scheduled inspections were completed. Inspections also included illicit discharge detection in recognition of MS4 protocols.

Examples of completed 2025 maintenance projects include:

- ACD 10-22-32 – main trunk channel excavation from Jodrell to south of Pine Street and Branch #4 Pine Street to Andall Street.
- ACD 72 – replacement of existing clay tile with HDPE tile on various branches.
- ACD 46 – bank failure repair.
- WJD 2 – multiple beaver dam removals.
- AWJD 4/ACD 15 – excavation of channel through Brown's Preserve and large sections of main trunk and Branch 2 north of 195th Street N.

The District continued to allocate costs for the ACD 53-62 Main Trunk repair project using a hybrid legal framework: 40% allocated to the whole district via ad valorem funds and 60% allocated to landowners directly draining to the system. Landowners with charges under \$300 pay a single annual installment; charges over \$300 are paid in three equal annual installments with no interest accruing in the first three years.

The District continued to update its Drainage Portal for landowner access to official drainage system records, and communicated its role and authority through stakeholder outreach in advance of maintenance activities.

Non-103E Drainage Systems

The District engaged with private partners on non-103E drainage issues following its Natural Channel Management Policy. Staff communicated this policy to landowners and partners regarding private drainage inquiries. Updated information on the policy is available on RCWD's website.

Public Drainage

2026 Work Plan

- Continue to inspect and maintain public drainage systems and complete maintenance projects per the Inspector's recommendations.
- ACD 53-62 – tile excavation and vegetation management on multiple branches.
- AWJD 3, Branch 3 – tree/brush mowing; Branch 4 – culvert relocation/bank stabilization.
- ARJD 1 – Naples to I-35W.
- Continue ditch bank mowing and right-of-way maintenance on various systems.
- Promote agreements with municipal partners to increase collaborative cost-effective maintenance activities on public drainage systems.
- Continue to hold informational meetings prior to public hearings and send notices in advance of maintenance activities when feasible.
- Continue inspecting public drainage systems for illicit discharges.



District Facilities

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District Facilities

Flooding & Regional Flood Control (Continued)

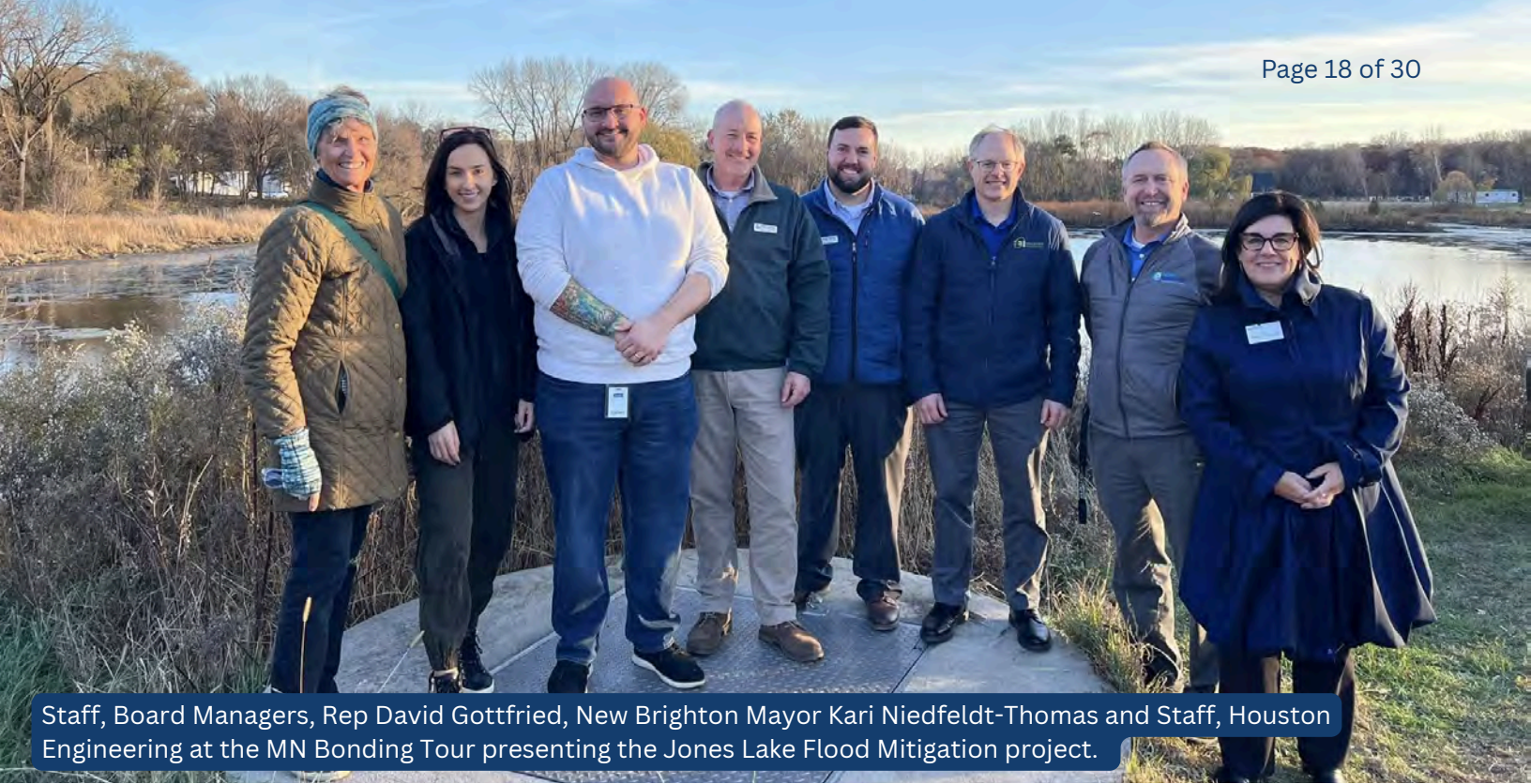
Priebe Lake Outfall Project (PLOP): RCWD continued extensive collaboration with Birchwood Village, Mahtomedi, and White Bear Lake to address landowner and city concerns at the PLOP outlet in Hall's Marsh. The District continued dialog with partner cities on facility function and establishing long term framework for clear operational terms, initially a MOA, and will fulfill its obligation to inspect and maintain District facilities independent of any MOA.

The District also completed its annual update of the District-wide hydrologic/hydraulic model, incorporating landscape-scale changes from new developments and major capital projects completed during 2025.

2026 Work Plan

- Continue inspecting all facilities; complete more detailed evaluation of each facility's physical location and condition.
- Continue active operational activities at Hansen Park IESF, Bald Eagle Lake IESF, and Oasis Pond IESF (support to City of Roseville), and Oneka Ridge Golf Course stormwater reuse system.
- Continue collaboration with Birchwood Village, Mahtomedi, and White Bear Lake on the Priebe Lake Outfall Project operational terms.
- Support the City of New Brighton's FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area around Hansen Park, including cost-share and modeling support.
- Continue to advance Jones Lake component of Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3 & 5 Project; pursue all available funding sources including MN DNR, MPCA, legislature, and grants.
- Allocate \$400,000 in Stormwater Management Grant Program funding to assist public and private entities with stormwater quality, volume reduction, and rate control projects.





Staff, Board Managers, Rep David Gottfried, New Brighton Mayor Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas and Staff, Houston Engineering at the MN Bonding Tour presenting the Jones Lake Flood Mitigation project.



Abel Green and Molly Nelson installing a project sign at PCOTW's Water Quality Grant project in Shoreview.



Ali Chalberg water monitoring.



Molly Nelson presenting about rain gardens to PCOTW in Shoreview.

Projects

The District pursues capital projects and feasibility studies in collaboration with municipal partners to address flooding, water quality, and habitat restoration across the watershed.

2025 Project Accomplishments

- Jones Lake Project (New Brighton): Secured \$1.173M MPCA Stormwater Implementation Grant for final design and Phase 1 construction. Submitted \$6.84M state bonding request to Minnesota Management and Budget.
- Clearwater Creek / Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch 3 (Lino Lakes and Centerville): Completed feasibility study. Awarded \$108,900 in WBIF Clean Water Fund grant for final restoration designs of the downstream channel reaches.
- Hardwood Creek / Anoka Washington Judicial Ditch 2 (Hugo and Forest Lake): Awarded \$50,000 BWSR Water Quality and Storage Grant for a stormwater storage feasibility study.
- East Moore Lake (Fridley): Awarded \$71,000 from MPCA for feasibility analysis and preliminary designs for stormwater management BMPs addressing water quality and flooding.
- Lower Rice Creek (Fridley): Initiated feasibility study to assess streambank stabilization and stormwater treatment alternatives near Old Central Ave.
- Hwy 61 Ponds Feasibility Study (White Bear Township): Completed in 2025.
- Centerville Alum Treatment (Centerville): Completed the first half of the alum treatment (Clean Water Fund grant-supported).

To see an interactive map of RCWD's projects, [click here](https://www.ricecreek.org/projects/), (or go to <https://www.ricecreek.org/projects/>)

2026 Work Plan

- Continue implementation of the Jones Lake component of the Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3 & 5 project; pursue remaining funding needs.
- Advance Clearwater Creek final design work with WBIF funding.
- Complete Hardwood Creek stormwater storage feasibility study.
- Advance East Moore Lake feasibility into preliminary design phase.
- Continue Lower Rice Creek streambank stabilization feasibility study.
- Complete second half of Centerville Alum Treatment.

Water Quality

Surface Water Monitoring – 2025 Accomplishments

- Collected 413 water samples across lakes, streams, and ditches; 2,035 individual laboratory analyses.
- Regularly monitored 13 lakes (water samples and physical measurements); partners and volunteers monitored an additional 17–18 lakes through the Metropolitan Council's Community Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP).
- Monitored water quality and physical parameters at 12 long-term stream and ditch sites and 5 synoptic/project-specific sites.
- Continued partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey to operate a continuous stream gage on Rice Creek in Mounds View.
- Conducted aquatic plant surveys at 10 lakes for invasive species management and overall lake health assessment.
- Supported the Friends of the Mississippi River Stream Health Evaluation Program (SHEP) for biological health monitoring.

Water Quality – 2025 Accomplishments

Nutrient Enrichment & Eutrophication: Four lakes – Bald Eagle, Golden, Island, and White Rock – were removed from the MPCA Impaired Waters list in 2025 due to improved nutrient conditions. Delisting celebrations were held with lake associations and cities. These lakes transitioned from 'restoration' to 'protection' status, meeting the District's measurable goal for this category. Stormwater Management Grant projects are expected to reduce annual TSS loading by approximately 1.3 tons and annual total phosphorus loading by approximately 8 lbs.

Carp Management:

- 419 adult carp were removed from the Long Lake/Lino Chain of Lakes system in 2025 (lower removal due to reduced population).
- Since program inception, 57,934 carp (~40,000 lbs) have been removed.
- Carp biomass is now approximately 92 kg/ha. Meeting the District's long-term goal of <100 kg/ha, and approximately 87% below pre-program levels (~700 kg/ha).
- A carp population survey on Silver Lake found moderate-to-high density (~250 kg/ha); a small number of carp were removed as part of the survey.

Water Quality

Water Quality – 2025 Accomplishments Continued

Curlyleaf Pondweed:

Partnered with 7 lake associations to manage curlyleaf pondweed on Bald Eagle, Clear, Centerville, Josephine, Johanna, Peltier, Reshanau, Golden, and Silver Lakes. Staff are delineating beds, procuring DNR permits, and hiring contractors to apply herbicide as permitted.

Wetlands:

- The District continued its administration of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) as the Local Government Unit (LGU), except within Hugo, Circle Pines, and Mounds View.
- Staff reported all 2025 WCA activity to BWSR and completed audit reviews of those cities that have accepted LGU responsibility.
- 18 permit applications were approved that included at least one infiltration or filtration stormwater BMP, resulting in 10 infiltration and 18 filtration BMPs constructed throughout the District.

Accelerated Sedimentation:

Staff completed inspections of 1 of the 3 stream stabilization and restoration sites; sites were found in good condition and continuing to provide intended sediment reduction benefits.

Groundwater / Surface Water Interactions

RCWD's role in groundwater management is primarily as a collaborator and advisor, promoting stormwater infiltration and reuse. In 2025, 18 permit applications were approved that proposed at least one infiltration or filtration BMP, resulting in 10 infiltration and 18 filtration practices constructed District-wide.



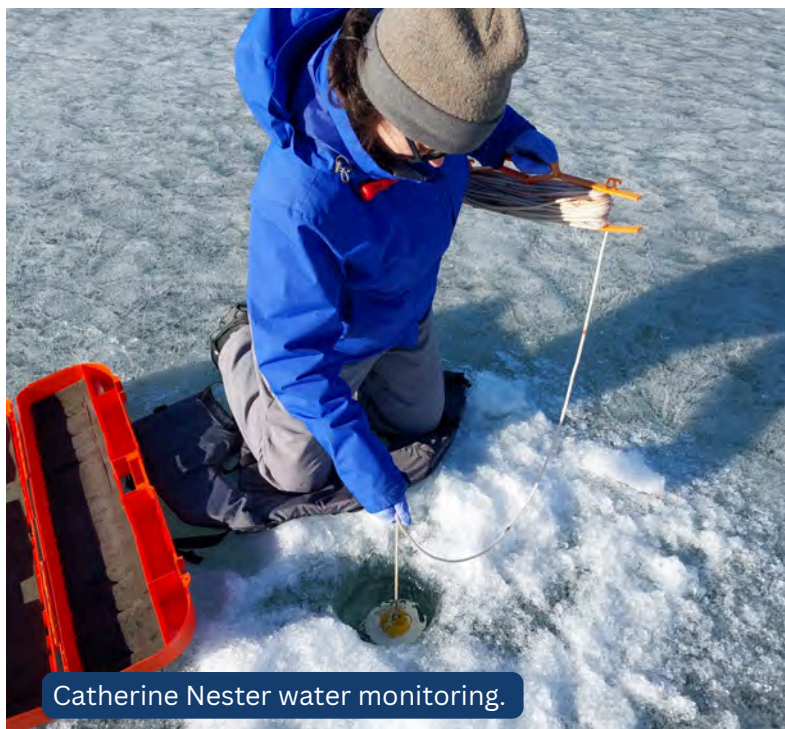
Curlyleaf pond weed, an aquatic invasive plant in the watershed.



Water Quality

2026 Work Plan

- Continue monitoring lakes, streams, and ditches per the RCWD Monitoring Program Plan; continue USGS stream gage partnership.
- Continue SHEP program support and aquatic plant surveys.
- Continue implementing the Long Lake/Lino Chain of Lakes Carp Management Plan using the NEPTUN electronic guidance system and a new electrical aggregating system. Maintain and monitor the Johanna Creek Carp Barrier.
- Ramp up Silver Lake carp management with blocked spawning access and baited box nets for adult removal.
- Continue curlyleaf pondweed partnerships with same homeowner groups; follow DNR technical guidance.
- Continue WCA and CWPMP administration; participate in BWSR WCA rulemaking and consider any needed RCWD rule changes. Review and notice all WCA applications.
- Continue tracking water quality project information through MS4Front to monitor TMDL progress.
- Continue stormwater reuse promotion through direct funding and grant programs.
- IESFs at Hansen Park, Oasis Pond, and Ramsey County Ditch 11 will continue operation, reducing sediment and nutrient loads from Ramsey County Ditches 2, 4, and 11.



Catherine Nester water monitoring.



Golden Lake, Circle Pines.

Grant Programs

RCWD administers 3 grant programs that collectively offer cost-share opportunities to municipalities, landowners, businesses, and other partners for water quality improvement and stormwater management.

Stormwater Management Grant Program

Funds capital improvements constructed by counties, cities, townships, school districts, libraries, and other entities to enhance water quality, alleviate flooding, or increase groundwater recharge.

- RCWD allocated \$300,000 for the 2025 program year. 5 projects were approved – 1 in Anoka County and 4 in Ramsey County – providing an estimated total removal of 18.2 lbs. of phosphorus and at least 8,600 lbs. of sediment, as well as reductions in peak flow rates during 10-yr and 100-yr rain events.

2025 Stormwater Management Grant Projects:

- City of Centerville – City Hall Stormwater Reuse: Installation of a stormwater reuse system at Centerville City Hall. Grant award: \$25,000.
- City of Mounds View – Silver View Park Improvements: Forebay with iron-enhanced filtration bench, infiltration/biofiltration ponds, SAFL Baffles, and improvements to existing stormwater ponds. Grant award: \$100,000.
- City of New Brighton – CP25-1 Street Rehabilitation: Replacement of 3 catch basins with sump manholes and SAFL Baffles. Grant award: \$28,611.
- White Bear Township – Bellaire Park Underground Storage: Underground stormwater detention chamber to reduce flooding and erosion. Grant award: \$100,000.
- White Bear Township – Silver Fox Area SAFL Baffles: Replacement of 3 existing catch basins with sump manholes and SAFL Baffles. Grant award: \$46,389.



A Water Quality Grant shoreline restoration project, before and after installation

Grant Programs

Water Quality Grant Program

Provides funding for landowners to install BMPs or projects to improve surface water quality. RCWD has technical services agreements with Anoka Conservation District (ACD), Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Soil and Water Conservation Division (RSWCD), and Washington Conservation District (WCD) for site assessments, project design, and landowner applications.

2025 Water Quality Grant Projects:

Approx. \$119,705 was awarded to 15 projects (4 in Anoka County, 9 in Ramsey County, 2 in Washington County), including shoreline restorations and rain gardens.

Planned 2026 Water Quality Grant Projects include: 6 shoreline stabilization and restoration projects, and 10 rain gardens/vegetated infiltration basins. 2 notable 2026 projects involve public park sites resulting from multi-partner collaboration: Tighe Schmitz Park in Birchwood Village (infiltration basin, engineered catch basin, and shoreline stabilization) and Wildwood Park on Lost Lake in Mahtomedi (infiltration basin and upland shoreline stabilization).

Mini-Grants Program

Mini-Grants Program: Issued 40 mini-grants (rain barrels, low-mow turf, native plantings, and water outreach/education) totaling \$17,341.

2026 Work Plan

- Continue all grant programs.
- Stormwater Management Grant Program increase budget to \$400,000 (\$100,000 increase from previous year)
- Mini Grant Program (increased to \$30,000) for 2026.
- Prioritize projects in TMDL areas, those identified in completed subwatershed assessment reports, and city local water plans.
- Continue outreach to agricultural and rural landowners to expand the types and geography of grant-funded projects.
- Continue technical services agreements with ACD, RSWCD, and WCD for Water Quality Grant Program delivery.

Regulatory (Permitting & Enforcement)

RCWD administers a regulatory program to protect public health and natural resources through rules governing stormwater management, soil erosion and sediment control, floodplain alterations, wetland alterations, illicit discharge, and more. Rules incorporate NPDES requirements and MS4 standards despite no longer being an MS4 permit holder. The current rule set has been in effect since January 1, 2025, and was successfully implemented in its first year. Additionally, the District is the Local Government Unit (LGU) responsible for the implementation of the state's Wetland Conservation Act (WCA).

Hugo, Circle Pines, and Mounds View administer District Rules C–F and WCA in their city limits, with staff providing ongoing support and yearly audits.

2025 Accomplishments

- Continued to improve its regulatory processes, including simplified 'insufficient' emails, increased phone outreach during application review, and pre-application meetings. Staff improved the online permit application system for guided-field submission and electronic upload. The GIS-based public viewer on the District's Permitting Information webpage continues to assist applicants and consultants in project planning.
- Completed its fourth full year of the MS4Front permit database, improving tracking of permits, stormwater BMPs, inspection reporting, and annual MS4 reporting. The permit fee schedule (adopted 2021, effective 2022) continues to recover approximately 60% of private permit review costs with no changes recommended in 2025.
- Inspection service agreements with Ramsey County SWCD and Washington Conservation District were both extended in 2025 and will expire December 31, 2026. The JPA with the City of Centerville for erosion and sediment control inspections was amended to incorporate a two-year automatic renewal and updated administration fee schedule.
- Received 123 permit applications; issued 102 permits; closed 153 permits.
- Conducted 1,186 total inspections across 309 construction sites.
- Inspectors maintained regular presence on active construction sites and continued to close out inactive permit files

Regulatory (Permitting & Enforcement)

2026 Work Plan

- Host a stakeholder feedback event on the regulatory program in 2026 to solicit input on potential program improvements.
- Continue to increase efficiency of permit processing.
- Utilize MS4Front for permitting administration and inspection efficiency.
- Work with cities to ensure RCWD rules are well-understood through partnership meetings and direct communications.
- Ensure the permit program and WCA LGU responsibilities are applied fairly and uniformly throughout the District.
- Continue contracted MCM 4 inspections under the amended JPA with the City of Centerville.
- Continue to coordinate with Ramsey SWCD and Washington Conservation District for inspection services.
- Review and consider changes to enforcement procedures and surety fee schedule.
- Improve the readability of regulatory materials on the District's website.
- Continue annual/semi-annual RCWD and consulting engineer permit team training seminar.
- Encourage early project coordination through pre-application meetings.
- Review open, unresolved permit files and develop strategies for closure

Permitting & Inspection Activity in 2025

Activity	2025
Review Files	231
Permit Applications	123
General Permits Issued	102
Variances Issued	2
Enforcement Actions Taken	0
Construction Sites Inspected	309
Notices of Violation	151
Total Inspections	1,186
Stop Work Orders (10-day notice)	0
Site Inspections Frequency	Weekly
Permits Closed	153
Board Orders	0



Christ the King Church in New Brighton planting their Water Quality Grant project



Centennial Library native plant garden for clean water planted by the community.



RCWD CAC learning about watersheds through art and wool felting.



Hayes Elementary students planting their rain garden on school grounds.

Outreach & Communications

2025 Accomplishments

Workshops & Community Engagement

- Sponsored and completed Blue Thumb shoreline and rain garden maintenance workshops in spring 2025 and two workshops in fall 2025.
- Sponsored a University of Minnesota AIS Detector Workshop.
- Led a Watershed Walk at Wargo Nature Center focused on water quality, watershed management, and lake education.
- Sponsored 2 Smart Salting certification workshops for Anoka and Ramsey County public works staff; over 80 staff recertified.
- Conducted community engagement events at Christ the King Lutheran Church (New Brighton), Hansen Park/West Hansen Park (New Brighton), Hayes Elementary School (Fridley), and Centennial Library.

Partnerships & School Engagement

- Partnered with Anoka County SWCD through the Pollinator Pathway Grant to install a rain garden at Hayes Elementary School in Fridley, incorporating stormwater management curriculum and student activities.
- Partnered with Growing Green Hearts activities including the Native Prairie Plants Are Superheroes Relay at Highview Middle School, Hayes Elementary School, and Centennial Library.
- Partnered with Freshwater and U of M Water Resource Center on an Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter workshop for professionals.

Outreach Campaigns & Public Education

- Sponsored a lakeshore education campaign in partnership with Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) to promote natural shorelines.
- Mailed postcards to Centerville/Lino Lakes residents regarding shoreline erosion concerns and restoration grant opportunities through the RCWD grant programs.

Creative, Art & Educational Initiatives

- Installed the District's first public art project at Moore Lake Park, Fridley.
- Sponsored 3 new water and nature-themed art opportunities in partnership with White Bear Center for the Arts (Fall 2025).
- Completed multiple educational and project signs for District initiatives, including three on-site educational signs at District project locations.

Outreach & Communications

2026 Work Plan

- Continue hands-on workshops on native plants, shoreline restoration, and stormwater practices.
- Continue arts and visual media programs and initiatives to reach more residents
- Develop additional water and nature-based art partnerships and programming across the District.
- Increase the use of GIS and animated visuals to improve communications.
- Expand targeted lakeshore and shallow lake education campaigns.
- Continue supporting grant program promotion through direct mail, workshops, and partner collaborations.
- Increase educational signage and place-based interpretation at District project sites.
- Continue collaboration with Blue Thumb, EMWREP, SWCD partners, counties, and municipalities.

Kendra Sommerfeld and Rachel Workin at City of Fridley leading a shoreline planting workshop.



Staff at Moore Lake Park with the District's first public art project.



Staff presenting at an IESF workshop with Freshwater at Hansen Park.



Rice Creek Watershed District's Sommerfeld recognized for excellence in outreach, communications



Top: Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) staff celebrated the district's first public art project at Moore Lake Park in September 2025. RCWD Outreach and Communications Manager Kendra Sommerfeld (right) is shown with RCWD staff at the art installation, which was created in partnership with the city of Fridley. From left: RCWD outreach and grant technician Molly Nelson, RCWD project manager David Petry and RCWD administrator Nick Tomczik. Beyond this installation, Sommerfeld has supported three water-focused art workshops through White Bear Center for the Arts and launched a partnership with Springboard for the Arts to support artists creating water-centered community pieces. **Photo Courtesy of Kendra Sommerfeld**

From setting prescribed burns and restoring prairies to creating digital tools, crafting stories and explaining stormwater science through art, Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) Outreach and Communications Manager Kendra Sommerfeld's career took a sharp, unexpected turn.

After hands-on land management and restoration work early on, Sommerfeld found herself increasingly drawn to helping people understand and care about conservation in Minnesota. That motivation led to her current position and continues to drive her work at RCWD.

That work earned Sommerfeld the 2025 Outstanding Watershed Organization Employee Award from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). BWSR Assistant Director for Regional Operations Justin Hanson presented Sommerfeld with the award on Dec. 4 during Minnesota Watersheds' annual conference at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa.

Sommerfeld serves as a spokesperson for the RCWD and leads its outreach and communication strategies. She manages media and public engagement, coordinates project communications and works to strengthen relationships with local governments and



community organizations.

"I want to inspire other people to care about the environment and wildlife ... and for ourselves because we live on this planet," Sommerfeld said.

Sommerfeld earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science at the

Bottom: Sommerfeld accepted the award for 2025 Outstanding Watershed Organization Employee from BWSR Assistant Director for Regional Operations Justin Hanson on Dec. 4 at Minnesota Watersheds' annual conference in Nisswa. **Photo Credit:** Erin Loeffler, BWSR

University of Minnesota and earned a master's degree in natural resource management from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She spent her early career as a field technician for private industry and nonprofit groups, including Great River Greening, The Nature Conservancy and Prairie Restorations Inc. Then she worked in project management at the Benton Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), aiming for a career with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources restoring prairies and streams.

But her path shifted in 2022, when she took the outreach and communications job with RCWD.

"I really like sharing the work that we do and breaking down these complex scientific things and projects so the public can understand," Sommerfeld said.

Sommerfeld noted the award highlighted a different side of water resource work.

"I know the last couple award-winners, and they were doing multimillion-dollar projects," Sommerfeld said. "It's hard to put a dollar amount on the work I do. The award brought light to a different program and a different piece of the water resource field."

She emphasized that outreach is essential for promoting the district's work and educating the public.

Many district projects, such as stormwater



Sommerfeld (left) and city of Fridley Environmental Planner Rachel Workin hosted a community shoreline planting at Moore Lake Park in Fridley with Blue Thumb – Planting for Clean Water in October 2025.

Photo Courtesy of Kendra Sommerfeld

infrastructure and flood mitigation systems, are physically out of sight.

"The things that we do are sometimes invisible, they can be underground and hard to visualize," Sommerfeld said. "Outreach and communication are where all of that is sort of brought to light. For every program and everything we do, there's always an outreach, communications or education component."

Over the past three years, Sommerfeld has helped transform the district's approach to outreach by building meaningful partnerships across the watershed's nearly 30 cities and townships in four metro-area counties. By meeting regularly one-on-one with city staff, she strengthened coordination around stormwater messaging, expanded outreach events and supported increased

project implementation across the district.

In 2024, Sommerfeld planned three major celebrations for Bald Eagle, Golden and Island lakes' removal from Minnesota's impaired waters list — coordinating communications and events across multiple cities, staff and lake associations.

RCWD Administrator Nick Tomczik, who has worked closely with Sommerfeld and was part of the team that hired her, said her work has shaped how the district approaches outreach and communications.

"The program has greater flexibility in its approach," Tomczik said. "Try new things and see where they go. If that is ineffective, let's try something else. So very much, staying well-informed of what is new in the field and how

might the district use it to fulfill its mission."

Tomczik pointed to Sommerfeld's work on the district's [Jones Lake flood mitigation and restoration project](#) as one example. Sommerfeld has helped develop and manage new ways to engage residents and landowners by using flood simulation tools that allow people to see how future rain events could affect their properties — and how the project is expected to reduce that flood risk.

"It's so hard to show people a flood mitigation project if there's not active flooding," Sommerfeld said. "These animation tools can literally simulate different flood scenarios. They help tell the story so well."

In addition to building partnerships with organizations such as the Freshwater Society, Friends of the Mississippi River, Springboard for the Arts and the White Bear Center for the Arts, Sommerfeld has led major digital and communication improvements at RCWD.

She oversaw RCWD's 2023 website redesign, improving access to permitting, projects and district information. During that period, annual website visits increased from 50,000 to 150,000. She significantly expanded RCWD's social media engagement, created the district's first communication protocol for projects, and developed its first ArcGIS StoryMaps and dashboards.

She contributed to RCWD's first climate

resiliency plan in 2023 and presented results at Minnesota Watersheds' annual conference and at the Minnesota Water Resources conference in 2024. The completed plan helped secure \$1.7 million from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 2025 for the Jones Lake flood mitigation and restoration project.

Sommerfeld expanded RCWD's work with educators and schools, helped develop stormwater curriculum and supported the creation of "live classrooms" through rain gardens and native plantings. She introduced new practices that directly involve residents in water-quality grant projects, such as rain garden planting events, which have now become standard across the district.

Local workshop attendance has increased by 50% under her leadership, averaging 35 participants per session.



*Tour attendees posed during a Minnesota State Bonding Tour stop at Hansen Park in the city of New Brighton in November 2025. The Minnesota State Senate's Capital Investment Committee visited RCWD's Jones Lake flood mitigation and restoration project. From left: RCWD board manager Marcie Weinandt, Sommerfeld, Minnesota Rep. Matt Gottfried, RCWD administrator Nick Tomczik, RCWD project manager David Petry, Houston Engineering Inc. senior civil engineer Chris Otterness, city of New Brighton Director of Community Assets and Development Craig Schlichting and city of New Brighton Mayor Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas. **Photo Courtesy of Kendra Sommerfeld***

Hosting workshops with cities at local stormwater sites has increased public visibility while supporting long-term community engagement.

One of Sommerfeld's proudest achievements is incorporating visual art into stormwater education. Sommerfeld created RCWD's visual arts media program in

2025 to integrate art into stormwater education. Full implementation is expected in 2026. She completed the district's first public art installation in Moore Lake Park in Fridley, where a giant frog sculpture connects habitat improvements to restored water quality, giving visitors a tangible way to understand stormwater management.

RCWD has another public art installation planned for later this year in the city of New Brighton at Hansen Park.

"Using art as a communication and outreach tool at RCWD is new way to connect, educate and inspire our communities throughout the watershed to care for our water resources," Sommerfeld said.

She serves as RCWD's in-house illustrator, producing custom graphics and hand-drawn artwork for project signs and educational materials.

"Kendra will take in information, and the next thing I see is an action in a direction to address the situation," Tomczik said. "Instead of pondering, she's action-oriented seeking success for the district."

BWSR staff members write and produce Snapshots, a monthly newsletter highlighting the work of the agency and its partners.



ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

4. Check Register Dated April 8, 2026, in the Amount of \$91,878.40
Prepared by Redpath and Company

Rice Creek Watershed District
Check Register
March 26, 2026 - April 8, 2026
To Be Approved at the April 8, 2026 Board Meeting

Check #	Date	Payee	Description	Amount
26876	04/08/26	Allyant	Professional Services	1,090.00
26877	04/08/26	Barr Engineering	Engineering	3,349.00
26878	04/08/26	BWSR	Training & Education	90.00
26879	04/08/26	City of Mounds View	Professional Services	200.00
26880	04/08/26	Rinke Noonan	Legal Expense	5,145.60
26881	04/08/26	WSB & Associates, Inc.	Engineering	665.50
11533	04/08/26	Hagen Christensen & Mcilwain Architects, PA	Surety Release - #14-028	5,000.00
11534	04/08/26	MGS Properties LLC	Surety Release - #22-045	3,100.00
Payroll	04/15/26	April 15th Payroll (estimate)	April 15th Payroll (estimate)	40,585.97
EFT	04/01/26	Delta Dental of Minnesota	April Employee Benefits	1,134.11
EFT	04/08/26	US Bank Equipment Finance	Equipment Lease	714.78
EFT	04/08/26	Comcast	Telecommunications	334.89
EFT	04/08/26	Wex Bank	Vehicle Fuel	412.94
EFT	04/08/26	Xcel Energy	Telecommunications	14.29
EFT	04/08/26	Xcel Energy	Telecommunications	13.19
EFT	04/19/26	Card Services-Elan	March Credit Card	3,025.07
EFT	04/15/26	Internal Revenue Service	4/15 Federal Withholding (estimate)	14,339.22
EFT	04/15/26	Minnesota Revenue	4/15 State Withholding (estimate)	2,571.00
EFT	04/15/26	Voya Retirement	4/15 Deferred Compensation	860.00
EFT	04/15/26	Voya Retirement	4/15 Roth IRA	390.00
EFT	04/15/26	Health Equity	4/15 HSA	453.00
EFT	04/15/26	PERA	4/15 PERA (estimate)	8,389.84
Total				<u><u>\$91,878.40</u></u>

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1. ArcGIS Dashboard Tool (Kendra Sommerfeld, Ali Chalberg)

MEMORANDUM

Rice Creek Watershed District



Date: March 27th, 2026
To: RCWD Board of Managers
From: Kendra Sommerfeld, Outreach and Communications Manager
Subject: ArcGIS Dashboard Tool- Informational Item

Introduction

Staff have developed an interactive ArcGIS Dashboard to support the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) program. This tool provides a clear, visual way to communicate how projects are being implemented, where funding is being allocated, and who is completing work across the watershed. Staff are sharing this tool with the Board to demonstrate its current value and future opportunities.

Background

The WBIF ArcGIS Dashboard is an interactive platform designed to support both internal tracking and external communication. It allows staff, partners, and the public to better understand WBIF program activities by displaying project locations, funding distribution, and implementation progress in a user-friendly format.

Because WBIF projects span multiple partners and geographies, it can be difficult to quickly convey the scope and impact of the program. This dashboard helps address that challenge by presenting complex information in a clear and accessible way.

This tool serves as a valuable communication and management resource by:

- Visually showing where projects are occurring and how funds are being spent
- Highlighting project partners and implementation progress
- Supporting conversations with stakeholders and elected officials, such as county commissioners
- Providing an internal tool for staff to track and manage projects
- Enhancing transparency and public understanding of RCWD activities
- Incorporating pollutant tracking to demonstrate outcomes

The dashboard also provides a foundation for future dashboard applications, including tracking additional grant programs and expanding data integration to further support decision-making and reporting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

2. District Engineer Updates and Timeline



District Engineer - Monthly Project Report March 2026 Rice Creek Watershed District



Date Prepared:
Prepared by:

31-Mar-26
C. Grandbois

Project Name	Task Order Manager	Estimated Budget	Cost to Date	Remaining Budget	Project Complete / Transfer Funds?	Estimated Progress Based on Work Completed	Percentage of Budget Utilized	Within Budget? (Y/N)	District Billed for Exceedence of Budget? (Y/N)	Initial Target Completion Date	Items of Interest / Concern
East Moore Lake Stormwater Resilience and Water Quality Analysis	Adam Nies	\$77,000	\$35,043	\$41,957	N	45.0%	45.5%	Y	N/A	1-Feb-26	Potential BMP sites are currently being evaluated using the District Wide Model and the P8 water quality model.
Old Central Avenue Feasibility Study	Greg Bowles	\$26,000	\$20,063	\$5,937	N	75.0%	77.2%	Y	N/A	30-Sep-25	Alternatives for water quality treatment have been reviewed and Existing easement data has been assembled. Project limits are being compared to determine easement needs and/or project modifications.
JD 3 Clearwater Creek Final Plans	Adam Nies	\$110,000	\$12,120	\$97,880	N	10.0%	11.0%	Y	N/A	30-Jun-26	Preliminary plans are near completion, and a cost estimate has been prepared.
Lake Johanna Outlet Structure Feasibility Study	Chris Otterness	\$13,000	\$10,612	\$2,388	N	80.0%	81.6%	Y	N/A	30-Aug-25	COE and DNR applications are complete. We continue to engage with regulating agencies while applications are being evaluated.
Jones Lake Outlet Modification and Dredging Project: Final Design and Permitting	Joe Lewis	\$485,000	\$250,851	\$234,149	N	50.0%	51.7%	Y	N/A	30-Jun-26	A draft report has been completed for internal review.
Hardwood Creek / JD 2 Subwatershed Storage Feasibility Study	Adam Nies	\$54,000	\$38,737	\$15,263	N	75.0%	71.7%	Y	N/A	1-Mar-26	We have completed a site review of the Branch 2 Lateral 1 tile crossing an industrial building. Work is continuing on completing the repair report
ARJD 1 Repair Report	Adam Nies	\$102,000	\$39,239	\$62,762	N	40.0%	38.5%	Y	N/A	1-Jun-26	Work is completed except for punch list items and vegetation establishment.
ACD 53-62 Branches 5 & 6 Final Design Bidding and Construction Management	Adam Nies	\$125,000	\$112,153	\$12,847	N	90.0%	89.7%	Y	N/A	31-Dec-26	HEI uploads ditch records to DrainageDB quarterly, updates GIS data, and manages WMD charge information.
GIS and Ditch Records Maintenance; DrainageDB Annual Subscription	Brian Fischer	\$19,000	\$3,106	\$15,894	N	25.0%	40.4%	Y	N/A	31-Dec-26	HEI completes updates to MS4Front on an as-requested basis.
MS4Front Annual Subscription and Implementation Services	Brian Fischer	\$16,000	\$3,106	\$12,894	N	25.0%	14.3%	Y	N/A	31-Dec-26	A draft report has been provided to District staff for review.
Comprehensive Wetland Protection and Management Plans Annual Reporting - 2025	Chris Otterness	\$17,000	\$3,106	\$13,894	N	95.0%	50.8%	Y	N/A	9-Feb-26	We have begun initial investigation including sampling of sand substrate
Hansen Park IESF Rehabilitation	Alex Schmidt	\$18,300	\$3,106	\$15,194	N	10.0%	17.9%	Y	N/A	30-Jun-26	

Values in red are either potential budget concerns or changes in schedule.

The "overage" for those projects shown as "over budget" is not billed to the District. The cost to date column reflects HEI's actual internal cost. Projects are considered within budget if ± 5%.

**District Engineer
Monthly Progress Report (Actual & Estimated Progress)
Through March 2026**

