

2024 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 6, 2024. 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:

Project/program name:

Nominator (if different from above)

Project/Program Summary (Up to 250 words).

Project/Program Contact:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

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 6, 2024.





Woodcrest Creek Biochar/Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter

Cleaning Up Stormwater

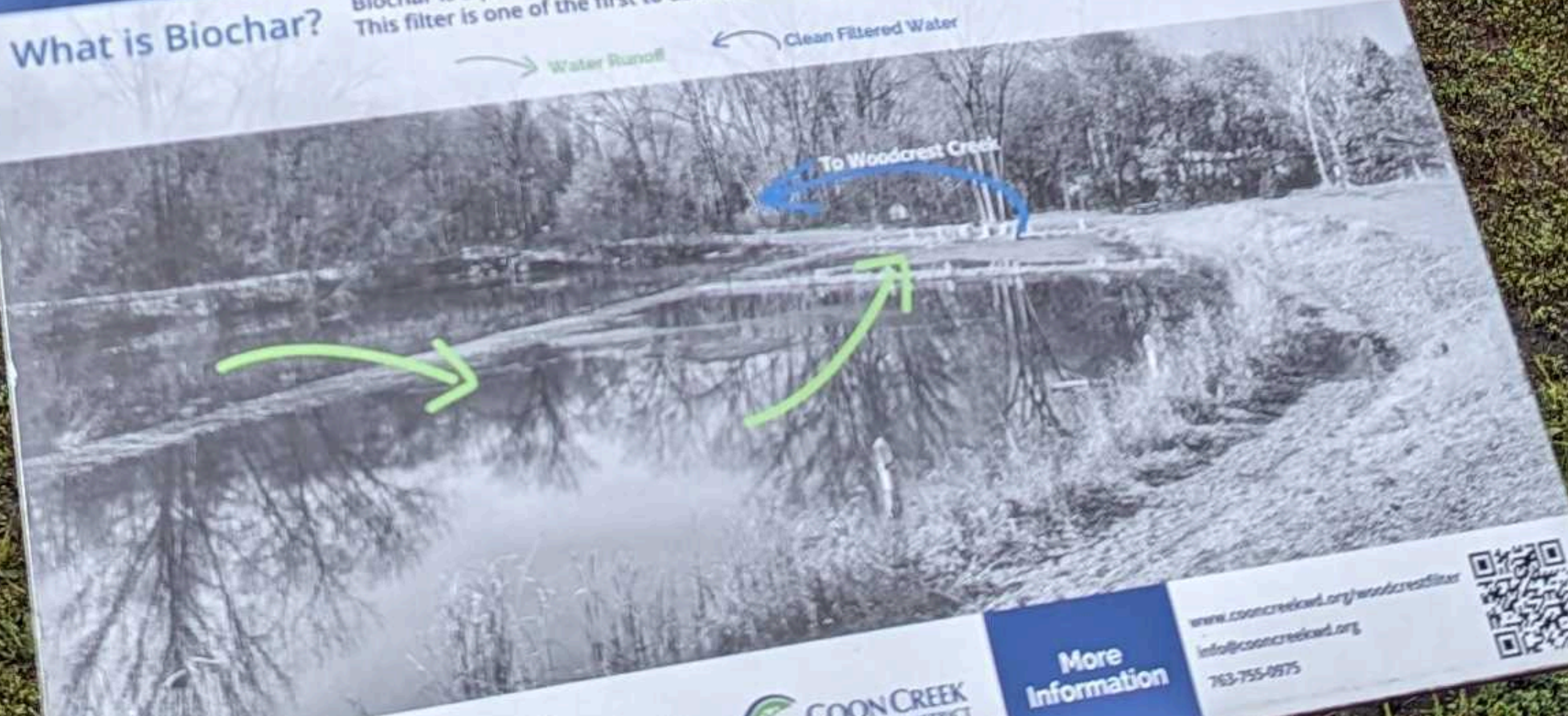
This filter is designed to remove pollutants from stormwater (rain or snowmelt that runs off developed areas). Stormwater overflows from the pond and soaks into the filter. The water is then piped back into Woodcrest Creek to help downstream waters meet Clean Water Act standards.

Removing Pollutants

Two pollutants are being captured with this in-ground filter. An iron-sand mix captures phosphorus, a nutrient that fuels algae growth and can lead to green water and fish kills. Biochar is blended with the iron-sand mix to capture E. coli bacteria, a pollutant from animal waste.

What is Biochar?

Biochar is a plant-based "charcoal" that is used here to bind E.coli bacteria out of the pond water. This filter is one of the first to use biochar at this large size to remove E. coli.



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