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# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting  
Wednesday, October 24, 2018

### Agenda Item

#### Item 4. G. - Master Water Steward

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#### Summary

The Master Water Steward Program was developed by the Freshwater Society in 2013 to equip citizens with the knowledge and skills needed to help improve water quality at the grassroots level. The program certifies and supports community leaders to install pollution prevention projects that educate community members, reduce pollutants from stormwater runoff, and allow more water to soak into the ground before running into storm sewer systems. The program is a partnership between Freshwater and participating cities, watershed management organizations and non-profits.

Stewards are certified by participating in a broad training curriculum led by experts in the fields of hydrology, stormwater management, water policy, community-based social marketing, landscape assessment, and installation of clean water practices. They must complete a capstone project that captures rainfall and allows more water to soak into the ground, and lead a community outreach event. Stewards then become a point of knowledge and influence in their communities. Master Water Stewards volunteer their time for watershed districts and environmental groups, participating on city and local government boards, influencing policy, and changing the health of our waters.

A new training session began in October 2018 and two applicants to the program reside in the LMRWD. One of the applicants lives in Bloomington and the other lives in Savage. The 2018 LMRWD education budget includes funding for one Master Water Steward at \$2,500. The Master Water Steward Program asked if the District would sponsor both applicants. Volunteer activities for the two applicants will be managed by Hennepin County and Scott Soil & Water Conservation District.

#### Attachments

No attachments

#### Recommended Action

Motion to authorize two Master Water Stewards