

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District - Managers Workshop

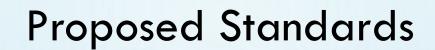
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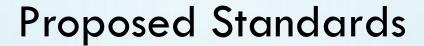


OVERVIEW

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- Steep Slopes Standard (previously Bluff Standard and Bluff and Steep Slopes Standard)
- Protect natural slopes 18 percent and greater
- Manage through a mapped-based overlay district developed from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) Bluff Mapping Tool



Regulate activities that involves the excavation of 50 cubic yards or more of earth, or alteration or removal of 5,000 square feet or more of surface area or vegetation within the overlay District. And, regulate activities requiring municipal/LGU grading, building, parking lot, foundations or other commercial or residential permits that result in a net increase in impervious surface or stormwater runoff within the overlay district



- Definitions modification
 - Bluff, bluff impact zone, bluffline, top of bluff, and toe of bluff will be removed from Appendix K
 - Steep Slopes
 - Natural topography feature having an average slope of eighteen (18) percent or greater measured over a horizontal distance of twenty-five (25) feet or more.



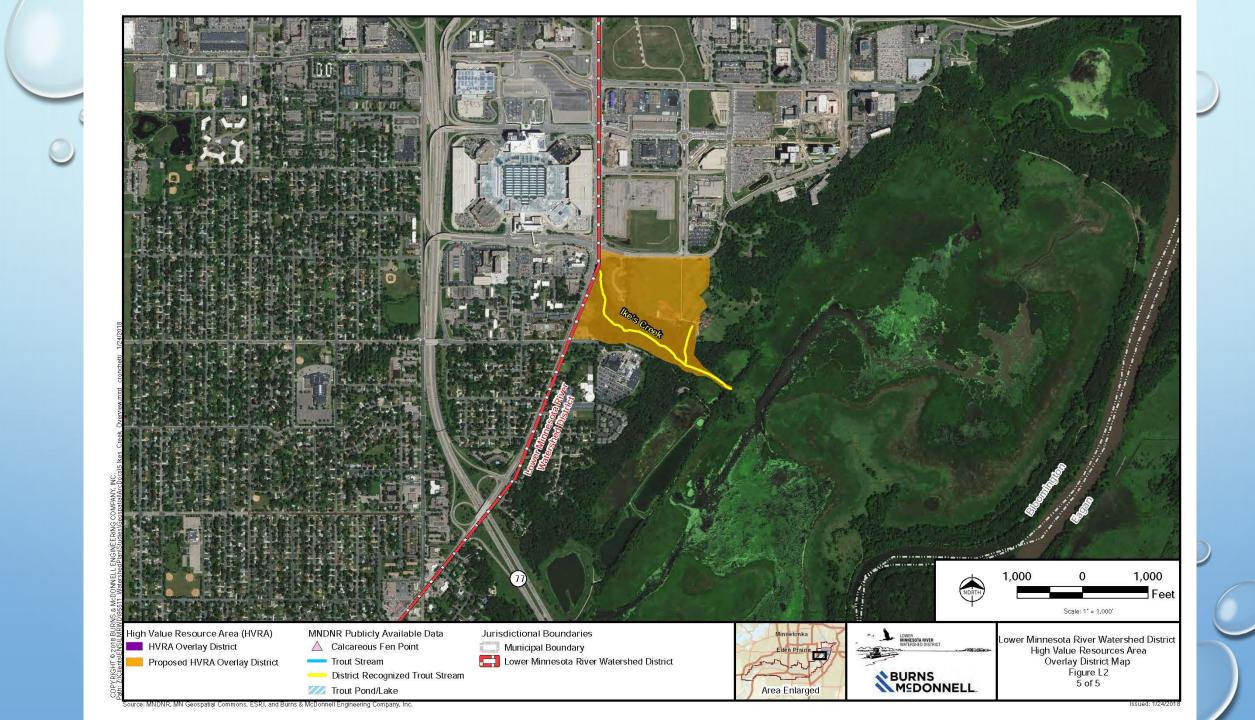
- Requirements
 - A professional engineer registered in the State of Minnesota certifies the suitability of the area for the proposed activities, structures or uses resulting from the activities
 - Minimum erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs)
 include site stabilization and slope restoration measures to ensure the
 proposed activity will not result in:
 - adverse impacts to adjacent and/or downstream properties or water bodies;
 - unstable slopes conditions; and
 - degradation of water quality due to erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and other damages



- Requirements (Cont.)
 - Preservation of existing hydrology and drainage patterns. Landdisturbing activities may not result in any new water discharge points on steep slopes or along the bluff
 - Stormwater ponds, swales, infiltration basins, or other soil saturation-type features shall not be constructed within the overlay district



- Floodplain and Drainage Alteration Standard
 - Regulates all waterbodies. Suggest modifying it to regulate all public waters, wetlands subject to the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), and public drainage systems subject to the Minnesota buffer law.
 - Regulates to the 100-year high water elevation. Suggest modifying it to regulate to the FEMA base flood elevation.
 - 'No Rise' certificate for projects that places fill in the floodplain





- Proposed Construction Erosion and Sediment Control
 Standards
 - Regulates activities with land disturbance of 5,000sf or more, or grading, excavating, filling or storing of more than 50 cubic yards of soil or earth material.
 - Requires the proposer to provide the following:
 - Grading/ Erosion Control Plan
 - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for site disturbing 1 acre or more and
 - Maintenance and Inspection Plan



Proposed Stormwater Management Standard

- Regulates development, redevelopment, and drainage alterations (including roads) creating new impervious areas greater than 10,000 square feet (sq. ft.).
- Requires the following
 - Rate to meet existing condition using Atlas 14 nested distribution
 - Volume to meet MIDS requirements
 - Water Quality to meet existing conditions



- Proposed Water Appropriation Standard
 - Regulates activities requiring both MnDNR Temporary Dewatering and Appropriations permits
 - Requires the proposer
 - To demonstrate no net change in groundwater levels to adjacent fens
 - To prepare a discharge management plan



Administrative Procedures

- Nonconformities policy
- Policy for lots with current municipal development approval
- Policy for lots with development potential
- Roadway/Public Works Projects
- Timeline for Local Water Management Plan (LWMP) and Official Control amendments
- Variance and Conditional Use Process
- Project Review and Technical Assistance Process



Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs)

- Seminary Fen Ravine Project (Chaska)
 - Site A \$75,000
 - Site B \$75,000
 - Site C2 and C3 (Studies) \$30,000 each (\$60,000 total)
 - Site C2 and C3 (Design & Construction) \$75,000 each (\$150,000 total)
- Assumption Creek Hydrology Restoration Study (Chaska) \$30,000
- Re-routing of Amazon Distribution Center Discharge \$100,000 (Shakopee)



Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs)

- Segment 5 Realignment of Prior Lake Outlet Channel \$100,000 (Shakopee)
- Highway 101 Bluff Restoration Project (Chanhassen) no details provided
- Savage Fen Water Quality Project \$150,000 (Savage)
- Based District Groundwater Model ~\$175,000 (LMRWD)
- Update Minnesota River Floodplain Model ~ \$150,000 (LMRWD)

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