



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

November 2021 Administrator report
From: Linda Loomis, Administrator
To: LMRWD Board of Managers

In addition to items on the meeting agenda, the following District projects and issues were addressed during the month:

Other Work

RFPs for Audit and Financial Services

Andy Hering from Redpath informed the LMRWD that they will not be able to conduct the 2021 financial Audit for the LMRWD. They have lost personnel that have performed the LMRWD in the past few years and have had to scale back the number of clients they are able to serve.

The LMRWD prepared an RFP for both audit services and financial services. Both RFPs were posted to the LMRWD website and placed in the State Register. Notice of the RFP was also sent to 15 firms of certified public accountants with offices in the twin cities metro area, that specialize in government auditing. The last date to receive proposals is December 7, 2021.

- [Accounting Services](#)
- [2021/2022 Audit Services](#)

Watershed Plan Projects

Gully Inventory and condition assessment: The final report is complete. It will be shared with the Board once it has been thoroughly reviewed.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/mn-river-corridor-management-project>

Eden Prairie Area #3 Stabilization: A report on this project was included in the November meeting packet.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/mn-river-corridor-management-project>

Seminary Fen ravine stabilization project: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/bwsr-clean-water-fund-grant-administration>

East Chaska Creek: (Carver County Watershed Based Funding): No new information to report since the last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/east-chaska-creek-bank-stabilization>

Schroeder Acres Park (Scott County Watershed Based Funding): No new information to report since the last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/schroeder-acres-parkeagle-creek-sub-watershed-stormwater-study>

Shakopee Downtown BMP Retrofit (Scott County Watershed Based Funding): There is no new information to report since last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/targeted-bmps-downtown-shakopee>

PLOC (Prior Lake Outlet Channel) Restoration (Scott County Watershed Based Funding): This project is also called Ridge Creek Park. There is no new information to report since last update..

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/prior-lake-outlet-channel-realignmentwetland-restoration>

Hennepin County Chloride Project (HHCI) (Hennepin County Watershed Based Funding): A small group has been working to find a professional marketing firm to develop a campaign targeting homeowners/town homes associations and faith-based organizations. An RFP went out to eleven firms in late October. Proposal have been received and the top two firms will be interviewed. A contract will be developed through Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD). The County group plans to meet before the RPBCWD December 8th Board meeting.

Templates for winter maintenance that were developed and approved by the group have been posted on the MPCA's Chloride Resources page (under model Chloride ordinances, policies and contracts): <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/statewide-chloride-resources>.

Funds are still available under the grant program provided by the Watershed Districts in the Minnesota River Watershed. Grant details for the Lower Minnesota River project can be found on the LMRWD website using this link <http://lowermnriverwd.org/news/chloride-reduction-grants-available>.

Vegetation Management Plan: No new information to report since the last update.

Sustainable Lake Management Plan: Trout Lakes: No new information to report since the last update.

Geomorphic Assessment of Trout Streams: No new information to report since the last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/geomorphic-assessment-trout-streams>

Spring Creek Cost Share: The hydrology report is complete. Staff is assessing the information to determine the next steps.

West Chaska Creek Re-meander: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1695a2cf90b44ddba730aad399196405>

Seminary Fen Ravine Restoration Area C2: No new information to report since last update.

MN River Corridor Plan: Staff is pulling together the responses received from the survey and will schedule a meeting of the partners to discuss the responses.

Project Reviews

CenterPoint Energy Nicollet River Crossing Segment 1 and CenterPoint Energy Nicollet River Crossing Segment 2: – Cities of Bloomington and Burnsville – CenterPoint Energy is planning to replace its pipeline that extends under the Minnesota River. It was reported in the October administrators report that this project was on the October agenda. CenterPoint has three projects going on right now and this project was not the one on the October agenda.

Excel Energy Line 0832: - City of Burnsville – A permit for this project was approved at the September 2021 Board of Managers meeting.

Lone Oak Signal: - City of Eagan – The permit application for this project is on the October agenda.

Canterbury Senior Living Center: - City of Shakopee – A permit for this project was approved at the September 2021 Board of Managers meeting.

MN Mash: - City of Savage – This project impacts both a High Value Resource Area (Savage Fen) and the Steep Slope Overlay Zone. There was an article about this project in the November 3rd Star Tribune. Here is a link to the article in case you did not see it:

<https://www.startribune.com/youth-baseball-fields-indoor-training-facility-slated-for-land-near-savage-fen/600112818/>

Circle K/Holiday Station Store: - City of Savage – A permit for this project was conditionally approved at the September 2021 Board of Managers meeting. The fen management plan is still outstanding.

South Park Jeep: - City of Burnsville – A permit for this project was approved at the September 2021 Board of Managers meeting.

Trunk Highway (TH) 55: - MNDOT - Bloomington Road to TH 52, Mendota Heights - The LMRWD received an application for a permit to resurface the roadway, improve drainage, make pedestrian accessibility improvements and rehabilitate bridges on MN 55 from the east end of bridge over Bloomington Road in Minneapolis to junction US 52 in Inver Grove Heights. There is no new information to report since the last update.

Project website: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy55mpls-invergroveheights/>

Burnsville Sanitary Landfill (BSL): - City of Burnsville – There is no new information to report since the last update.

Project website: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/burnsville-sanitary-landfill-expansion-project>

DEM-CON Landfill: - City of Shakopee - There is no new information to report since the last update.

4905 TH Highway 13: - City of Savage – A permit for this project was issued at the August Board of Managers meeting.

TH 169 Pedestrian Bridge: - City of Shakopee – No new information to report since the last update.

Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/recreation/parks-trails-projects/highway-169-pedestrian-bridge>

2021 Safety & Security Center Phase 1: - Metropolitan Airport Commission – This item is on the November agenda.

106th Street Transportation Improvement Project: - City of Bloomington – This project was conditionally approved at the June 2, 2021 Board meeting.

Burnsville Cemetery Expansion: - City of Burnsville – A permit for this project was approved at the October 2021 Board of Managers meeting.

Capstone 35: - City of Burnsville – This project was approved at the May 19, 2021 Board meeting.

Jefferson Court: - City of Shakopee – This project was approved at the June 2, 2021 Board meeting.

TH 41/CSAH 61: - City of Chaska - This project is for transportation improvements to TH 41 in downtown Chaska, including the intersection of TH 41 with CSAH 61. No new information to report since last update.

CSAH 61 Drainage Channel Extension: - Carver County – A permit for this project was approved at the October Board of Managers meeting.

494 River Bridge: - 494 & MN River - This project is part of a MNDOT improvement project for I- 494. The project proposes to repairs bridges from 34th Avenue to TH 13 (including the 494 bridge over the MN River). It will widen and reconstruct the existing trail, replace lighting and deteriorated concrete median, repair concrete pavement and reconstruct bituminous shoulder. No new information to report since last update.

Credit River Outfall Repair: - City of Savage - This project is to repair the Credit River outfall where it daylight after going under TH 13 in Savage. The city has applied for a public waters work permit for this project. There is no new information to report since the last update.

Southbridge Crossing 6th Addition/Core Crossing: - City of Shakopee – A permit for this project was approved at the July 21, 2021 Board of Managers meeting.

Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/business-development/current-development/southbridge-crossings>

Quarry Lake Park Improvements: City of Shakopee – There are three components to this project; 1) a mountain bike trail in the southern portion of the site, 2) improvements to the park area and changes to accommodate the water-ski club and 3) an outlet of the lake to the Prior Lake Outlet Channel (PLOC). A permit for the Quarry Lake outlet was approved at the October Board of Managers meeting.

Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/recreation/parks-trails/parks-trails-projects/quarry-lake-park>.

Prairie Heights: City of Eden Prairie - This project is a residential housing development in Eden Prairie that is partially in the LMRWD and partially in Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD). It is not in a High Value Resource Area or the Steep Slope Overlay zone. Permitting authority was given to RPBCWD. No new information to report since the last update.

Carver County CSAH 10: City of Chaska – This project is 92% complete. Crews continue to install pavement marking, seeding and erosion control measures and install signage.

Project website: <https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-works/projects-studies/highway-10-study-victoria-chaska-area>

Keyland Development/Whispering Waters: - City of Shakopee – This permit was approved at the June 16, 2021 Board meeting.

Hentges Industrial park: City Shakopee - A portion of this property is being developed as Southwest Logistics Center (SLC). A permit for SLC was approved at the March 2021 meeting of the LMRWD Board of Managers. Additional developments are planned for this property. There is no new information to report since the last update.

Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/business-development/current-development/hentges-industrial-park>

9960 Deerbrook, Chanhassen: No new information to report since last update.

Summerland Place Residential Development: Shakopee - No new information since last update.

Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/business-development/current-development/summerland-place>

Timber Creek Residential Development EAW: Carver - No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <https://www.cityofcarver.com/timber-creek/>

MNDOT TH13 Improvement: The LMRWD is waiting for a maintenance agreement between MNDOT and the City of Savage for the stormwater management features required by this project. The LMRWD is working with MNDOT for an additional extension for the approval period for this project.

Project website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy13savageburnsville/index.html>

Historic Fort Snelling Revitalization: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/upperpost/index.html>

MNDOT ADA Trail improvements in Mendota: No new information since last update.

MNDOT trail drainage improvements in Lilydale: No new information since last update.

Dakota County - MN River Greenway: There are two components to this project the extension of the trail and a bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad. The permit application for the trail extension is on the November 17, 2021 meeting agenda.

Project website: <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/About/TrailPlanning/Pages/minnesota-river.aspx>

City of Burnsville - Freeway Dump and Landfill: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/freeway-landfill-and-dump>

City of Eden Prairie - Peterson Wetland Bank: No new information to report since last update.

City of Chanhassen - TH 101 Improvements: A permit for temporary dewatering was issued by the DNR for this project. Water will be discharged to Bluff Creek.

Project website: <https://www.highway101improvements.com/>

MNDOT - I35W Bridge Replacement: This project is complete and will be removed from the report next month.

Project website: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wbloomington/index.html>

MNDOT - I494 from TH169 to Minnesota River: MNDOT – The meeting for this project that was scheduled for November 3rd has been re-scheduled to December 2nd.

Project website: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494-airport-hwy169/index.html>

MAC/LMRWD/MCWD boundary realignment: No new information to report since last update.

USACOE/USFWS - Bass Ponds, Marsh & Wetland: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Home/Projects/Article/1467604/upper-mississippi-river-restoration-program-bass-ponds-marsh-wetland-habitat-re/>

Upcoming meetings/events

- UMWA monthly meeting – Thursday, November 18, 2021, 12:30pm to 1:30pm Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club and virtual, please contact District Administrator to attend
- [MAWD Annual Conference](#) – December 1-3, 2021
- US Army Corps of Engineers River Resource Forum – Tuesday, December 7, 2021, please contact District Administrator to attend