



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Agenda Item

Item 7. I. – LMRWD Projects

Prepared By

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Summary

i. MN River Corridor Project

At the July Board meeting, staff asked for Board authorization to retain Wilderness Inquiry to conduct a river tour for the MN River Corridor Management partners. The LMRWD engaged the services of Wilderness Inquiry and the contract is attached for the Board's information. The date of the event has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th from 2:00 to 6:00. The plan is to meet with the partners to review past discussions, take a river tour of the area around Fort Snelling State Park and then meet for more discussion and dinner.

ii. Spring Creek

On July 27, 2022, the LMRWD held an Open House for residents living along Spring Creek in the City of Carver. Residents from 4 properties attended the meeting. A summary of the meeting is attached. The owners of two of the properties the LMRWD is concerned with did not attend. The LMRWD will send direct letters to those owners.

Carver City Staff has been kept informed of the LMRWD activities regarding Spring Creek.

Attachments

[Wilderness Inquiry Agreement](#)

Spring Creek Streambank Neighborhood Meeting Summary

Recommended Action

No action recommended

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PROJECT NAME: Spring Creek Streambank Neighborhood Meeting

Date: July 27, 2022
Start Time: 6:00 p.m.
End Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 112 5th Street, Carver, MN

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Provide background information about the Spring Creek streambank stabilization project and summarize work completed by the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) to assess the problem.
- Present recommended solutions from Sites 1, 2, and 3.
- Gauge residents' interest in the solutions and willingness to contribute financially.

INVITEES:

Deborah Hartley	112 5th St W
Gregg & Meg Witt	420 Broadway St N
Tracy Carlson	416 Broadway St N
Bridget Thomas	404 Broadway St N
James Jacobs	402 Broadway St N
Cheryl Yorek	108 4th St W
Lisa McMahan-Mosley	112 4th St W
Courtney Schmalz	116 4th St W
Todd Elbert & Jennifer Hansen	200 4th St W

ATTENDEES:

- Deborah Hartley | 112 5th Street | dhartley02@aol.com
- Leslie Reinartz | 112 5th Street | jance6306@aol.com
- Gregg Witt | 420 Broadway Street | gcwitt@comcast.net
- Cheryl Yorek | 108 4th Street | cherylyorek54@gmail.com

HOSTS:

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AGENDA/SUMMARY

1. Introductions
2. Spring Creek (Linda Loomis and Della Young)
 - a. Debbie Hartley (Site 1) contacted the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), City of Carver, and the LMRWD approximately eight years ago about losing her



backyard to erosion. Two additional properties (Sites 2 and 3) were also identified as affected by the creek.

- b. LMRWD completed its hydraulic analysis, and the recommendations below were included in the technical memo.

No.	Recommendation	Type	Year	Estimated Cost
1	Landowner outreach	Data collection	2022	\$3,000
2	Spring Creek monitoring and surveys	Data collection	2022–2025	\$5,000–\$10,000 annually
3	Site 3 (116 4th Street West) feasibility study	Study	2022–2023	\$30,000
4	Site 2 (404 Broadway Street) stabilization	Construction	2022–2023	\$100,000–\$150,000
5	Vegetation management	Study	2024	\$40,000
6	Reevaluate Site 1 (112 5th Street) stabilization needs	Potential construction	2026	\$75,000–\$120,000
7	Coordination with city	Data collection	Ongoing	\$2,000 annually

- c. Open discussion / Question and Answer session

- Hartley and Reinartz would like to see the project work at Site 1 begin as soon as possible.
- Hartley and Reinartz are interested in discussing financial contributions with staff.
- Action at Sites 2 and 3 is paused unless the LMRWD makes contact with the property owners.
- Witt and Yorek are not interested in contributing financially to the project (at this time) because the sites are not on their property.

- d. Next steps

- Linda will share the technical report with attendees, acknowledging the neighborhood meeting.
- Linda will bring recommendations to the Board in August (altering CIP timeline and actions).
- Determine Hartley and Reinartz’s financial contribution by September 1, 2022, at the latest.
- LMRWD to send a letter to property owners of Sites 2 and 3.