

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

Wednesday, April 12, 2022

7:00 pm

CASTLE ROCK TOWN HALL

2537 240th Street West, Farmington MN 55024

1. Call to Order

* Indicates that support materials are included within the packet

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Audience

Anyone in the audience wishing to address the Board regarding an item that is not on the agenda may come forward at this time.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 February 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

4.2 Invoices for Payment*

4.3 Year-to-Date Financial Summary*

5. New Business

5.1 Presentation on Floodplains and Shoreland in Dakota County

5.2 Minnesota Watersheds Correspondence/Membership Decision*

5.3 NCRWMO Watershed Plan Update


5.4 SWCD Programs Updates*

5.5 CRWJPO 2022 Annual Report*

6. Member Community Reports

7. Agenda Items and Location for July 19, 2023 Tour and Meeting

8. Adjournment



Serving the Communities of: Castle Rock Township, Douglas Township, Eureka Township, Greenvale Township, Hampton Township, Randolph Township, Sciota Township, Waterford Township, City of Miesville, City of New Trier, and the City of Randolph

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF MANAGERS

February 1, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Eureka Townhall

NCRWMO Managers Present:

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| Jeff Reed | Douglas Township |
| Frank Wergin | Waterford Township |
| Greg Langer | Greenvale Township |
| Dan Peine | Hampton Township |
| Sandy Weber | Castle Rock Township |
| Nancy Sauber | Eureka Township |

Others Present:

Ashley Gallagher, Dakota County SWCD Staff
Paul Marston, ISG
Don Dineson, Randolph Twshp (Virtual-Nonvoting)

1. Public Hearing

Weber opened the Public Hearing for comments on the 60-Day Draft Watershed Plan. No one in the audience came forward.

Motion by Reed, second by Sauber to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

2. Call to Order

Administrator Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sauber, second by Peine to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Election of Officers

Open nominations for Chair. Nomination for Sandy Weber. **Motion** by Reed, second by Sauber to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sandy Weber for Chair. Motion carried.

Open nominations for Vice Chair. Nomination for Greg Langer. **Motion** by Sauber, second by Wergin to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Greg Langer for Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Open nominations for Treasurer/Secretary. Nomination for Frank Wergin. **Motion** by Langer, second by Sauber to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Frank Wergin for Treasurer/Secretary. Motion carried.

5. Audience

Weber asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on an item that is not on the agenda. No one appeared.

6. Consent Agenda

Administrator commented that grant balance is negative, this is correct as BWSR grants need to be spent before the money can be released on a 50%-40%-10% schedule.

Motion by Sauber, second by Peine to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

7. New Business

7.1 NCRWMO Watershed Plan Update

7.1.1 Response to comments received during 60-day

During the 60-day agency review, comment letters were received from MN Department of Natural Resources, MN Department of Transportation, MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources, and Metropolitan Council. NCRWMO is required to respond to comments. Response to comments were emailed to agencies, posted online, and provided in the meeting packet. Many comments were clarified in a meeting with BWSR. There have been three different Board Conservationists involved during the writing of the Plan due to staff transitions. Highlights of some of the comments and revisions to the Plan were made. The priority ranking was simplified to just be the subwatersheds where projects will be focused. This addressed comments in a few of the letters. The other revision worth noting was for the Implementation Table. The table was simplified to make it clearer as to when the activities are occurring and where. There were a number of comments from BWSR related to MN Rule 8410. Plan has been reviewed and will be reviewed again for ensuring the Rule is met. There was a question on a BWSR comment about Local Water Plans “to be adopted not more than two years before the local comprehensive plan is due.” Administrator will reach out to BWSR and Metropolitan Council to clarify this timeline. Members do not want to get stuck in an unrealistic timeline.

7.1.2 Approval to revise the Plan and submit for 90-day BWSR review

Revisions have been made to the Plan based on comments. Plan will be reviewed again for final edits and formatting. Next step is to submit to BWSR for 90-day review. BWSR has stated they can likely review before the end of the 90-days. The 90-day timeline would bring us into May, however the goal is to have the Plan presented at the April 6th BWSR Regional Committee. After the Regional Committee it goes to the full BWSR Board. The BWSR approved Plan could then be adopted by the NCRWMO Board at their July meeting. The current Plan expires in August.

Motion by Reed, second by Sauber to approve revisions to the Plan and submit for 90-day BWSR review. Motion carried.

7.2 Overview of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process

At the last NCRWMO meeting the Board had asked for more information on the Waterford quarry proposal. Waterford recently had a meeting where their consultant presented the EIS process. That handout was included in the meeting packet. The process is slow and there will be time for commenting. Administrator will keep tabs on the project. The NCRWMO Board could choose to comment in the future. However, NCRWMO does not have any regulatory oversight on the project.

7.3 Adopt Data Practices Policies

Data Practices Policies were noted as an item to address during the BWSR Performance Review and Assessment Program (PRAP). Legal counsel drafted the three policies: a right to see policy, requesting data about yourself, and ensuring security of not public data. These were drafted from standard templates. Typo noted on page 4. NCRWMO doesn't have much data since they do not have a cost-share program. Policies also protect NCRWMO so that if an organization requests data, they can be required to pay for copies or come to the office, so administrative time is not a burden.

Motion by Wergin, second by Langer to adopt the Data Practices Policies. Motion carried.

7.4 Approve 2022 Annual Report

It is a requirement to complete an Annual Report. Upon approval the report will be sent to BWSR and NCRWMO members for them to post for the public.

Motion by Reed second by Sauber to approve the 2022 Annual Report. Motion carried.

8. Agenda Items and Location for April 12, 2023 Meeting

Floodplains/shoreland presentation from Dee McDaniels is scheduled.

9. Member Community Reports

10. Adjournment - Motion by Peine, second by Reed to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District

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DakotaSWCD.Accounting@CO.Dakota.MN.US

Invoice

| DATE | INVOICE # |
|----------|-----------|
| 4/3/2023 | 3277 |

| BILL TO | | Agreement | | BILLING PERIOD | TERMS |
|---|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| North Cannon River WMO Frank Wergin, Treasurer 30468 Canada Avenue Northfield, MN 55057 | | 2023 Agreement | | Jan - Mar 2023 | Net 30 Days |
| DESCRIPTION | | HRS/COUNT | RATE | AMOUNT | |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | | | |
| Financial Reports & Budget Performance; Board Meeting Prep; Annual Reports & Plans, Annual Budget & Dues & Correspondence. | | 32.5 | 90.00 | | 2,925.00 |
| Fees: Paper, Printing and Postage | | 1 | 25.00 | | 25.00 |
| Watershed Management Plan: Coordination with Consultant, Board and Partners on developing the 4th generation Plan. Lead public engagement strategies and the Plan approval process. | | 24.5 | 90.00 | | 2,205.00 |
| Fees: Ad for public hearing | | 1 | 70.55 | | 70.55 |
| EDUCATION AND OUTREACH | | | | | |
| Fees: Website Hosting | | 1 | 900.00 | | 900.00 |
| Website Maintenance | | 1 | 90.00 | | 90.00 |
| Advocacy and Outreach | | 0 | 90.00 | | 0.00 |
| Landscaping for Clean Water Classes, Materials and Maintenance Workshops | | 0 | 1,800.00 | | 0.00 |
| TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE | | | | | |
| Water Monitoring and Reporting | | 1.5 | 90.00 | | 135.00 |
| Fees: Water Monitoring Lab Analysis | | 0 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Landscaping for Clean Water Technical Assistance | | 0 | 500.00 | | 0.00 |
| Conservation Projects Technical Assistance | | 0 | 3,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| COST SHARE PROGRAM | | | | | |
| Landscaping for Clean Water Grants: | | 0 | 250.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cost Share Programs for Landowners: | | 0 | 3,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| It's been a pleasure working with you! | | | Total \$6,350.55 | | |

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

January 1, 2023 to April 12, 2023

Watershed Based Funding Grant

| WBF Grant | 2018 Activity | 2019 Activity | 2020 Activity | 2021 Activity | 2022 Activity | 2023 Activity | Cumulative Total | Budget |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Grant Funds Received | \$68,260.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$54,608.00 | \$13,652.00 | \$136,520.00 | \$136,520.00 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Grant Administration | \$88.31 | \$246.95 | \$449.44 | \$1,914.24 | \$1,296.50 | \$0.00 | \$3,995.44 | \$5,726.00 |
| Project Development | \$0.00 | \$475.26 | \$1,082.04 | \$13,521.33 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,078.63 | \$14,785.00 |
| Agricultural Practices | | | | | | | \$0.00 | |
| Not-Structural Practices | \$0.00 | \$38,325.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,825.00 | \$38,325.00 |
| Structural Practices | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$30,375.00 | \$4,422.30 | \$0.00 | \$34,797.30 | \$34,014.00 |
| Technical Engineering | \$0.00 | \$2,396.80 | \$0.00 | \$747.96 | \$10,339.21 | \$0.00 | \$13,483.97 | \$13,020.00 |
| Subwatershed Analysis | \$465.90 | \$3,432.74 | \$2,531.48 | \$16,221.01 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$22,651.13 | \$23,650.00 |
| Drainage Water Management | \$294.35 | \$313.25 | \$446.22 | \$2,075.66 | \$1,791.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,920.48 | \$7,000.00 |
| Drainage Water Management Exp | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$28.56 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$28.56 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$848.56 | \$45,190.00 | \$4,509.18 | \$64,883.76 | \$21,349.01 | \$0.00 | \$136,780.51 | \$136,520.00 |
| Grant Balance: | \$67,411.44 | \$22,221.44 | \$17,712.26 | -\$47,171.50 | \$50,971.25 | \$64,623.25 | -\$260.51 | |

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

January 1, 2023 to April 12, 2023

Revenue and Expense Summary

| General Fund | Feb 1 2023 | April 12 2023 | July 19 2023 | Nov 15 2023 | Final | Entries | Annual Total | 2023 Budget |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Member Allocations | \$0.00 | \$21,147.68 | | | | | | \$40,000.00 |
| Interest - Savings Account | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$300.00 |
| Total Revenues: | \$0.00 | \$21,147.68 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,300.00 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Administrative Services | \$0.00 | \$3,940.00 | | | | | | \$16,400.00 |
| Administrative Services - WM Plan | \$0.00 | \$2,275.55 | | | | | | \$7,200.00 |
| Organizational Dues | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$500.00 |
| Advocacy, Education, Outreach | \$260.51 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$2,250.00 |
| Education and Outreach GF | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$2,700.00 |
| CS-Agricultural Projects | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$4,000.00 |
| CS-Landscaping for Wtr Quality | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$4,050.00 |
| Water Quality Monitoring | \$0.00 | \$135.00 | | | | | | \$9,759.00 |
| 4th Generation WM Plan | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$3,000.00 |
| 5th Generation WM Plan | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$1,500.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$760.51 | \$6,350.55 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$51,359.00 |
| Net Surplus / (-) Deficit | <u>-\$760.51</u> | <u>\$14,797.13</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>-\$11,059.00</u> |



MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS

Connecting People. Protecting Water.

NEW NAME, NEW MEMBER-DRIVEN STRATEGIC PLAN

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts is now **Minnesota Watersheds**. We changed our name to accurately engage and represent our member watershed district and watershed management organizations. We remain a 501(c)(4) non-profit and membership-based organization serving local governments that manage water on watershed boundaries rather than political boundaries. With our new Strategic Plan, we have adopted a mission to support and advocate for leaders in watershed management and a vision to establish excellence and innovation in member organizations. With this approach, we will focus on building relationships and partnerships.



FORTIFY THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE RELIABLE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

We maintain regular communication with our members to ensure they are informed of the latest watershed news including trainings they may find useful, changes to legislation that may impact them, and information to help them stay in compliance with governmental regulations and laws.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN EFFORTS:

develop a communication plan, ensure our governance and management are aligned with the Strategic Plan, and launch a platform for data sharing.



SERVE AS A LIAISON TO COLLABORATE WITH STATEWIDE AGENCIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

We continue to maximize relationships with state agencies and associations as the best way to advance initiatives, especially with the legislature.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN EFFORTS:

increase collaborative efforts with the MN Association of Watershed Administrators and the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources.



ENSURE STRONG LEGISLATIVE POLICIES ARE IN PLACE FOR WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Members drive the organization's policies through an annual resolutions process. From these resolutions, our Board of Directors sets each year's priorities. Our lobbyist works to influence political decisions on our behalf.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN EFFORT:

develop clearly defined legislative policies that accurately state our positions.



ENHANCE THE SKILLS OF WATERSHED DISTRICT & WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION BOARDS

Every year, we provide members with opportunities to learn from other members and industry experts at our events. Training topics include watershed planning, permitting, flood control, education and outreach programs, innovative technologies, public relations, data collection and analysis, aquatic invasive species, drainage, governance, and leadership.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN EFFORT:

maintain an up-to-date watershed handbook and review it annually.



BUILD A WATERSHED COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS ONE ANOTHER

The Board of Directors appreciates your watershed's support through attendance at the Legislative Day at the Capitol, Summer Tour, and Annual Conference. We value the opportunity to work with board members and staff at these events and welcome your involvement in the Board and on our committees. This is YOUR organization. We look forward to serving you.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN EFFORT:

change our name to Minnesota Watersheds and develop and share member services information.

MORE on reverse



MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH LIKE-MINDED GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

For more information, contact Jan Voit,
Executive Director at 507-822-0921 or
admin@mnwatershed.org.

OUR MEMBERS

REGION I

Joe River
Sand Hill River
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers
Two Rivers
Wild Rice
Pelican River
Roseau River
Buffalo-Red
River
Red Lake
Cormorant Lakes
Bois de Sioux

REGION II

Upper Minnesota River
Shell Rock River
Turtle Creek
Okabena-Ocheda
Cedar River
Yellow Medicine River
Clearwater River
Crooked Creek
Middle Fork Crow River
North Fork Crow River
Kananan-Little Rock
Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank

REGION III

Browns Creek
Minnehaha Creek
Nine Mile Creek
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake
South Washington
Valley Branch
Ramsey-Washington Metro
Carnelian Marine St. Croix
Rice Creek
Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek
Capitol Region
Coon Creek
Vadnais Lake Area WMO
Bassett Creek WMC
Mississippi WMO



5.2 MN Watershed Correspondence Letter



**MINNESOTA
WATERSHEDS**
Connecting People. Protecting Water.

TO: North Cannon River WMO Board of Commissioners
FROM: Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds Executive Director
RE: Membership in Minnesota Watersheds

This correspondence is regarding membership in Minnesota Watersheds (formerly Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts). As an introduction, I began serving as the interim director in August of 2022 and stepped into the role full time on December 3. While I haven't been with Minnesota Watersheds for a long time, I do have 38 years' experience working for a watershed district (WD) in southern Minnesota. It is my humble opinion that communication is a key component to the success of an organization.

There have been many exciting changes for our organization in the past three and a half months. We adopted a new name and a new member-driven Strategic Plan (see attached). We have a Strategic Plan Committee that develops and recommends my work plan. This process is followed to ensure that we are accomplishing our goals and setting expectations for our membership.

One of the first things we wanted to do with our new plan was to ensure that we are building a community of watershed organizations that supports one another. To accurately represent our member WDs and WMOs, we have changed our name to Minnesota Watershed. As a non-profit organization, we provide services to WDs and WMOs.

Those services include:

- Providing a website that is an up-to-date and complete resource for board members and staff. The website (mnwatersheds.com) was recently redesigned and launched on February 17.
- Planning and hosting education, training, and networking opportunities in conjunction with our Legislative Event, Summer Tour, and Annual Conference.
- Holding regional caucus meetings at which members elect representatives to the Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors.
- Lobbying for funding and programs that enhance protection of Minnesota's water resources. Our members drive our policy issues through an annual resolutions process and the Board of Directors sets each year's priorities.
- Developing a document that clearly articulates defined legislative policies so members can accurately state our positions.
- Representing our members at DWG meetings and advocating on behalf of drainage authorities.
- Utilizing committees that are co-chaired by a WD manager or a WMO commissioner and an administrator to sustain our operations. Committees include Events-Education, Bylaws-Manual of Policy and Procedures, Strategic Plan, Finance, Resolutions, Legislative, and Awards. Committees include a manager or commissioner and an administrator from each of our three regions.
- Distributing monthly newsletters that include training news, legislation changes that may affect our members, and highlight member projects and programs.

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- Posting job announcements on our website for member organizations.
- Hosting a members-only section on our website that includes our online library, legislative information, and the watershed handbook. It should be noted that we are in the process of updating the handbook. It is designed to be a reference tool and to provide guidance for WD and WMO boards and staff.
- Supporting an organized peer-to-peer group of administrators that meets quarterly to discuss education and training, policy issues, funding, and networking opportunities.
- Bridging relationships with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) through monthly meetings with BWSR leadership and reporting Minnesota Watersheds activities at monthly BWSR board meetings.
- Sending regular communication to the DNR, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota Extension, and the Clean Water Council (CWC) about Minnesota Watersheds and our members undertakings. Minnesota Watersheds is represented by three watershed board members as voting members on the BWSR Board. Minnesota Watersheds is represented by one watershed board member as a voting member on the CWC.

There are also changes being made to the traditional layout of the Summer Tour and Annual Conference. I hope that you will join us for these events.

The services we provide to our members are dependent upon the dues we collect on an annual basis. WMOs are welcome and encouraged to be members. Including WMOs as member organizations was approved at the annual business meeting in December of 2018. The dues structure for WMOs is \$500 for the first year, \$3,750 for the second year, and \$7,500 for the third year.

It is my hope that this correspondence answers questions regarding the future of our organization. I would greatly appreciate you renewing your membership. We are stronger together!

Please reach out to me at 507-822-0921 with any questions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Enclosures

- New name communication
- Committee members
- Strategic Plan

COVER CROP INCENTIVES



SEEDING PLANS & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Cover crops are used to accomplish many goals such as reducing compaction, fixing nitrogen, suppressing weeds, reducing erosion, or providing additional forage. Common cover crops in Dakota County are cereal rye, oats, tillage radish, clover and winter wheat. One or more cover crop species may be selected based on specific goals.

SWCD staff can help you create a cover crop seeding plan with your goals in mind. Staff can also provide technical assistance and information on planting methods, termination timing, and herbicide and pest control decisions.

INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM

Apply under the Incentive Payment Practices Program and you could be eligible to receive:

- \$35 per acre under a 1-year contract (max \$5,600 or 160 acres)
- \$45 per acre per year under a multi-year contract (max \$21,600 or 160 acres)

Applications are prioritized for funding based on their potential to provide surface water and groundwater benefits. The number of applications approved may be limited by the funding and staff time available. Please contact the SWCD for specific eligibility requirements and program details.

APPLICATION TIMES:

- Applications are accepted year-round

POTENTIAL BENEFITS:

- Reduced soil erosion
- Reduced soil compaction
- Enhanced ability of soil to infiltrate water
- Reduced weed growth
- Increased nutrients in the soil
- Increased numbers of desirable insects and micro-fauna
- Potential yield increases

CONTACT:

- For more information, call the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District at (651) 480-7777



HARVESTABLE COVER INCENTIVES



WHAT ARE HARVESTABLE COVERS?

Harvestable covers are vegetative cover on cropland for protection from erosion and reduction of nutrient losses to groundwater. Harvestable covers are intended to provide soil and groundwater protection throughout as much of the year as possible. Harvestable covers allow for harvesting of a crop, which can provide income while protecting water resources. Examples of harvestable covers include winter camelina, intermediate wheat grass, winter wheat, or other crops that provide overwinter cover. One or more cover crop species may be selected based on specific goals.

INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM

Apply under the Incentive Payment Practices Program and you could be eligible to receive:

- \$25 per acre under a 1-year contract using a winter annual (max \$4,000 or 160 acres)
- \$35 per acre per year under a multi-year contract using a winter annual (max \$16,800 or 160 acres)
- \$35 per acre per year under a multi-year contract using a perennial (max \$16,800 or 160 acres)

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- Reduced weed growth
- Increased nutrients in the soil
- Increased numbers of desirable insects and micro-fauna
- Ability to generate income while protecting surface and groundwater

CONTACT:

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Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

2022 Annual Report

Partners across the watershed are working together to address priorities within the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Activities in the Plan are split into three categories to include Resource Concerns, Landscape Concerns and Socioeconomic Concerns. In 2022 work began on 11 of the 22 Resource Concerns, 16 of the 36 Landscape Concerns and 9 of the 22 Socioeconomic Concerns.

Within this Annual Report there are high level summaries of projects, events, studies, monitoring and funding.



Mission Statement:

Work collaboratively to improve and protect the natural resources within the Cannon River Watershed to ensure prosperity of our urban and agricultural communities.

Projects

- 33 agricultural structures including basins and grade stabilization structures
- 356 acres of agricultural management practices, primarily cover crops
- Prevented 1,400 tons of sediment from reaching priority streams each year
- Prevented 160 pounds of phosphorus from reaching priority lakes each year

Events

- 1 Soil Health Event in each of the 3 lobes of the watershed
- 6 peer-to-peer soil health gatherings hosted at farms
- Summer tour held for elected officials with information on septic systems, lake management plans and stream water quality monitoring



Construction of a grade stabilization structure in Goodhue County that will slow the flow of water and reduce sediment downstream.

Contact Us

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Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-5408
www.riceswcd/crwjpo

Studies & Plans

- 1 Lake Management Plan completed and 6 in progress. Plans help prioritize watershed work and in-lake treatments.
- Modeling through PTMapp completed for Straight River and Lower Vermillion River. Allows for pollutant tracking and project prioritization.
- Shoreline Surveys completed on 8 lakes. Establishes baseline conditions and identifies potential projects.
- Septic Inventory completed on Volney-Gorman Lakes.
- Adopted Education & Outreach Plan.



Snapshot from the drone flight of Tustin Lake in Elysian. Each lake surveyed received a score using the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Score Your Shore criteria.



Staff monitored temperature and oxygen profiles in Fox Lake.

Monitoring & Tracking

- Partnered with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for water monitoring on 18 streams and 15 lakes in the watershed.
- Tracked progress towards plan goals by compiling individual project data and coordinated with partners to identify and record other water quality projects completed within the watershed.

Grants & Funding

The CRWJPO is 75% done with the first round (FY20-21) of Watershed Based Implementation Funding. The workplan for the second round (FY22-23) was developed in 2022 and it is anticipated that \$1,028,658 will be available for CRWJPO in 2023.



An interactive map of the watershed with priority areas and completed projects is available online. Scan the QR code or visit www.riceswcd/crwjpo

