



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

April 2021 Administrator report
From: Linda Loomis, Administrator
To: LMRWD Board of Managers

In addition to items on the meeting agenda, work continues on the following District projects and issues:

Other Work

2020 Financial Audit

Redpath began work on the 2020 LMRWD Financial Audit March 22, 2021. All work was completed and the report is being prepared. As far as we know nothing unusual was found.

Database Management

A file structure has been set up in the cloud using MS SharePoint. On March 23, 2021, I met with the consultant to walk through the set-up. On April 8, 2021 The Consultant and I met with Della to determine how well the system would integrate with Young Environmental Consulting Groups file management.

Based on those two meetings, refinements to the file structure are being finalized and administration privileges are being set up. It should be ready to begin file transfer May1, 2021. The first task will be to transfer working files and then documents that reside on the District's laptops. After that hard copy documents will be scanned and moved to the cloud for storage.

Municipal meetings

On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, LMRWD began the first in a series of meetings with city staff of each city within the LMRWD. The first city was Eden Prairie. These meetings are being conducted to check in regarding areas of mutual concern. A meeting with Shakopee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Watershed Plan Projects

Gully Inventory and condition assessment: Work continues on this project. There is no new information to report since last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/mn-river-corridor-management-project>

Eden Prairie Area #3 Stabilization: An update on this item is on the April 2021 agenda.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/mn-river-corridor-management-project>

Riley Creek Cooperative project/Lower Riley Creek restoration: Reimbursement to Riley/Purgatory/Bluff Creek Watershed District has been requested and Carver County Finance is in the process of issuing payment. This will be the last month this project will be on the report. Project website: <http://www.rpbcwd.org/whats-happening/projects/lower-riley-creek-ecological-restoration>

Seminary Fen ravine stabilization project: Transfer of funds from the dredge management appropriation has been included in the Environment and Natural Resource Omnibus bills in both the House and Senate.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/bwsr-clean-water-fund-grant-administration>

East Chaska Creek: (Carver County Watershed Based Funding): No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/east-chaska-creek-bank-stabilization>

Schroeder Acres Park (Scott County Watershed Based Funding): Work continues on this project. There is no new information to report since last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/schroeder-acres-parkeagle-creek-sub-watershed-stormwater-study>

Shakopee Downtown BMP Retrofit (Scott County Watershed Based Funding): Work continues on this project. There is no new information to report since last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/targeted-bmps-downtown-shakopee>

PLOC (Prior Lake Outlet Channel) Restoration (Scott County Watershed Based Funding): Work continues on this project. There is no new information to report since last update..

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/prior-lake-outlet-channel-realignmentwetland-restoration>

LMRWD Fen Gap Analysis and Management Plan Development: The LMRWD is continuing work with Dakota County SWCD to close out the grant on this project on the Dakota County portion of this project. Work continues on an overall Fen management strategy. A work group met on April 19, 2021. A meeting to discuss the hydrogeology impacts on fens within the District is scheduled for 1:30pm May 5, 2021.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/dakota-county-fen-study-management-plan>

Hennepin County Chloride Project (Hennepin County Watershed Based Funding): The next meeting of the partners to this project is scheduled for May 4, 2021. A work plan has been developed for the demonstration project in Plymouth that was approved at the last meeting of the group. Fortin Consulting is developing a Winter Maintenance Plan Template to be used by property managers as part of this project. A report was prepared for this project titled "Developing a Strategic Plan to Increase Adoption of Best Management Practices with Private Applicators". The report was prepared by a U of M graduate student and a draft of the report is being reviewed by members of the Project group.

The Watershed Management Organizations within the Hennepin County portion of the Minnesota River Watershed pooled money allocated to them under the 2018 Metro-area Watershed Based Funding Program. This partnership includes the LMRWD, Riley/Purgatory/Bluff Creek Watershed District, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and the Richfield/Bloomington Watershed Management Organization. There is no new information to report on this project. RPBCWD requested the LMRWD pay its share of the match required under this grant. The program details can be found on the LMRWD website using this link <http://lowermnriverwd.org/news/chloride-reduction-grants-available>

Vegetation Management Plan: No new information since last update.

Sustainable Lake Management Plan: Trout Lakes: No new information to report since last update.

Geomorphic Assessment of Trout Streams: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/geomorphic-assessment-trout-streams>

Spring Creek Cost Share: There is no new information to report since the last update.

West Chaska Creek Re-meander: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1695a2cf90b44ddba730aad399196405>

Seminary Fen Ravine Restoration Area C2: No new information to report since last update.

MN River Corridor Plan: Staff continues to work on this plan.

Project Reviews

Stagecoach Road Improvements - City of Shakopee - The LMRWD received a permit for this project April 12, 2021.

Burnsville Cemetery Expansion - City of Burnsville - On March 19, 2021, the LMRWD received a permit for expansion of a cemetery in Burnsville at 400 TH 13 East.

Canterbury Park parking lot - City of Shakopee - This item is on the April 2021 agenda.

2021 Street & Utilities project - City of Shakopee - This item is on the April 2021 agenda.

Burnsville Industrial Phase IV - City of Burnsville - This item is on the April 2021 agenda.

Whispering Waters - City of Shakopee - (Keyland on previous reports) The LMRWD was part of the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) for the Wetland delineation for the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). A formal application was received on April 14, 2021. Project website:

<https://www.shakopeemn.gov/business-development/current-development/whispering-waters>

Blue Lake Waste Water Treatment Plan - MCES - City of Shakopee - The LMRWD received notice that MCES has developed a draft facility plan for the Blue Lake WWTP in Shakopee. MCES was accepting public comments on the plan until March 25, 2021. The LMRWD reviewed the plans and submitted comments. The LMRWD comments and MCES responses can be found using this link:

http://www.lowermnriverwd.org/download_file/1906/0

MN River Bank restoration - City of Shakopee - This item is on the agenda for the meeting with the City of Shakopee on April 20, 2021. Lisa Frenette has been invited to the meeting with the City scheduled for April 20th.

Southwest Logistics Center - City of Shakopee - Project was granted conditional approval at March Board meeting.

TH 41/CSAH 61 - City of Chaska - No new information to report since last update.

CSAH 61 - Carver County - The LMRWD requested additional information from the applicant and has not yet received the information requested to date.

494 River Bridge - TH 169 to MN River - This project is part of a MNDOT improvement project for 494 called the Corridor of Commerce. The current phase of the project proposes to repairs bridges from 34th Avenue to TH 13 (including the 494 bridge over the MN River). MNDOT has been making improvements to 494 east of the Minnesota River and has begun repairs to the 494 bridge over the river and trails in that area.

Project website: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494-airport-hwy169/index.html>

Credit River Outfall Repair: - City of Savage - No new information to report since last update.

Watermark in Savage: City of Savage - No new information to report since last update.

Veterans Memorial Bridge: City of Shakopee - No new information since last update.

Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/recreation/parks-trails/parks-trails-projects/memorial-park-bridge>

Prairie Heights: City of Eden Prairie - No new information to report since the last update.

Quarry Lake Park Improvements: City of Shakopee - The LMRWD received an application for work on the Quarry Lake outlet project early this week.

Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/recreation/parks-trails/parks-trails-projects/quarry-lake-park>

Southbridge Crossing 6th Addition: - City of Shakopee - (Core Crossing) The LMRWD has been informed this project is on hold until further notice. Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/business-development/current-development/southbridge-crossings>

Carver County CSAH 10: City of Chaska - No new information to report since the last update.. Project website: <https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-works/projects-studies/highway-10-study-victoria-chaska-area>

Hentges Industrial park: City Shakopee - A portion of this site, Southwest Logistics was given conditional approval at the March 2021 Boar of Managers meeting. Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/business-development/current-development/hentges-industrial-park>

9960 Deerbrook, Chanhassen: No new information to report since last update.

Summerland Place Residential Development EAW: Shakopee - This item is on the April 2021 agenda. Project website: <https://www.shakopeemn.gov/business-development/current-development/summerland-place>

Timber Creek Residential Development EAW: Carver - No new information to report since last update. Project website: <https://www.cityofcarver.com/timber-creek/>

MNDOT TH13 Improvement: No information to report since last update. Project website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy13savageburnsville/index.html>

Historic Fort Snelling Revitalization: No new information to report since last update. Project website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/upperpost/index.html>

HCRRA MN River Bluffs Regional Trail: The assignment was executed and sent to the HCRRA. Project website: <https://www.hennepin.us/riverbluffstrail>

City of Chanhassen - Moon Valley Gravel Pit: No new information to report since last update.

City of Carver - Levee rehabilitation: An update on this item is in the April 2021 meeting packet.

Dakota County - MN River Greenway: No new information to report since last update. Project website: <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/About/TrailPlanning/Pages/minnesota-river.aspx>

City of Burnsville - Freeway Dump and Landfill: Legislation([HF 1091/SF 579](#)) was introduced this session to request funding for remediation of the dump and landfill. It does not appear that it was included in any of the omnibus bills. We are checking with Lisa Frenette for details. The LMRWD was notified that the MPCA will make an application for this project in 2021. Project website: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/freeway-landfill-and-dump>

City of Eden Prairie - Peterson Wetland Bank: No new information to report since last update.

City of Chanhassen - TH 101 Improvements: There is no new information to report since the last update. Project website: <https://www.highway101improvements.com/>

City of Bloomington - MN Valley State Trail: No new information to report since last update. Project website: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/minnesota_valley/plans.html

MNDOT - I35W Bridge Replacement: No new information to report since last update. Project website: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wbloomington/index.html>

MAC/LMRWD/MCWD boundary realignment: A meeting with MAC is being scheduled.

USACOE/USFWS - Bass Ponds, Marsh & Wetland: No new information to report since last update.

Project website: <https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Home/Projects/Article/1467604/upper-mississippi-river-restoration-program-bass-ponds-marsh-wetland-habitat-re/>

Upcoming meetings/events

- UMWA monthly meeting- Thursday, March 18, 2021, 12:30 pm; contact District Administrator to join
- 2020 USACE River Resource Forums - April 20, 2021, August & December 2021, the April meeting is planned to be virtual, contact District Administrator to join
- Metro MAWD, Tuesday, July 20, 2021 and October 19, 2021
- [US Army Corps of Engineers](#) - Seeking comments on Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020, 5 stakeholder sessions will be held. Final comments are due by May 7, 2021.