

Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting

March 27, 2025

4:30-6:30 PM



Location: Mille Lacs County Courthouse, lower level, Conf rm D, 635 2nd St SE, Milaca, MN 56353

Public Viewing Option on Zoom:

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Coming together to identify shared goals.

Planning together to leverage unique capacity.

Working together to achieve results.

Vision Statement

- Clean, abundant water for consumption, recreation, and habitat
- Collaborative partnership among communities, working together towards a common goal
- Community members and decision makers understand the challenges and opportunities facing the watershed
- Innovative strategies to meet our goals

Primary representatives:

Aitkin County- Laurie Westerlund

Aitkin SWCD- Bob Janzen

Anoka CD- Colleen Werdien

Benton County-Ed Popp

Benton SWCD- Mike Winkelman

Isanti County- Alan Duff

Isanti SWCD- Al Koczur

Kanabec SWCD- Kim Johnson

Mille Lacs SWCD- Jake Janski

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe-Kelly Applegate

Morrison SWCD- Dale Scholl

Morrison County- Bobby Kasper

Sherburne County- Andrew Hulse

Sherburne SWCD- Chris Jurek

CCd: member staff representatives, others requested to be on cc list

Topic	Purpose	Lead
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Approve agenda	DECIDE	Chair
3. Approve January 23rd, 2025 minutes	DECIDE	Chair
4. Administrative reports/updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financials • Progress updates 	INFO	Chair
5. Education/Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project sign design/tag line 	INFO/DECIDE	Outreach Staff
6. Approve 1st Quarter Agreements and Statements of Work(s)	DECIDE	Determan
7. 2025 Budget and Party- funded work plan	DECIDE	Determan
8. Proposed Forest Practice Policy Updates	INFO	Clyne
9. 2024 Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation Tracking tool • Annual Report 	INFO	Cibulka/Godfrey
10. Mille Lacs Drone Survey: Aitkin SWCD	INFO	Seybold
11. Communication & announcements	INFO	Chair
12. Next Meeting Date:	DECIDE	Chair
13. Adjourn	DECIDE	Chair

Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

January 23rd, 2025 4:30PM – 6:30PM

In-Person Meeting

Mille Lacs Historic Courthouse
Lower Level, Conference Room D

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Note taker: Molly Clyne, Mille Lacs SWCD

Voting Members Present:

Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin County
Bob Janzen, Aitkin SWCD
Danielle Holder, Anoka CD (virtual)
Ed Popp, Benton County
Alan Duff, Isanti County
Al Koczur, Isanti SWCD
Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD
Bobby Kasper, Morrison County
Chris Jurek, Sherburne SWCD
Brad Schumacher, Sherburne County (virtual)
Kelly Applegate, MLBO
Dale Scholl, Morrison SWCD

Alternates Present:

Mike Winkelman, Benton SWCD
Jon Sanford, Kanabec SWCD

Partners and Staff Present:

Jamie Schurbon, Anoka CD
Michael McMillin, Benton SWCD (virtual)
Tiffany Determan, Isanti SWCD
Lydia Godfrey, Isanti SWCD (virtual)
Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD
Molly Clyne, Mille Lacs SWCD
Perry Bunting, MLBO (virtual)

Voting Members Absent:

Wade Bastian, Benton SWCD
Kim Johnson, Kanabec SWCD

Others:

Zach Guttormson, BWSR
Barb Peichel, BWSR

1. Meeting called to order by Janski at 4:30pm. Introductions led by Janski.
2. Approve Agenda

One additional SOW to be added to item nine of the agenda.

Motion by Duff to approve the agenda as presented with the addition; second by Kasper. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

3. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair

Motion by Westerlund to nominate Jake Janski as Chair; second by Scholl. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Duff to nominate Al Koczur as Vice Chair; second by Westerlund. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion Carried.**

4. Approve September 26th, 2024 Minutes:

Motion by Popp to approve the minutes as presented; second by Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

5. 2025 Meeting Schedule and Location:

Discussion: Determan presented the proposed 2025 meeting schedule (March 27th, June 26th, September 25th, December 18th). It will be kept quarterly, hosted at the Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse, beginning at 4:30pm. Shaw mentioned that the Courthouse will be undergoing construction that may impact accessibility, but there will be a path to the conference room.

Motion by Westerlund to approve the dates, times, and locations for the 2025 meetings; second by Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

6. Administrative reports/updates

Financials: Schurbon presented the financial report, which was created mid-January so includes end of 2024 imbursements, meaning it will differ from the end of year 2024 bank statements. Looking at the FY23 money, we are doing well on match funds—we've encumbered more than the grant requires. All of the funds are encumbered, 42% are spent, leaving 58% to spend before the end of this year where it will expire. For the FY25 grant, we've only encumbered 15% so far. Most funds do not have a project home yet, and none has been spent.

Motion by Popp to approve the financial report; second by Kasper.
Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Progress Updates: Shaw noted that Mille Lacs SWCD has a full staff and is ready to make further progress. On the chart depicting progress status, Janski asked the group if they liked how the information is presented, and the response was positive.

7. Education/Outreach Updates

Website Updates: Clyne reviewed the 2024 updates made to the Rum River Watershed webpage, available on the Mille Lacs SWCD website under the 'Watersheds' tab. The page is organized into separate tabs for easy navigation. She encouraged staff and board members to explore the page when possible. Additionally, she and Godfrey developed a Resources Page covering a variety of topics, intended to support partners, community groups, and individuals.

Type B and Forestry programs updates: Clyne provided updates on forestry initiatives, starting with the tree planting pilot program in the Rum River Watershed, which has been extended to promote reforestation on permanently protected lands (20- and 50-year SFIA or conservation easements). She also mentioned a recently awarded federal grant aimed at incentivizing tree planting, with more details to be shared soon. This grant represents a significant influx of funding for forestry efforts in the state and watershed, enabling impactful reforestation work.

Shifting to Type B outreach, Clyne presented her FY23 report, explaining that Type B differs from traditional outreach by fostering active citizen participation in implementing the watershed plan. She highlighted examples of recent activities supporting this approach, including a soil health field day, the agricultural tech team, the Mille Lacs farmer-led group, a plan writer workshop, and the local forestry team.

Type A updates: Godfrey shared updates on Type A outreach activities, noting that the first webinar of the year is scheduled for February 27th. The webinar, focused on tree selection to complement SWCD tree sales, will feature speakers from the DNR and UMN Extension. Topics will include selecting trees for specific property goals, planting along shorelines, reducing erosion, and creating climate-ready woodlands. Additionally, the outreach team is in the early stages of planning a well screening clinic and a forestry field day for spring.

Discussion: Janski asked if the webinar would be recorded and whether it could be shared on SWCD tree sale websites. Godfrey confirmed that the webinar would be recorded and noted that its content is general enough to remain relevant beyond this season.

8. RRWP Tag Line/Branding

Godfrey discussed the plan to create signs for placement at partnership project locations. These signs will include a slogan, consistent branding, and be designed to be easily readable from the road. Godfrey presented a few slogan options and invited the group to share their opinions.

After discussion, the group expressed support for the slogan **"Protecting Our Watershed,"** highlighting its emphasis on community ownership through the use of the word "our." The possibility of replacing "watershed" with an alternative word, such as "water," was also considered. The draft will be at the next meeting for the members to vote on.

Motion by Duff to adopt the slogan "Protecting Our Watershed" with the flexibility to substitute "watershed" with "water" or another word if deemed more suitable by staff working on the project; second by Popp. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

9. Approve 4th Quarter Agreements and Statement of Work(s):

Motion by Westerlund to approve the Anoka CD's FY23 WBIF Outreach extension; second by Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Popp to approve the Mille Lacs SWCD's FY23 WBIF Communications SOW extension; second by Westerlund. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Westerlund to approve adjusting the Sherburne SWCD's FY23 SOW to reduce the funding amount for Implementation Tracking; second by Applegate. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Koczur to approve the renewal of the watershed coordinator agreement for Isanti SWCD; second by Duff. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Popp to approve the renewal of the fiscal agent agreement for Anoka CD; second by Westerlund. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Westerlund to approve the Aitkin SWCD's FY25 SOW; second by Janzen. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Koczur to approve the SOW for Isanti SWCD's FY25 WBIF Type A outreach and drainage study; second by Westerlund. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Westerlund to approve the SOW for Sherburne SWCD for implementation tracking for FY25-26; second by Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Popp to approve the Benton SWCD's reduction of FY23 WBIF funds; second by Winkelman. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

10. Reflections:

Staff shared several tips for new and established partners to stay informed and engaged. Board members were encouraged to reach out to staff with any questions or to learn more about specific topics. Attending IPC meetings was suggested as a way to gain insight into behind-the-scenes work, while participating in monthly outreach meetings provides updates on ongoing efforts. Additionally, partners were invited to share topic suggestions with Determan for areas they would like to learn more about.

11. Communications & Announcements:

Janski noted that some agencies within the watershed initially opted out of joining the partnership. He asked if there is a process or a reasonable timeframe for checking back with them to see if they are now interested in participating and how that might be facilitated. Shaw responded that she will be collaborating with Mille Lacs County staff to inform the new Mille Lacs County commissioners about the partnership's activities. If the commissioners express interest in joining, the partnership can work on determining the necessary logistics to include them.

12. Next Meeting Date: March 27th 2025

13. Janski called the meeting to adjourn at 5:36pm.

Financial Report - Rum River Watershed Partnership

3/18/2025

Bank Account Update

1/1/2025	Starting balance	\$315,849.42
	Debits - regular	\$812.98
	Debits - cd's purchased	\$0.00
	Deposits	\$0.00
	Interest & Dividends	\$2,409.00
3/18/2025	Ending balance	\$317,445.44



Funds On-Hand by Type

In bank acct - WBIF grants	\$298,602.56
In bank acct - Unrestricted (interest earned)	\$18,842.88
In CDs - WBIF grants	\$464,000.00

FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant

Expires 12/31/2025

Activity	Grant Funds					Match Funds				
	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining
Admin	\$101,133.00	\$101,599.00	-\$466.00	\$98,488.35	\$2,644.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forest Practices	\$13,152.00	\$13,152.00	\$0.00	\$8,333.60	\$4,818.40	\$3,133.00	\$3,139.00	-\$6.00	\$2,333.40	\$799.60
Outreach	\$221,219.00	\$221,113.60	\$105.40	\$104,961.93	\$116,257.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prioritizing Studies	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$0.00	\$51,198.67	\$14,801.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Devel	\$116,225.00	\$114,772.00	\$1,453.00	\$57,345.10	\$58,879.90	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Rural BMPs	\$242,522.78	\$242,522.78	\$0.00	\$51,252.78	\$191,270.00	\$18,000.00	\$101,318.00	-\$83,318.00	\$43,714.00	-\$25,714.00
Soil Health	\$50,000.00	\$49,860.00	\$140.00	\$28,300.00	\$21,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tech/Eng	\$307,111.27	\$307,111.27	\$0.00	\$111,745.96	\$195,365.31	\$14,872.10	\$12,872.10	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,872.10
Residential & Urban BMPs	\$132,684.95	\$132,250.00	\$434.95	\$26,678.26	\$106,006.69	\$80,000.00	\$38,250.00	\$41,750.00	\$16,754.91	\$63,245.09
Groundwater	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,236.00	\$25,764.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,574.00	\$6,426.00
Match - General	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,762.47	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,280,048.00	\$1,278,380.65	\$1,667.35	\$542,540.65	\$737,507.35	\$130,005.10	\$169,579.10	-\$39,574.00	\$68,376.31	\$61,628.79
		99.9%	0.1%	42.4%	57.6%		130.4%	over matched	52.6%	47.4%

FY25 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant

Expires 12/31/2027

Activity	Grant Funds					Match Funds				
	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining
Admin	\$126,600.00	\$104,000.00	\$22,600.00	\$0.00	\$126,600.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Agriculture-Structural	\$127,000.00	\$0.00	\$127,000.00	\$0.00	\$127,000.00	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00
Outreach	\$322,400.00	\$50,000.00	\$272,400.00	\$0.00	\$322,400.00	\$11,005.90	\$0.00	\$11,005.90	\$0.00	\$11,005.90
Forestry Practices	\$10,000.00	\$240.00	\$9,760.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$128.85	\$1,871.15	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Well Sealing	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Non-Structural Ag	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prioritizing Studies & Forest Stewardship	\$109,500.00	\$21,100.00	\$88,400.00	\$0.00	\$109,500.00	\$2,400.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Project Devel (Type C Outreach)	\$22,200.00	\$0.00	\$22,200.00	\$0.00	\$22,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Streambank & Shoreline Protection	\$90,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00
Tech Assist. & Eng.	\$308,859.00	\$0.00	\$308,859.00	\$0.00	\$308,859.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Stormwater	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00
Wetland Restoration	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$31,250.00	\$0.00	\$31,250.00	\$0.00	\$31,250.00
TOTAL	\$1,331,559.00	\$211,340.00	\$1,120,219.00	\$0.00	\$1,331,559.00	\$133,155.90	\$9,528.85	\$123,627.05	\$0.00	\$133,155.90
		15.9%	84.1%	0.0%	100.0%		7.2%	92.8%	0.0%	100.0%

*Negative numbers indicate over-spending which is allowed as long as offset by underspending another activity and with 10% of the grant amount.

Negative match means more match is provided than required.

MEMO

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 5: Project sign design/ Tag Line

Meeting Date: March 27, 2025

Prepared by: Lydia Godfrey



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve X tag line and sign design to be used on projects signs and messaging.

Summary

At the January RRWP board meeting we discussed tag lines for signage. The board favored the slogan "Protecting Our Watershed," highlighting its emphasis on community ownership through the use of the word "our." The possibility of replacing "watershed" with an alternative word, such as "water," was also considered. Since the last board meeting Outreach staff has vetted several versions of the sign along with tag line options and the final versions are being presented here for voting.

MEMO

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 6: 1st Quarter Agreements and Statements of Work(s)

Meeting Date: March 27, 2025

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve 1st Quarter project funding requests and Amended Statement of Works (SOWs) as provided.

Summary

The agreements are attached as part of the board packet. Additional detail can be found on each agreement:

FY23 WBIF MLSWCD 2023-UBMP-3: This SOW amendment reduces required match commitments for projects planned.

WBIF FY25-Morrison SWCD: This SOW dedicates funds from the Forest practices activity for tree and shrub establishment in Morrison County along a ditch that drains to the West Branch of the Rum River.

WBIF FY25-Isanti SWCD: This SOW dedicates funding for an inventory of erosion locations along the Rum River in Isanti County. The study will be utilized to identify and prioritize projects to apply for future WBIF funding.

WBIF FY25-Benton SWCD: This SOW dedicates funding for the development of a conservation plan for a feedlot in the West Branch of the Rum River in Benton County. The intent of the plan is to identify projects for future funding requests.

AMENDMENT #2

To

STATEMENT OF WORK

2023-MLSWCD-UBMP-3

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to cancel planned funding for a stormwater treatment project in the City of Wahkon and add funding for Mille Lacs Lake shoreline restorations.

The following changes are hereby agreed upon to the above named Statement of Work:

Funding amount

Original funding:	\$132,305.00	For Wahkon project, Rodriguez project
Amendment #1		
Changes in funding:	-\$115,805.00	Cancellation of Wahkon project
	+ \$45,750.00	Addition of Mille Lacs Lake shorelines
Amended funding:	\$ 62,250.00	
Original match:	\$ 34,451.00	For Wahkon project, Rodriguez project
Amendment #1		
Change in match:	-\$ 28,951.00	Cancellation of Wahkon project
	+\$15,250.00	Addition of Mille Lacs Lake shorelines
Amendment #2	<u>-\$ 5,187.50</u>	Reduction of overall match from 33% to 25%
Amended match:	\$ 15,562.50	

Deliverables (chang

Revised deliverable with changes shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and underline for Amendment 2 only. Deliverables will include the below projects as funding allows, with benefits (pollution reductions, linear ft, etc) proportionate to the amount of funding spent on each of the below projects:

Rodriguez Gully Repair - Runoff from surrounding area and township road flows through culvert and down a steep hill, causing a 6 foot gully over 50 feet long. Project will stabilize gully and treat stormwater runoff before it reaches lake, saving 13.6 tons of sediment per year and 13.6 pounds of Phosphorus per year.

Mille Lacs Lake Shorelines – up to 320 linear feet of shoreline restoration and/or protection on Mille Lacs Lake. These projects will include a 20 ft shoreline restoration for a landowner identified during Project Development for DIY No-Mow Buffer project from previous WBIF request. Additional projects may include establishment of native plant buffers in place of turfgrass and restoration of eroding shorelines. Projects may be identified from Aitkin SWCD drone survey of Mille Lacs Lake shoreline. All projects must be selected from a targeting and prioritization process to identify the most cost effective. Pollutant reductions of 25 ton TSS and 24.79 lb TP.

Onamia Stormwater Project – Install a practice to treat urban stormwater runoff at the Mille Lacs County Ericksonville Building in Onamia that otherwise discharges to the Rum River. This project treats runoff from 1 urban acre. This project treats runoff from 1 urban acres and will reduce approximately .37 lbs/yr of phosphorus and 67 lbs/yr sediment.

Reasoning for Amendment #2


- Match was reduced to the minimum required match. Previously, it was unintentionally over-matched.
- The Onamia Stormwater Project was added because that city has construction plans for 2025, earlier than previously thought.
- Because the amount of grant funding requested was not increased, the deliverables were reduced to be “up to” the three projects as funding allows.

Timeline

12/31/2025 expiration

Effective date of this amendment is upon execution by both parties.

MILLE LACS SWCD

By: 
Printed name and title: Jake Jauski: Chair
Date: 2/12/25

RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

By: _____
Printed name and title: _____
Date: _____

AMENDED STATEMENT OF WORK TO THE MASTER PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AND THE Isanti SWCD

REQUEST ID: WBIF FY25 – Isanti SWCD

This Statement of Work is issued and agreed to pursuant to the Master Project Agreement entered into between Rum River Watershed Partnership (“**RRWP**”) and the Isanti SWCD (“**Partner**”) and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Project Agreement. All grant activities associated with Projects specified and detailed herein shall be performed in accordance with the Master Project Agreement, RRWP Partnership Policy, the funding source’s grant agreement, BWSR Grant Administration Manual (if BWSR is the funding source), and applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

I. ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS

The RRWP will reimburse the Partner amounts not to exceed those shown in Table 1 for costs incurred in delivering the Activities & Project(s). The funding source is the following RRWP grant: RRWP WBIF FY25 C25-0171. To be eligible, expenses must be after the grant and Master Project Agreement execution. Funds must be spent by the expiration listed below.

Table 1. Activities and Projects Summary. Multiple projects and multiple activities may be in the same statement of work.

ACTIVITY	PROJECT NAME(S)	GRANT FUNDING AMOUNT	NON-STATE MATCH	Expiration
Outreach	ISWCD – Type A Outreach 2025-2026	\$50,000	\$0	12/31/2027
Prioritizing Studies	ISWCD FY25 - MDM & feasibility study – Co Ditch 1 & City of Braham	\$4,000	\$0	12/31/2027
Prioritizing Studies	ISWCD FY25 - Erosion Inventory-Rum River	\$3,500	\$0	12/31/2027
TOTAL		\$57,500	\$0	

II. SCOPE OF WORK

Partner will carry-out activities & projects as described in Exhibit A (Projects Map), Exhibit B (Project Photos) and Exhibit C: Activities and Projects Detail. The Partner will be responsible for operations & maintenance for the project life.

III. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Statement of Work the day and year signed below.

RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Isanti SWCD

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A: PROJECTS MAP
None

EXHIBIT B: PROJECT PHOTOS
None

EXHIBIT C: Activities and Projects Detail

Funding Round	Partner	Activity	Project(s)	Conservation Practice	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefiting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Outreach	ISWCD – Type A Outreach 2025-2026	Education/Information	Type A outreach based on E&O Work Plan	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ISWCD FY25 - MDM & feasibility study - Co Ditch 1 and City of Braham	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	MDM identifying project location, feasibility and effectiveness in Judicial Ditch 1, City of Braham in Isanti County - Judicial Ditch 1 drains to lower stanchfield brook, a direct tributary to the Rum River.	Winter 2024/25	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	NA	NA	NA
2025-1	Isanti SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ISWCD FY25-Erosion Inventory-Rum River	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	Identification of erosion from upland (primarily agriculture) adjacent to the Rum River in Princeton-Cambridge and St. Francis management areas (within Isanti County). Process will be completed using aerial photos and lidar. Field verification if necessary. Product will be a shapefile. Erosion locations will be prioritized and used for future implementation funding requests.	2025	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	NA	NA	NA

**STATEMENT OF WORK
TO THE MASTER PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
AND THE Morrison SWCD**

REQUEST ID: WBIF FY25-Morrison SWCD

This Statement of Work is issued and agreed to pursuant to the Master Project Agreement entered into between Rum River Watershed Partnership (“RRWP”) and the Morrison SWCD (“Partner”) and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Project Agreement. All grant activities associated with Projects specified and detailed herein shall be performed in accordance with the Master Project Agreement, RRWP Partnership Policy, the funding source’s grant agreement, BWSR Grant Administration Manual (if BWSR is the funding source), and applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

I. ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS

The RRWP will reimburse the Partner amounts not to exceed those shown in Table 1 for costs incurred in delivering the Activities & Project(s). The funding source is the following RRWP grant: RRWP WBIF FY25 C25-0171. To be eligible, expenses must be after the grant and Master Project Agreement execution, and no sooner than the day that this Statement of Work is executed. Funds must be spent by the expiration listed below.

Table 1. Activities and Projects Summary. Multiple projects and multiple activities may be in the same statement of work.

ACTIVITY	PROJECT NAME(S)	GRANT FUNDING AMOUNT	NON-STATE MATCH	Expiration
Forest Practices	MSWCD-Monson Tree/Shrub Establishment	\$240.00	\$128.85	12/31/2027
Choose an item.				
Choose an item.				
Choose an item.				
TOTAL				

II. SCOPE OF WORK

Partner will carry-out activities & projects as described in Exhibit A (Projects Map), Exhibit B (Project Photos) and Exhibit C: Activities and Projects Detail. The Partner will be responsible for operations & maintenance for the project life.

III. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Statement of Work the day and year signed below.

RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

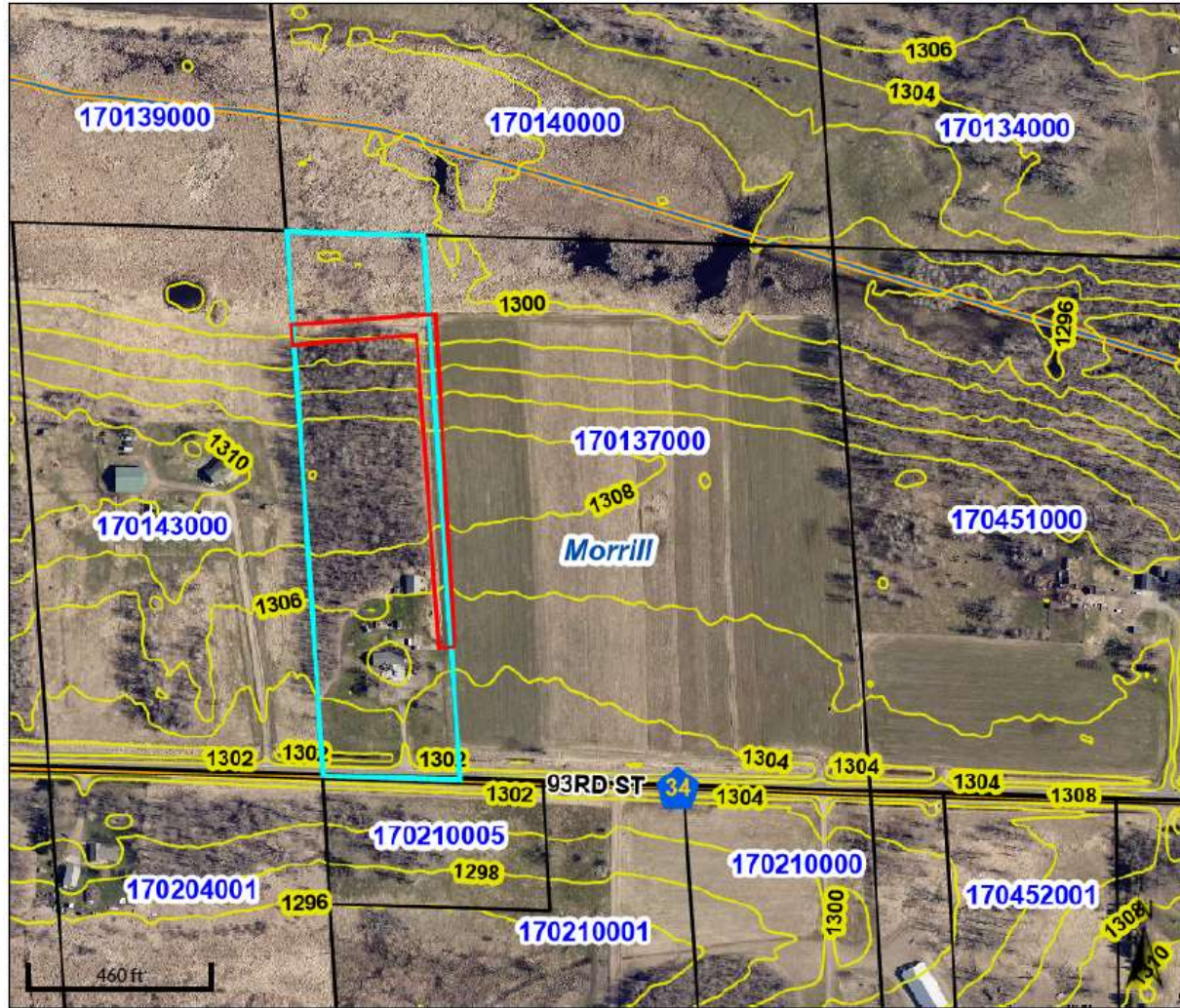
Morrison SWCD

By: Shannon Wettstein

Title: District Manager

Date: 3/11/25

EXHIBIT A: PROJECTS MAP
 MONSON TREE/SHRUB ESTABLISHMENT



Overview



Legend

- Corporate Limits
- Political Townships
- Parcels
- Road Centerlines
 - US/State Hwy
 - CSAH; County Road
 - Township
 - Roads
- Elevation Contours
 - Elevation Contours
- Streams
 - Protected Stream
 - Protected Stream/Public Ditch
 - Original Path
 - Public Ditch
 - <all other values>
- Protected Waters

EXHIBIT B: PROJECT PHOTOS
 None

EXHIBIT C: Activities and Projects Detail

Funding Round	Partner	Activity	Project(s)	Conservation Practice	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefitting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yr)
2025-1	Morrison SWCD	Forestry Practices	MSWCD -Monson Tree/Shrub Establishment	12-Tree/Shrub Establishment	Conifer planting of 200 Black Hills Spruce. Trees will be planted in 2 staggered rows across 1 acre. There will be a 10' spacing between trees and 20' between the rows. Trees will be 18-24" tall. Planting location borders a type 3 wetland and a protected county ditch. Project will provide stormwater runoff protection as well as groundwater nutrient uptake and will prevent wind erosion which also protects adjacent surface waters. Data for reduced TP can be provided if requested. TP data is for mature trees. Payment rates may be adjusted if needed, however, we have other funding options that pay a better rate which we may need to use to subsidize.	Spring 2025	\$240.00	\$128.85	R-West Branch Rum River	0.10	0.00	10

STATEMENT OF WORK TO THE MASTER PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AND THE Benton SWCD

REQUEST ID: WBIF FY25-Benton SWCD

This Statement of Work is issued and agreed to pursuant to the Master Project Agreement entered into between Rum River Watershed Partnership (“**RRWP**”) and the Benton SWCD (“**Partner**”) and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Project Agreement. All grant activities associated with Projects specified and detailed herein shall be performed in accordance with the Master Project Agreement, RRWP Partnership Policy, the funding source’s grant agreement, BWSR Grant Administration Manual (if BWSR is the funding source), and applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

I. ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS

The RRWP will reimburse the Partner amounts not to exceed those shown in Table 1 for costs incurred in delivering the Activities & Project(s). The funding source is the following RRWP grant: RRWP WBIF FY25 C25-0171. To be eligible, expenses must be after the grant and Master Project Agreement execution, and no sooner than the day that this Statement of Work is executed. Funds must be spent by the expiration listed below.

Table 1. Activities and Projects Summary. Multiple projects and multiple activities may be in the same statement of work.

ACTIVITY	PROJECT NAME(S)	GRANT FUNDING AMOUNT	NON-STATE MATCH	Expiration
Prioritizing Studies	BWCD FY25-Zulawski Conservation Planning	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	12/31/2027
Choose an item.				
Choose an item.				
TOTAL				

II. SCOPE OF WORK

Partner will carry-out activities & projects as described in Exhibit A (Projects Map), Exhibit B (Project Photos) and Exhibit C: Activities and Projects Detail. The Partner will be responsible for operations & maintenance for the project life.

III. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Statement of Work the day and year signed below.

RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Benton SWCD

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A: PROJECTS MAP
None

EXHIBIT B: PROJECT PHOTOS
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EXHIBIT C: Activities and Projects Detail

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2025-1	Benton SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	BSWCD FY25 - Zulawski Conservation Planning	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	Conservation plan evaluating feedlot/manure storage, soil health (tillage), pasture management, and nutrient management. The completed plan will propose water quality improvement projects for the Zulawski farm.	2025	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	NA	NA	1

MEMO

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 7: 2025 Budget and Party- funded work plan

Meeting Date: March 27, 2025

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan



PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve 2025 Budget and Party-funded work plan

Summary

Our Comprehensive Watershed Plan, by-laws, and joint powers agreement indicate the partnership should adopt an annual work plan that consists of 1) Budget, 2) WBIF Work plan (every other year), 3) party-funded work plan and 4) implementation tracking (part of item 9 on agenda).

This agenda item contains the 2025 budget along with the approved 2024 and actual 2024 budget for a reference.



RUM RIVER

WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

2025 Budget

APPROVED X-X-XXXX

	2024	2024	2025
	APPROVED	ACTUAL	DRAFT
Revenues			
BWSR WBIF FY23 Grant	\$505,663.00	\$468,399.60	\$737,507.35
BWSR WBIF FY25 Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$421,329.50
Interest & Dividends	\$6,425.00	\$10,056.35	0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$512,513.00	\$478,455.95	\$1,158,836.85
Expenses-			
	2024	2024	2025
	APPROVED	ACTUAL	DRAFT
Administration			
Legal	\$5,922.00	\$110.00	\$1,500.00
MCIT	\$3,381.00	\$7,520.00	\$5,000.00
Audit	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Administration	\$59,049.40	\$59,859.76	\$51,969.87
SUBTOTAL	\$71,352.40	\$68,489.76	\$59,469.87
Education/Outreach	\$210,711.18	\$96,152.11	\$141,151.64
Staff Time/Contracted Services	\$198,432.25	\$189,815.13	\$388,076.04
Projects	\$449,341.96	\$113,942.60	\$570,139.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$929,837.79	\$468,399.60	\$1,158,836.85
YEAR END BALANCES			
Unrestricted Funds (Interest & Dividends)	\$0.00	\$10,056.35	\$0.00
FY23 WBIF		\$0.00	\$0.00
FY25 WBIF		\$0.00	\$0.00
YEAR END BALANCE	\$93,809.72	\$10,056.35	\$10,056.35



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Audit	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Fiscal Agent (Anoka CD)	\$19,239.26	\$21,879.05	\$0.00
Coordinator (Isanti SWCD)	\$14,916.63	\$20,757.07	\$0.00
Implementation Tracking (Sherburne SWCD)	\$12,176.10	\$6,976.86	\$699.24
Communications (Mille Lacs SWCD)	\$12,717.41	\$10,246.78	\$2,470.63
SUBTOTAL	\$71,352.40	\$68,489.76	\$3,169.87
Education/Outreach			
Type A (Isanti SWCD)	\$34,742.17	\$36,361.78	\$0.00
Type A (Anoka CD)	\$33,075.01	\$4,014.97	\$29,033.00
Type B (Mille Lacs SWCD)	\$142,894.00	\$55,775.36	\$87,118.64
SUBTOTAL	\$210,711.18	\$96,152.11	\$116,151.64
Staff Time/Contracted Services			
Project Development	\$117,906.85	\$57,345.10	\$58,879.90
Technical Assistance/Engineering	\$30,028.27	\$96,774.23	\$195,365.31
Prioritized Studies	\$50,497.13	\$35,695.80	\$14,801.33
SUBTOTAL	\$198,432.25	\$189,815.13	\$269,046.54
FY23 WBIF Projects			
Urban Structural Best Management Practices	\$326,349.96	\$23,028.22	\$105,586.90
Rural Structural Practices	\$76,200.00	\$51,252.78	\$191,270.00
Non-Structural Ag Practices (Soil Health)	\$32,000.00	\$28,300.00	\$21,700.00
Forest Practices	\$14,792.00	\$7,125.60	\$4,818.40
Groundwater (Well Sealing)	-	\$4,236.00	\$25,764.00
SUBTOTAL	\$449,341.96	\$113,942.60	\$349,139.30
TOTAL FY23 EXPENSES	\$929,837.79	\$468,399.60	\$737,507.35
Expenses-FY25 WBIF			
	2024	2024	2025
	APPROVED	ACTUAL	DRAFT
Administration			
Legal	0	0	\$1,500.00
MCIT	0	0	\$5,000.00
Audit	0	0	\$1,000.00
Fiscal Agent (Anoka CD)	0	0	\$15,500.00
Coordinator (Isanti SWCD)	0	0	\$24,350.00
Implementation Tracking (Sherburne SWCD)	0	0	\$2,650.00
Communications (Mille Lacs SWCD)	0	0	\$6,300.00
SUBTOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,300.00
Education/Outreach			
Type A (Isanti SWCD)	0	0	\$25,000.00
Type B (Mille Lacs SWCD)	0	0	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Staff Time/Contracted Services			
Project Development	0	0	\$11,100.00
Technical Assistance/Engineering	0	0	\$53,179.50
Planning and Assessment	0	0	\$54,750.00
SUBTOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119,029.50
Projects			
Forestry Practices	0	0	\$5,000.00
Groundwater (Well Sealing)	0	0	\$2,500.00
Agricultural Practices	0	0	\$63,500.00
Non-Structural Management Practices	0	0	\$7,500.00
Wetland Restoration/Creation	0	0	\$62,500.00
Streambank or Shoreland Protection	0	0	\$45,000.00
Urban Stormwater Practices	0	0	\$35,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$221,000.00
TOTAL FY25 EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$421,329.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$929,837.79	\$468,399.60	\$1,158,836.85
YEAR END BALANCES			
Unrestricted Funds (Interest & Dividends)		\$10,056.35	\$0.00
FY23 WBIF		\$0.00	\$0.00
FY25 WBIF		\$0.00	\$0.00
YEAR END BALANCE	\$50,883.93	\$10,056.35	\$10,056.35



2025 Party- Funded Work Plan

The estimated cost to implement all Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan activities is \$34,947,325 over ten years; this equates to roughly \$3.5 million annually. Watershed-Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) will not cover all costs of implementing the plan; thus, partners must also opt to leverage private, local, state, or federal funding individually or as a group to ensure progress toward plan goals.

This document is part of the Annual Work Plan and is an obligation of our Joint Powers agreement and approved Bylaws. It briefly describes projects, programs, and funding sources other than watershed-based Implementation funds that members plan to utilize to meet plan goals in 2025.

2025 State-led and large-scale initiatives occurring in the watershed:

- Watershed and Forest Restoration: What a Match! This program, funded via a Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant, is led by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The grant targets the reforestation of permanently protected land. Mille Lacs SWCD is the fiscal agent.
- Reinvest In Minnesota Conservation Easements: Several pots of money, primarily from the Clean Water Fund, are available for use in the watershed. The effort targets land protection via permanent conservation easements in target areas, including the Rum River and its tributaries.
- Intensive Watershed Monitoring: the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is leading the effort to complete monitoring to assess the condition of lakes and streams in the watershed. Monitoring occurs every ten years as part of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Process.
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)- Irrigation management*: A federal grant partnered on by 20 SWCDs, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (this includes the RRW) and several other organizations. This grant is designed to work directly with agricultural irrigators to implement conservation practices that protect groundwater quality and quantity, promote precision irrigation practices, build professional capacity among SWCD and NRCS technical staff, promote and organize farmer to farmer learning opportunities, enhance outreach and education about irrigation practices, and to quantify the environmental, economic, and social impacts.
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)- Soil Health*: The Soil Health Practices Grant is enabled via Minnesota Statutes (M.S.) §103F.06 to provide a financial and technical support program to produce soil health practices that achieve water quality, soil productivity, climate change resiliency, or carbon sequestration benefits. This program leverages State and Federal funds. The Board of Water and Soil Resources is leading this program, and the funds are available in portions of the watershed including Benton, Isanti, and Sherburne Counties.

*Indicates federal funding with some uncertainty

2025 Locally led Funding sources targeted to plan implementation include:

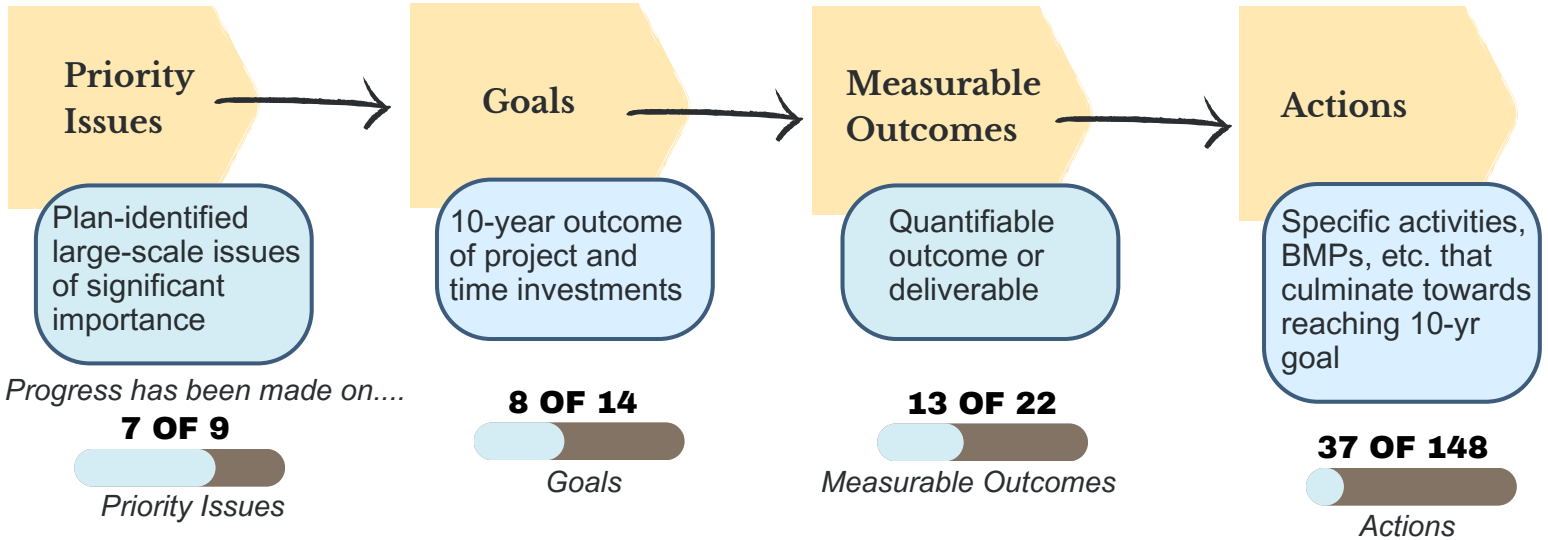
Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund	BWSR Metropolitan WBIF (Anoka County Portion)
MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant	Outdoor Heritage Fund
MPCA Federal 319 Small Watersheds Grants	MN Department of Health Well Water Testing Grant
BWSR Clean Water Funds	United States Fish and Wildlife
MPCA Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network	MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program
BWSR Soil Health Grants	Federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program
SWCD State Aid	BWSR SWCD Capacity Grants
National Wild Turkey Federation Superfund Grant	University of MN Soil Health Education Grant

2024 Rum River Watershed Partnership Annual Report



The Rum River Watershed Partnership (RRWP) is a joint powers entity formed by 5 counties, 8 SWCDs, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. The group's purpose is to implement a state-approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Any work partners complete using WBIF or other funding sources contributes progress towards plan goals. This report details the progress made in 2024, which marks the second year of implementation.

GOAL PROGRESS



★ WE ARE ON TRACK

We are 20% into the life of the plan. We would like to see close to 20% of progress being made.

21% of Action IDs have 10% or greater progress made

10% of Action IDs are complete!

Water Storage



POLLUTANT REDUCTIONS

PHOSPHORUS	NITROGEN	SEDIMENT
2,083 lbs/yr 85%	16,082 lb/yr	9,256 tons/yr

Protected Land



To see detailed progress information, see our [online tracking tool](#):

Best viewed on a computer or large screen.



Progress by Management Zone

MILLE LACS LAKE

5 Forest Stewardship Plans

MILACA

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
24 lbs/yr	0 lb/yr	22 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Bogus Brook.

W. BRANCH RUM RIVER

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
315 lbs/yr	5,884 lb/yr	158 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Estes Brook and the West Branch of the Rum River.

PRINCETON-CAMBRIDGE

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
832 lbs/yr	8,498 lb/yr	6,189 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Blue Lake, Green Lake, and Spectacle Lake.

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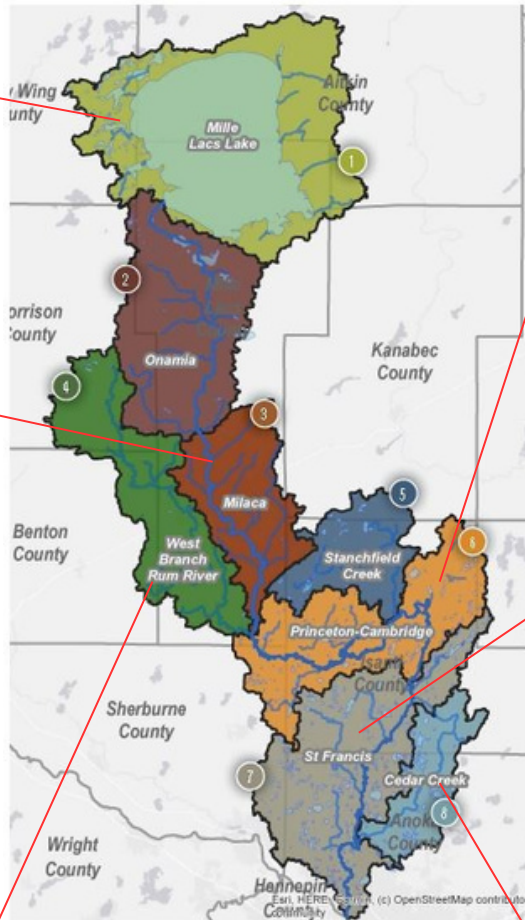
TP	TN	SEDIMENT
887 lbs/yr	1,270 lb/yr	1,631 tons/yr

Activities have been done on George Lake and Skogman Lake.

CEDAR CREEK

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
4.7 lbs/yr	182 lb/yr	3.1 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Cedar Creek.



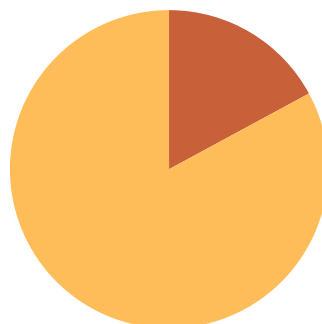
In many parts of the watershed work has been done that benefits groundwater, the Rum River, and watershed-wide resources.

Funding

Funding is sourced from Watershed-Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) and other local, state, and federal funding sources. In 2023, the RRWP received \$1.1M of Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF), sourced from the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment, to implement the plan. In late 2024, an additional \$1.3M was secured from WBIF.

Project expenses from all sources have totaled....

\$4,097,911



26 projects have been funded using WBIF

126 projects were funded from 26 other funding sources

Project Gallery

87 projects were completed in the watershed in 2024. Here are a few examples of projects that were completed to accomplish plan goals.



Wetland Restoration
near Green Lake
Isanti SWCD



Rain garden benefiting
the Rum River
Anoka CD



Cover crops shortly
after planting
Benton SWCD



Riverbank stabilization
on the Rum River
Anoka CD



Well Sealing
Mille Lacs SWCD

Watershed Wide Outreach

Outreach activities are detailed in the FY23 RRWP Outreach Plan and led by staff at Isanti SWCD and Mille Lacs SWCD. In 2024 outreach focused on improving communication, collaboration, and utilizing resources among partners.

COMPLETED
IN PROGRESS

Goal: 10 outreach efforts every biennium

Goal: 25 new groups engaged over 10 yrs



26/10



22/25

Outreach completed includes:



Hosted 9 partner events, reaching a total of 293 people



Increased partner communication by hosting technical staff meetings, including the Ag Tech Team and Land Forestry Team



Added 58 educational materials to a shared partner resources folder and created a public resources webpage

in total we have reached

1,578 people



On Track Slow Progress On Hold/significant setbacks CANCELLED

Project Summary			Funding Awarded				Costs:Benefits to Water Quality			IPC to use for progress updates		
Partner	Activity	Project	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefitting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)	Progress Status	NOTES
Anoka CD	Education/Information	2023-ASWCD-E-1	Type A outreach based on E&O Work Plan. Work plan tasks to be coordinated amongst Isanti SWCD & Anoka CD.	2023-2024	\$36,600.00	\$0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	On track, with 2 big video projects upcoming
Benton SWCD	Project Development	2023-BSWCD-PD-1	List of landowners agreeing to implement soil health practices- this may be cover crops or other non-structural soil health projects	2023-2024	\$3,547.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	\$1453 is remaining for project development. There will most likely be some funding returning.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Tech/Engineering	2023-MLSWCD-TE-2	Technical assistance for installation of LIDs BMPs on a City of Wahkon parking lot to capture and treat stormwater runoff and stored snow melt before it reaches an adjacent wetland. BMPs will be vegetated and include infiltration trenches, curb cuts and Rain Guardian structure for sediment capture and removal. Also a large gully stabilization and stormwater treatment project for landowner. Wahkon project ID'd in Stormwater Plan assessment and landowner gully is in target catchment from HSPF modeling in MPCA Sediment loss assessment.	2023-2024	\$11,390.27	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	TSA working on up-dated project design for gully stabilization
Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	2023-MLSWCD-UBMP-3	Runoff from surrounding area and township road flows through culvert and down a steep hill, causing a 6 foot gully over 50 feet long. Project will stabilize gully and treat stormwater runoff before it reaches lake, saving 13.6 tons of sediment per year and 13.6 pounds of Phosphorus per year.	2023-2024	\$16,500.00	\$5,500.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	13.60	13.60	10	On Track	Project to be installed fal 2025
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1	This project will leverage existing landowner relationships to meet neighboring property owners who will be willing to convert from mowed turf grass to no-mow shoreline buffers. If successful, this project will establish approximately 400 linear feet of no-mow shoreline buffer on Mille Lacs Lake. We will also meet with new landowners who are interested in working to develop no-mow buffers in additional lakeside neighborhoods.	2023-2024	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Site visits with landowners have resulted in development of shoreline restoration on ML lake.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Education/Information	2023-MLSWCD-EI-4	Type B outreach based on E&O Work Plan	2023-2024	\$142,894.00	\$0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Continuing to form relationships with stakeholders across the watershed while engaging in informative discussions. Focus has been on forestry and soil health practices.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Assessment, & Special	2023-MLSWCD-PAS-5	Inventory animal operations including but not limited to registered feedlots, and possible land application of manure approx 1000 ft from Bogus Brk or a ditch of trib of the stream that could be contributing to the impariment. Will utilize aerial review, owner/producer reiew/survey, develop list of recommended BMPs for each site and rank by cost effectiveness and landowner readiness. Identified in the work plan within the tier 1 priority stream Bogus Brook, Milaca GMZ	2023	\$22,600.00	\$0.00	R-Bogus Brook	0.00	0.00	0	Slow Progress	Desktop inventory of parcels w/feedlot permits, livestock in general, or fields where manure may be spread is complete. Next step is further refining of contacts and outreach via postcard and through community contacts. Working on developing knowledge of BMPs and suitability of such. Outreach to happen winter 2024-25.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1	Project Development to get landowners on the list to implement soil health practices, targeting West Branch and Bogus Brook tier 1 priority waters	2023-2024	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Interested cooperators are being identified. Outreach and follow up with interested cooperators is underway.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Admin/Coord	2023-MLSWCD-AC-6	Communications: Activities may include meeting facilitation, note taking, and website maintenance.	2023-2024	\$12,717.41	\$0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Meeting minutes for JPE board and IPC meetings continued to be taken, and adjustments and additions made to the RRWP webpage when needed.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1	Motivate establishment and installation of buffers on private ditches and buffer enhancements on public and private ditches	2023-2024	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	R-Bogus Brook	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Bogus Brd drainage mgmt progress: contacted people with existing buffers and hoping for response this winter.
Sherburne SWCD	Project Development	2023-SSWCD-PD-1	Promotional items, list of landowner contacts, list of interested landowners for BMP implementation.	2023-2024	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Promotional items created and distributed, interested landowners for forestry practices. Severak outreach events completed.
Sherburne SWCD	Ag Non-Structural	2023-SSWCD-NS-2	Will work with Rum River & Blue Lake watershed landowners for cover crops and/or non-structural agriculture practices. We anticipate 70 acres or more of cover crops, coupled with potential other agricultural practices and/or forestry practices.	2023-2024	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	0.00	0.00	0	Slow Progress	Worked with a producer to install a 3-species cover crop mix on 49 acres in the Princeton-Cambridge Mgmt Zone. Anticipate another push for soil health in 2025 with several landowners.
Benton SWCD	Tech/Engineering	2023-BSWCD-3	Conservation planning and design of WASCOB or equivalent.	2023-2024	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	\$8,300 has been used of the \$10,000 for TSA and staff time.
Benton SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	2023-BSWCD-3	Construction of a WASCOB or equivalent practice that will be treating 118 acres, in the direct drainage to the W. Branch Rum. The drainage area is predominantly ag, with a ~500 ft buffer area of grass. We anticipate the designs to be completed by TSA. The implementation planning committee determined through consensus that this project was a priority in part due to the severity of the erosion, its location in a priority watershed, and the limited number of erosion control projects available.	2023-2024	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00	R-West Branch Rum River	43.40	12.07	10	On Track	Final plans for 4/4 WASCOB basins are complete. Hoping to be done in the spring of 2025, if it is too wet it will happen in fall of 2025.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	2023-MLSWCD-UPMP-3	320 linear feet of shoreline restoration and/or protection projects on Mille Lacs Lake. These projects will include a 20 foot shoreline restoration for a landowner identified during Project Development for DIY project from previous WBIF request. Additional projects may include establishment of native plant buffers in place of turfgrass and restoration of eroding shoreline that may be identified from Aitkin SWCD drone survey of Mille Lacs shoreline.	2023-2025	\$45,750.00	\$15,250.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	24.79	25.00	10	On Track	Contract signed for 150 ft shoreline restoration on Mille Lacs. Developing stormwater control project in City of Onamia. Gully restoration on track. 20 foot shoreline restoration will likely change to 20 foot buffer due to landowner preference.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1 AMENDMENT	Project development to connect with landowners willing to install shoreline protection projects on Mille Lacs Lake.	2023-2025	\$14,625.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Presentation planned for up-coming Healthy Land Helthy Lake event in Wahkon sponsored by Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group.

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Mille Lacs SWCD	Tech/Engineering	2023-MLSWCD-TE-2	Tech/engineering to install 320 linear feet of shoreline protection projects on Mille Lacs Lake.	2023-2025	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Working on planting plans, working with TSA and landowner on project design and issues caused by vegetation removal on neighboring property. Two more project surveys have been completed. Expecting bid packets this month (March).
Mille Lacs SWCD	Ag Non-Structural	2023-MLSWCD-Soil Health	200 acres of soil health practices as approved with set rates per Rum WBIF Project Policies.	2024-2025	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	um River (Princeton-Cambri	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	On track with interests cover crops for the coming fall and a nutrient management plan in the works.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1 AMENDMENT	PD to respond to respond to interest in soil health practices	2024-2025	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	um River (Princeton-Cambri	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Farmer led soil health group started for dedicated conversations regarding BMPs. Investigated specific soil health interests for producers
Aitkin SWCD	Forestry Practices	2023-ASWCD-F-1	5 stewardship plans	2024-2025	\$6,400.00	\$1,600.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	10	On Track	5 stewardship plans done, working on 3 more. On track.
Isanti SWCD	Groundwater-Well Sealing	Well Sealing	Up to 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	25	Slow Progress	1 contract signed. 3-4 LO in progress
Isanti SWCD	Project Development	PD Well Sealing	Staff time to administer and promote Well Sealing with a goal of 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Outreach to Cities of Cambridge, Isanti and Braham. Articles in SWCD Newsletter, local paper, and social media.
Isanti SWCD	Tech/Engineering	Land Protection Assistance	Hire 1 FTE to implement portions of the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) and/or Landscape Stewardship Plan (LSP) by connecting with 50 landowners for land protection or enhancement programs including Forest Stewardship planning, conservation easements, wetland restoration/banking, or others. Implementation areas, in priority order, will be (a) parcels in proximity to those identified in the interim prioritization on pages 132-133 of the CWMP and any subsequent prioritization, (b) those with highest RAQ scores in the LSP or subsequent analyses, and (c) any other location in the watershed. Emphasis will be on the Mille Lacs and Isanti County areas. We are targeting a minimum of 5 completed or in-progress conservation easements and 5 enhancement or management plans Forest Stewardship Plans (contracted or completed by FTE). RAQ scoring or similar GIS analysis, Forest Stewardship Plans, and legal work may be completed by a contractor.	2024-2025	\$188,721.00	\$12,872.10	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	LPS Started June 24th. Outreach completed to 250+ in priority watersheds; 6+ CE easements + 3 forestry plans in progress
Benton SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	2023-BSWCD-3	This request is for additional funds for a previously-approved project (Schafer WASCOB). We will be increasing the size or number of BMPs such that TP reduction is >2x the original project. Previous project description: Construction of a WASCOB or equivalent practice that will be treating 118 acres, in the direct drainage to the W. Branch Rum. The drainage area is predominantly ag, with a ~500 ft buffer area of grass. We anticipate the the designs to be completed by TSA. The implementation planning committee determined through consensus that this project was a priority in part due to the severity of the erosion, its location in a priority watershed, and the limited number of erosion control projects available.	2023-2024	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	R-West Branch Rum River	125.40	13.40	10	Slow Progress	Final plans for 4/4 WASCOB basins are complete. Hoping to be done in the spring of 2025, if it is too wet it will happen in fall of 2025.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Groundwater-Well Sealing	Well Sealing	Up to 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	25	On Track	Sealed 3 wells
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	PD Well Sealing	Staff time to administer and promote Well Sealing with a goal of 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	working on outreach with 3 landowner with wells to seal.
Isanti SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	Tier 1 and 2 Lakes, Near Shore Stormwater Reduction	3 Projects with designs and contracts ready to go and additional project development in progress for additional projects. There is a significant amount of interest. Projects are identified or prioritized within a subwatershed assessment. Projects will include shoreline/hillside restorations, bioretention basins and or projects to capture and treat stormwater runoff and prevent erosion. Annual TP reduction is estimated at 6.1 lbs	2024-2025	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00	P-Blue Lake	6.10	0.50	10	On Track	Projects are currently being prioritized by Watershed Specialist.
Isanti SWCD	Project Development	Tier 1 and Tier 2 Lakes, Near Shore Stormwater Reduction PD	Completed projects under the Tier 1 and 2 Lakes, Near Shore Stormwater Reduction Project.	2024-2025	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	P-Blue Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	
Isanti SWCD	Tech/Engineering	Green Lake, Engineering Olsen and Smith Wetland	Final wetland restoration design and construction oversight assistance (funding request for construction below) for 2.3 acres of wetland restoration along CD23 draining to Green Lake	Winter 2024/25	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	R-Green Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	1 project complete and 2nd is underway.
Isanti SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	Green Lake, Construction Olsen and Smith Wetland	Total 2.3 Acres of Wetland Restorations along CD 23 draining to Green Lake: project ID'd in MDM for CD23 and directly adjacent to Green Lake inventory animal operations including but not limited to registered feedlots, and possible land application of manure approx 1000 ft 4,000 ft from Bogus Brk or a ditch of trib of the stream that could be contributing to the impairment. Will utilize aerial reivev, owner/producer reveiv/survey, develop list of recommended BMPs for each site and rank by cost effectiveness and landowner readiness. Identified in the work plan within the tier 1 priority	Winter 2024/25	\$116,562.00	\$38,854.00	R-Green Lake	97.20	11255.00	10	On Track	1 project complete and 2nd is planned for May 2025. A 3rd may be partially funded with remaining funds.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Planning, Assessment, & Special Studies	Bogus Brk-Milaca GMZ, feedlot ID	Inventory animal operations including but not limited to registered feedlots, and possible land application of manure approx 1000 ft 4,000 ft from Bogus Brk or a ditch of trib of the stream that could be contributing to the impairment. Will utilize aerial reivev, owner/producer reveiv/survey, develop list of recommended BMPs for each site and rank by cost effectiveness and landowner readiness. Identified in the work plan within the tier 1 priority	2023-2025	Extension only	\$0.00	R-Bogus Brook	0.00	0.00	0	Slow Progress	Inventory via mapping in progress
Aitkin SWCD	Tech/Engineering	Mille Lacs Lake Shoreland Protection /Restorations	Planning and Technical Assistance for 6 lake shore projects on Mille Lacs Lake prioritized by the Mille Lacs Lake Prioritizing Study	2024-2025	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Planning and technical assistance taking place with landowners. On track
Benton SWCD	Tech/Engineering	W. Branch Rum River, Schafer gully stabilization	Conservation planning and design of WASCOB or equivalent. An amendment is needed for additional tech/engineering, some of which has already occurred on the WASCOB or equivalent project beginning 6/26/2023 and anticipated to go through 11/30/2024.	2023-2024	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	

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Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	Rodriguez gully repair, Mille Lakes Lakeshores, Onamia stormwater project	Deliverables will include the below projects as funding allows, with benefits (pollution reductions, linear ft, etc) proportionate to the amount of funding spent on each of the below projects: Rodriguez Gully Repair - Runoff from surrounding area and township road flows through culvert and down a steep hill, causing a 6 foot gully over 50 feet long. Project will stabilize gully and treat stormwater runoff before it reaches lake, saving 13.6 tons of sediment per year and 13.6 pounds of Phosphorus per year. Mille Lacs Lake Shorelines - up to 320 linear feet of shoreline restoration and/or protection on Mille Lacs Lake. These projects will include a 20 ft shoreline restoration for a landowner identified during Project Development for DIY No-Mow Buffer project from previous WBIF request. Additional	By 12-31-2025	\$0.00	\$15,562.50	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.37	67lb/yr	10	on track	Working on planting plans, working with TSA and landowner on project design and issues caused by vegetation removal on neighboring property. Two more project surveys have been completed. Expecting bid packets this month (March).



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Funding Round	Partner	Activity	Project(s)	Conservation Practice	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefitting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)	Progress Status	NOTES
2024-4	Anoka CD	Administration	ACD - Fiscal Agent 2025-2026	Admin/Coord	Fiscal agent services.	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$31,000.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Aitkin SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ASWCD FY25 - Round Lake Study	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	Prioritizing Study Round Lake (Aitkin)	2025-2026	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	P-Round Lake (Aitkin)	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Aitkin SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ASWCD FY25 - Woodland Stew Plans	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	2 Forest Stewardship plans	2025-2026	\$2,000.00	\$400.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Aitkin SWCD	Streambank or Shoreland Protection	ASWCD FY25 - Mille Lacs Lake Shoreland Projects	Streambank & Shoreline Protection	Construction labor and materials for 6 shoreland projects on Mille Lacs Lake identified in Prioritizing Study	2025-2026	\$36,000.00	\$9,000.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	TBD	TBD	TBD	On Track	
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Administration	ISWCD - Watershed Coordinator 2025-2026	Admin/Coord	Watershed Coordination services	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$48,700.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Outreach	ISWCD - Type A Outreach 2025-2026	Education/Information	Type A outreach based on E&O Work Plan	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Sherburne SWCD	Administration	SSWCD - Implementation Tracking 2025-2026	Admin/Coord	Implementation Tracking Services	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$5,300.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ISWCD FY25 - MDM & feasibility study - Co Ditch 1 and City of Braham	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	MDM identifying project location, feasibility and effectiveness in Judicial Ditch 1, City of Braham in Isanti County - Judicial Ditch 1 drains to lower stanchfield brook, a direct tributary to the Rum River.	Winter 2024/25	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	NA	NA	NA	On Track	Near Complete

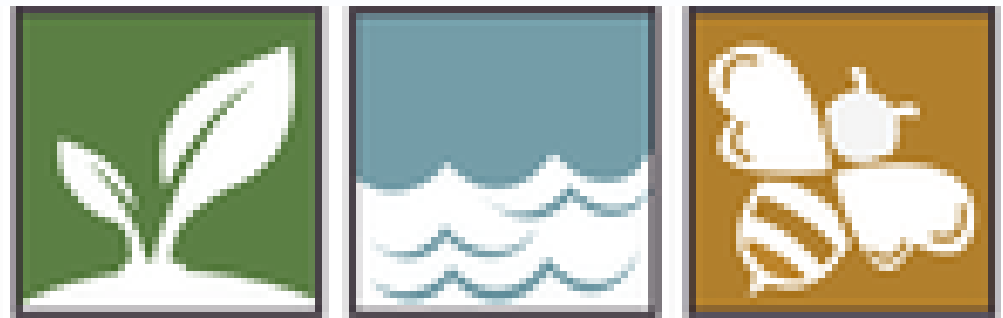
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