



MEMORANDUM

TO: Brown's Creek Watershed District Board
FROM: Karen Kill
RE: BCWD 2025 Budget Discussion
DATE: July 10, 2024

BCWD managers will have a budget workshop on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 5-6:30pm. In preparation for that workshop, staff would like to get some initial direction on a few of the potential budget items.

- **Marketplace Reuse Feasibility 929-0012:** There is \$225,120 in this account in 2024. Requesting further direction if board would like to begin this work in 2024, carry forward to future, or reallocate funds.
- **Education:** Currently participate in East Metro Water Resources Education Program and Lower St. Croix Partnership educators at amount of \$20,500 and access to portions of 2 FTE. There is currently conversation about increasing the FTEs for EMWREP during the new contract 2025-2027. There is also \$15,000 in our education materials budget for brochures, sign, and other education materials, as well as the community event expenses. Overall education has been less than 1% of our total budget. Staff supports increasing our overall education budget to enhance outreach, community participation events, coordination with homeowner associations, realtors, business community, local government trainings, etc.
- **Hospital Site:** The new Lakeview hospital site is in the direct drainage to Long Lake. The project will likely require a BCWD permit for erosion control, buffers, and stormwater management. Is the Board interested in including budget in 2025 for incentives for implementing more or unique stormwater management facilities than required by rules?
- **Rock Crib @ McKusick Road Feasibility:** BCWD partnered with Washington County in 2017 to construct 7 sump catch basins and 3 stormwater quality units to enhance stormwater quality prior to direct drainage to Brown's Creek. At that time, a stub was added for a future rock crib, similar in scale to the one at Brown's Creek Park. The board requested to see the performance of the Brown's Creek Park rock crib prior to installing a second one in this location. Performance monitoring has shown success at reduction in thermal loading to Brown's Creek. Conducting a feasibility study for a potential rock crib at McKusick Road in 2025 would allow us to determine if in this project should be included in the updated implementation plan.

Managers:

Klayton Eckles, President • Celia Wirth, Vice-President • Debra Sahulka, Secretary • Gerald Johnson, Treasurer • Chuck LeRoux