2018 & 2019 Budget

2018 Annual Report
2019 Annual Plan

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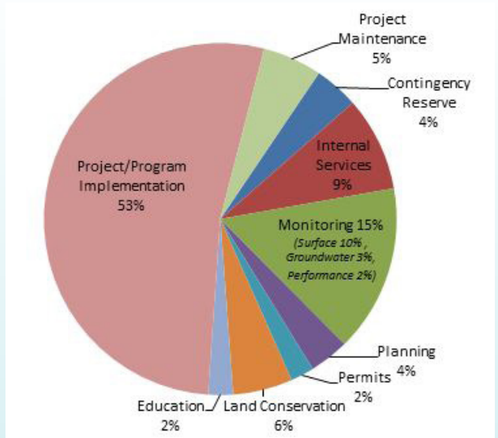


Total Budget = $1,941,147

Revenue:

Carry Over 18% = $357,345
Grants 25% = $481,172
Levy 57% = $1,102,630

2019 Projects Include:

- Brown's Creek Riparian Shading Improvement ($100K)
- CWF19 Golf Course Reuse ($433K)
- Brown's Creek Conservation Area Restoration ($75K)
- Stillwater Smart Irrigation Control Program ($9K)

2018 Actual: *

- Revenue: $1,207,000
- Cash Permit Escrows: $528,000
- Expenses: $1,058,800

**Figures prior to 2018 Audit completion*

2018 Permit Summary

- 17 Permit Approvals, including 1 variance approval (Permit 18-11)
- 1 Notice of Probable Violation (Permit 18-02)
- 1 Violation (Permit 13-19)

Brown's Creek Watershed District has leveraged over $1.76 million in state grant funding since 2010!

Improving Brown's Creek, Long Lake, McKusick Lake, & the St. Croix River!

CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT

BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Working with the Community to Preserve and Improve the Quality of the District's Water and Natural Resources

The Brown's Creek Watershed District (BCWD) has been responsible for protecting and improving the water resources in the 30 square miles of portions of the Cities of Oak Park Heights, Grant, Hugo, Lake Elmo, and Stillwater along with portions of May and Stillwater Townships for the past 22 years.

To implement the 2017-2026 watershed management plan, the BCWD utilizes education and cost-share programs, capital improvement projects, and its permitting program to preserve and restore the quality of our water resources. The BCWD revised its rules in 2018. After changes to state regulations and a year of implementation of the BCWD permitting program, the BCWD held a meeting to receive stakeholder feedback in December 2018. The BCWD will be further considering this feedback and ways to improve the permit program in 2019.

With the help of the East Metro Water Resources Program partnership and the BCWD Citizen Advisory Committee, 2019 will be another great year for resident outreach. Our annual newsletter will continue; there will be a third year of the monthly Open Yard series, several birdwatching events, and another community event on September 14, 2019. We hope to see you join us outside for the fun!

BCWD Board of Managers

Craig Leiser, President
Sharon Schwarze, Vice-President
Anne Maule Miller, Secretary
Gerald Johnson, Treasurer
Klay Eckles, 2nd Vice President

Regular board meetings are held at 6:30p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Family Means in Stillwater, MN.

The BCWD Board of Managers are appointed by the Washington County Commisioners and can be contacted through the BCWD Office.

July 11 & August 15, 2018 Board workshops to develop the 2019 Budget and workplan and assessed the progress of the 2018 workplan.

2019 Participating Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Members:

Karen Richtman *(Chair)*
Rick Vanzwol
Larry Timmerman
Jyneen Thatcher
George Vania
Paul Richtman
Laurie Mainquist

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of even months

CAC Meetings: Feb 14, 2019; April 8, 2019; June 10, 2019; Aug 12 2019, Oct 14, 2019, Dec 9, 2019

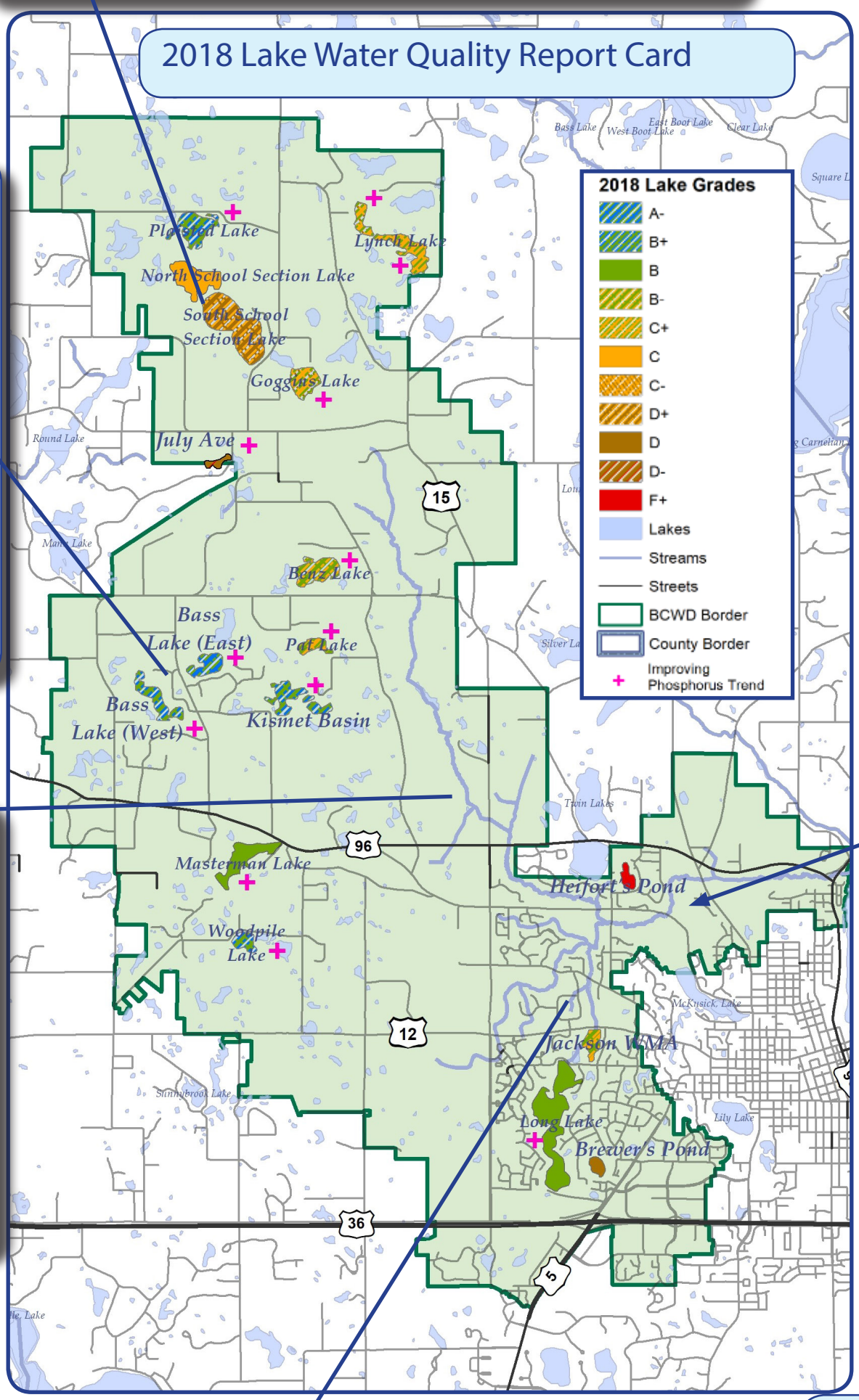
If you are interested in serving on the CAC, please contact Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator.

Highlights of 2018 & 2019 Planned Projects

South School Section Lake Curly-Leaf Pondweed Management:

A vegetative evaluation was completed in spring of 2018 and found the 2017 herbicide treatment was successful in treating curly-leaf pondweed in South School Section Lake! The evaluation will be repeated in spring 2019.

2018 Lake Water Quality Report Card



Bass Lake East and West Study and Management:

A management plan will begin for Bass Lake East and West in 2019, in cooperation with the area residents. The plan recommendations aid in future management decisions.

Education and Outreach:

2018

- 2nd Annual Open Yard Series
- Newsletter, August 2018
- Stakeholder Input and Rules Review - Dec 2018

2019

- Open Yards Series Monthly May-Sept
- Community Watershed Event - Sept 14, 2019

Brown's Creek Conservation Area:

Great River Greening and BCWD were awarded a native vegetation grant in 2018. Restoration will begin in fall of 2019.

Clean Water Fund Grant Re-Use project:

BCWD was awarded a $360,100 grant for the Water Harvest and Reuse Project at Oak Glen Golf Course. Planning efforts will continue in 2019.

Brown's Creek 2018 Monitoring Loads to the St. Croix River:

- TSS (sediment) = 86.66 lbs/acre (goal 74 lbs/acre)
- TP (nutrients) = 2,315 lbs (goal 1804 lb/yr)

Brown's Creek Tributary Water Quality Improvements:

An eroded head cut and stream channel were repaired with rock vane installation in 2019.

Before

After

Brown's Creek Shading Study:

BCWD completed a shading feasibility study using a Clean Water Fund Grant. This study will guide thermal restoration efforts in Brown's Creek beginning in 2019 along the Millbrook development.