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HOA STORMWATER LEADERS COURSE

PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT

Stormwater Management on HOA Properties

Effective and well-planned management of stormwater practices on HOA properties can **save money, reduce flood risk, improve aesthetics, and avoid unexpected costs** down the road. Stormwater management practices are often installed on HOA properties to both meet regulations and build more sustainable communities. After the HOA properties in a subdivision are sold, the ownership and responsibility for the management of stormwater practices transfers from the developer to the HOA. In most cases, HOA members typically do not possess the knowledge, experience, or resources to cost-effectively manage their stormwater obligations.

Neglected stormwater practices can not only lead to increased flood risk, algae blooms, eroding landscapes, and undesirable invasive weeds, but it can also increase the frequency of big-ticket maintenance costs like stormwater pond dredging. If your HOA fails to maintain these stormwater practices, some cities may perform the service and charge the HOA for it, which could cost more than maintaining it yourself.

Stormwater Maintenance Training

The East-Metro Water Resource Education Program as coordinated by the Washington

Conservation District is offering a pilot training course in 2025 in partnership with the University of Minnesota Water Resources Center and Minnesota Sea Grant to provide HOA leaders with the knowledge, tools, and resources to cost-effectively plan for and manage the stormwater management practices on their HOA properties. The course aims to help HOAs reduce long-term maintenance costs, avoid complaints by members, lower flood risk, and improve the health of their natural and water resources.



2025 HOA Stormwater Leaders Course: *pilot training*

WHO SHOULD APPLY: The course will be offered to HOA members who 1) live in Washington County, 2) serve on their HOA board, 3) have property that the HOA collectively owns and manages, and 4) have a stormwater management practice that collects water (pond, wetland, or raingarden) on or near the HOA property.

Note: Limited seats are available for this pilot workshop and participants will be purposefully selected to ensure that a variety of stormwater needs are represented.

WHEN: Participants must commit to attending all three workshops in Oakdale, MN. Lunch and materials will be provided at these no-cost workshops:

WORKSHOP #1: What stormwater management practices are on and around your HOA?
Getting to know the stormwater management practices on your HOA property and your local resources.
Wednesday, January 29th from 11am - 1pm

WORKSHOP #2: What are stormwater best management practices and what do they do?
Taking a closer look at the stormwater practices on your HOA property and their benefits.
Tuesday, March 18th from 11am - 1pm

WORKSHOP #3: How can your HOA cost-effectively manage the stormwater practices?
Learning about the best management techniques and tools available for cost-effective planning.
Wednesday, May 7th from 11am - 1pm

HOW TO APPLY: Interested HOA members should apply by filling out the application form through the link or QR code below no later than **December 31st, 2024**.

Participants that attend all three workshops will receive a Certificate of Completion from the University of Minnesota.

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Questions? Contact Hannah Peterson at HPeterson@mnwcd.org.



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