

202' MN Watersheds Project & Program of the Year

Preliminary Nomination Form

The Awards Committee is now accepting **Preliminary Nominations for Program or Project of the Year**. This simple, one-page **Preliminary Nomination Form** **must be submitted by Sept 8, 2023**. When determining the finalists, the Awards Committee will consider: clearly defined need, creative partnerships, innovative financing, resourceful solutions, success at meeting goal, and public value. Finalists, in each category will be asked to complete a full nomination form. The Preliminary Nomination form only requires a project/program description up to 250 words.

Award Category (check one)

Project Program

MN Watersheds Region:

One Two Three

Watershed District or Watershed Management Organization: Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

Project/program name: Lynmar Basin

Nominator (if different from above)

Project/Program Summary (Up to 250 words).

Originally, Lynmar Basin was a dry pond that collected stormwater from an area of about 20 acres. A dry pond provides storage for flood waters, but provides few water quality benefits. To improve pollutant removal, create biodiverse habitat, and increase stormwater retention, NMCWD and the City of Edina worked with the community to plan and design a basin retrofit.

The retrofit involved lowering the basin floor by about one foot below the stormwater outlet pipe. This allows stormwater to accumulate in the basin and soak into the soil over a few days instead of immediately discharging the water downstream. Additional water was directed to the basin to increase the treatment area from 20 acres to about 36 acres of the Watershed. On average, the Lynmar Basin will store 29.2 acre feet of stormwater and remove 23.8 lbs of phosphorous annually from Lake Edina, a shallow urban lake with high nutrient loading.

Public engagement was a large component of this project. Trail improvements and habitat enhancement are some of the benefits which the nearby neighborhood enjoys. The District received grant funds from BWSR and the Clean Water, Lands and Legacy Amendment for the design and construction of the project to offset capital improvement funds used by the District.

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Photos (Optional)

You may include up to four (4) photos of your project or program.

Submit nomination materials to Karen Kill, kkill@mnwcd.org by **Sept 8, 2023**.







