

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF MANAGERS
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Meeting 7:00 pm
Douglas Townhall
12409 240th St E
Hampton, MN

1. Call to Order

* Indicates that support materials are included within the packet

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

4. 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.

5. Presentation

5.1 DNR role in permitting data centers

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 January 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes*

7. New Business

7.1 Policy and Regulation, Waterford Ordinance on Data Centers*

7.2 Financial Information

7.2.1 2024 Year End Financial Report*

7.2.2 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Report*

7.2.3 Invoices for Payment (SWCD 24 Q4, SWCD 25 Q1)*

7.2.4 Audit*

7.3 Annual Reports

7.3.1 North Cannon River WMO

7.3.2 Cannon River Watershed JPO*

7.4 Waterford Quarry Proposal Update


7.5 Information, County Well Testing (Hampton Township and New Trier)

7.6 Information, Volunteer Opportunity County Wetland Health Evaluation Program

8. Member Community Reports

9. Agenda Items and Location for July 16, 2025 Meeting

10. 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

1. Call to Order

Chair Jeff Reed called meeting to order at 7:00pm, with the following Roll Call:

Member	Present	Absent	Voting Manager
Douglas Township	X		Chair, Jeff Reed
Greenvale Township	X		Vice Chair, Wayne Peterson
Waterford Township	X		Secretary/Treasurer, Frank Wergin
Eureka Township	X		Melanie Storlie
Hampton Township	X		Dan Peine
Randolph Township	X		Tom Krauter
Sciota Township	X		Jessica Trescott
City of Miesville		X	
City of New Trier		X	
City of Randolph		X	
Castle Rock Township		X	
	7	4	Quorum is 7 of 12 Members

Others Present: NCRWMO Administrator Victoria Ranua, Eureka Alternative Brian Storlie, Greenvale Alternate Tom Wirtzfeld, Peggy Curtis (Castle Rock), Jayne Hager Dee (Northfield), Brian Haskin (Castle Rock), Pam Krauter (Randolph), Gregory Langer (Greenvale)

2. Audience

No members of the public came to address the board.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Wergin to remove from the consent agenda items relating to Invoices for Payment and Year-To-Date Financial Summaries and place those under New Business and to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Peine. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of November 20, 2024 Meeting

A motion by Wergin to approve the consent agenda. Second by Krauter. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentation

5.1 MPCA Cannon River Watershed Water Quality Assessment Update (Kristen Dietermann)

Kristen Dieterman from the MPCA presented the recent water quality data gathered for the Cannon River Watershed wide assessment. She focused her presentation on the surface water resources within the North Cannon River WMO. Trout Book, Pine Creek, Chub Creek, Chub Lake, Mud Creek, and Dutch Creek sampling shows continued impairment. The additional sampling efforts support adding *e. coli* bacteria parameter concern in several water bodies. The audience asked various questions about: spring feeding of streams, groundwater, why Pine Creek's is designated as a cold water stream when it is dry most of the time, and the impact data centers have on the water resources.

6. New Business

a. Year to Date Financial Summary

Administrator Ranua indicated she was not able to finalize the 2024 financial summary before the board packet went out as the bank statement had not arrived by mail. Chair Reed asked if there was anything to highlight. Ranua noted that for 2024, the City of Miesville had not paid their dues. Further, the City of Miesville had questioned their invoice for the 2025 dues and requirement for involvement in the WMO. Reed was concerned about this. The neighboring Vermillion River watershed had a similar situation occur when a LGU didn't want to participate. As a result of that issue, the County stepped in and altered how the watershed governmental unit operated, and now everyone there contributes much more as it is a direct tax assessment on every parcel. Reed will have a conversation with the Miesville Clerk. Ranua indicated she had provided a detailed response to the Miesville dues inquiry and encouraged them to

attend this meeting as well as having offered to speak at a Council Meeting. Reed indicated he would be willing to go to as well.

b. Invoices for Payment

Wergin made a motion to approve the dues payment to the Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Organization. Second by Krauter. Motion passed unanimously.

6.1 Assignment of Duties

A motion by Trescott to re-appoint Chair Jeff Reed, Vice-Chair Wayne Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer Frank Wergin to WMO officer positions. Second by Piene. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Communication Strategies for reaching farmers and landowners

No formal action needed. Board and audience members re-enforced that electronic means of communication were not the most effective way to reach landowners and producers. The Board recognized the expense associated with mailings. They noted that the County does send out several mailings to residents. They would like to explore possibly partnering with the County to ensure access to information about the WMO and SWCD initiatives. They did indicate that utilizing township and city government posting boards as a place to share information, as well as sending it to township and city official contacts that are using email may be effective.

6.3 Outreach, Soil Health Finance Event (Randolph)

No formal action needed. The U of M and the SWCD are hosting a farmer-led Soil Health Finance Event in Randolph on February 27. Request to spread the word on the event.

6.4 Invitation, County Parks (Miesville Open House)

No formal action needed. Dakota County Parks is hosting an open house for Miesville Park in Cannon Falls on February 6. During the MPCA presentation on water quality, there were several questions related to the impaired status of Trout Brook as well as groundwater impacts. Trout Brooks runs through the park. The Open House may be an opportunity to directly learn about County efforts that may concern the stream.

6.5 Watershed Plan Implementation Tracking, In Progress

Administrator Ranua reported that preliminary analysis of approved SWCD projects (those paid out in 2023 and 2024), indicates that the WMO is on track for its watershed plan goals for farmable agricultural practices. The data does not include UDSA or MPCA (nutrient management plans) information, though it has been requested.

6.6 Waterford Quarry Proposal Update

Manager Wergin indicated no updates on the environmental review under development. He indicated that there are township efforts to revise a 2001 Mining Ordinance.

7. Member Community Updates

Randolph Township: Manager Krauter indicated that the 121-acre Wickland property, which contains a prairie restoration with a Dakota County Parks easement, will be open to the public in 2025.

Waterford Township: Manager Wergin shared that the township passed an ordinance banning data and technology centers.

8. Agenda Items for and location for April 16, 2025 Meeting

Waterford Manager Wergin will share the land use ordinance that the township passed prohibiting data and technology centers as well as the proposed revival of their 2001 mining ordinance.

Managers wanted to bring in appropriate government officials to discuss water appropriation permits (DNR) and water discharge permits (MPCA).

Douglas Township will host the April meeting.

9. Adjournment

A motion by Wergin to adjourn meeting. Second by Trescott. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Ranua
Administrator

Approved by Board on:

April X, 2025

DRAFT



ORDINANCE 2024-03 AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO DATA/TECHNOLOGY CENTER

**THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND INTENT – Whereas the Town Board has determined it is in the best interest of the Township to prohibit Data/Technology Centers.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3. Section 3, Definitions, of the Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following definitions:

Data/Technology Center: A building or portion thereof where digital information is processed, transferred or stored, occupying 500 square feet or more, where the space is primarily occupied by computers, servers, telecommunications, and related equipment, including supporting equipment. Limited to one per parcel.

SECTION 3: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6.04E of the Township's Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to state as follows:

E. Prohibited Uses and Structures

All other uses and structures which are not specifically permitted by right, by Conditional Use Permit or by Interim Use Permit including, but not limited to Data/Technology Centers shall be prohibited in the AG Preservation District.

SECTION 4: AMENDMENT TO 6.05D. Section 6.05D of the Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to state as follows:

D. Prohibited Uses and Structures

All other uses and structures which are not specifically permitted by right, by Conditional Use Permit or by Interim Use Permit including, but not limited to Data/Technology Centers shall be prohibited in the RR Rural Residential District.

SECTION 5: AMEND TO ADD SECTION 6.09E. The Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended add Section 6.09E to state as follows:

E. Prohibited Uses and Structures

All other uses and structures which are not specifically permitted by right, by Conditional Use Permit or by Interim Use Permit including, but not limited to Data/Technology Centers shall be prohibited in the B Business District.

SECTION 6: INCORPORATION OF AMENMENTS. The Township Zoning Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to incorporate the amendments made by this Ordinance in the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance 2001 as amended and such updated version shall constitute the official Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY. Should any section, subdivision, clause or other provision this Ordinance be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part held invalid.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance becomes effective on the date of its publication or upon the publication of a summary of the Ordinance.

SECTION 9: REPEALER. All prior ordinances to the extent that they are inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed repealed after the effective date of this Ordinance with regard to those inconsistent terms and provisions.

Adopted by the Waterford Town Board this 9th day of January 2025.

Charlene Klemenhausen – Chairperson



Elizabeth Wheeler – Temporary Town Clerk

Public Hearing – December 19, 2024

Adoption by Town Board – January 9, 2025

Published in Northfield News – January 15, 2025

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Revenue and Expense Summary

General Fund	01/17/24	04/17/24	07/17/24	11/20/24	Final	Entries	Annual Total	2024 Budget
Revenues								
Member Allocations			\$ 37,544.94	\$ 2,818.10			\$ 40,363.04	\$ 41,000.00
Interest - Savings Account		\$ 8.22	\$ 6.54	\$ 10.22	\$ 13.30		\$ 38.28	\$ 300.00
Total Revenues:	\$ -	\$ 8.22	\$ 37,551.48	\$ 2,828.32	\$ 13.30		\$ 40,401.32	\$ 41,300.00
Expenses								
Administrative Services	\$ -	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 2,542.50	\$ 2,922.50	\$ 12,565.00		\$ 20,810.00	\$ 17,250.00
Organizational Dues	\$ 500.00						\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Advocacy, Education, Outreach		\$ 1,042.50	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 522.50	\$ 785.00		\$ 4,250.00	\$ 2,375.00
Support Existing E &O			\$ 190.00	\$ 3,300.00			\$ 3,490.00	\$ 2,700.00
CS-Agricultural Projects	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 3,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
CS-Landscaping for Wtr Quality			\$ -		\$ 850.00		\$ 850.00	\$ 4,450.00
Water Quality Monitoring	\$ -	\$ 1,117.89	\$ 608.21	\$ 1,928.61	\$ 2,249.10		\$ 5,903.81	\$ 10,525.00
5th Generation WM Plan							\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,940.39	\$ 5,240.71	\$ 8,673.61	\$ 19,449.10		\$ 39,803.81	\$ 43,300.00
Use of Fund Balance								\$ 11,500.00
Net Surplus / (-) Deficit	<u>\$ (500.00)</u>	<u>\$ (5,932.17)</u>	<u>\$ 32,310.77</u>	<u>\$ (5,845.29)</u>	<u>\$ (19,435.80)</u>		<u>\$ 597.51</u>	<u>\$ (2,000.00)</u>

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Checking	\$5,473.14
Cash in Savings	\$45,966.15
Total Cash:	\$ 51,439.29

Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total Accounts Receivable:	\$ -

Total Assets:	\$ 51,439.29
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Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable	\$ 19,449.10
Total Accounts Payable:	\$ 19,449.10

Equity

General Fund Balance January 1	\$ 31,392.68
Net Surplus / (-) Deficit	\$ 597.51
Total Equity:	\$ 31,990.19

Total Liabilities and Equity:	\$ 51,439.29
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North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

January 1, 2025 to January 15, 2025

Revenue and Expense Summary

General Fund	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final	Entries	Annual Total	2025 Budget
Revenues								
Member Allocations	\$26,747.90						\$ 26,747.90	\$ 46,733.00
Interest - Savings Account	\$ 17.25						\$ 17.25	\$ 300.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 26,765.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,765.15	\$ 47,033.00
Expenses								
Administrative Services	\$ 4,375.00						\$ 4,375.00	\$ 18,100.00
Financial Audit							\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Organizational Dues	\$ 375.00						\$ 375.00	\$ 500.00
Cost Share: Agricultural							\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Cost Share: Landscaping for Clean Water							\$ -	\$ 4,550.00
Monitoring: Water Quality	\$ 146.50						\$ 146.50	\$ 10,583.00
Monitoring: Wetlands							\$ -	\$ 3,300.00
Outreach, Education, & Advocacy	\$ 1,550.00						\$ 1,550.00	\$ 2,500.00
5th Generation WM Plan							\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 6,446.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,446.50	\$ 47,033.00
Use of Fund Balance								\$ 11,500.00
Net Surplus / (-) Deficit	<u>\$ 20,318.65</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,318.65</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

January 1, 2025 to January 15, 2025

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Checking \$5,098.14

Cash in Savings \$72,731.30

Total Cash: \$ **77,829.44**

Accounts Receivable \$ -

Total Accounts Receivable: \$ -

Total Assets: \$ **77,829.44**

Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable \$ 25,520.60

Total Accounts Payable: \$ **25,520.60**

Equity

General Fund Balance January 1 \$ 31,990.19

Net Surplus / (-) Deficit \$ 20,318.65

Total Equity: \$ **52,308.84**

Total Liabilities and Equity: \$ **77,829.44**



Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District

4100 220th Street West, Ste 102
Farmington, MN 55024
(651) 480-7777
DakotaSWCD.Accounting@CO.Dakota.MN.US

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
12/31/2024	3425

BILL TO

North Cannon River WMO
Frank Wergin, Treasurer
30468 Canada Avenue
Northfield, MN 55057

AGREEMENT

2024 Agreement

BILLING PERIOD

Oct - Dec 2024

TERMS

Net 30 Days

DESCRIPTION

HRS/COUNT

RATE

AMOUNT

ADMINISTRATION

Financials and Annual Reports; Board Meeting Preparation; AIS (Zebra Mussels), Greenvale alt., Board Recruitment, MPCA Algae bloom meeting, WBIF convene spreadsheet.

Fees: Paper, Printing and Postage

Watershed Management Plan:

132 95.00 12,540.00

1 25.00 25.00

0 95.00 0.00

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Fees: Website Hosting: Link checker plug-in update

Website Maintenance: Updates and fix broken links.

Advocacy and Outreach: CRAC Mtg, Sample Ag lease with conservation laws.

Landscaping for Clean Water Classes, Materials and Maintenance Workshops

Fees:

1 25.00 25.00

6 95.00 570.00

2 95.00 190.00

0 1,800.00 0.00

0 0.00 0.00

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Water Monitoring

Fees: Lab Analysis, Conductivity and Buffer Solution

Landscaping for Clean Water Technical Assistance

Conservation Projects Technical Assistance

20.5 95.00 1,947.50

1 301.60 301.60

1 600.00 600.00

1 1,000.00 1,000.00

COST SHARE

Landscaping for Clean Water Grants: Vatter

Cost Share Programs for Landowners: DST Farms LLP (24-IPP-56 & 24-IPP-57)

1 250.00 250.00

1 2,000.00 2,000.00

It's been a pleasure working with you!

Total \$19,449.10



VATTER

RESIDENTIAL RAINGARDEN



BEFORE

A raingarden is a shallow depression that captures rainwater, removes pollutants, and soaks the water into the ground.



AFTER

PRACTICE:

- Raingarden

BENEFITS:

- Runoff volume reduction
- Improved water quality
- Improved wildlife habitat
- Opportunity for public education and outreach
- Improved aesthetics

PARTNERS:

- North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

WATERSHED:

- North Cannon River

INSTALLATION:

- Summer 2024

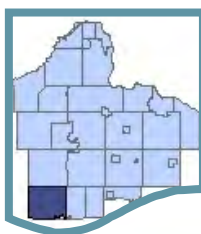
PROJECT: Installation of a 183 square foot residential raingarden.

COST: Project materials cost estimated at \$749

FUNDING: Landowners receive a \$250 Landscaping for Clean Water grant as well as technical assistance provided by the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District

NORTH CANNON RIVER
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

LOCATION: Lupine Drive
Northfield



DAKOTA COUNTY



— SOIL & WATER —
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District

4100 220th Street West, Ste 102
Farmington, MN 55024
(651) 480-7777
DakotaSWCD.Accounting@CO.Dakota.MN.US

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
4/1/2025	3457

BILL TO

North Cannon River WMO
Frank Wergin, Treasurer
30468 Canada Avenue
Northfield, MN 55057

AGREEMENT

2025 Agreement

BILLING PERIOD

Jan - Mar 2025

TERMS

Net 30 Days

DESCRIPTION

HRS/COUNT

RATE

AMOUNT

ADMINISTRATION

Financials, Annual Reports, and Audit; Board Meeting Preparation, appointment; Miesville inquiry, and NRCS data request.

Fees: Paper, Printing and Postage

43.5

100.00

4,350.00

1

25.00

25.00

ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Fees: Website Hosting:

1

900.00

900.00

Website Maintenance:

0.5

100.00

50.00

Advocacy and Outreach: Greenvale twp invite, Northfield environmental club, outreach events and inquiries.

6

100.00

600.00

Landscaping for Clean Water Classes, Materials and Maintenance Workshops

0

1,800.00

0.00

Fees:

0

0.00

0.00

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Water Monitoring: 2025 set up

0.5

100.00

50.00

Fees: Lab Analysis 10/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

1

96.50

96.50

Landscaping for Clean Water Technical Assistance

0

600.00

0.00

Conservation Projects Technical Assistance

0

1,000.00

0.00

COST SHARE

Landscaping for Clean Water Grants:

0

250.00

0.00

Cost Share Programs for Landowners:

0

0.00

0.00

It's been a pleasure working with you!

Total

\$6,071.50

NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE:	April 16, 2025
AGENDA ITEM:	6.2.4
PREPARED BY:	Victoria Ranua, Administrator
AGENDA ITEM:	Financial Audit

BACKGROUND: Watershed Management Organizations of our small sized budgets are required to have audits under §6.756 *Special Districts, Audits*, every 5 years.

We received a proposal from our auditing firm Peterson Company Ltd (Waconia, MN) to perform an audit of our past financials. The quoted amount is for \$4,000 for the required audit.

I reached out to the accounting firm to see if I could get a lower rate as well as reaching out to other accounting firms. I was not able to get audit service proposals for a lower amount.

BUDGET IMPACT: \$4,000. We only budgeted \$2,000 for this audit under the *Financial Audit* line item. We may reduce expenses in other areas to be discussed.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve selecting Peterson Company Ltd. to perform the WMO audit for \$4,000.

ATTACHMENT: 2025 Budget

North Cannon River WMO

2025 Budget

EXPENSES	AMOUNT	NOTES
Administrative Services	\$18,100	See SWCD Work Plan: Based on 4 meetings 170 hours @ \$100/hour Plus website domain and mailing expenses
Financial Audit	\$2,000	Annual Audit: Needed in 2025 on 1 of 5 past years
Water Quality Monitoring	\$10,583	See SWCD Work Plan: Increased in 2024 due to SWCD rate increase and chloride sampling
Agricultural Cost Share Program	\$4,000	See SWCD Work Plan: \$3,000 project funding and \$1,000 technical
Landscaping for Clean Water	\$4,550	See SWCD Work Plan: 3 projects (raingarden, native garden, or shoreline) plus Introduction Class and Design Courses
Advocacy, Education and Outreach	\$2,500	See SWCD Work Plan: 25 hours @ \$100/hour
Support Existing Education Programs	\$3,300	Sponsor a team to monitor wetlands through the Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP) or other programs approved by the Board.
5th Generation Watershed Management Plan Reserves	\$1,500	Next generation Watershed Plan required in 2033.
Organizational Dues	\$500	Membership to applicable and approved organizations: Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board or other approved by NCRWMO.

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$47,033**

REVENUES	AMOUNT	NOTES
Member Allocations	\$46,733	Increase \$1,000
Projected Interest	\$300	Same estimate as 2023

TOTAL REVENUES **\$47,033**

TOTAL BUDGET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) **\$0**

Approved by Board on 11/20/2024

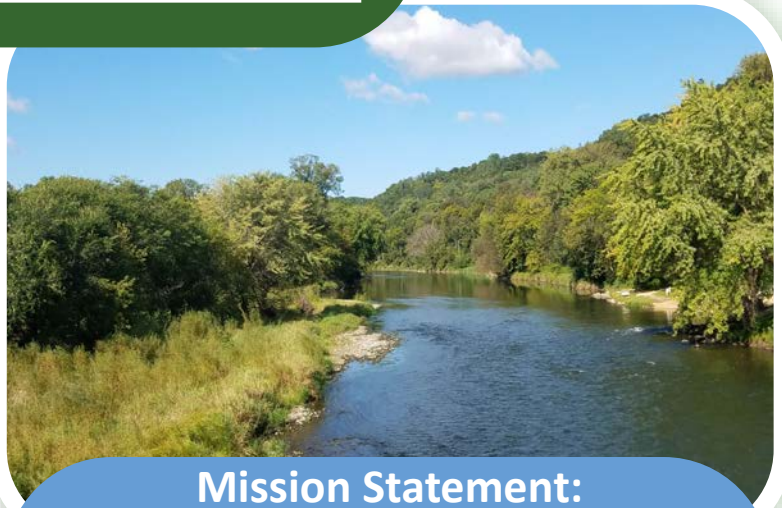


Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

2024 Annual Report

Partners across the watershed are working together to address priorities within the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Members are working on 19 activities related to Resource Concerns, 20 different Landscape Concerns and 11 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 & Progress

Cumulative since Plan adoption in 2020:

- 72 agricultural structures including basins and grade stabilization structures
- 1,540 acres of agricultural management practices, primarily cover crops
- Prevented 3,671 tons of sediment (TSS) from reaching streams and lakes each year
- Prevented 478 pounds of phosphorus from reaching streams and lakes each year
- Sealed 8 wells preventing groundwater contamination
- Assisted with design and installation of 6 Native Shoreline Plantings

Watershed Plan Priority Area Goals

Protection Lake	10-yr Reduction Goal	Progress
Beaver	6 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts ↗
Dudley(and Kelly)	87 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts ↗
Fish	7 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts ↗
Roemhildts	84 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts ↗
Impaired Lake	10-yr Reduction Goal	Progress
Cedar	340 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts ↗
Fox	534 lbs/yr phosphorus	Making Progress →
Hunt	606 lbs/yr phosphorus	Making Progress →
Impaired Stream	10-yr Reduction Goal	Progress
Lower Vermillion	505 tons/yr TSS	Increase Efforts ↗
Belle Creek	2145 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress →
Little Cannon	2713 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress →
Trout Brook	1238 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress →
Prairie Creek	631 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress →
Rush Creek	240 tons/yr TSS	Increase Efforts ↗
Medford Creek	203 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress →



A 1.2 acres grassed waterway in Goodhue County after mulching and seeding

Contact Us

2211 2nd Ave NW, Suite 200
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-5408
cannonriverwatershedmn.gov

Plans & Policies

- Six Lake Management Plans in progress which will help prioritize watershed work and in-lake treatments.
- Prioritize Target Measure Application (PTMapp) used for calculating pollutant reductions and project prioritization.
- Supported the Upper Cannon River Flood Study which received funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Created Native Shoreline Planting Program and materials to support project design.



CRWJPB members and staff on bi-annual tour which was hosted at Byllesby Dam with a bus tour of conservation practices in Goodhue County



Native Shoreline Planting program provides tangible action for lakeshore owners

Education & Outreach

- Hosted 6 webinars about the watershed with an average of 25 attendees at each.
- Mailed program information to landowners in priority drainage areas.
- Attended 10 Lake Association meetings to discuss CRWJPO activities and program opportunities.
- Hosted a tour for elected officials of Byllesby Dam and conservation practices in Goodhue County.

Grants & Funding

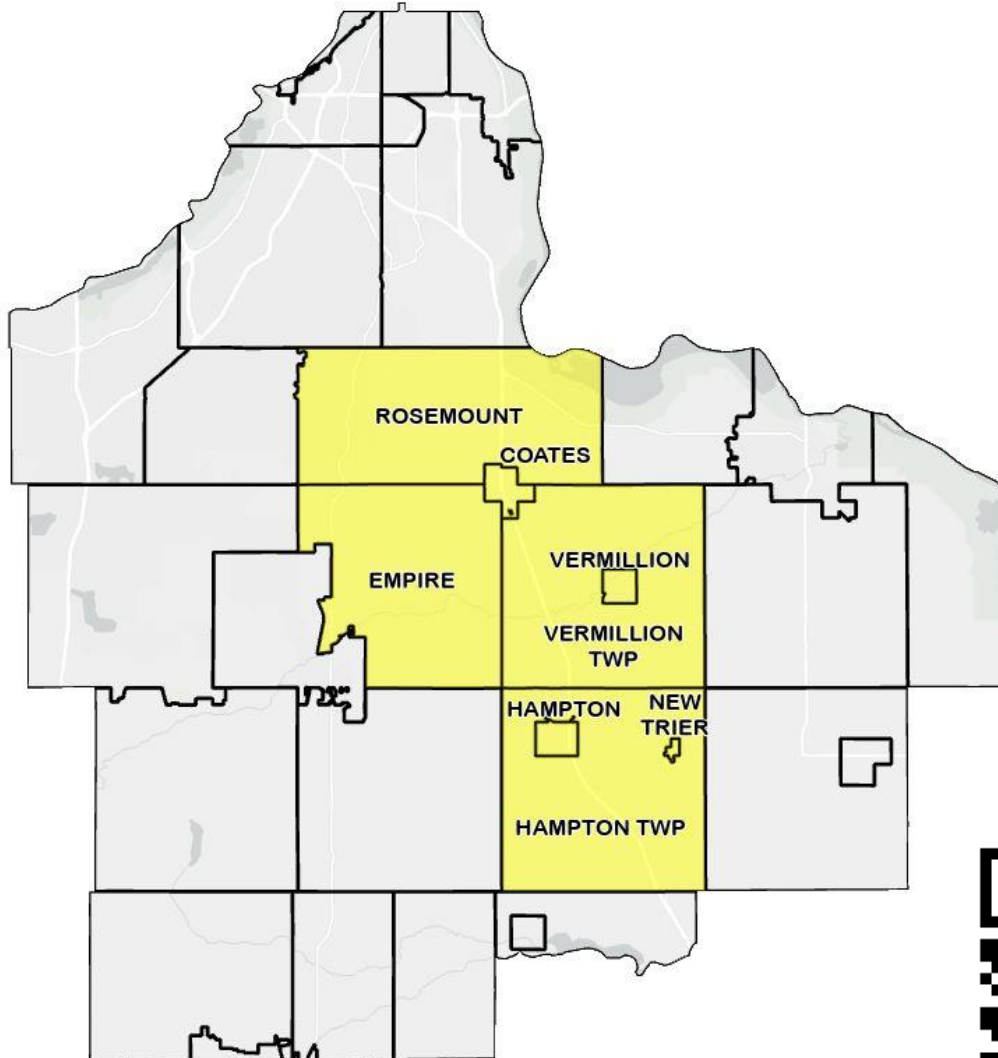
The CRWJPO has spent 100% of the first round (FY20-21) of Watershed Based Implementation Funding and 30% of the second round (FY22-23). FY21 allocation was \$1,028,658 and FY23 was \$1,328,658. The funding level will increase in 2025 to \$1,536,990. CRWJPO also received \$30,000 to incentivize Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment.

An interactive map of the watershed with priority areas and completed projects is available online. Scan the QR code or visit cannonriverwatershedmn.gov



Follow CRWJPO on Facebook and YouTube

FREE WELL WATER TESTING



Private well owners in ***the shaded regions above*** are eligible for a free well test kit in 2025.

Once you have completed the interest survey in the QR code, you will receive a test kit in the mail by the end of July 2025. You will have until the end of December 2025 to sample your water and mail back your test kit using the pre-paid postage included.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone or tablet to request your free well test kit or find the survey online at www.dakotacounty.us and search Water Testing.

For questions, contact:
Matthew Belanger, environmental specialist
952-891-7132
matthew.belanger@co.dakota.mn.us



No cost private well sampling for Rosemount, Coates, Empire, Vermillion, Vermillion Township, Hampton, Hampton Township, and New Trier in 2025 through the Community Focused Sampling Program

What is the Community Focused Sampling Program?

- The Community Focused Sampling Program (CFSP) was developed to provide private well owners with an opportunity for no-cost well water testing.
- Geographic regions are offered no-cost testing on a rotating basis.
- Participants test their well water for common contaminants based on MN Department of Health recommendations.
- Nearly 2,300 private well owners around Dakota County have participated in the program since 2019.



What happens after I send back my test kit?

- You will receive test results and any treatment recommendations based on your results (i.e., reverse osmosis systems for high nitrate, a carbon filter for high lead, etc.). However, participants are **not** required to take any action - information is for your knowledge only.
- Results from well testing are summarized at the community level in public reports, your name and address are **not** identified. All data is securely stored.

How can I sign up to have my water tested?

- Complete the CFSP interest form by visiting www.dakotacounty.us and searching *Water Testing*, or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone:



How can I get more information?

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NORTH CANNON RIVER



WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE:	April 16, 2025
AGENDA ITEM:	6.6
PREPARED BY:	Victoria Ranua, Administrator
AGENDA ITEM:	Volunteer Opportunity: County Wetland Health Evaluation Program

BACKGROUND: Dakota County is seeking individual and team volunteers for their Wetland Health Evaluation Program. This program evaluates wetlands throughout Dakota County, including the North Cannon River Watershed

The work does not require any special experience. Volunteers go through eight hours of training, learning everything they need to know to conduct the inventories. Volunteers come with all levels of experience, though all have a common interest in wetlands and helping to preserve the dragonflies, leeches, myriad of beetles and bugs, sedges, grasses and irises that call wetlands home.

In June, volunteers set traps and use nets to collect samples of macroinvertebrates – bugs – living in the wetland. Later, volunteers gather in a lab to identify and count the bugs using microscopes and magnifying glasses. The abundance and presence – or absence – of some organisms relates to their sensitivity to human disturbance or pollution. The more bug varieties the volunteers find, the healthier the wetland is considered.

In July, volunteers revisit their wetlands to identify and count the plants living in a plot representative of the entire wetland.

Each year there are over 100 volunteers monitoring wetlands in the County. Join the crowd by signing up:

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/027c1bca-37ac-4dd1-9ade-b6eb99513aab/ActivityCategory/75343/1>