SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

South Washington Watershed District-Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:00 p.m.
City of Woodbury Public Works building
2301 Tower Drive

AGENDA

1) Call to Order and Setting of Agenda

2) Public Open Forum

3) Consent Agenda

4) Manager Reports

5) Administrator's Report
   a) Project Update
   b) Wild Rivers Conservancy-Purple Loosestrife Community Science Project
   c) Lower St. Croix WBIF Convene Discussion
   d) Agreements Authorized by Administrator

6) Grey Cloud Bathymetry Task Order #2026-001, Houston Engineering
   a) Discussion: Grey Cloud Bathymetry Task Order #2026-001, Houston Eng
   b) Decision: Grey Cloud Bathymetry Task Order #2026-001, Houston Eng

7) City of Woodbury Water Wise Implementation Program (WWWIP)
   a) Discussion: WWWIP 2025 Program Summary and 2026 Program Request
   b) Decision: WWWIP 2026 Program Request

8) Glacial Valley Park Maintenance Contract, Great River Greening
   a) Discussion: Glacial Valley Park Maintenance Contract, Great River Greening
   b) Decision: Glacial Valley Park Maintenance Contract, Great River Greening

9) Presentation: Armstrong Lake Cattail Harvesting

10) Future Business and Meetings
   a) Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:00pm
   b) CAC Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00pm
   c) MSRC-Minnesota Stormwater Pond Symposium, March 31-April 1, 2026
   d) Mike Madigan Recognition, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 5:00pm
   e) Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 6:00pm

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f) Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, April 27, 2026 4:00pm
g) Workshop and Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2026 5:00pm

11) Adjourn

Consent Agenda-March 10, 2026

a) Approval of Minutes
   i) 2/10/2026 Regular Meeting
b) Treasurers Report
   i) Accounts payable February 26
   ii) Financials year to date and Fund Balances
c) Calendar/Meetings
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   i) Final
      (1) None
   ii) On Going
      (1) Lake Elmo WTP, Lake Elmo
   iii) New
      (1) Bailey West, Woodbury, Newport, Maplewood
e) Wetland Conservation Act
   i) Notice of Decision-Ojibway Trail Reconstruction
f) Cost Share Program
g) Miscellaneous Correspondence

Post Until 3/11/2026

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Consent Agenda Item a**
Title: SWWD Board Minutes	**Board Action Requested:** Approval of Minutes: 2/10/2026 Regular Meeting	**Required Signatures** SWWD Secretary
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification:		
Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: N/A		**Comments:**
Fund N/A	**Explanation**	**Fund Balance:** N/A
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

Regular Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 6:00 p.m.
City of Woodbury Public Works Building

1. **Call to Order and Setting of Agenda**
   Manager Doucette called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to add agenda item #11-Washington County Road 74 Ravine Easements. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

   Roll Call:
   - Sharon Doucette, President
   - Emily Stephens, Vice President
   - Kevin ChapdeLaine, Treasurer
   - Mike Madigan, Secretary

   Staff:
   - John Loomis, Administrator
   - Melissa Imse, Operations Manager
   - Kyle Axtell. Watershed Project Manager
   - Tony Randazzo, Watershed Restoration Specialist
   - Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Coordinator

   Others:
   - Mary Ellen Reihsen, SWWD Attorney

2. **Public Open Forum**. None.

3. **Consent Agenda**
   Items on the Consent Agenda include: January 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes, January Claims Roster and Treasurer's Report: accounts payable $879,226.21, accounts receivable $49,240.63, 4M fund balance $10,678,741.89, Washington County Final 2025 tax settlement $10,024.49, Calendar of Events, Development Reviews, Wetland Conservation Act, Cost Share, and Miscellaneous Correspondence. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to approve the Consent Agenda. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Manager's Report**
   Manager Doucette–None.
   Manager Stephens–None.
   Manager ChapdeLaine–Manager ChapdeLaine reported that he spoke with the auditor about the upcoming SWWD audit.
   Manager Madigan–None.

5. **Administrator Report**
   SWWD Project Updates. Included in the board packet are project updates on: Trout Brook, Glacial Valley Park and Open space, Campus Greening, Wilmes Lake Alum Treatment Facility, Hasenbank Woods and Stormwater Park, Markgrafs Lake Retrofit Analysis, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, CR74-65th and Geneva, Newport Elementary Underground BMP, Lower Grey Cloud Slough Habitat Improvement, Watershed Management Plan Update, In-Lake AIS Management, Newport Open Space Planning, Cottage Grove Open Space Planning, Armstrong Lake

Wetland Cattail Harvesting, SWWD Website Update, La and Ria Lake Outlets, and Groundwater and Ecosystems Services Studies.

6. **SWWD 2026 Stewardship Grant Program.** The SWWD Stewardship Grant Program (formerly the BMP Cost Share Program) incentivizes residential, commercial and institutional landowners to install or retrofit landscape features that provide water quality and/or ecosystem service benefit to the watershed. The incentives are performance-based, where the level of pollution reduction benefit correlates to cost-share grant award amount. The proposed 2026 program budget will remain at $70,000. The managers reviewed the 2025 program summary and 2026 program. A motion was made by Manager Madigan to authorize $70,000 for the 2026 BMP Cost Share program. Manager ChapdeLaine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **2026 Washington Conservation District Service Agreement.** SWWD relies on WCD to operate the District's monitoring program, provide WCA administration support, small scale BMP and vegetation maintenance, and technical assistance to support District cost share programs. The 2026 agreement reflects changes to the District's cost-share programs for 2026, re-establishing an emphasis on education and outreach. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to approve the 2026 Washington Conservation District Service Agreement. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion unanimously.

8. **Washington County Memorandum of Understanding CSAH 19 and 80th Street.** Washington County is planning to construct a roundabout at CSAH 19 and 80th St in Cottage Grove. Due to drinking water related infiltration restrictions, they are unable to adequately treat runoff from the project for phosphorus and propose to pay in lieu of treatment as SWWD has allowed in the past for County linear projects. The District will use the funding for a future project to target phosphorus reduction in the Ravine Lake watershed. A motion was made by Manager Stephens to approve the Washington County Memorandum of Understanding CSAH 19 and 80th Street. Manager ChapdeLaine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **2025 Aquatic Vegetation Management and 2026 Vegetation Management Proposal.** Staff presented a summary of the 2025 aquatic vegetation management and the 2026 vegetation management proposal. After discussion, a motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to approve the 2026 vegetation management proposal. Manager Madigan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Vegetation Management Update and Seed Purchase.** The SWWD continues to manage a variety of natural areas on both District owned properties and in coordination with partners. Throughout the District, a number of sites require overseeding to improve habitat and native plant cover. The purchase of seed is for the following sites being actively managed in spring, 2026:
    - Cottage Grove Middle and Grey Cloud Elementary Schools
    - Crestview Elementary School
    - Hasenbank Woods Northern Corners
    - Glacial Valley Park
    - On-hand seed for rapid response use

    A motion was made by Manager Stephens to approve the seed order as presented. Manager ChapdeLaine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Washington County Road 74 Ravine Easements.** In December 2025, SWWD approved a cooperative agreement with Washington County to implement the CR74 Ravine Stabilization Project in conjunction with the reconstruction of County Road 74 (CR74). Washington County is expected to execute that agreement along with selection of a contractor at the conclusion of its bidding process this month. Concurrently, SWWD has

been working with the St. Paul Park Refining Co. (Marathon) to establish perpetual easements in favor of SWWD over two parcels in the CR74 ravine project area. SWWD's legal counsel, Hellmuth & Johnson, drafted the easements on behalf of SWWD and Houston Engineering provided legal descriptions and survey. Marathon executed those two easements and transmitted them to staff. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to approve the Washington County Road 74 Ravine Easement. Manager Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. SWWD Staff will then handle recording of the easements with Washington County.

12. **2025 Administrator Review.** The SWWD Board conducted the annual performance review for the Administrator at their January regular meeting. The managers reviewed the summary of the Administrator review. A motion was made by Manager Madigan to approve the 2025 Administrator Review. Manager ChapdeLaine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Future Business and Meetings.**
    - Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Event, Tuesday, March 3, 2026
    - Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:00pm
    - CAC Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00pm
    - MSRC-Minnesota Stormwater Pond Symposium, March 31-April 1, 2026
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    - Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, April 27-, 2026 4:00pm

14. **Adjourn**
    The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Manager ChapdeLaine to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Manager Doucette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Imse

Melissa Imse, Operations Manager

Approved By:

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Mr. David Filipiak, Secretary Date

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Consent Agenda Item b**
Title: SWWD Monthly Accounting	**Board Action Requested:** **Approval of:** Treasurers Report Accounts payable for February 2026	**Required Signatures** SWWD Treasurer
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification Accounts Payable February 26: $233,380.18 Accounts Receivable February 26: $59,313.42 4M fund Balance February 26: $10,197,099.64		
Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: N/A		**Comments:**
Fund N/A	**Explanation**	**Fund Balance:** N/A
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

South Washington Watershed District
Claims Roster
February-26

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Vendor	Description	Invoice #	Amount
City of Woodbury	Stormwater Study CCIP	1562	$ 40,729.37
City of Woodbury	2025 Irrigation Controller Reimbursement	1547	$ 10,435.00
City of Woodbury	March 2026 Rent	1571	$ 3,429.27
City of Woodbury	Enhanced Street Sweeping July-Dec 2025	1577	$ 60.00
City of Woodbury	Hasenbank Maintenance-4 Qrtr	1576	$ 6,198.57
Great River Greening	Bailey School Forest	4706	$ 6,000.00
Insight	BI Software	1101364961	$ 26.69
Taylor Mills	Artist in Residence March Payment	11	$ 750.00
Minnesota Native Landscapes	2026 Seed Order	57576	$ 7,113.20
University of Minnesota	2026 MN Stormwater Research Council	See Attached	$ 25,000.00
Payroll, Benefits, and EFT Payments	**18 EFT, 10 Direct Dep, 2 Checks**		**$ 133,638.08**
Minnesota Life Ins. Co.	March 2026 Life Prem	Check	$ 207.95
Madison National Life	Jan 2025 LTD and STD	Check	$ -
Health Partners	Insurance Premium	EFT	$ 6,917.36
US Bank Credit Card	Credit Card Payment	EFT	$ 551.36
US Bank Equipment	Copier Rental	EFT	$ 216.97
Optum	H.S.A. Fee	EFT	$ 4.25
Abdo	January 2026 Payroll	518249	$ 455.00
Barr Engineering	Standards Manual	23821302.00-19	$ 1,211.00
Barr Engineering	Lakes & Creek Management Plan	23821336.00-19	$ 9,603.00
Barr Engineering	La and Ria Lakes Outlet	23821345.00-9	$ 703.00
Barr Engineering	Water Quality Database	23821357.00-6	$ 9,185.00
Barr Engineering	Monitoring Plan Update	23821358.00-6	$ 6,174.00
Hellmuth & Johnson Legal	January Legal Services	EFT	$ 2,235.00
HR Green	Newport Elementary Inv 198590	EFT	$ 1,921.25
HR Green	Wilmes Inv 198315	EFT	$ 2,609.94
SRF Consulting	Ravine Lake Outlet INV 17696.00-18 Jan	EFT	$ 10,917.81
Stantec	EcoSystems Management Plan	2516587	$ 6,982.29
Stantec	Groundwater Feasibility Study	2516586	$ 2,938.00
US Bank	Banking Fee	EFT	$ 25.00
Washington Conservation District	Jan Tech Inv 7364	EFT	$ 2,270.50
Washington Conservation District	Jan Monitoring Inv 7368	EFT	$ 17,457.92
			$ 233,380.18

Accounts Receivable	**Description**	**Check #**	Amount
Washington County	CSAH 19 Payment		$ 28,900.00
City of Woodbury	Lake Management		$ 1,028.12
4M	February Interest		$ 29,385.30
	Total		**$ 59,313.42**

Sharon Doucette, SWWD President

Date March 10, 2026

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Consent Agenda Item c**
Title: SWWD Calendar	**Board Action Requested:** None Requested	**Required Signatures**
Reviewed by: JHL		

Background/Justification:

Calendar/Meetings

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Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: N/A		**Comments:**
Fund N/A	**Explanation**	**Fund Balance:** N/A
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** Approval **Informational** Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Consent Agenda Item d**
Title: Development Reviews	**Board Action Requested:** None Requested	**Required Signatures**
Reviewed by: JHL		

Background/Justification:

Development Reviews

i) Final
   (1) None
ii) On Going
   (1) Lake Elmo WTP, Lake Elmo
iii) New
   (1) Bailey West, Woodbury, Newport, Maplewood

Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: N/A		**Comments:**
Fund N/A	**Explanation**	**Fund Balance:** N/A
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** Approval Informational Denial **No Recommendation**	**Comments**

February 2026 Development Reviews

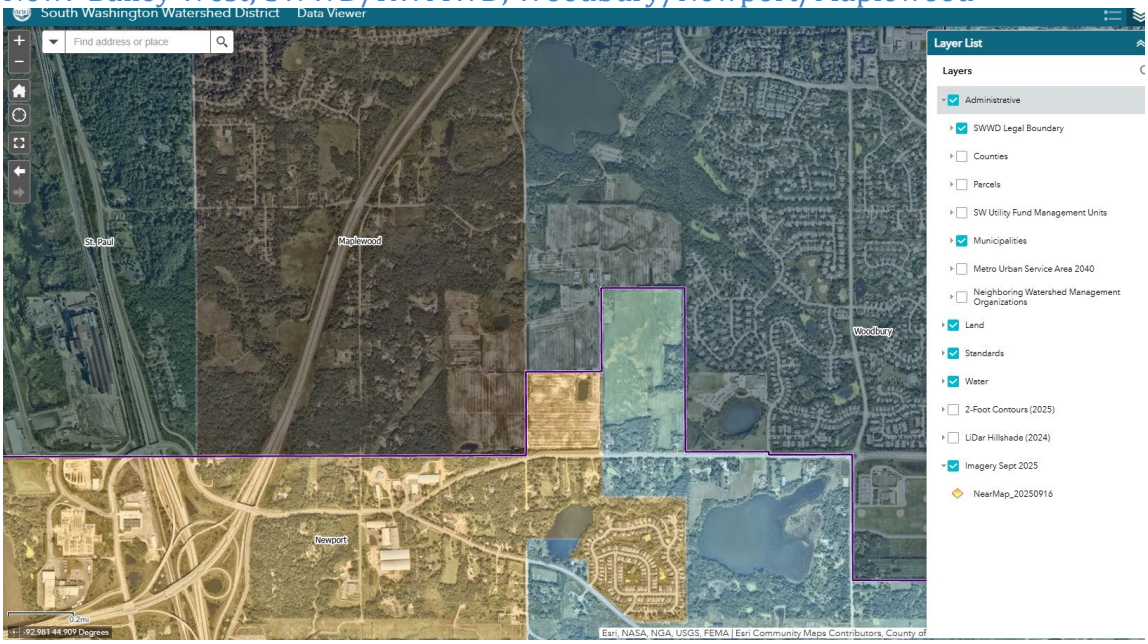
Ongoing: Lake Elmo WTP; Lake Elmo

February 2026: No change.

October 2025: Lake Elmo is proceeding with wetland delineation and WCA permitting related to ongoing well suitability testing. Most of the wetlands within the property are in Valley Branch WD. SWWD has delegated WCA administration for this property to VBWD.

December 2024: Lake Elmo is looking for sites for a future well and water treatment plant to remove PFAS from the City's drinking water supply. The site they are currently looking at sits upstream of Armstrong Lake. As part of the feasibility assessment, the city is required to do a 72 hour pump test at the site which would require continuous pumping of ~3cfs. That water would ultimately discharge into Armstrong Lake. SWWD modeled the inflow in the District's NWS XP model to evaluate potential downstream impacts. Even under a concurrent flood scenario there is no impact.

New: Bailey West; SWWD/RWMWD, Woodbury/Newport/Maplewood



February 2026: SWWD staff are engaged with its partners to review and coordinate regulatory responsibilities for the proposed Bailey West project that straddles the boundaries of SWWD and RWMWD and Cities of Woodbury, Newport, and Maplewood. Currently, staff expects that review and enforcement of SWWD stormwater rules will be led by the Cities and that SWWD will retain WCA LGU responsibility for wetland impacts within SWWD. We will assist RWMWD as needed to ensure that their rules are met as most of the proposed development would ultimately drain to RWMWD.

Final: Municipal Reviews, Cottage Grove

The City of Cottage Grove enforces compliance with District rules through City permits. The following projects have been permitted in 2026.

- Mississippi Landing 3rd Addition, final plat, development agreement
- Yellow Tree MFR, PUD, preliminary and final plats

Final: Municipal Reviews, Woodbury

The City of Woodbury enforces compliance with District rules through City permits. The following projects have been permitted in 2026.

- Woodbury Leadership Academy addition site and building plans
- Country Estates 2nd Addition preliminary and final plats

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Consent Agenda Item e**
Title: Wetland Conservation Act	**Board Action Requested:**	**Required Signatures** SWWD Administrator
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification: i) Notice of Decision-Ojibway Trail Reconstruction		
Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: N/A		**Comments:**
Fund N/A	**Explanation**	**Fund Balance:** N/A
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act
NOTICE OF DECISION

Date this Notice was sent:	**02/27/2026**
Local Government Unit:	**SWWD**
County:	**Washington**
Applicant and (if applicable) Applicant's Representative:	**CITY OF WOODBURY**
Project Name/Number:	**Ojibway Trail Reconstruction - De-minimis/2026-SWW-03**
Type of Decision (check all that apply): **Note:** Boundary/type, sequencing, replacement plan, and bank plan decisions require an associated notice of application prior to the decision being made.	☐ Boundary/Type ☐ Sequencing (submitted separately from a replacement plan) ☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan ☑ Exemption Identify which exemption by Rule or Statute Citation: De-minimis ☐ No-Loss Identify which provision by Rule or Statute Citation:
Decision: **Note:** All replacement plan approvals are conditional upon confirmation from BWSR of withdrawal of specified credits and/or financial assurance received for project-specific replacement.	☐ Denied ☑ Approved. Valid for ☑ 5 yrs (default); ☐ Other. Specify: ☐ Approved with Conditions List Conditions:
LGU Representative Name & Signature:	 **Jay Riggs**

Decision Timeline

An LGU must approve or deny a request within 60 days of receiving a complete application per MINN. STAT. § 15.99.

Date Complete Application Received:	**02/25/2026**
Date of Decision:	**02/27/2026**
If applicable, date of *written extension* to 60-day decision timeline & number of days extended: **Reason for Extension (check one):**	☐ Other process or decision required to occur before WCA decision. Describe: ☐ Additional information and/or revision to application submitted. ☐ Applicant request. ☐ Other. Describe:

Decision Summary

Technical Evaluation Panel Recommendation (check one):	☐ No Recommendation ☑ Approval or approval with conditions (attach recommendation) ☐ Denial (attach recommendation)
LGU Findings (check all that apply):	☐ Findings attached ☑ Findings: **The TEP reviewed the application and recommends approval. The LGU concurs with the TEP findings. The decision is valid for 5 years.**

Notice Distribution

Notice Recipients (check all that apply):	☑ SWCD TEP Member (if different from LGU): **Jay Riggs** ☑ BWSR TEP Member: **Ben Meyer** ☑ DNR Representative: **Dan Scollan** ☑ Watershed District or WMO (if applicable): **John Loomis** ☐ bank.administrator.bwsr@state.mn.us (Bank Plan Applications Only) ☑ Applicant: **CITY OF WOODBURY** ☑ Applicant's Representative (if applicable): ☐ Members of the Public Requesting Notices (if applicable): ☐ Others:

Appeal Process

Appeal Process (check one):	☐ Local Appeal Process (if established). ☑ Board of Water & Soil Resources (see instructions below)
If there is no established Local Appeal Process indicated above, an appeal of this decision may be made to BWSR per the instructions to the right. **Note:** Decisions are not final until the 30-day appeal window ends.	Mail or email written request to appeal sent to BWSR within 30 days of date this notice was sent. Include copy of this notice, name and contact information of appellant(s) and their representative(s) (if applicable), a statement clarifying intent to appeal, and supporting information as to why the decision is in error. Mail check payable to MN Board of Water & Soil Resources for $500. Send to: Appeals & Regulatory Compliance Coordinator Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155 travis.germundson@state.mn.us.

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Consent Agenda Item f**
Title: SWWD Stewardship Grants Program	**Board Action Requested:** None	**Required Signatures** SWWD Administrator
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification:		
Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: N/A		**Comments:**
Fund	**Explanation**	**Fund Balance:** N/A
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Consent Agenda Item g**
Title: Miscellaneous Correspondence	**Board Action Requested:** None	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		
Background/Justification:		
Previous Action:		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: None		**Comments:**
Fund	**Explanation**	**Fund Balance:** N/A
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** Approval **Informational** Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

SOUTH WASHINGTON
WATERSHED DISTRICT

February 20, 2026

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Attn: Josh Straka
United States House of Representatives
2256 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter in Support of Funding for Woodbury, MN Deferred Maintenance Potable Water System Maintenance Need Due to PFAS Contamination

To Whom it May Concern:

I write to you on behalf of South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) to express my full support for the above-mentioned funding request. The City of Woodbury has been severely impacted by PFAS contamination in the City's drinking water supply. As you will understand, safe drinking water is of the highest priority for a community. While aggressively working to address that pollution and provide safe drinking water to its residents, the City has unfortunately found it necessary to defer maintenance of its existing systems due to funding and capacity.

As the City's new water treatment plant and distribution system comes online the City will need to work to catch up on that deferred maintenance. Maintenance and rehab of water towers, storage facilities, and wells will help to ensure safe and reliable drinking water for the residents of Woodbury.

Please accept this letter of support for congressionally directed funding and give the highest consideration to the City of Woodbury's request.

Sincerely,

John Loomis
Administrator
South Washington Watershed District

Cc: Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senator Tina Smith
Katie Connolly, District Director Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Anne Burt, Woodbury Mayor
Woodbury City Council
Jeffrey Dahl, Woodbury City Administrator

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

February 12, 2026

The Honorable Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Support for Cottage Grove's FY26 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

On behalf of the South Washington Watershed District (SWWD), I write to express strong support for the City of Cottage Grove's application for federal funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program. This funding will assist the Southwest Arterial Roadway Project. The SWWD is committed to managing water and related resources with our citizens and communities. Our goal is to enhance resilience, safeguard water quality, and protect the region's natural assets.

Extensive proactive planning, in a 2019 update to the City's Surface Water Management Plan, supported surface water management across the City of Cottage Grove and as part of the Southwest Arterial Roadway Project to strengthen our community's resilience to extreme weather events. This focus aligns with the district's mission. A $7 million PROTECT award from the Metropolitan Council highlights the importance of this project in addressing resiliency challenges. The current roadway infrastructure in this area is outdated. It does not provide adequate stormwater retention. This deficiency exacerbates flooding, raises water quality concerns, and reduces accessibility during periods of heavy rainfall. The Southwest Arterial Roadway Project will address these issues by elevating low-lying sections of the roadway and implementing modern stormwater management and retention systems. These improvements will offset the impacts of infill development by engineered ponding in this critical watershed location. The stormwater improvements within the project will preserve water quality in downstream areas and help prevent adverse impacts in flood-prone areas. These efforts are especially important within the East Ravine Drainage District. Flooding events at Ravine Regional Park have underscored the urgent need for improved infrastructure, as high water levels have restricted public access and threatened habitats.

As stewards of our watershed, the SWWD values collaborative solutions. We look forward to working with the City of Cottage Grove and Washington County to deliver this project. We appreciate the opportunity to support this important initiative and look forward to continuing our work together for a more resilient and sustainable future.

Sincerely,

John Loomis
Administrator
South Washington Watershed District

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 5a**
Title: SWWD Projects Update	**Board Action Requested:** None requested at this time	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Staff
Background/Justification: Please review the attached memorandum for a monthly status update on SWWD's ongoing projects.		
Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications:		**Comments:**
Fund	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** Approval **Informational** Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Memo

To: SWWD Board of Managers

From: Kyle Axtell, SWWD Watershed Project Manager

Date: March 6, 2026

Re: SWWD Projects Update

Capital Projects & Project Development

Trout Brook Restoration

The construction of Phase III was completed in 2024, and all grants have been closed. Staff continues to work on vegetation along stream buffers within Phase II and Phase III areas to ensure project success while addressing concerns with invasive vegetation throughout the corridor. MNL remains under contract to provide establishment maintenance through 2027. Bare areas are being reseeded and monitored. Staff continue to work with the DNR to refine project components to ensure long-term project success, including monitoring of state listed plant species, stabilization of small gullies, and potential small structural additions identified by DNR staff.



Glacial Valley Park Interpretive Center

SWWD has a final concept design for the future Glacial Valley Park Interpretive Center and is ready to proceed with design of the structures. The plan has been to have the park features ready to be installed as development progresses with the extension of Glacial Valley Road as it would provide

access and utilities for the learning center. Facility parking is expected to be provided jointly with the City of Woodbury as it plans a new adjacent park area. An application is pending with the Minnesota DNR requesting $1,500,000 in 3M Priority 2 funding to complete this facility between now and 2029.

Wilmes Lake Alum Treatment Facility

Construction is 100% complete and the facility operated from July through October in 2025. MNL is under contract for native vegetation site maintenance through 2027. Staff are finalizing an Operations & Maintenance Manual to guide full operations by Woodbury in 2026. Morcon will be setting the new MH-01 vault lid on March 20, pending weather.



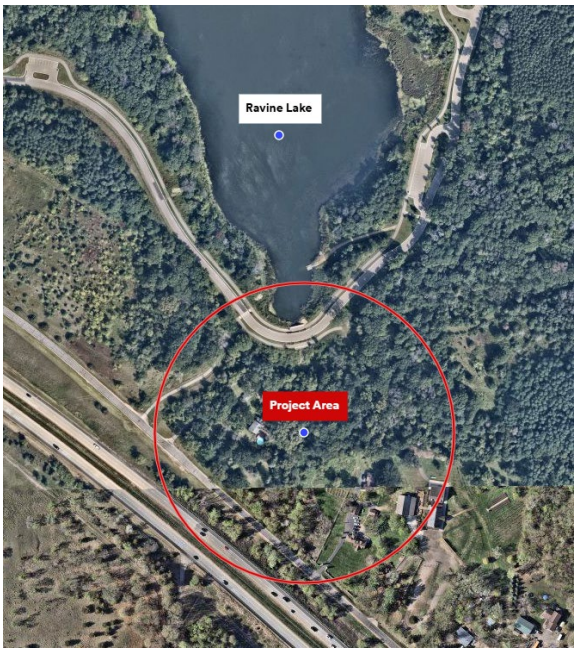
Nipinet Landsem has completed installation of their mural near the lift station. SWWD staff has some edge framing to install this spring in addition to the didactic panel. Public response has been very positive. The mural appears to have weathered through the winter and remains in great condition.



MPCA has decided that the issuance of a permit for the facility through its wastewater permitting program was in error. The facility should be regulated through the City's existing MS4 permit. The issue will be rectified once the new MS4 general permit is issued, likely in 2027.

Hasenbank Stormwater Park

Construction of the stormwater park is complete, including installation of public artwork, and the system was operational throughout 2025. Traverse Des Sioux remains under contract for site restoration and establishment. Traverse Des Souix conducted seeding of grasslands duing week of 3/2/2026.

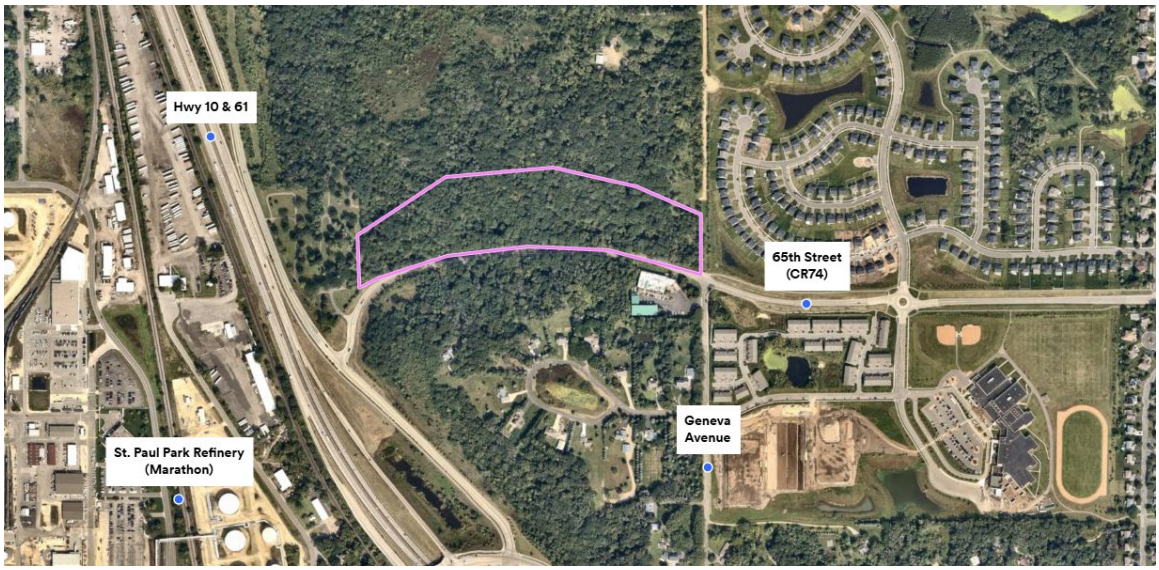


Ravine Lake Outlet Channel Stabilization

SWWD is working on a channel stabilization project between the Ravine Lake outlet and the frontage road along TH61. This short stream reach has been degrading and eroding since completion of the CDO phase 3 work on the lake outlet. Brush clearing within the project area has been completed. Remaining tree removals and stabilization work will be completed later this spring after soil dries out and road restrictions are removed.

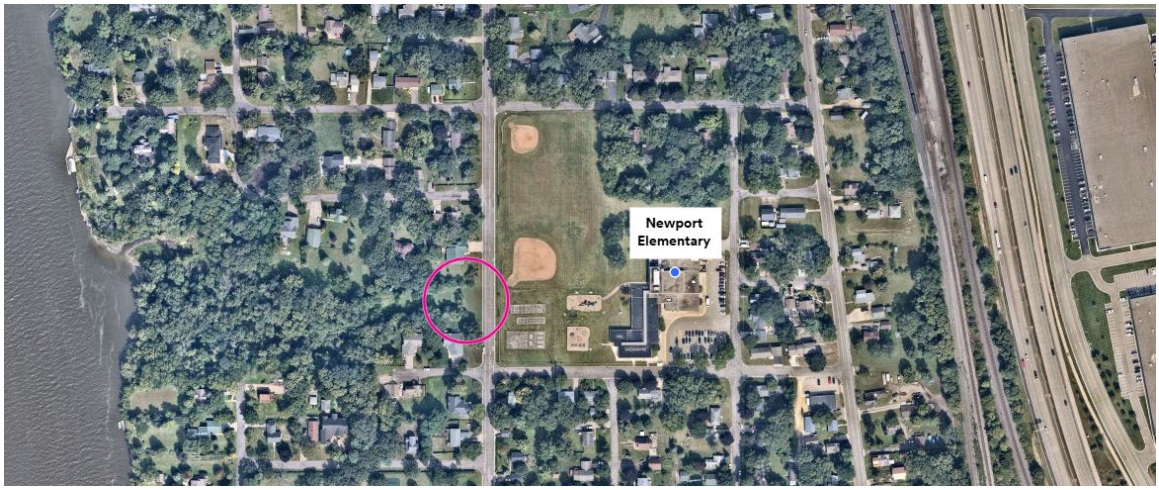
CR74 (65th Street) Ravine Stabilization

SWWD is working with Washington County to stabilize an actively eroding ravine west of the intersection of Geneva and 65th Street (CR74) in Newport as part of a road reconstruction project in 2026. Houston Engineering has developed plans for the ravine which have been incorporated into the County's project. SWWD has acquired easements from the St. Paul Park Refinery covering the ravine corridor. A project agreement between the County and SWWD is in place and bids were received by the County on February 19, 2026. SWWD's total expected share of cost to complete this project will be $116,858. Of this amount, $45,528 in FY25 WBIF grant funding from BWSR will assist in financing the project ($71,330 net funds required).



Newport Elementary Underground BMP

SWWD has received a $250,000 Clean Water Legacy Partners grant from BWSR for this project. HR Green has begun survey and design services under its task order for the project. Construction is not expected until 2027.



Lower Grey Cloud Slough Habitat Management

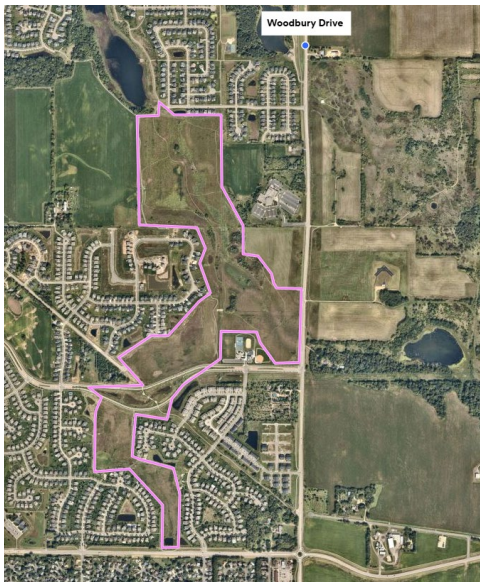
SWWD and DNR staff have been working to develop a proposed project aimed at restoring historic island complexes and improving aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the lower slough area. Significant USACE project funding could be available for this type of effort, with a 35% local match requirement. 3M Priority 2 funding could be used to secure upwards of $11-12 million in Federal funding for this project, which could take 5-10 years to realize. A Section 204 Letter of Intent has been submitted to the USACE, and an application has been submitted to the Minnesota DNR requesting $3,500,000 in 3M Priority 2 funding to be used as a local match against the proposed USACE funding.



Ecosystem Services & Landscape Restoration

Glacial Valley Park

Great River Greening (GRG) continues maintenance activities along the edges of the site in the Cedarhurst neighborhood and throughout prairies, targeting woody species, especially aspen/cottonwood clumps. Staff have identified research plots and collected data on 8 units covering approximately 11 acres to assess ways to improve floral diversity and tall grass reduction through burn timing, sheep grazing, high mowing and targeted herbicide treatments. Broadcast "snow seeding" took place in February, 2026.





A portion of one of the units planned for a fall burn suffered from an unintentional wildfire on 10/5/2025. Additional research through the University of Minnesota and GRG is assessing different strains of oak trees from northern, central and southern regions of Minnesota approximately 10 years after planting. Following data collection, these areas will receive a prescribed burn and post burn survivability will provide more detailed information on management of oaks in a changing climate. A four year contract for continued maintenance throughout the SWWD-owned park is up for consideration by the board.

Campus Greening

Staff are working with new School District facilities staff to assist with long-term maintenance of all Campus Greening natural areas, helping to identify equipment needs, scheduling and training so that District staff can be more active in future site management.

Lake and Middleton

Teachers and staff have seeded into pots a diverse array of flowers to be grown in the classroom. These plants will be planted by students in spring as the schools continue to enhance prairies in 2026. Middle school students conducted seeding of materials collected in fall on a number of sites around the middle and elementay school campuses.

Crestview Elementary
Staff is working with the School District to review and ensure alterations to campus will be restored to native plant communities where planned. Staff will work with the district to monitor establishment activities, making sure that important activities are not skipped as prairie buffers establish. Staff will also monitor the woodland at Crestview and work with WCD and School District to control persistent weeds that are still present (Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard). Snow seeding will occur along Hinton where native species establishment has been an ongoing challenge.

Nuevas Fronteras
Areas near the underground BMP will continue to be reseeded and staff will continue to monitor and assess ways to retain native species in a regularly disturbed site. Some overseeding may be needed along the woodland adjacent to railroad.

Valley Crossing
Staff will continue to monitor and work with School District to take on future maintenance.

Grey Cloud and Cottage Grove
A second prescribed burn will take place in spring, 2026 on half of the prairies not completed in fall. Staff is working with the Middle School Nature Club to snow seed areas burned in fall, and will directly overseed immediately following spring burns with students.

Cottage Grove Elementary and Oltman Middle Schools
The WCD has funding available through the BWSR Pollinator Pathways program to restore habitat on school campuses. Neither Olman nor Cottage Grove Elementary School met Campus Greening program requirements, but BWSR funding will allow the schools to restore up to an acre of prairie each. Restoration site prep Cottage Grove has been ongoing through summer. Oltman will begin in Spring, 2026. Staff are assisting with planning and will provide cost-share dollars as match for state grant.

Carpenter Nature Center
CNC completed in-classroom and in-field Water Quality programming with 6th graders at Cottage Grove and Lake Middle Schools in Fall, 2025. CNC programming continues in spring and fall of 2026 at Oltman and Woodbury Middle Schools. Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District is funding the CNC programs at Woodbury Middle School. Program will, in spring, 2026 reach all 6th Graders in the School District during the current school year.



Hasenbank Woods Restoration

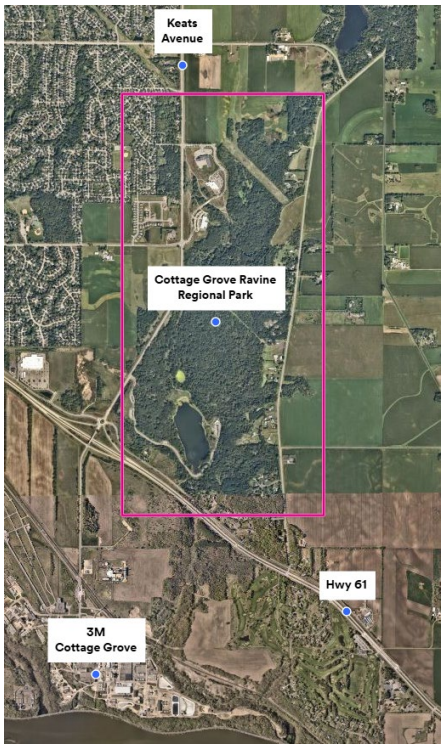
Hasenbank Woods restoration continues. WCD crews completed foliar spraying of buckthorn again in fall 2025. STS will be back on site in winter to remove and/or burn deadfall and brush. Good fuel load is established on site which will facilitate a spring prescribed burn in the woodlands. A prescribed burn is planned for spring 2026. Garlic mustard pull public event is in the works for spring, 2026.



Staff provided support to the city to obtain grant funding for vegetation restoration around Fish Lake. Ongoing activities related to this action are being conducted throughout the site and include removal of heavily treed areas dominated by dead and dying green ash, prescribed burns, herbicide treatments and fine mowing to replace reed canary grass dominated wetlands with native sedge meadow communities.

Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park

Staff are coordinating efforts to provide restoration and native plant community management within Cottage Grove Ravine Park with a focus on areas within SWWD's drainage easement. Discussions are focused on management of invasive species, with a focus on common buckthorn, garlic mustard and common burdock as well as the consideration of fencing to prevent undesired uses and support future grazing activities. Staff will continue to monitor and provide adaptive management in coordination with County Staff.



Cottage Grove Open Space Planning

Staff are working with the Cottage Grove Parks Department, assisting with ecological planning efforts at Mississippi Dunes Preserve, Still Ponds Preserve, and Vandenberg Lake. Friends of the Mississippi River completed a full site assessment and Natural Resources Management Plan for Mississippi Dunes in 2025. Staff worked with the WCD to produce a full site assessment and Natural Resources Management Plan for Still Ponds Park in 2025. Vandenburg Lake planning continues with staff seeking to secure funding to preserve 80 acres of open space containing quality, albeit degraded oak communities containing state-listed rare species. Staff is now working with City of Cottage Grove to identify funding sources to begin implementation of these natural resources projects.

Newport Open Space Planning

Staff are working with City of Newport and BWSR staff using state funding to conduct full ecological restoration and enhancement of the grasslands located along the Xcel transmission line corridors within the Bailey School Forest Park. BWSR and SWWD staff are conducting test plots to assess best approaches to invasive species control to include assessments of herbicides, fire, timing and seeding approaches. Project is a pilot to explore ways to conduct long term management of utility corridors that meet operation and safety needs of utilities while at the same time, supporting high quality native plant communities.



Staff have been working with the City of Newport to develop relationships with State Agencies, Companies, non-profits and residents to provide support for natural resource improvements and management along the river and bluffs. Great River Greening will be spending Outdoor Heritage Grant funds to improve habitat and slope stability in the Bailey School Forest Park beginning in fall, 2025.



SWWD received a DNR expedited CPL grant for $50,000 to assist with the restoration of 9 acres at the entry to Bailey School Forest Park. Over the next three years, staff will be working with the local residents, city staff, volunteers, school students, contractors and county agencies to transition the entry to the park from



non-native forest to a more open oak dominated savanna and woodland with diverse ground layer vegetation. Forestry mowing, deceased oak removal and canopy thinning all occurred in January, 2026 showing dramatic changes to the entry area. STS crews will be working to clear buckthorn and hazard trees on another six acres through fall and winter. Staff is also working with Great River Greening, managing activities within the larger oak woodland. Forestry mowing and hand removals of buckthorn has been completed in a nine acre area. Frozen and ice crusted snow created ideal conditions to aggressively removal all buckthorn in this area with minimal ground contact by heavy tracked equipment.

Aquatic Vegetation & Invasive Species

Armstrong Lake Wetland Cattail Harvesting

The test plot at Armstrong Lake wetland was harvested by WCD and Conservation Corps crews during the last week of August 2025. Samples were collected and brought to the University of Michigan Research Analytics Lab for analysis. Results have been received, and a report will be available shortly. Staff are planning a poster presentation to be displayed at the upcoming MSRC Stormwater Pond Symposium. There has been significant interest in our findings shown by other researchers.



Lake Management & AIS

Staff are working to schedule appropriate spring AIS treatments and point intercept surveys. Following the results of the spring surveys, AIS treatments will be pursued if necessary. Wilmes North Basin and Markgrafs are next to be treated.

Modeling & Planning

La & Ria Lakes Outlets

In response to past flooding concerns, SWWD and its consultants continue to study the La and Ria Lakes outlets and the downstream drainage to the Mississippi River. Updated modeling has

identified several downstream concerns that have been shared with Woodbury and Newport. Once the Cities have had a chance to review, we will work with both Cities to identify next steps.



Groundwater & Ecosystem Services Studies

Two related studies are underway to assess the benefits of large-scale restoration and protection, identifying and ranking sites that provide high potential for watershed protection. The Groundwater Study, funded by the Minnesota Department of Health, has been developing mapping and ranking criteria that support protection of groundwater recharge and discharge areas. Project outcome will provide actionable steps that communities can take to protect important areas on the landscape as well as offer models for land use practices. Cities and county partners have been fully engaged in the data collection process and discussions of needs.

The Ecosystem Services Study has identified a significant number of potential sites throughout the SWWD that may offer substantial benefit to watershed health. The consultant, in coordination with staff, are developing criteria for ranking site benefits. The ranking criteria will be applied to known sites to assist with long term program planning, but is also designed to be applicable to new sites not yet identified. Consultant is currently testing the ranking methods on known sites.

Administrative

Watershed Management Plan Update

SWWD's current WMP extends through October 2026. There is a substantial process to follow in updating the WMP, which SWWD began in 2024. A full draft plan is currently out for 60 day review. Remaining update milestones are listed below.

- February 2 to April 3, 2026: 60 Day Agency Review
- April 14, 2026 Board Meeting: Discuss review comments received
- April 27, 2026: Send Response to Comments

- May 12, 2026 Board Meeting: Public Hearing
- July 1 to September 29, 2026: 90 Day BWSR Review
- October 13, 2026 Board Meeting: Adopt Plan

SWWD Financial Audit and Annual Report.
Staff continues to prepare the audit workpapers for the upcoming financial audit in April. Final audit reports will be on the May agenda for Board approval. Staff also continues to work on the SWWD Annual Report for 2025. The draft will be available for Board review and comment at the April Board meeting.

SWWD Website Update
Staff received content migration and management training in October and gained access to the website to ensure correctness and to continue to add content. The website will publicly launch alongside the new Watershed Management Plan.

Artist-in-Residence
No new updates at this time.

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 5b**
Title: Wild Rivers Conservancy-Purple Loosestrife Community Science Project	**Board Action Requested:**	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Loomis
Background/Justification: SWWD received a request from Wild Rivers Conservancy for support for their purple loosestrife control program. The program recruits and engages volunteers to raise and release bugs that act as a biological control to limit expansion of the invasive purple loosestrife. Staff sees value in the program and potential partnership. Other Watershed Districts are working to support the effort as well. Staff will provide further discussion at the meeting and is ultimately seeking Board guidance on potential level of support.		
Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: **$**		**Comments:**
Fund:	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** Approval **Informational** Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

Wild Rivers Conservancy - Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Community Science Project

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Background

- Wild Rivers Conservancy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Osceola, Wisconsin. We are the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service for the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.
- Wild Rivers Conservancy began the purple loosestrife biocontrol community science project in 2022 with funding provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. The project engages community scientists to rear and release *Galerucella* beetles to combat populations of the invasive species purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*.
- *Galerucella* beetles are a USDA approved biological control. They feed primarily on purple loosestrife and decrease their seed output by causing stress to the plants via feeding.

Key Points

- With the support of Watershed Districts in Washington County, the purple loosestrife biocontrol community science project will continue to:
    - ☐ Engage community scientists in rearing and releasing *Galerucella* beetles in wetlands with high density purple loosestrife populations,
    - ☐ Reduce the vigor, size and seed output of purple loosestrife, allowing native plants to survive, and
    - ☐ Support healthy and thriving wetland and riverine ecosystems in the St. Croix Watershed.
- The project is not only valuable by reducing the populations of purple loosestrife in the watershed, but also by empowering community scientists to protect their watershed.
- Project success will be measured by the number of beetles raised and released and will be analyzed using post-beetle release monitoring forms, which utilize visual inspection and photography to track progress.

Current Status

- Since 2023, the purple loosestrife biocontrol community science project has recruited 58 volunteers and has released over 13,500 beetles at high priority purple loosestrife populations in the St. Croix River watershed in Minnesota.
- Approximately 60% of the beetles released since 2023 have been released in Washington County, MN.
- The Conservancy is hoping to continue this valuable project by receiving support from the Minnesota counties in the St. Croix River watershed.

Contact Person: Maria Young, Invasive Species Coordinator, 715-483-3300 x 21, myoung@wildriversconservancy.org

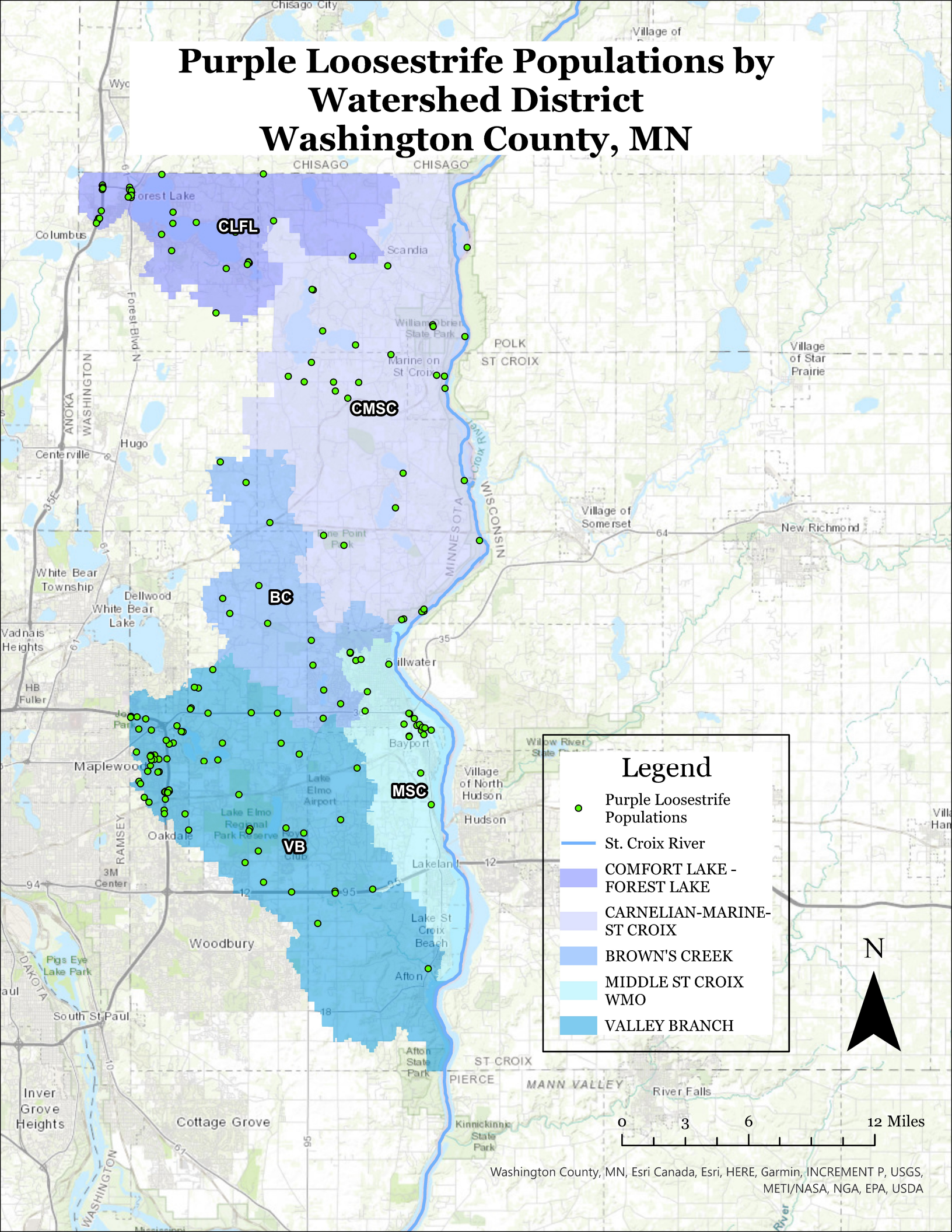


Conservancy staff and volunteers releasing *Galerucella* beetles at Lake McKusick
Photo by Sierra Stukenholtz



A typical *Galerucella* rearing kit set-up
Photo by Rhonda Dalbey

Purple Loosestrife Populations by Watershed District Washington County, MN



SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 5c**
Title: Lower St. Croix WBIF Convene Discussion	**Board Action Requested:** Confirm policy direction for upcoming Metro LSC WBIF Convene Meeting	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Loomis/Axtell

Background/Justification:
In previous biennial funding cycles for the BWSR Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) program, the allocation to the Lower St. Croix (LSC) Metro area has been largely or fully directed toward the LSC Watershed Partnership for implementation of the basin-wide comprehensive plan. For FY26-27 the Metro LSC allocation is $1,266,376.

The upcoming convene meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2026, and Kyle Axtell will be serving as SWWD's voting representative. He has also been volunteering as the LSC Metro WBIF convene meeting coordinator.

Staff's recommendation is that SWWD support fully allocating the funding to the LSC Watershed Partnership for basin-wide implementation and is looking for Board discussion and direction on this policy matter.

Previous Action:		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: **$ 0**		**Comments:**
Fund	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

Metro Lower St. Croix Watershed
BWSR FY26-27 Watershed-Based Implementation Funding
Convene Meeting Agenda

Date: 03-24-2026 Time: 2:00-3:00pm

In-Person: Washington County Public Works North Shop
11660 Myeron Road N, Stillwater, MN 55082

Hybrid Option via MS Teams: USE THIS LINK
Meeting ID: 230 963 506 491 38 Passcode: DS23bW6S

1. **Attendance (Roll Call; 5 mins)**
    a. Voting Members:

Organization	Representative	Contact
Washington County	Stephanie Souter	stephanie.souter@co.washington.mn.us
Anoka SWCD	Jamie Schurbon	jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org
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Brown's Creek WD	Karen Kill	karen.kill@mnwcd.org
Carnelian Marine St. Croix WD	Mike Isensee	mike.isensee@cmscwd.org
Comfort Lake Forest Lake WD	Jackie Anderson	jackie.anderson@clflwd.org
Middle St. Croix WD	Matt Downing	moldenburg-downing@mnwcd.org
South Washington WD	Kyle Axtell	kyle.axtell@swwdmn.gov
Sunrise River WMO	Karen Fleming	flemingcush113@outlook.com
Valley Branch WD	John Hanson	jhanson@barr.com
Municipal Voting Member	TBD	
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2. **WBIF Program Overview & Updates – BWSR Staff (10 mins)**
3. **Decision Process (5 mins)**
    a. Unanimous Consent (13/13 members) vs. Simple Majority Vote (7/13 members) vs. Supermajority Vote (9/13)?
4. **Metro Funding Allocation Discussion (35 mins)**
    a. Background (available funding = $1,266,376)
    b. Primary Questions
        i. How will funds be allocated in the planning area? Do we want to pool **[ALL/PART/NONE]** of the metro funds with non-metro WBIF funds through LSC Watershed Partnership?
        ii. Are there other specific project proposals we need to discuss?
        iii. Other considerations, questions, or comments?
5. **Next Steps (5 mins)**
    a. Distribution of minutes
    b. Options for next meeting (if necessary)

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 5d**
Title: Agreements approved by the Administrator	**Board Action Requested:** None	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Loomis

Background/Justification: SWWD's accounting polices authorizes the Administrator to approve purchases up to $5,000 on behalf of the District. Under that policy, the Administrator approved the enclosed agreements in February.

1. SWWD Grants Dashboard Task Order with Washington Conservation District-$3,500

Previous Action:		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: **$3,500**		**Comments:**
Fund:	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** Approval Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Task Order

The South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) is updating its internal management of the Stewardship Grant program, formally known as the Cost Share Program. The purpose of this update is to improve SWWD record-keeping and increase communication between the SWWD and its organization partner for the program, Washington Conservation District (WCD). SWWD seeks the assistance of the WCD staff to carry out the construction of a grant management digital dashboard within the ESRI Survey123 environment.

This Task Order shall not be binding until it has been properly signed by both parties. This Task Order is separate from the exisitng 2026 Service Agreement between the two parties and must be billed as separate and independent Fee-For-Service invoices.

Task Order Number: WCD2026-001
Project Name: SWWD Grants Dashboard

Part 1.0 Project Description

The South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) is updating its internal management of the Stewardship Grant program, formally known as the Cost Share Program. The purpose of this update is to improve SWWD record-keeping and increase communication between the SWWD and its organization partner for the program, Washington Conservation District (WCD). SWWD seeks a digital dashboard within the ESRI Survey123 environment, under the existing SWWD license, that mimics the structure and layout of the WCD BMP Management Dashboard as demonstrated in a meeting on Wednesday, February 4th, 2026. This dashboard should also utilize and be connected to supplemental management programs, *Make* and desktop program *Survey123 Connect, which will also be owned and managed by SWWD*.

SWWD anticipates that WCD District Engineer Rebecca Nestingen will hold primary responsibility for the development of the dashboard and its connection to supplemental management programs, *Make,* and *Survey123 Connect*.

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Part 2.0 WCD Responsibilities & Scope of Work

The tasks identified and authorized by this task order include the following:

1. Set up an ArcGIS Online user group for sharing and managing content across WCD/SWWD Organizations
2. Develop an internal Stewardship Grant Project Management Form in Survey123, utilizing the SWWD license and owned by SWWD
3. Develop an external Stewardship Grant Project Application form in Survey123 that is compliant with ADA accessibility standards (WCAG 2.2, AA)
4. Design a Stewardship Grant Project Management Dashboard in ArcGIS Dashboard, utilizing the SWWD license and owned by SWWD
5. Develop Survey123 report template for Stewardship Grant Application pdf
6. Project communications and coordination's meetings
7. Script Automations from Survey123 webhooks for email notifications

Part 3.0 SWWD Responsibilities

SWWD staff shall provide all relevant project information to the WCD District Engineer at the beginning of the project and upon request as additional information needs arise. Information shall clearly identify tasks performed under this work order as distinct from tasks under other agreements.

SWWD will be responsible for providing all software subscriptions and licenses, such as ESRI licenses, *Make* subscription, and *Survery123 Connect* desktop software.

Part 4.0 Periods of Service

Work authorized in this Task Order is to be completed between 02/23/26 and 03/11/2026.

Part 5.0 Payments to WCD

WCD will perform the professional services identified within this Task Order on a time and materials basis up to a maximum amount not-to-exceed of **$**3,500.00. Staffing cost estimates can be found in Table 1. Work performed under this task will be billed hourly and invoiced monthly, according to WCD's 2026 Technical Services Schedule. WCD shall not exceed this total compensation amount during the completion of the tasks described within this Task Order without prior authorization from the SWWD's designated representative.

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TABLE 1: WCD 2026 TECHNICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

Role	Hourly Rate
AIS Watercraft Inspectors	$38.00
Seasonal	$50.00
Technician 1	$72.00
Technician 1/2	$76.00
Technician 1/2/Specialist 1	$81.00
Tech 2/Specialist 1	$86.00
Specialist 1/2/3	$91.00
Specialist 2/3/4	$97.00
Specialist 3/4/Engineer	$102.00
Administrator/Manager	$114.00

Part 6.0 Designated Representatives

SWWD's designated representative for this project is Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Coordinator. WCD's designated representative for this project is Rebecca Nestingen, District Engineer.

Part 7.0 Signatures

This Task Order is executed this 19th day of February, 2026.

South Washington Watershed District

NAME: JOHN LOOMIS

TITLE: DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

ADDRESS: 2302 TOWER DRIVE, WOODBURY, MN 55105

Washington Conservation District

NAME: JAY RIGGS

TITLE: DISTRICT MANAGER

ADDRESS: 455 HAYWARD AVENUE N, OAKDALE, MN 55128

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 6**
Title: Grey Cloud Bathymetry Task Order #2026-001, Houston Engineering	**Board Action Requested:** Approve Task Order #2026-001	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Loomis

Background/Justification: SWWD has routinely collected bathymetric data in the Grey Cloud channel since completion of the Grey Cloud bridge project that restored flow to track changes in sedimentation and channel formation. It has now been several years since we last collected data and are due for an update. The attached task order provides for that data collection and analysis. Staff recommend approval.

Previous Action:		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: **$25,100**		**Comments:**
Fund	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

TASK ORDER

This Task Order pertains to an Agreement by and between the South Washington Watershed District, (SWWD; "OWNER"), and Houston Engineering, Inc., ("ENGINEER"), dated December 11, 2012, ("the Agreement"). Engineer shall perform services on the project described below as provided herein and in the Agreement. This Task Order shall not be binding until it has been properly signed by both parties or a representative of the Owner provides written authorization to proceed. Upon execution, this Task Order shall supplement the Agreement as it pertains to the project described below.

TASK ORDER NUMBER: 2026-001
PROJECT NAME: Grey Cloud Channel Survey

PART 1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The purpose of this survey is to provide bathymetric contours of the Grey Cloud Channel and Moore Lake to compare channel bottom changes from 2016 to 2026. This task order is to provide bathymetry survey of the channel from the beginning at the upstream split with the Mississippi River main channel to the downstream outlet of Moore Lake. Total length of survey is approximately 5.6 miles. The bathymetry survey will be completed from shore to shore.

PART 2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY ENGINEER:
The Engineer envisions completing the following tasks of this Task Order.

See **Attachment A** for detailed tasks, including assumed hours and associated costs.

Task 1.1: Data Collection

HEI will initiate the project by reviewing existing bathymetric data for the project including previously completed surveys (2016, 2018, 2021, 2023) and available GIS data.

HEI's survey crew will utilize a motorized boat equipped with a sonar to collect bottom depths and water surface elevations. The survey will be completed in the Washington County coordinate system with a vertical datum of NAVD 88. HEI is anticipating 4.5 days of survey time to complete the work. Similar to the 2023 survey, the proposed survey will include x-sections of the main channel at approximately every 100 feet, survey of backwater locations as channel depth permits, and x-sections of Moore Lake every 400 feet. As part of the survey the thalweg of the channel will be identified.

Task 1.2 Analyzing Collected Channel Data

This task will focus on analyzing the collected survey data and creating GIS figures that show the depth for each year (16,18, 21, 23, 26), the depth comparison between 2016-2026, plan/profile figures in CAD, and 2 additional figures the content will be determined later in the project. Results from these figures will be summarized in an email.

Assumptions:

1. A total of 4.5 days of survey (12 hrs./day)
2. Existing channel survey data is the 2016 data; and
3. Figures can be created in GIS or CAD.
4. The two additional figures are expected to take an additional 8 hours.

Deliverables:

- Survey point data; and
- Ten figures showing:
  - 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023, 2026 channel bottoms
  - Change in depth compared to existing condition (2016 to 2026)
  - Plan view and profile (2) of the main channel; and
  - 2 additional GIS figures

Tasks	**Estimated Hours**	**Estimated Cost**
Task 1.1: Data Collection (include $2,300 in expenses)	57.5	$15,989
Task 1.2: Analyzing Collected Channel Data	55.0	$9,111
Total:	**112.5**	**$25,100**

PART 3.0 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

The estimated compensation for the completion of the tasks identified within *Scope of Services to be performed by Engineer on the Project* is based upon the following assumptions and owner responsibilities:

1. OWNER staff shall review and provide all written or oral comments concerning the draft work products in a timely manner allowing sufficient time for incorporation into the final work products.

PART 4.0 PERIODS OF SERVICE:

Initiating one or more tasks as described within *Scope of Services to be Performed by Engineer on the Project* occurs at the time of execution of this Task Order or written email notification by the OWNER. Work described within this Task Order shall be completed as soon as the water levels of the Mississippi River drop to a safe flow condition and before vegetation begins to grow. Work is anticipated to be completed between April to May 2026 for field survey and data analysis from June to July 2026.

PART 5.0 PAYMENTS TO ENGINEER:

ENGINEER will perform the professional services identified within *Scope of Services to be Performed by Engineer on the Project* on a time and materials basis up to a maximum amount not-to-exceed **$25,100** (i.e., Total Compensation). ENGINEER shall not exceed the Total Compensation during the completion of the task described within this Task Order without prior authorization from the OWNER's designated representative. ENGINEER reserves the right to move dollars across tasks, while remaining within/below the Total Compensation identified within this Task Order.

PART 6.0 OTHER:

OWNER's designated representative for this project is Mr. John Loomis. ENGINEER's designated representative for this project is Mr. Greg Bowles. The designated representative is responsible for the technical work executed under this Task Order.

PART 7.0 SIGNATURES:

This Task Order is executed as dated below.

South Washington Watershed District "OWNER"		Houston Engineering, Inc. "ENGINEER"	
BY:		BY:	Greg Bowles
DATE:		DATE:	March 2, 2026
NAME:		NAME:	Greg Bowles, PE
TITLE:		TITLE:	Principal
ADDRESS:	2302 Tower Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125	ADDRESS:	7550 Meridian Cir N, Suite 120 Maple Grove, MN 55369

Attachment A
Grey Cloud Channel Survey 2026

Prepared by: Matteo Bellazzini
Date prepared: 3/2/2026
Checked by: Greg Bowles

Estimated Total Cost: $25,100

			Staff:	4% Greg	1% Matteo	28% Megan/Kiah	3% Dan C.	16% Anthony	48% Jeff M./ 1 other		
			2026 Rate:	$ 268.00	$ 167.00	$ 144.00	$ 217.00	$ 187.00	$ 238.00		
TASK DESCRIPTION				**Engineer 12**	**Engineer 3**	**GIS Analyst 3**	**Land Surveyor 4**	**Technician 8**	**2-Person Crew**	**Estimated hours**	**Expenses**	**Estimated Cost**
Channel Survery & Sedimet Analysis				**4.0**	**1.5**	**32.0**	**3.0**	**18.0**	**54.0**	**112.5**	**2300.0**	**$25,100**
Task 1.1: Data Collection				2.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	54.0	**57.5**	**$2,300**	**$15,989**
		Channel Survey (bathymetry and post-processing) (4.5 trips)			0.5		1.0		54.0	55.5	$2,300	$15,453
		Project coordination and management		2.0						2.0		$536
Task 1.2: Analyzing Collected Channel Data				2.0	1.0	32.0	2.0	18.0	0.0	**55.0**	**$0**	**$9,111**
		Process survey data to create a surface/Grid					2.0	2.0		4.0		$808
		Create bathymetry figures (assume 10 figures - including depth for each year (16,18, 21, 23, 26), GIS figure of comparison 16-26, plan/profile figures (2) in CAD, and 2 additional GIS figures.)		2.0	1.0	32.0		16.0		51.0		$8,303

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 7**
Title: City of Woodbury Water Wise Implementation Program (WWWIP)	**Board Action Requested:** Approve the 2026 WWWIP Request	**Required Signatures** SWWD President
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Loomis

Background/Justification: Staff continues to support water conservation programs delivered by its partner Cities. The enclosed documentation provides and update on City of Woodbury program results from 2025. Further, the City has requested continued financial support in 2026. SWWD has budgeted for that continued support and staff recommend approval.

Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date:**
Financial Implications: **$ 25,000**		**Comments:**
Fund:	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

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February 20th, 2026

John Loomis
Deputy Administrator
South Washington Watershed District
2301 Tower Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125

Dear Mr. Loomis,

In 2025 the City of Woodbury (city), with support from the South Washington Watershed District (SWWD), continued the Residential Irrigation Controller Program. This program purchased and distributed 127 WaterSense certified controllers to single-family homes with existing irrigation systems. Controllers were purchased for $150 per unit for an eight-zone system, and $170 for a sixteen-zone system, plus a $10 shipping charge per controller. The price for both system sizes continued to be $35 for homeowners.

In addition to the Residential Irrigation Program, the city, with support from the SWWD, was able to offer the Toilet Replacement Rebate Program to residents in the watershed that receive their drinking water from private wells. Eight residents participated in the program replacing eleven toilets with EPA WaterSense low-flush models and received up to a $100 rebate per toilet replacement (maximum two replacement per residence).

SWWD provided $25,000 in grant funding in 2025 that was utilized to purchase controllers and issue toilet replacement rebates. The remainder of the program was funded through the City's Water and Sewer Utility Fund. City staff solicited participants, collected fees, answered questions, and conducted troubleshooting for controller issues. Participants have been added to our annual monitoring efforts. Of the 127 controllers distributed in 2025, 122 went to homes within SWWD and all eleven toilet replacements were in homes within SWWD (attachment 1). In total, $19,770 was spent on controllers that were installed within SWWD and $1,100 was issued in toilet replacement rebates. With this letter the city is submitting a request for $10,435 reimbursement (attachment 2).

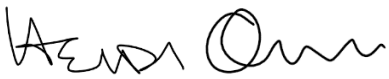
The city evaluated the Residential Irrigation Controller Program from 2016-2021 and found that each upgraded controller saves an average of 24,000 gallons per year and 50,000 gallons per year during drought years. Due to changing weather patterns and below average annual precipitation in the last three years, staff estimate that the upgraded controls save approximately 30,000 gallons each year per household. Since the program start in 2016, 4,175 controllers have been distributed throughout the city, saving more than 125 million gallons of water annually. WaterSense labeled toilets are 20% more water-efficient than standard models and are estimated to save the average family 13,000 gallons of water annually. Since 2022, the community has replaced 1,186 toilets with low-flush models, saving more than 15 million gallons of water annually. The water saved will

remain in the aquifer, lessening the demand in the North and East Metro Groundwater Management Area identified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Following the evaluation of existing water efficiency programs, an implementation plan for future water efficiency programs and policies was written based on a cost-benefit model analysis and feedback from a community questionnaire. The Woodbury Water Wise Implementation Plan (WWWIP) identified eight water efficiency programs for the Woodbury City Council to consider implementing through 2030 (attachment 3). The city plans to continue the Residential Irrigation Controller Program and the Toilet Replacement Rebate Program again in 2026, as well as other programs identified in the WWWIP for 2026, and requests $25,000 from SWWD to support the city's water efficiency programming.

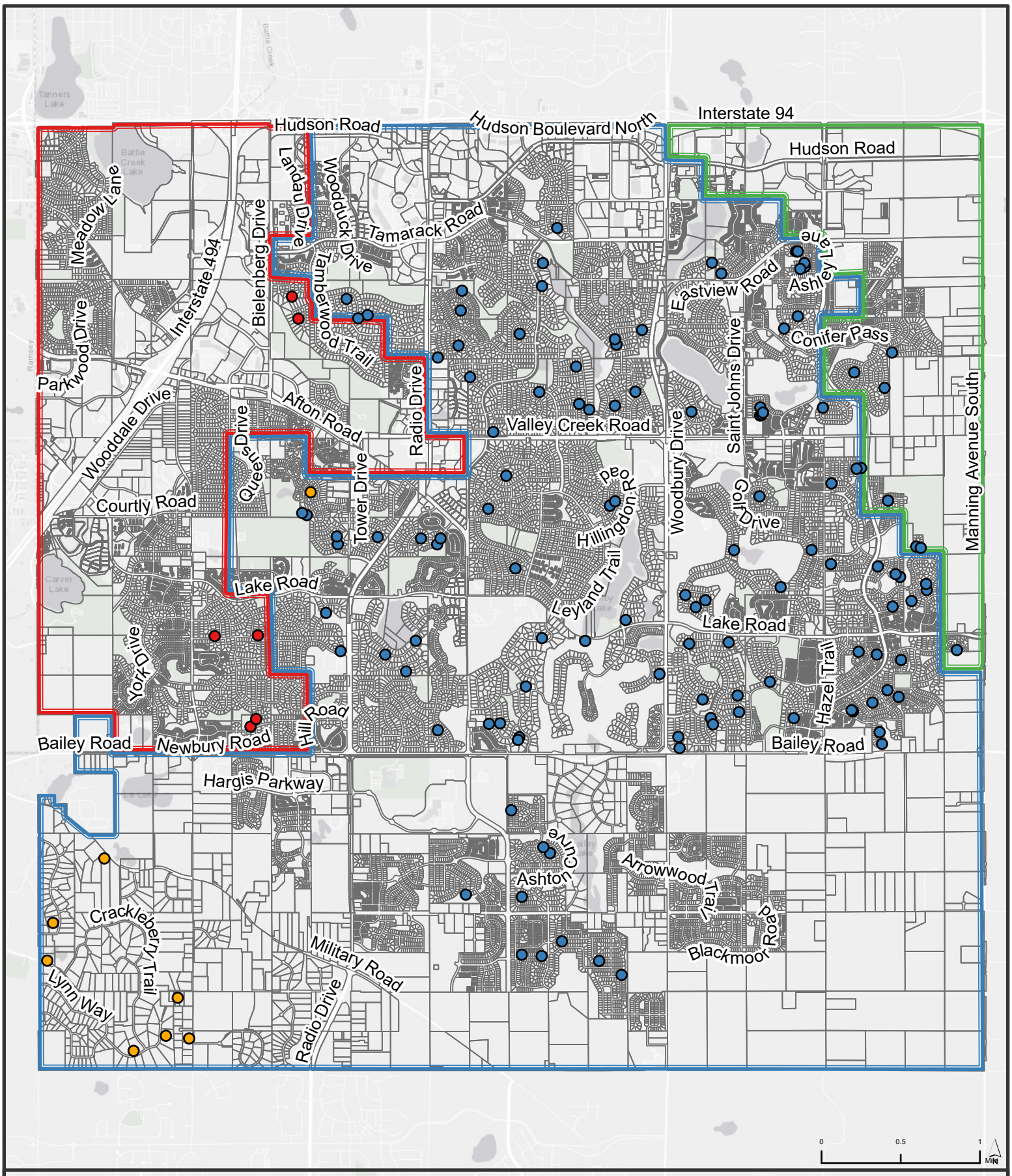
The city looks forward to continuing our partnership with the SWWD and to collaborating on future incentives.

Sincerely,



Heidi Quinn
Environmental Resources Specialist

Attachments:
Attachment 1 - Residential Irrigation Controllers & Toilet Replacements 2025 in SWWD
Attachment 2 – 2025 Request for Reimbursement
Attachment 3 – WWWIP – Executive Summary with Program Appendix



Irrigation Controllers Purchased in 2025

Toilet Replacement Property (8)

11 Replacements

Irrigation Controllers

RWMWD 5

SWWD 122

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SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 8**
Title: Glacial Valley Park Maintenance Contract, Great River Greening	**Board Action Requested:** Approve the Glacial Valley Park Maintenance Contract	**Required Signatures** SWWD President
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Randazzo

Background/Justification:
Great River Greening (GRG) has been successfully managing vegetation throughout the CDSF/Glacial Valley Park since 2018. SWWD will continue to have GRG conduct vegetation management on the 148 acres of the CDSF through 2029. The four units are nearly established as grassland habitats. All units still have a variety of pressures from persistent invasive species and a lack of floral diversity and will have varying management needs in coming years. Staff has been satisfied with GRG's ability to use their own crews to address general site maintenance and to employ contractors to conduct activities beyond their capacity. Additionally, GRG leverages SWWD's ongoing work and funding to pursue additional grant funding, ongoing research and community/corporate work group involvement through regular GRG organized volunteer activities. Annual cost over the four year contract is $274/acre.

Staff recommends approval.

Previous Action: None		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	**SWWD Attorney/Date**
Financial Implications: **$ 162,600**		**Comments:**
Fund	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** **Approval** Informational Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

CONTRACT

Great River Greening
251 Starkey St, Suite 2200
Saint Paul, MN 55107-2016

651-665-9500

Project Name	**Project Location**
SWWD GVP and Ravine Parkway Habitat Corridor	Glacial Valley Rd, Woodbury, MN, 55129
	Date
PO: GVP 2026	3/09/2026

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I. **Parties.** This contract governs the rights and responsibilities of Great River Greening (hereafter referred to as GRG) and South Washington Watershed District (hereafter referred to as SWWD, where *GRG has been retained to perform services for the contracting party*).

II. Scope of Services. GRG agrees to provide natural resource management services not to exceed $162,600.00 in total. Individual units yearly budget amounts and tasks may be adjusted at the written direction of SWWD staff in coordination with GRG project manager. See Appendix A for additional scope of work detail and site maps.

III. **Schedule of Payments.** SWWD will make payment not totaling more than $162,600.00. This includes GRG staff labor, travel expenses, materials, and any subcontractor expenses. Yearly billed totals as shown in appendix A may be not exceed 125% of the amount listed for the individual calendar year, with alterations to yearly amounts to be agreed upon in writing by both parties, such that any overages are balanced against the overall contract total by the conclusion of the contract.

IV. **Limitation of liability.** SWWD shall indemnify GRG and hold it harmless from and against any loss, claims, liabilities, damages and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, related to the Project or the performance of their services pursuant to this Agreement, unless caused by the negligence of GRG, its agents or employees.

V. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended only in a written document signed by both parties.

VI. **Independent Contractors.** Each party, its officers, agents and employees are at all times an independent contractor to the other party. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make or render either party or any of its officers, agents, or employees an agent, servant, or employee of, or joint venture of or with, the other.

VII. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, and it supersedes all prior and concurrent agreements, understandings, promises or representations, whether written or oral, made by either party to the other concerning such subject matter.

VIII. **Insurance.** *GRG* agrees to maintain during the term of this Contract the following insurance: Workers Compensation Insurance, Commercial General Liability (with coverage no more restrictive that that provided for by standard ISO Form CG 00 01 11 88 or CG 00 01 10 93 with standard exclusions "a" through "n") with a minimum limit of $1,000,000.00 per occurrence and $2,000,000.00 in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damages, the limit specified may be satisfied with a combination of primary and Umbrella/Excess Insurance.

IX. **Waiver.** The failure of either party to insist in any one or more instances upon strict performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right to enforce or require compliance with such provision.

X. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Minnesota.

XI. **Completion.** Work for this Project will be performed by December 31, 2029 unless circumstances beyond *GRG's* control that prevents *GRG* from completing the Project.

XII. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by GRG for cause at any time upon seven days written notice to the Provider. Cause shall mean a material breach of this Agreement and any supplemental agreements or amendments thereto. This Agreement may be terminated by GRG at any time with or without cause upon thirty-day written notice to the Provider. In the event of such a cancellation, the Provider shall be entitled to payment determined on a pro rata basis for work or services satisfactorily performed.

Great River Greening

Signature: _____

Name: Kateri Routh

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

South Washington Watershed District

Signature: _____

Name:

Title:

Date: _____

Director of Operations & Programs: TR 3/4/2026
Director of Finance: GS 3/5/2026

Authorized Contact Persons

The authorized contact person for GRG is:

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The authorized contact person for SWWD is:

Tony Randazzo
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Appendix A: Scope of Work and Proposed Budgets

SWWD Glacial Valley Park and Ravine Parkway Habitat Corridor
4 Year Maintenance Proposal
Contract Period 3/9/2026—12/31/2029

Overview

Ongoing maintenance of the near-contiguous habitat corridor including the area known as Glacial Valley Park, portions of the Ravine Parkway corridor, and the area known as Cedarhurst Meadows Park, will require continued actions to continue to maintain the parcels as a high quality natural area, promote species diversity and habitat resources, and control invasive species. Following the model of previous contracts, the below establishes parameters for the work overall, as well as individual budgets and tasks specific to the various subunits within the overall project area.

Goals and Standards

- Maintaining and increasing native species diversity and representation throughout the project area
- Prioritizing pollinator resources across the growing season
- Maintaining the existing matrix of native habitat types for multiple ecological services they provide
- Minimizing invasive species pressure by control and containment of any existing populations and rapid response to new infestations
- Promotion of a species composition resilient to climatic extremes
- Addressing disturbance and revegetation requirements due to high water events in management area basins
- Commitment to best management practices for herbicide use, with an emphasis on the most specific and effective chemical for the target species
- Regular reporting and communication to SWWD staff on project status, implementation, and needs with a focus on collaborative solutions
- Flexibility to respond to needs based on field observations and SWWD management priorities
- Continued facilitation of the site as an opportunity for volunteer and community engagement

Project Budget Parameters

- Overall contract budget is broken down into yearly spend targets. These yearly budgets may be adjusted to address a particular management, with approval in writing by SWWD.
- Proposed management year would run January 01—Dec 31.
- Project needs above and beyond scope of services listed here would be considered on a case-by-case basis. For example, if a given parcel is in need of a major revegetation effort, SWWD would coordinate funding of supplies and labor as an add-on to this agreement.

Management Units

Glacial Valley Unit North--85 Acres

Herbaceous Invasives:

- The site will be monitored for presence of herbaceous invasive species, including but not limited to: crown vetch *(Securigera varia)*, spotted knapweed *(Centaurea stoebe),* Canada thistle *(Cirsium arvense*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea)*, smooth brome *(Bromus inermis)*, wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*), burdock (*Arctium minus*), giant ragweed *(Ambrosia trifida),* and birdsfoot trefoil *(Lotus corniculatus)*
- Herbicide treatments will be timed for maximum effectiveness, utilizing the most specific chemical possible for the target species. Broadcast sprays will be minimized during the growing season of native species.
- Grass-specific herbicides may be utilized where appropriate for release of forbs and sedges in areas suppressed by non-native grasses.
- Mowing, spot mowing, and hand pulling will be employed where feasible to minimize collateral damage to native species by chemical application and timed appropriately to minimize seed production of invasives.

Invasive and Undesirable Woody Species:

- Any remaining intact woody invasive species will be targeted for initial removal.
- Removal methods (cut and slash, basal bark treatment, mowing/shredding, or cutting and piling) will be coordinated with SWWD based on density of infestation, visibility concerns, etc.
- Foliar treatments of regrowth of invasive woody species will take place annually, typically in the fall season
- Sumac groves will be managed for encroachment into high quality prairie areas by mowing
- Overabundant black cherry (*Prunus serotina)* may be removed where it is likely to form thickets in prairie/savanna vegetation communities.
- Aspen (*Populus tremulodies)* will be controlled in prairie by mowing and prescribed burns.

Accelerated Migration of Bur Oak (AGMOBO) Research Project Coordination:

- This parcel contains oak saplings planted as part of a research project to study the impacts of various specific Bur Oak genetics on growth and survival metrics in anticipation of predicted future climatic scenarios. Great River Greening has received funding to conduct a Phase 2 study in partnership with the University of Minnesota to monitor the planting and analyze data.
- Management activities within the research plot may require modification to effectively support the goals and parameters of the research project.
- Any maintenance activities conducted within the research plot must necessarily be uniform in treating the entire area equally. In other words, the entire research plot should receive the same treatment throughout, regardless of the activity. See note on prescribed burn specifics below.

Prescribed Fire:

- This parcel is divided into north and south subunits for management purposes and alignment with fire rotation schedule.
- South subunit slated for burn in spring of 2026. If a burn cannot be accomplished, it will be rescheduled to fall 2026 or spring 2028 in coordination with SWWD staff.
- Note: South subunit burn will be conducted in conjunction with the planned spring 2026 burn of subunits 5, 6, 7, and 8 of GVP South Unit, which is identified and budgeted separately under the GVP South section of this document.
- North subunit was burned in 2025 and should be assessed and considered for burning again in 2029.

- Burning through the AGMOBO research area is permitted, with the stipulation that effort is made to conduct a low intensity burn through the entire area, limiting headfire behavior to the degree feasible.

Adaptive Management Activities

- Included here is a budget in year 3 (2028) to address adaptive management concerns that may arise on the site. These activities could include mowing, reseeding, specific invasive species treatments not included in the scope of the site maintenance line tasks, or other, as identified and directed by SWWD.
- Adaptive management budget may also be reallocated to another management year as directed by SWWD.

Volunteer Engagement:

- The site will continue to be a great venue for community engagement and volunteer stewardship opportunities. GRG will coordinate with SWWD staff on appropriate tasks, timing, and implementation of volunteer resources on the site, which may include portions of the scope of work outlined here.
- No specific deliverables with respect to volunteer engagement are indicated in this scope of work. Rather, GRG agrees to coordinate with SWWD to facilitate such community stewardship opportunities as they arise, which may entail modification to the identified workplan as directed by SWWD.

Park/Infrastructure Development Sensitivities

- GRG will coordinate as necessary with SWWD staff to adjust management to align and support development of the park.

Glacial Valley Park North Unit Budget Table

Activity	2026	2027	2028	2029
Herbaceous Invasives	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Rx Burn South Subunit	$8,000			
Rx Burn North Subunit				$6,800
Woody Inv Mgmt	$3,500	$1,700	$1,700	$1,700
Adaptive Management			$2,500	
Yearly Total	$17,000	$7,200	$9,700	$14,000
Contract Total				**$47,900**

Cedarhurst Unit—27 Acres

Area Description

In order to align management activities and simplify budgeting, proposed here is a combination of what were previously identified as three management units (formerly "Eastridge" "Grayson", and "Cedarhurst Edges") into one management unit to be known as "Cedarhurst". Specific indications for the areas of the unit to the exterior side of the paved trail are detailed below as distinct management actions.

Herbaceous Invasives:

- The site will be monitored for presence of herbaceous invasive species, including but not limited to: crown vetch *(Securigera varia)*, spotted knapweed *(Centaurea stoebe),* Canada thistle *(Cirsium arvense*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea)*, smooth brome *(Bromus inermis)*,and Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis)*
- Herbicide treatments will be timed for maximum effectiveness, utilizing the most specific chemical possible for the target species. Broadcast sprays will be minimized during the growing season of native species.
- Grass-specific herbicides may be utilized where appropriate for release of forbs and sedges in areas suppressed by non-native grasses. *Poa pratensis* and other non-native (turf) grasses are also present in some areas near trails and should be edited through well-timed and judicious herbicide applications.
- Mowing, spot mowing, and hand pulling will be employed where feasible to minimize collateral damage of native species by chemical application and timed appropriately to minimize seed production of invasives.

Invasive and Undesirable Woody Species:

- Site will be monitored for invasion by undesirable woody species. Siberian elm *(Ulmus pumila)* is a likely invader.
- Volunteer cottonwoods and willows will be monitored and removed as necessary to preserve the wet prairie vegetation target in the basin area. River Birch has previously been permitted to persist in a limited stand near the south pond, but may be thinned to a few specimen trees as directed by SWWD.

Prescribed Fire

- Unit would benefit from a burn during the contract period, with a target date spring 2027.
- This unit presents special concern due to high density of residences ringing the entire unit, and thus will require extra coordination and associated cost.
- If burning is not feasible due to the residential context, then alternatives will be considered such as flail mowing or other options as directed by SWWD.

Conservation Haying

- If burning is not feasible, haying could be considered as a surrogate disturbance and alternative to mowing without thatch removal. Due to the significantly higher per-acre costs of this method, a reduced target area of 5 acres is likely.

Supplemental Vegetation

- Areas dominated by non-native species should be reseeded to native species following removal. Seed costs are not included in the cost tables, however, GRG agrees to coordinate with SWWD to

implement seed installation and establishment maintenance activities as directed, which may require modification to identified tasks and associated reallocation of budget to accomplish.

Volunteer Engagement

- Along with other management units, opportunities to engage volunteers on the site will be coordinated with SWWD and may require modification to workplan activities to accommodate.

Edges Subunit Details

The perimeter of the Cedarhurst unit has been challenging to establish effectively with native species cover and will require continued efforts to restore effectively. Outlined here are the proposed activities to encourage establishment of natives and bring the areas in question in line with the vegetation quality of the main body of the site.

2026 Edges Subunit Activities

- Early spring site visit with SWWD to assess condition (late March)
- April technician visit to address site preparation needs, which may include non-native species herbicide treatment, mowing, or disturbance/thatch removal
- Late April overseeding with low-mid diversity native seed mix (MNL “Economy Backyard Prairie” or similar—GRG to provide seed material as well as installation. Seed to be drilled or broadcast at direction of SWWD and based on conditions.
- Regular (monthly) monitoring of site to identify non-native species control needs, monitor establishment of natives, and coordinate timely deployment of technicians to conduct establishment maintenance tasks, to include:
    - Release mowings when vegetation reaches a height of 12-14”, or prior to non-native species seed development, especially foxtail (*Setaria)* grasses. At least two mowing activities are anticipated for 2026 growing season.
    - Spot mowing of aggressive/perennial invasive species will be the preferred method during the initial establishment period, to be replaced with spot herbicide treatments as required in 2027-2029.
- Pending conditions, the edges may be included in the planned spring 2027 prescribed burn, or may require a separate mobilization in 2028 or 2029, with associated budget indicated in table below.

Cedarhurst Unit Budget Table

Activity	2026	2027	2028	2029
Herbaceous Invasives	$3,000	$2,500	$3000	$3000
Woody Encroachment	$800		$550	$550
Prescribed Burn (main unit)		$7,500		
Reseed Edges Unit	$3,400			
Prescribed burn (edges)				$3500
Establishment Maintenance Edges	$7,000	$3500	$2500	$1700
Yearly Total	$14,200	$13,500	$6,050	$8,750
Contract Total				**$42,500**

Rolling Meadows Unit—25 Acres

Herbaceous Invasives

- This site will be monitored for presence of herbaceous invasive species, including but not limited to: crown vetch *(Securigera varia)*, spotted knapweed *(Centaurea stoebe),* Canada thistle *(Cirsium arvense*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea)*, smooth brome *(Bromus inermis)*,and Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis)*
- Herbicide treatments will be timed for maximum effectiveness, utilizing the most specific chemical possible for the target species. Broadcast sprays will be minimized during the growing season of native species.
- Grass-specific herbicides may be utilized where appropriate for release of forbs and sedges in areas suppressed by non-native grasses.
- Mowing, spot mowing, and hand pulling will be employed where feasible to minimize collateral damage to native species by chemical application, and timed appropriately to minimize seed production of invasives.

Patch Mowing

Due to establishment trajectory, large areas of this unit may be best addressed through periodic mowing of patches or large swaths of the basin and slopes. Mowing height will be such that seed formation of undesirable species is terminated, yet allowing for release of establishing native species mow height.

Rolling Meadows Unit Budget

Activity	2026	2027	2028	2029
Establishment Maintenance	$4500	$2,500	$3,500	$2,500
Invasive Treatments	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500
Prescribed Burn		$6,000		
Yearly Total	$8,000	$12,000	$7,000	$6,000
Contract Total				**$33,000**

Glacial Valley Park South Unit Maintenance—15 Acres

Unit Overview

Per discussion with SWWD, this unit has been identified as exhibiting over-dominance by large warm-season (native) grasses, and requiring targeted efforts to reduce grass-dominance and promote forb diversity. SWWD has developed and proposed a design and protocol for several treatment plots, which will require specific activities to be monitored by SWWD for efficacy. Data from these treatment plots will guide future management activities. Pending results of these treatment methods and directives from SWWD, management actions outlined here may need to be adjusted accordingly.

Treatment Plots

Specific activities for 8 treatment plots are detailed below, as designed by SWWD

Plot 1: Fall 2025 Burn (completed by GRG)
Plot 2: Fall Burn (completed), Spring Sheep Grazing—GRG to coordinate and manage subcontractor to intensively graze when vegetation (Big Bluestem indicated) reaches a height between 12" and 18".
Plot 3: Fall Burn (completed), June high mow (12" cut height) when vegetation (Big Bluestem indicated) reaches 24" in height.
Plot 4a: Fall 2025 Burn (completed), July high wick-applied herbicide treatment (Clethodim)
Plot 4b: Fall 2025 Burn (completed), July high wick-applied herbicide treatment (Glyphosate)
Plot 5: Spring Burn 2026 (control)
Plot 6: Spring Burn 2026, Spring Sheep Grazing Spring Sheep Grazing—GRG to coordinate and Manage subcontractor to intensively graze when vegetation (Big Bluestem indicated) reaches a height between 12" and 18".
Plot 7: Spring Burn 2026, June high mow (12" cut height) when vegetation (Big Bluestem indicated) reaches 24" in height.
Plot 8a: Spring Burn 2026, July high wick-applied herbicide treatment (Clethodim)
Plot 8b: Spring Burn 2026, July high wick-applied herbicide treatment (Glyphosate)

Herbaceous Invasives

As with other management units, GVP South will be monitored for invasive species and treated accordingly, independent of the above treatment plot regimen. If proposed invasive treatment actions are in conflict with treatment plot activities indicated, GRG will coordinate with SWWD to address alternate methods for control.

Prescribed Burn and Additional Activities

Based on analysis of treatment plot results by SWWD, additional activities may be beneficial to the site and require repetition in 2027-2029. As such, a budget is proposed to accomplish these objectives as directed by SWWD. A prescribed burn or alternate unit-wide activity is also proposed for 2029, to keep with the overall burn interval established for management of all of the parcels.

Woody Encroachment and Adaptive Management Tasks

Aspen suckering has been noted on the site and will likely require management during the contract period. GRG will coordinate with SWWD to determine treatment method and intervals for aspen management and any other woody encroachment need. Budgets are earmarked in years 2 and 3 to address woody encroachment. These funds may also be directed for other adaptive management needs as identified and directed by SWWD.

Glacial Valley Park South Unit Budget

Activity	2026	2027	2028	2029
Herbaceous Invasives	$3500	$3500	$3,500	$3,500
Rx Burn plots 5-8	$4,000			
June High Mow Plots 3, 7	$1,600			
Spring Sheep/Goat Graze Plots 2 and 6	$4,500			
July Wick Herbicide Plots 4a,4b, 8a, 8b	$1,600			
Rx Burn or alternate				$6,500
Woody Management or other TBD		$3,500	$3,500	
Yearly Total	$15,200	$7,000	$7,000	$10,000
Contract Total				**$39,200**

Overall Contract Budget Table

Unit	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
GVP North	$17,000	$7,200	$9,700	$14,000	$47,900
Cedarhurst	$14,200	$13,500	$6,050	$8,750	$42,500
Rolling Meadows	$8,000	$12,000	$7,000	$6,000	$33,000
GVP South	$15,200	$7,000	$7,000	$10,000	$39,200
Yearly Totals	$54,400	$39,700	$29,750	$38,750	
Contract Total					**$162,600**

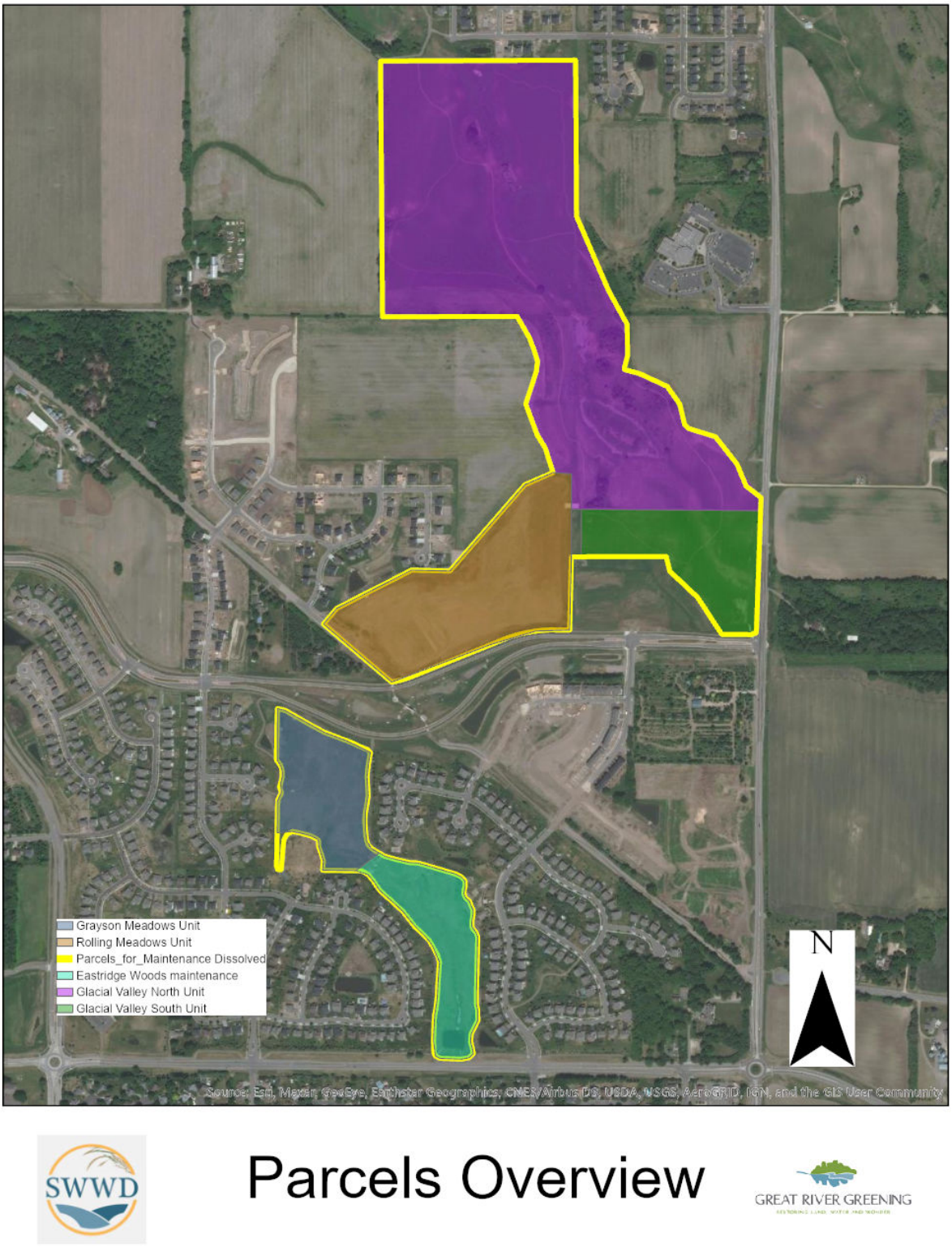


Figure 1: Overview of Unit Boundaries. Note: "Grayson" and "Eastridge" are now referenced collectively as "Cedarhurst"

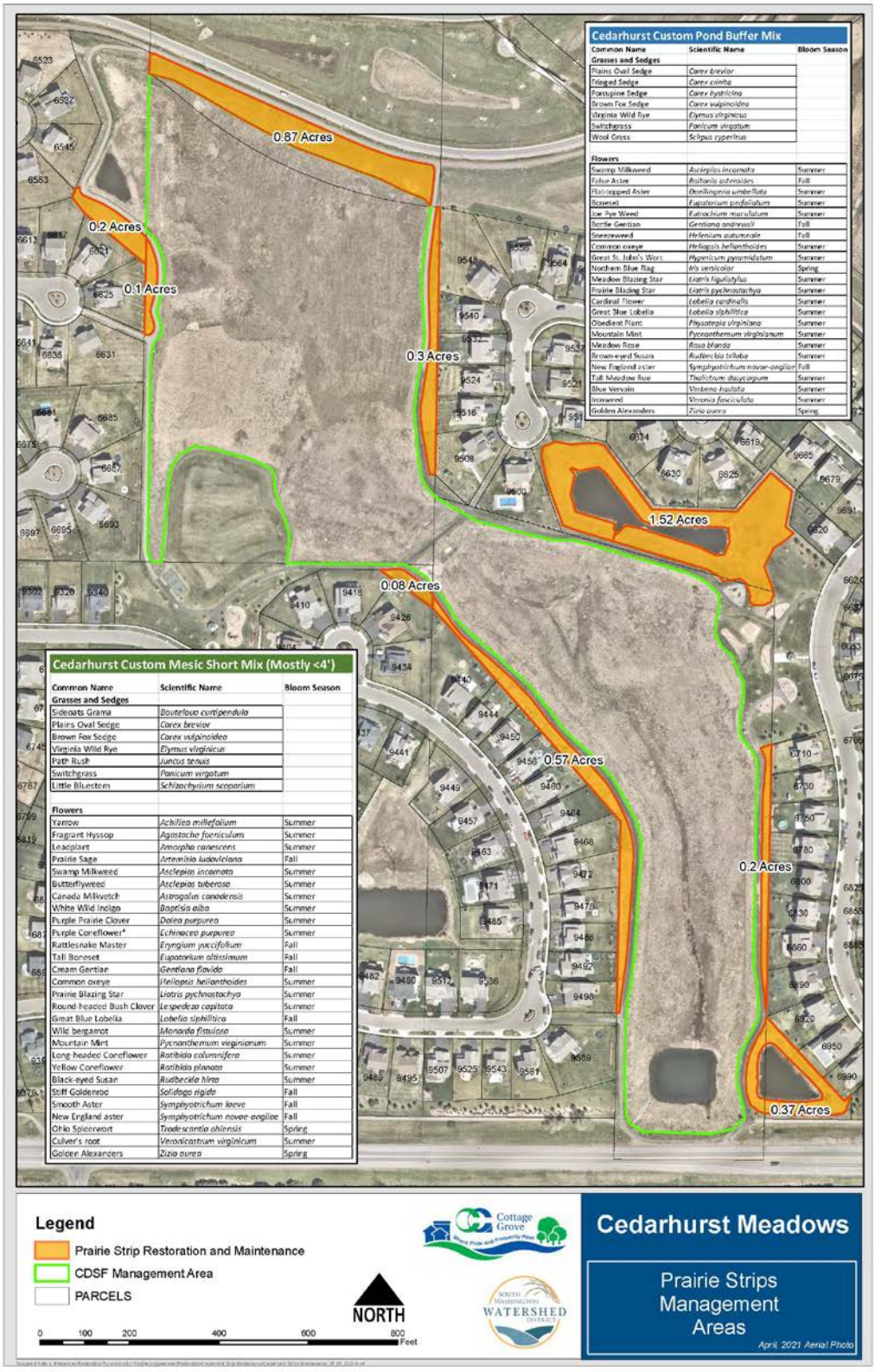
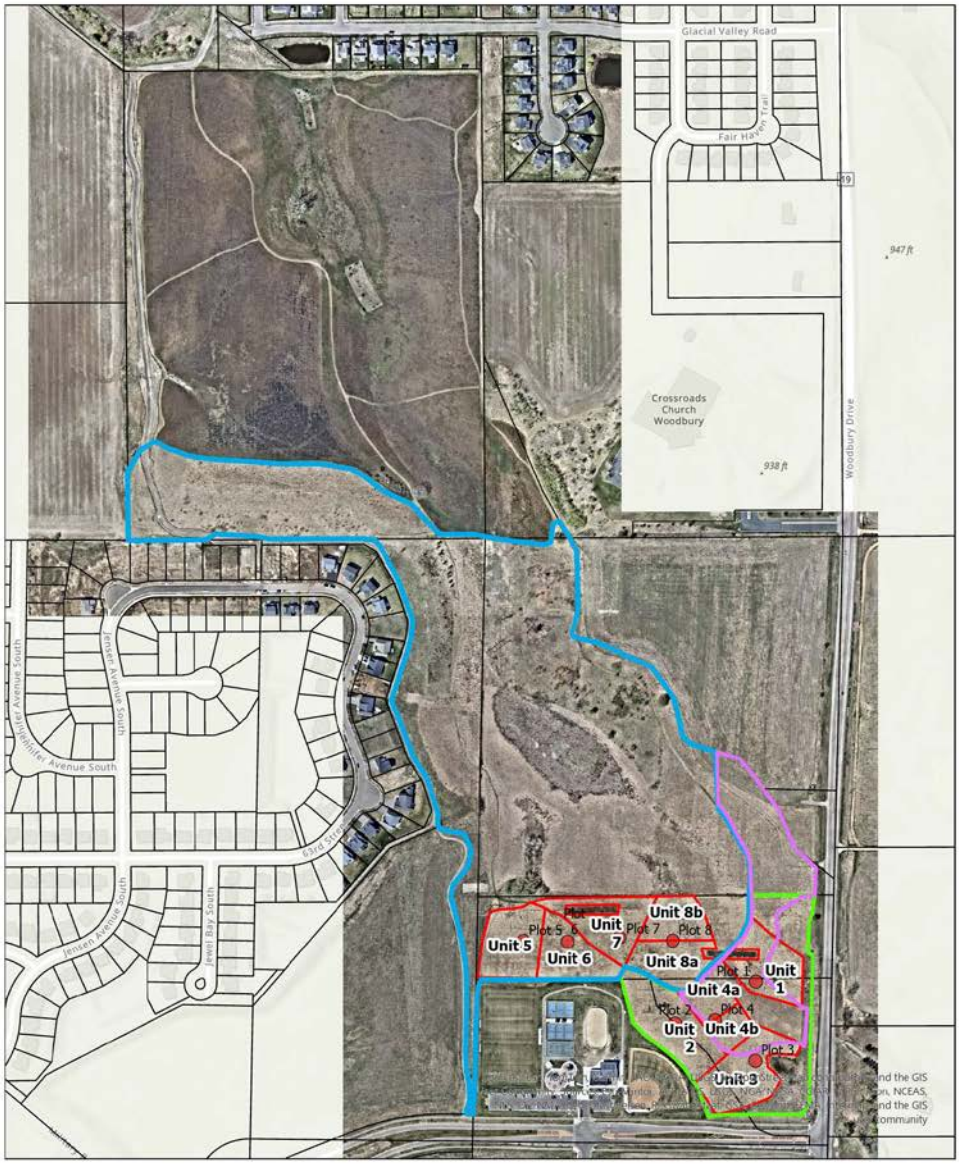


Figure 2: Cedarhurst Edges Subunits area referenced in orange



Proposed 2025/26 Rx Burn and Test Plot Units

Unit 1: Fall Burn
Unit 2: Fall Burn - Spring Sheep Graze (when BBS reaches 18")
Unit 3: Fall Burn - June High Mow (mow to 12" when BBS reaches 24")
Unit 4a: Fall Burn - July High Wick Herbicide Application (Clethodim)
Unit 4b: Fall Burn - July High Wick Herbicide Application (Glyphosate)

Unit 5: Spring Burn (Control)
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TG_Test_Points
2025 2026 Rx_Burns
Rx Burn Timing
Fall, 2025 (8.2 acres)
Spring, 2026 (42 acres)
Fall Wildfire (approx.)

Figure 3: Proposed burn unit for spring 2026 (GVP N South Subunit and Plots 5-8 of GVP South

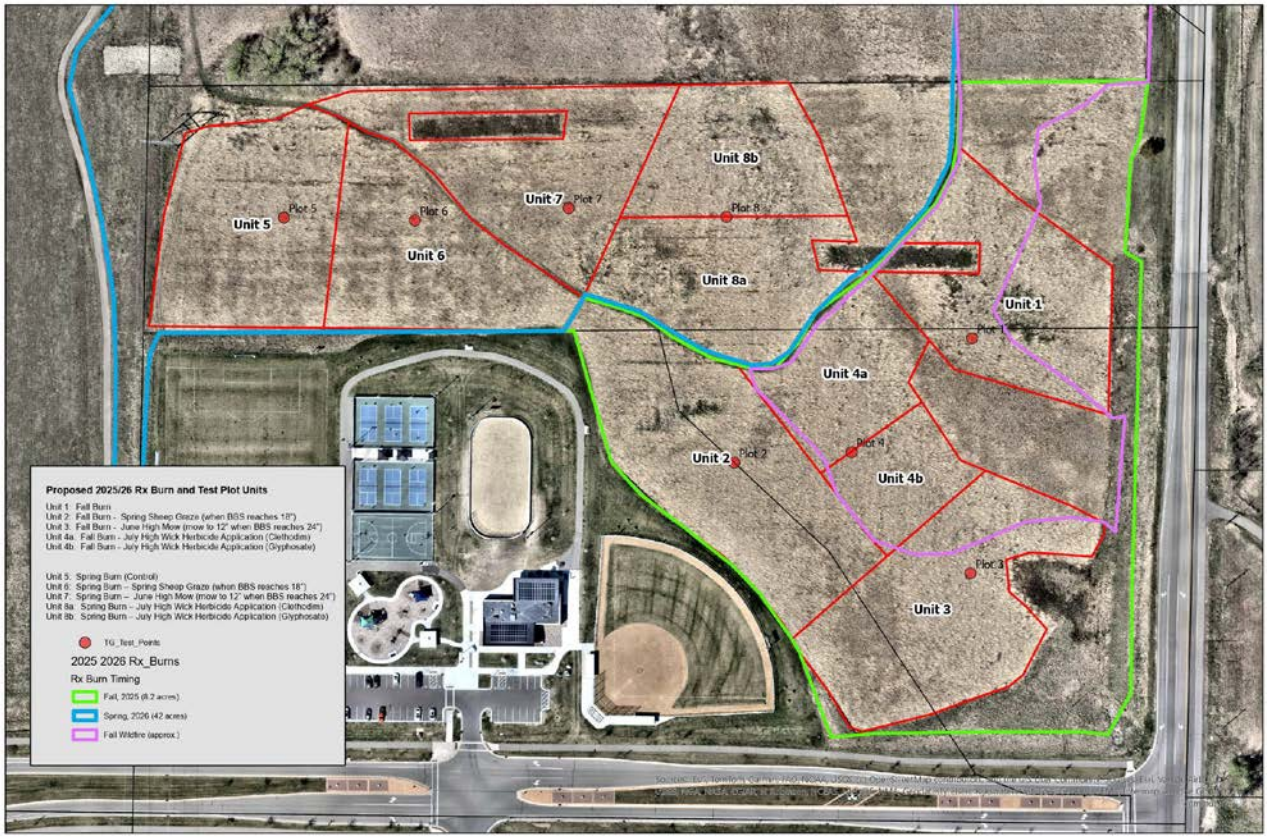


Figure 4: Treatment plots for GVP South research

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 9**
Title: Presentation: Armstrong Cattail Harvesting Project	**Board Action Requested:** None	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Axtell
Background/Justification: Staff will present results of a recent SWWD cattail harvesting pilot project undertaken near Armstrong Lake.		
Previous Action:		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: **$**		**Comments:**
Fund	**Explanation:**	**Fund Balance:**
Decision Needed/Date	**Administrative Recommendation** Approval **Informational** Denial No Recommendation	**Comments**

SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT

Date: March 6, 2026	**South Washington Watershed District** **Request for Board Action**	**Agenda Item # 10**
Title: Future Business and Meetings	**Board Action Requested:**	**Required Signatures** None
Reviewed by: JHL		**Presented by:** Loomis

Background/Justification:

i) Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:00pm
ii) CAC Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00pm
iii) MSRC-Minnesota Stormwater Pond Symposium, March 31-April 1, 2026
iv) Mike Madigan Recognition. Tuesday, April 14, 2026 5:00pm
v) Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00pm
vi) Lower St. Croix Policy Committee Meeting, Monday, April 27, 2026 4:00pm
vii) Workshop and Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2026 5:00pm

Previous Action:		**Contact:** **JHL**
Date Received: March 6, 2026	**SWWD Administrator/Date:** March 6, 2026	SWWD Attorney/Date
Financial Implications: **$**		**Comments:**
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