



BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION

Stillwater Township Hall

13636 90th Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to order
- 2) Approve Agenda -**Board Action**
- 3) Public Comments
- 4) Consent Agenda – **Board Action** *(all items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Managers and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Manager removes an item from the consent agenda for discussion or there is a request to remove the item from the consent agenda, in which event the board will consider whether to remove the item from the consent agenda and consider it separately.)*
 - a) Approve minutes of the June 10, 2026 regular meeting
 - b) Accept Permit Fee Statement
 - c) Accept Authorized Funds Spreadsheet and approve revised budget
 - d) Authorize the payment of bills as presented
 - e) Authorize unique species inventory scope with Emmons and Olivier Resources not to exceed \$2,856 from 910-0000
 - f) Authorize education event expenses not to exceed \$3,000 from 910-0000
- 5) Policy
 - a) Capital improvement project engineering approach - Discussion
- 6) Discussion Agenda - No Action Required
 - a) Updates
 - i) Administration
 - (1) Watershed Management Plan approval process status
 - (2) Brown's Creek restoration phase 2 project status
 - (3) Community Advisory Committee minutes
 - ii) Legal
 - (1) Minnesota Plumbing Board rule making
 - iii) Engineer
 - (1) Permit Inspection Update
 - iv) Managers
 - b) August 2026 Meeting BCWD Board Agenda – note budget workshop at 5 PM
- 7) Adjournment

DRAFT Minutes of the regular meeting of the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, Wednesday June 10, 2026

Roll call

Managers Present:	Others Present:
Klayton Eckles, President	Hannah Peterson, BCWD communications and project assistant
Chuck LeRoux, Vice President	Michael Welch, Smith Partners, BCWD counsel
Celia Wirth, Treasurer	Camilla Correll, EOR, BCWD engineer
Luke Mattson, Secretary	Alexander Furneaux, EOR
	Deven Lane, Washington Conservation District intern
Managers Absent:	Brian Van Rooyen, Toth Associates*
Griffin Brod, 2 nd Vice President	

*Attended virtually

1) Call to order

President Klayton Eckles called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2) Approve agenda

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4/0.

3) Public comments

There were no public comments.

4) Consent agenda

Luke Mattson requested removing item 4e, authorize tree removal services on the Brown's Creek Conservation Easement Area, from the consent agenda.

a) **Approve minutes of the May 13, 2026, regular meeting as presented**

b) **Accept Permit Fee Statement as presented**

c) **Accept Authorized Funds Spreadsheet and approve revised 2026 Budget as presented**

d) **Authorize the payment of bills as presented, totaling \$86,902.13**

f) **Accept 2025 Audit and authorize distribution**

g) **Authorize registration, lodging, and expenses for staff for the Minnesota Watersheds summer tour not to exceed \$650 from account 200-4265**

h) **Authorize registration, lodging, expenses, and per diems for board managers for the Minnesota Watersheds summer tour not to exceed \$3,700 from account 200-4000**

Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

- 1 e) **Authorize administrator to enter into an agreement upon advice of counsel with Woodchuck**
2 **Tree Care for tree removal services on the Brown's Creek Conservation Easement Area not to**
3 **exceed \$6,000 from account 935-0002**

4 Manager Mattson asked about the process of receiving quotes for work such as tree removal.
5 Hannah Peterson said that administrator Karen Kill worked with Washington Conservation
6 District staff to solicit quotes, but only two companies responded by the deadline. Celia Wirth
7 stated that she was pleased with tree-removal service Woodchuck recently provided to her.

8 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to authorize administrator to enter**
9 **into an agreement upon advice of counsel with Woodchuck Tree Care for tree removal**
10 **services on the Brown's Creek Conservation Easement Area not to exceed \$6,000 from**
11 **account 935-0002. Motion carried 4/0.**

12 **5) Permits**

- 13 a) **BCWD Permit #26-03: 7 Brew Coffee**

14 Camilla Correll presented the engineer's report on the application for a Brown's Creek
15 Watershed District permit for a new 7 Brew Coffee that would be constructed in place of the
16 current Ruby Tuesday in Oak Park Heights. She reviewed the stormwater management plan,
17 which includes an iron-enhanced biofiltration basin discharging to a stormwater management
18 pond on an adjacent property. The managers discussed concerns for the long-term monitoring
19 and maintenance of the iron-enhanced sand system, which is a new technology not often seen
20 in private projects. Michael Welch said that the maintenance would be included in the
21 stormwater maintenance declaration and that there are protocols and other examples that
22 could be referenced in drafting it. Brian Van Rooyen, representing the applicant, expressed
23 willingness to work with BCWD to make sure the declaration includes the necessary components
24 for an iron-enhanced system.

25 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to approve the application for permit**
26 **26-03 with the conditions and stipulations recommended in the engineer's report. Motion**
27 **carried 4/0.**

28 **6) Planning**

- 29 a) **2027-2036 Watershed Management Plan**

30 Ms. Peterson said that the draft in the meeting packet includes all changes made in response to
31 the responses to comments approved by the managers. She proposed creating a second, more
32 accessible version to include on the website once the plan is approved so that the main version
33 follows the format that staff and board members are familiar with. The managers supported this
34 approach.

- 35 i) **Public hearing**

36 President Eckles opened the public hearing on the final draft plan. There were no members
37 of the public present and no comments presented.

38 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to close the public hearing.**
39 **Motion carried 4/0.**

1 **ii) Submit draft for 90-day review**

2 The managers shared their appreciation for the comments and positive support received.
3 Ms. Peterson said that next steps would include submitting to the Board of Water and Soil
4 Resources, presenting to BWSR's Central Region Committee, approval by the BSWR board,
5 and adoption by BCWD.

6 **Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager LeRoux, to authorize the interim**
7 **administrator to finalize the draft plan and submit the draft (showing amendments since**
8 **the 60-day review), all written comments received on the draft plan and responses, a**
9 **record of the public hearing, and a summary of changes incorporated as a result of the**
10 **review process to the Metropolitan Council, the state review agencies, and the Board of**
11 **Soil & Water Resources for final review and approval. Motion carried 4/0.**

12 **7) Projects**

13 **a) Brown's Creek Restoration Phase 2: Brown's Creek Cove land-use agreements**

14 Mr. Welch said that the agreement with Brown's Creek Cove Homeowner's association has been
15 signed, but the owners of the private property BCWD needs to access continue to express
16 concerns about the effect of the project on resale. The managers discussed a five- or seven-year
17 license as an alternative to an easement but would like longer commitments if possible. The
18 managers were supportive of the administrator exercising flexibility in working with the
19 landowners, and President Eckles encouraged legal counsel to find a way to make the
20 agreements run to any new property owner even though it isn't recorded.

21 **8) Discussion agenda**

22 **a) Updates**

23 **i) Administration**

24 Ms. Peterson said that the East Metro Water Resource Education Program 20th anniversary
25 celebration has been confirmed for Thursday September 29, 2026, at Rustic Roots and that
26 there is a sign-up available. She said that BCWD has been awarded the accelerated
27 implementation planning grant from the Minnesota Department of Health and that grant
28 agreement and project scope are likely coming in July. She also shared upcoming events
29 including a summer watercolor painting workshop at the Brown's Creek restoration area on
30 June 28; an event at Long Lake in collaboration with A House Unbuilt, three participating
31 artists and Jimmy Marty from EOR to celebrate the health of Long Lake and aquatic plants
32 on July 25, and the annual Community Watershed Celebration and Bird Festival on
33 September 19, which will be part of a Valley Climate Week put on by Sustainable Stillwater
34 this year. Ms. Peterson also shared the impervious land cover analysis was completed and a
35 presentation can be provided to the managers if desired.

36 **ii) Legal**

37 Mr. Welch said that BCWD staff are working to address the construction of a pole barn built
38 without a permit. Following up on a request from the managers last month, Mr. Welch also
39 reviewed legal requirements for of beaver removal from property, noting that landowners
40 can get permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to take beavers
41 causing damage on their property or that licensed trappers can remove them during beaver-
42 trapping season. A permit from the city is not required.

1 **iii) Engineer**

2 Ms. Correll said that the design has changed for permit 25-30, but that it still meets BCWD's
3 rules so no further action is required from the board. Ms. Correll also said that the beaver
4 movie *Hoppers* will be playing at Stillwater's Summer Tuesdays on July 21.

5 **iv) Managers**

6 Manager Mattson asked about registration for the Minnesota Watersheds summer tour. He
7 and Manager Wirth confirmed they would be attending the Workshop on the Water in July.
8 President Eckles said he had a lot of upcoming travel that may prevent him from attending
9 public events but that he would be present for the board meetings. In response to a
10 question from President Eckles, Ms. Peterson shared that Washington County staff are still
11 actively trying to find a new manager.

12 **b) July 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**

13 **9) Adjournment**

14 Manager Wirth moved, seconded by Manager Mattson, to adjourn the regular meeting at
15 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

16 Respectfully submitted by Hannah Peterson, BCWD staff and Luke Mattson, Secretary



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Permit Fee Statement

Financial Summary

Balance Due to BCWD	\$109,153.23
Balance Due to Permit Applicants	-\$159,534.41
Total Exempted	\$157,872.26

Balance By Permit

Permit Number	Project Name	Permit Status	Permit Status Date	Rule 2.0	Rule 3.0	Rule 4.0	Rule 5.0	Rule 6.0	Rule 7.0	Rule 10.0	Project Type	Balance Exempt	Balance Due
05-12	Bergmann Development/Sanctuary	Permitted	10/14/05	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	RES DEV		\$0.00
15-07	Brown's Creek Cove	Permitted	05/05/16	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	RES DEV		\$8,238.52
16-03	The Ponds at Heifort Hills	Permitted	09/27/16	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	RES DEV		\$1,327.34
17-01	Farms of Grant/White Oaks Savannah	Permitted	10/08/18	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	RES DEV		\$26,241.53
17-04	The Lakes at Stillwater	Permitted	11/22/17	✓	✓	✓			✓		COM		\$4,843.95
17-17	West Ridge	Permitted	08/17/18	✓	✓	✓			✓		RES DEV		\$2,189.16
18-04A	Boutwell Farms	Permitted	09/28/18	✓	✓	✓			✓		RES DEV		\$785.69
18-05	Hazel Place/Heritage Ridge	Permitted	11/14/18	✓	✓	✓			✓		RES DEV		-\$1,679.20
18-06	Nottingham Village	Permitted	03/05/26	✓	✓	✓			✓		RES DEV		\$1,412.90
18-14	St Croix Valley Recreation Center Expansion	Permitted			✓				✓		GOV DEV	\$7,406.28	
19-05	Central Commons	Permitted	09/24/25	✓	✓	✓			✓		COM		-\$1,962.59
20-05	Neal Ave Road Reconstruction	Permitted	06/01/20	✓	✓						ROAD	\$19,088.31	
20-08	CSAH 15-36 Interchange	Permitted	03/24/21		✓			✓	✓		ROAD	\$24,166.21	
20-12	White Pine Ridge	Permitted	06/07/21		✓						RES DEV		\$2,904.47
21-13	Marylane Gateway Addition	Permitted	09/29/21	✓	✓				✓		RES DEV		-\$611.00
21-15	Schwartz Residence	Permitted	09/07/21	✓	✓						SF RES		-\$319.38
21-34	Fahey Residence	Permitted	11/04/21		✓						SF RES		-\$743.78
21-45	Norell Ave N Improvements	Permitted	06/15/22	✓	✓				✓		ROAD	\$10,458.63	
22-11	7125 Lone Oak Trail (WOS L106)- Wiechman	Permitted	09/25/22		✓						SF RES		\$8,607.88
22-18	Stillwater Oaks	Permitted	10/11/25	✓	✓	✓			✓		RES DEV		-\$4,759.86
22-20	Popeyes OPH	Permitted	11/09/22		✓						COM		-\$189.62
22-31	Wash Co. CSAH 57 culverts	Permitted	02/02/23		✓						ROAD	\$1,053.00	
23-01	Cty Rd 61 Re-alignment	Permitted	04/12/23	✓	✓						ROAD	\$8,147.40	
23-02	WOS L114 - Cates (7211 Lone Oak Trail Tweden)	Permitted	05/04/23		✓	✓				✓	SF RES		\$0.00
23-11	7273 Lone Oak Trail- WOS Lot 122 - Freiroy Residence	Permitted	04/04/24		✓						SF RES		\$1,958.42
23-15	7085 Lone Oak Trail- WOS L102- Mensah Res/Cates	Permitted	09/06/23		✓						SF RES		\$2,637.73
23-19	Liberty Classical Academy Expansion	Permitted	09/10/25	✓	✓	✓			✓		COM		-\$4,175.79
24-01	Take 5 Oil Change	Permitted	08/23/24	✓	✓				✓		COM		-\$7.72
24-03	WOS L120- 7255 Lone Oak- Hilgert	Permitted	03/18/24		✓						SF RES		\$4,241.43
24-06	Rutherford Elementary	Permitted	08/29/24	✓	✓				✓		GOV DEV	\$8,580.06	
24-07	Elliott Crossing	Permitted	04/29/25	✓	✓	✓			✓		RES DEV		-\$5,145.37
24-08	Altendorfer Residence - 13075 Lynch Rd	Permitted	05/08/24		✓						SF RES		\$1,236.31
24-09	Washington County CSAH 5 - Trails and Bridge	Permitted	01/28/25	✓	✓		✓		✓		ROAD	\$22,952.40	
24-11	WOS Lot 127 Karr Residence (Cates)	Permitted	08/29/24		✓						SF RES		\$2,474.20
24-12	WOS Lot 130-Carlson Residence	Permitted	10/15/24		✓						SF RES		\$1,505.29
24-15	Lornston Residence	Permitted			✓	✓					SF RES		\$93.05
24-16	Goodsell Residence	Permitted	12/10/24		✓	✓					SF RES		\$0.00
24-17	WOS Lot 129 - Weatherby	Permitted	12/03/24		✓						SF RES		\$1,749.02
24-18	Washington County CSAH 15B/South Frontage Rd	Permitted	04/09/25	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	ROAD	\$26,879.69	
25-01	Curve Crest Boulevard Utility Extension	Permitted	02/19/25		✓						UTILITY	\$2,866.24	
25-02	Anderson Holdings Mass Grading	Ready to Close	06/04/26		✓						COM		\$6,243.36
25-03	HealthPartners Lakeview Campus	Permitted	07/02/25	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		COM		\$8,598.07
25-04	Kranz Home Addition	Permitted	03/14/25	✓	✓				✓	✓	SF RES		\$1,630.77
25-05	St. Croix Rec Center Parking Lot Extension	Permitted	07/28/25	✓	✓				✓		GOV DEV	\$14,217.17	
25-07	WOS Lot 121 - Castillo Residence	Permitted	04/24/25		✓						SF RES		\$3,142.54
25-11	Stillwater Wellhead 10 PFAS Treatment	Permitted	06/27/25		✓						UTILITY	\$8,417.62	
25-12	Doede Home Construction	Permitted	07/25/25		✓	✓					SF RES		\$1,284.83
25-13	Xcel Energy Steel Pole Replacement	Permitted	07/14/25		✓						COM		\$2,550.96
25-14	119th St. N - Husnik Residence	Permitted	08/22/25	✓	✓						SF RES		-\$130.63
25-15	Elliott Crossing Lot 1 - Belin Residence	Permitted	07/07/25		✓						SF RES		\$1,749.25
25-17	WOS Lot 128 - Morud Residence	Permitted	08/22/25		✓						SF RES		\$1,910.56
25-18	Marylane Gateway Lot 3 - Deininger Residence	Permitted	07/24/25		✓						SF RES		\$1,376.22
25-19	Elliott Crossing Lot 3 - Kootenia	Permitted	09/03/25		✓						SF RES		\$867.18
25-21	Bryant Yard Extension	Permitted	09/10/25		✓						SF RES		\$230.34
25-22	WOS Lot #117- Upadhyaya	Permitted	10/02/25		✓						SF RES		\$1,618.66
25-23	10286 Kismet Ln N Septic	Permitted	10/17/25		✓						SF RES		\$0.00
25-24	Ziegler Pole Shed	Permitted	10/02/25		✓						SF RES		\$660.50
25-26	Elliott Crossing Lot 4 - Zawadski Homes	Permitted	10/23/25		✓						SF RES		\$377.96
25-27	Elliott Crossing Lot 5 - Style & Structure	Permitted	12/01/25		✓						SF RES		-\$289.00
25-28	Chick-fil-A Stillwater	Permitted	04/17/26	✓	✓				✓	✓	COM		\$1,017.62
25-29	Sunrise Park Trail	Conditionally Approver	03/11/26	✓	✓				✓		GOV DEV	\$3,345.25	
25-30	Brixton Townhomes	Conditionally Approver	02/11/26	✓	✓	✓			✓		RES DEV		\$1,679.25
26-01	Elliott Crossing Lot 2 - Anderson	Permitted	01/14/26		✓						SF RES		\$366.02
26-02	Sanctuary Wastewater Treatment Facility	Permitted	02/20/26		✓						RES DEV		-\$539.87
26-03	7 Brevard	Conditionally Approver	06/10/26	✓	✓						COM		-\$3,299.50

26-04	Bergmann Residence Addition	Permitted	06/18/26	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	SF RES		\$1,402.25
26-06	Stillwater Fire Station Pavement Rehab Project	Permitted	06/08/26	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	GOV DEV	\$294.00	
26-07	31 Oaks New House - Milbrath Residence	Under Review	06/17/26	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	SF RES		-\$752.50

Brown's Creek Watershed District
2026 Budget -Approved 6-10-2026
7-8-2026

		Revised Carry Forward	2026 Grants	2026 Levy	Revised 2026 Total Budget	Allocated	Available
100-2910	Designated Funds - Management Plan Projects	\$ 816,057			\$ 816,057		\$ 816,057
					\$ -		\$ -
Revenue					\$ -		\$ -
100-3700	Interest Income				\$ -		\$ -
100-3601	Metropolitan Council Outlet Monitoring Grant		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
100-3630	Washington County Cost-share Applewood Reuse		\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
100-3631	MPCA Small Watershed Grant 2023-2025				\$ -		\$ -
100-3400	Permits				\$ -		\$ -
100-3632	MPCA Small Watershed Grant 2025-2029		\$ 310,191		\$ 310,191		\$ 310,191
100-3633	WCD HELP Grant 2025-2026				\$ -		\$ -
100-3635	Lower St Croix Parntership grant		\$ 34,100		\$ 34,100		\$ 34,100
100-3634	Washington County AIS control grant		\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
100-3100	Tax Levy			\$ 1,247,745	\$ 1,247,745		\$ 1,247,745
TOTAL, ESTIMATED Sources of Funding		\$ 816,057	\$ 413,291	\$ 1,247,745	\$ 2,477,094	\$ -	\$ 2,477,094

ACCT. #	General Expenses	Revised Carry Forward	2026 Grants	2026 Levy	Revised 2026 Total Budget	Allocated	Available
200-4000	Manager Per Diem and Expense			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,200	\$ (200)
200-4210	Meeting Space	\$ 880		\$ 1,440	\$ 2,320	\$ 2,320	\$ -
200-4250	Dues & Subscriptions (MN Watersheds 7200 and LMCIT 2800)			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
200-4270	Bonding & Insurance			\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ -
200-4280	Postage & Delivery			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
200-4290	Printing & Notices			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
200-4330	Accounting			\$ 5,040	\$ 5,040	\$ 5,040	\$ -
200-4331	Audit			\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ -
200-4949	Misc., Other Expense			\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
200-4320	Wash. Conservation District--Admin			\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -
200-4265	Admin Conference Registrations			\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 850	\$ 2,650
200-4410	Legal Fees - General			\$ 29,100	\$ 29,100	\$ 29,100	\$ -
200-4500	Staff Engineer			\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ -
	Equity Training	\$ 5,000		\$ (5,000)	\$ -		\$ -
	Contingency Reserve	\$ 5,939		\$ 40,000	\$ 45,939		\$ 45,939
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES:		\$ 11,819	\$ -	\$ 219,080	\$ 230,899	\$ 179,510	\$ 51,389

ACCT. #	MANAGEMENT PLAN EXPENSES	Revised Carry Forward	2026 Grants	2026 Levy	Revised 2026 Total Budget	Allocated	Available
300-4320	Wash. Conservation District--Administrator			\$ 256,500	\$ 256,500	\$ 256,500	\$ -
300-4410	Legal Fees - Mgmt Plan			\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
300-4501	Staff Engineer	\$ 3,042		\$ 99,000	\$ 102,042	\$ 102,042	\$ -
300-4702	Permitting, Legal Review			\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500		\$ 17,500
300-4703	Permitting, Engineering Review	\$ 0		\$ 78,000	\$ 78,000		\$ 78,000
300-4704	Permitting, Inspection Database	\$ 4,000		\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
300-4710-1	Baseline Monitoring		\$ 5,000	\$ 162,500	\$ 167,500	\$ 167,500	\$ -
300-4640	Equip. Maint. and Upgrades	\$ 10,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 4,015	\$ 20,985
300-4810	Shared Educator Position			\$ 25,500	\$ 25,500	\$ 25,480	\$ 20
300-4950	Management Plan Implementation -future projects				\$ -		\$ -
903-0001	Trout Habitat Preservation Project: Monitoring,	\$ 6,592		\$ 340	\$ 6,932	\$ 6,932	\$ -
909-0000	Rules Review/Evaluation	\$ 22,150		\$ (20,000)	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,150	\$ -
909-0001	Groundwater Dep Nat Resource Inventory update			\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400		\$ 8,400
909-0002	Permitting Program Internal Procedure updates	\$ 25,000		\$ (25,000)	\$ -		\$ -
910-0000	Education & Outreach	\$ 35,500		\$ 64,500	\$ 100,000	\$ 21,300	\$ 78,700
911-0000	Volunteer Stream Monitoring			\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
914-0000	Homeowner BMP Program			\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 48,500
923-0000	H & H Model Maintenance	\$ 48,863		\$ (8,000)	\$ 40,863	\$ 40,863	\$ -
923-0002	Flood Risk Assessment			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
923-0003	Long Lake - Flood Risk - Weir Modification Assessment	\$ 30,000			\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000
923-0004	Stormwater Structure Inventory			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
927-0000	Management Plan Update	\$ 45,778			\$ 45,778	\$ 30,308	\$ 15,470
929-0000	Long Lake Plan Implementation	\$ 103,700		\$ (100,000)	\$ 3,700		\$ 3,700
929-0012	Long Lake - Marketplace Reuse Feasibility			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
929-0013	Long Lake - Chloride Impairment Assessment	\$ 10,000		\$ -	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
929-0014	Long Lake - Brewer's Pond BMP/LGU cost-share	\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
935-0000	Land Conservation Program	\$ 200,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000
935-0002	110th Street Property Implementation	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000	\$ 9,300	\$ 40,700
935-0003	Develop Land Conservation Priorities	\$ 20,000			\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
940-0000	BMP Program – LGU/Community Demonstration Projects				\$ -		\$ -
942-0004	Measuring Trends in GW Elevations & Flow			\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,160	\$ 840
942-0007	Groundwater - Browns Creek piezometers			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
942-0008	Groundwater -recharge mapping			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
942-0011	Groundwater - Coordination with users			\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500		\$ 8,500
947-0002	Fish Baffles - Hwy 95 & 96 Culverts			\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500
947-0009	Browns Creek Trail Improvements			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
947-0017	Brown's Creek Implementation - Ecoli	\$ 10,000		\$ (10,000)	\$ -		\$ -
947-0018	Brown's Creek - Biological Survey (Macroinvert)			\$ 4,160	\$ 4,160	\$ 4,160	\$ -
947-0020	Brown's Creek - Stream Channel Survey			\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500
947-0022	Brown's Creek - Buffer and Stream Restoration-BC Park				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
947-0025	Brown's Creek - Golf Course Reuse - SCC		\$ 88,191	\$ 12,000	\$ 100,191		\$ 100,191
947-0026	Brown's Creek - Brown's Creek Cove Reach	\$ 58,000	\$ 256,100	\$ 124,800	\$ 438,900	\$ 112,550	\$ 326,350
947-0027	Brown's Creek - McKusick Road rock crib feasibility	\$ 26,000		\$ (26,000)	\$ -		\$ -
947-0028	Brown's Creek - Millbrook Phase II			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
948-0000	CIP Maintenance	\$ 48,964	\$ 60,000	\$ 115,300	\$ 224,264	\$ 116,048	\$ 108,216
950-0001	South School Curly Leaf Treatment		\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,640	\$ 2,360
950-0003	Aquatic Vegetation Surveys			\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		\$ 12,000
953-0000	Fen Management Plan Implementation	\$ 435		\$ 4,200	\$ 4,635	\$ 4,635	\$ -
957-0000	Weather Station	\$ 1,180		\$ 3,000	\$ 4,180	\$ 4,180	\$ -
959-0004	Resource Assessment - AIS				\$ -		\$ -
960-0000	St Croix Phosphorus Reduction	\$ 10,000		\$ (10,000)	\$ -		\$ -
960-0001	DNR Gully Stabilization			\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
961-0000	Mendel Wetland Restoration Feasiblity	\$ 7,535		\$ (7,535)	\$ -		\$ -
961-0001	Mendel Wetland Restoration -Vegetation Management			\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500		\$ 5,500
964-0000	District-Wide Chloride Source Assessment	\$ 2,500		\$ (2,500)	\$ -		\$ -
967-0000	Brewers Pond Subwatershed Plan	\$ 4,939		\$ 20,000	\$ 24,939	\$ 24,939	\$ -
TOTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT EXPENSES:		\$ 804,238	\$ 413,291	\$ 1,028,665	\$ 2,251,134	\$ 975,201	\$ 1,275,932
TOTAL, OPERATING EXP. & MGMT. PLAN PROJECTS:		\$ 816,057	\$ 413,291	\$ 1,247,745	\$ 2,482,033	\$ 1,154,711	\$ 1,327,321

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VENDOR

Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc.

Inv. 41-0000-247 Retainer
 Inv. 41-0000-247 Retainer
 Inv. 41-0001-250 General Permitting
 Inv. 41-0307-109 Permits 2017
 Permit #17-01 Grant Holdings Subd
 Inv. 41-0350-57 Permits 2019
 Permit #19-05 Central Commons
 Inv. 41-0402-50 Permits 2022
 Permit #22-18 Stillwater Oaks
 Inv. 41-0420-41 Permits 2023
 Permit #23-15 WOS Lot 102
 Permit #23-18 WOS Lot 124
 Permit #23-19 Liberty Classical Academy Expansion
 Inv. 41-0438-30 Permits 2024
 Permit #24-03 WOS Lot 120 Hilgert Residence
 Permit #24-08 Altendorfer Residence
 Permit #24-11 WOS Lot 127 Karr Residence
 Permit #24-12 WOS Lot 130 Carlson
 Permit #24-15 Lornston
 Permit #24-17 WOS Lot 129 Weatherby
 Permit #24-18 CSAH 15 Frontage
 Inv. 41-0461-18 Permits 2025
 Permit #25-01 Curve Crest Utility Extension
 Permit #25-02 Anderson Holdings
 Permit #25-03 Lakeview Hospital
 Permit #25-04 Kranz Residence
 Permit #25-05 St. Croix Rec Center
 Permit #25-06 CSAH 15 Pavement Preserv.
 Permit #25-07 WOS Lot 121 Castille
 Permit #25-09 Dockter Residence
 Permit #25-11 Stillwater PFAS Treatment
 Permit #25-12 Doede Residence
 Permit #25-13 Xcel Energy Steel Pole Replacement
 Permit #25-14 Husnik Residence
 Permit #25-15 Elliott Crossing Lot 1B

		YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
ECKLES		_____	_____	_____	_____
BROD		_____	_____	_____	_____
LEROUX		_____	_____	_____	_____
WIRTH		_____	_____	_____	_____
MATTSON		_____	_____	_____	_____
ACCOUNT #	ITEMS		TOTAL	CK NO	
300-4500	\$ 8,249.25				
200-4500	\$ 2,749.75				
300-4703	\$ 3,739.53				
300-4703	\$ 78.94				
300-4703	\$ 187.43				
300-4703	\$ 269.35				
300-4703	\$ 104.19				
300-4703	\$ 25.25				
300-4703	\$ 288.40				
300-4703	\$ 104.19				
300-4703	\$ 108.46				
300-4703	\$ 104.19				
300-4703	\$ 104.19				
300-4703	\$ 84.00				
300-4703	\$ 104.19				
300-4703	\$ 174.52				
300-4703	\$ 147.02				
300-4703	\$ 58.99				
300-4703	\$ 434.35				
300-4703	\$ 233.83				
300-4703	\$ 196.69				
300-4703	\$ 158.96				
300-4703	\$ 104.19				
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300-4703	\$ 104.19				
300-4703	\$ 108.46				
300-4703	\$ 115.53				
300-4703	\$ 88.03				
300-4703	\$ 119.27				

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Permit #25-17 WOS Lot 128 Morud	300-4703	\$	104.19	
Permit #25-18 Deininger Residence	300-4703	\$	104.19	
Permit #25-19 Elliott Crossing Lot 3	300-4703	\$	119.27	
Permit #25-21 Bass Lake West	300-4703	\$	108.46	
Permit #25-22 WOS Lot 117 Upadhyaya	300-4703	\$	104.19	
Permit #25-24 Ziegler Pole Shed	300-4703	\$	108.46	
Permit #25-26 Elliott Crossing Lot 4	300-4703	\$	119.27	
Permit #25-27 Elliott Crossing Lot 5	300-4703	\$	119.27	
Permit #25-28 Chick-fil-A	300-4703	\$	104.19	
Permit #25-30 80th & Manning Townhomes	300-4703	\$	871.50	
Inv. 41-0475-6 Permits 2026				
Permit #26-01 Elliott Crossing Lot 2	300-4703	\$	119.27	
Permit #26-02 Sanctuary WWTF	300-4703	\$	108.46	
Permit #26-03 7Brew Coffee	300-4703	\$	700.50	
Permit #26-05 Nagle Property	300-4703	\$	174.52	
Permit #26-06 Stillwater Fire Station Pavement	300-4703	\$	294.00	
Permit #26-07 Milbrath Residence	300-4703	\$	747.50	
Inv. 41-0205-101 CIP Operation and Maintenance	948-0000	\$	285.50	
Inv. 41-0284-42 BCWD Education & Outreach	910-0000	\$	1,386.75	
Inv. 41-0399-6 2022 Rule Guidance	909-0000	\$	126.00	
Inv. 41-0447-24 BCWD 2024 WMP Update	927-0000	\$	427.00	
Inv. 41-0463-12 AHGC O&M	948-0000	\$	761.45	
Inv. 41-0476-3 THPP Prescribed Burn 2026	903-0001	\$	4,806.75	
Inv. 41-0480-2 South School Section 2026 CLP	950-0001	\$	1,602.63	
Inv. 41-0481-2 2026 Weather Station	957-0000	\$	595.78	
Inv. 41-0484-3 IESF O&M 2026	948-0000	\$	726.91	
Inv. 41-04846-1 Brewer's Pond Water Quality Improvement	967-0000	\$	2,325.00	\$ 35,719.29

Xcel Energy

Inv. 983170378 - Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Pump Operation	948-4500	\$	51.42	\$ 51.42
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Washington Conservation District

Inv. 7500 May 2026 Water Monitoring				
Baseline Water Monitoring - Labor	300-4710	\$	11,529.66	
Baseline Water Monitoring - Equipment	300-4640	\$	16.67	
Baseline Water Monitoring - Expenses	300-4640	\$	493.56	
Inv. 7507 May 2026 BMP Program				
BCCA HELP Grant Planting/Maintenance	935-0002	\$	324.00	
GIS Impervious Surface Analysis	Contingency	\$	1,354.50	
BMP Maintenance	948-0000	\$	2,918.00	
BMP Technical Assistance	914-0000	\$	1,225.50	\$ 17,861.89

Smith Partners

Inv. 46726 Retainer - Meetings, Preparation	200-4410	\$	2,463.39	
Inv. 46727 General Legal Services	300-4410	\$	521.50	
Inv. 46728 Planning	300-4410	\$	1,272.96	

Smith Partners Continued	Inv. 46729 Permits	300-4702	\$	1,272.60		
	Inv. 46730 BC Cove	300-4410	\$	1,212.00		
	Inv. 46731 Land Conservation	300-4410	\$	606.00	\$	7,348.45
Dave S. McCord, LTD	Inv. 4746 May 2026 Accounting Services	200-4330	\$	420.00	\$	420.00
ECM Publishers	Inv. 1101991 Notice for Public Hearing	200-4290	\$	85.00	\$	85.00
Out Back Nursery	Inv. 4617 Trees for Brown's Creek Cove HOA Planting	947-0026	\$	704.75	\$	704.75
Vacker Sign	Inv. 5281 Frames/Posts for BC Restoration Signage	910-0000	\$	1,591.00	\$	1,591.00
Manager Wirth	Quarter 2 2026 Per Diem	200-4000	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,250.00
Manager Brod	Quarter 2 2026 Per Diem	200-4000	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Manager LeRoux	Quarter 2 2026 Per Diem	200-4000	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
Manager Mattson	Quarter 2 2026 Per Diem	200-4000	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
Manager Eckles	Quarter 2 2026 Per Diem	200-4000	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
Total Amount Disbursed					\$	67,781.80

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VENDOR	INVOICE/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT #	CK NO	DEPOSIT DATE	TOTAL
4M Fund	Dividend (Interest)	100-3700	Direct Deposit	6/30/2026	\$ 1,289.91
Troy or Jenny Bergmann	#26-04 Cash Escrow	300-4703	6353	6/8/2026	\$ 6,300.00
Hagstrom Builder, Inc	#26-07 Permit Fee Deposit	300-4703	45792	6/17/2026	\$ 1,500.00
Kueber Coffee Minnesota LLC	#26-03 Permit Fee Payment/Replenish	300-4703	100099	6/17/2026	\$ 8,406.75
Washington County	1st Half of 2026 Levy	100-3100	Direct Deposit	7/2/2026	\$ 622,816.13
TOTAL AMOUNT DEPOSITED:					\$ 640,312.79

Brown's Creek Watershed District
Treasurer's Report
07/08/2026

Total Bank Balance			
4M Fund	\$	398,528.73	
USBank		-	
Less Accounts Payable		(67,781.80)	
Plus Unrecorded Deposits since	06/30/2026	622,816.13	
Total Balance	\$	953,563.06	

Project Name	Interactive Unique Species Inventory	Date	7/01/2026
To / Contact info	BCWD Board of Managers		
Cc / Contact info	Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator		
From / Contact info	Jimmy Marty, Sarah Voje		
Regarding	Interactive Unique Species Inventory		

EOR proposes the following scope of services for the unique species inventory based on 2026 budget recommendations and initiatives from the 2017-2026 Watershed Management Plan (WMP) and carried forward in the Draft 2027-2036 WMP:

Ecological Health 4.8.4, Goal A, Implementation Item 1: 4.8.A.1:

- Create and maintain a unique species database using shared observation tools that allow community scientists, BCWD, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and other volunteers to pool their observations. Regularly publish updates of the unique species inventory and incorporate findings into educational and outreach materials.

Background

In 2015 the BCWD conducted a rare and unique species inventory to assess the extent and ecological quality of natural habitat throughout the watershed. Highlighted in the 2017-2026 WMP, the survey focused on three of the BCWD's primary landforms (Headwaters Region, Brown's Creek Middle Reach & Brown's Creek Gorge) each directly connected to Brown's Creek. A primary goal of the inventory was to document the plants, wildlife and invertebrate species that depend on the Brown's Creek corridor, fostering greater public awareness of and investment in the restoration and protection of this valuable resource. Through field surveys, biological sampling, and desktop analysis a comprehensive species list was developed for both vegetation and fauna across the surveyed landforms.

Since this update BCWD has identified additional species which should be added to the inventory. CAC members have been keeping a comprehensive list of plants, animals and bird populations at the 110th street property, and aquatic plant surveys have documented rare species and first observations (County records) for Washington County. The rise of citizen science tools such as iNaturalist and eBird also provides a robust quantity of species observation data that could be integrated into the inventory.

The existing species inventory is fragmented across multiple deliverables from the original 2015 effort and is documented in Appendix F of the Draft 2027-36 Land and Water Resources Inventory. While the Land and Water Resources Inventory provides a comprehensive summary of District resources, its technical depth and format make it inaccessible to a general audience. This scope of work will translate the inventory into a public-facing outreach product that effectively communicates the ecological significance of the Brown's Creek corridor and the species that depend upon it.

As part of the 2026 budget EOR proposed to update the inventory list and create a public engagement tool for users to view and participate in the inventory of unique species. This scope will:

- 1) Update the inventory with new observations.
- 2) Provide database infrastructure to easily update with future observations and provide the means for citizen science contributions.

EOR will work with BCWD staff to determine the best way to present the inventory for public interaction and outreach.

Proposed Scope of Work

Task 1: Update Unique Species Inventory Database

The current Unique Species inventory list will be updated with new species observations and compiled into a tabular database. EOR will cross reference available data such as DNR's NHIS dataset, EOR data, CAC data, iNaturalist, and eBird. Unique species will be filtered by DNR protection status (state-listed special-concern, threatened, or endangered; Species in Greatest Conservation Need) as well as for unique (e.g. regionally uncommon) and charismatic traits.

EOR fee: 10 hours = \$1,680

Assumptions: Assumes BCWD will provide CAC data. Only datasets referenced will be used unless otherwise provided. NHIS data is sensitive and per DNR agreement the specific locations of species will not be shared to public.

Task 2: iNaturalist Project

EOR will create a 'Collection' iNaturalist project. The project will contain a description, general statistics on observations and well as a project journal section where users or District staff can engage with the community. Observations will be limited to the BCWD boundary, include all dates recorded and may include additional iNaturalist project filters as determined in collaboration with District staff.

EOR Fee: 7 hours = \$1,176

Assumptions: There will be one round of review by District staff.

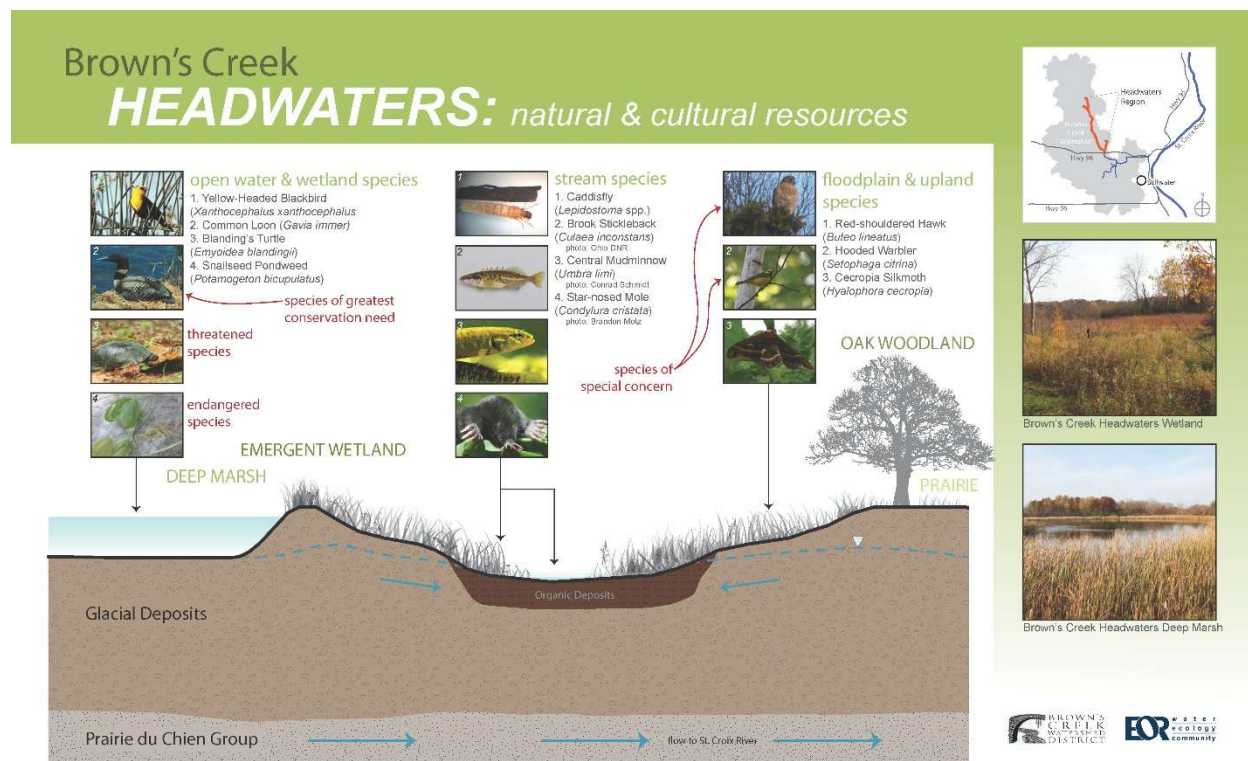
The following table summarizes the total costs for this project:

Task	Estimated hours	Cost
1. Task 1- Updating database with updated datasets.	10	\$1,680
2. Task 2 - iNaturalist Project	7	\$1,176
Total	17	\$2,856

Board Action

1. Authorize this scope of work for the Interactive Unique Species Inventory not to exceed \$2,856 from account numbers 910-0000 Education and Outreach.

Figure 1. Example of graphic from 2015 inventory.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Brown's Creek Watershed District Board
FROM: Hannah Peterson
RE: Upcoming Event Expenses
DATE: July 7, 2026

Background

The approved 2017-2026 BCWD Watershed Management Plan placed a high priority on watershed education and outreach and calls for an annual community event. The Community Advisory Committee and Bird City Stillwater have assisted in the planning of an event for Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 10am-1pm at Brown's Creek Park in Stillwater. The activities will be similar to previous years with a few additional organizations.

Additionally, the approved event to celebrate and connect to the health of Long Lake, in partnership with A House Unbuilt and three participating artists, will take place on Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 10am-2pm. In addition to the contract with A House Unbuilt, there are a few additional expenses required to help make the event a great experience for everyone involved.

Estimated Costs

Expense	Event	Details	Est. Cost
Stillwater Event Fee	Both	Application and Deposit	\$250
Postcards	Long Lake	To Croixwood Neighborhood	\$650
Porta Potties	Long Lake	Two with hand sanitizer	\$400
Raptor Show	Community	UMN Raptor Center	\$250
Live music	Community	Sammie Cohen & Partner	\$300
Promotion	Community	Peachjar and Facebook	\$500
Ice Cream	Community	Prepackaged and Dry Ice	\$200
Volunteer Refreshments	Both	Brueggers Bagels	\$300
Event Signage	Both	Banner/Yard Signs	\$400
Misc.	Both	Candy/Craft Supplies/etc.	\$400
Total			\$3,650

Requested Action

Authorize the BCWD event expenses not to exceed \$3,650 from account 910-0000.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brown's Creek Watershed District Board
FROM: Karen Kill
RE: Capital Improvement Projects – engineering approach discussion
DATE: July 2, 2026

Background

The BCWD board recently expressed interest in reviewing the 2027-2036 watershed management plan proposed capital improvement projects and determining criteria or a list of projects that may benefit from a broader engineering consultant selection process for feasibility studies, design, permitting, bidding assistance, and/or construction oversight.

Under the District's current process, the Board selects a District Engineer every two years. The District Engineer then assists the Board through the following project development steps:

1. Identify watershed problems and issues
2. Evaluate feasible solutions
3. Board determination and project ordering, if feasible
4. Project development and design
5. Construction oversight

The proposed 2027–2036 Watershed Management Plan identifies the watershed issues that BCWD intends to address during the planning period. For several proposed projects, potential solutions have already been identified. Examples include buffer improvements, buckthorn removal, and fish barrier removal. These projects, listed in Table 81, are primarily habitat restoration initiatives with well-established water quality benefits and implementation approaches that are already familiar to the District Engineer.

Staff recommends that separate requests for proposals (RFPs) not be issued for feasibility studies or design services for these habitat restoration projects. Conducting additional consultant selection processes for projects with well-understood solutions would likely increase project costs and timelines while providing limited additional value to the District.

The Plan also identifies watershed issues that require further evaluation to determine the most cost-effective and beneficial solutions. For these projects, there may be advantages to seeking proposals from multiple engineering firms for feasibility studies, design services, and/or construction oversight. Potential benefits include exposure to innovative approaches, competitive pricing, and access to specialized technical expertise.

Managers:

Accordingly, staff recommends that the Board consider issuing RFPs only for larger infrastructure projects where the potential benefits of a broader consultant selection process are expected to outweigh the additional time and administrative costs associated with developing, soliciting, and evaluating proposals.

Specifically, staff recommends that the Board request proposals for the following projects identified in the 2027–2036 Watershed Management Plan:

- Table 81 page 130 - “Explore options for addressing thermal loads from the drainage area in Zone D from the McKusick Road Stormwater Feasibility Analysis” and combine with “Explore feasibility of using property adjacent to the Oakd Glen Golf Course for the location of a large-scale rock crib (as identified in McKusick Road Stormwater Feasibility Analysis), as well as design and construct the rock crib” (\$240K in 2031-2034)
- Table 81 page 130 - “Explore options for addressing thermal loads to Brown’s Creek and/or Lake McKusick from gate valve in the storm sewer along Neal Ave” (\$30K in 2027)
- Table 82 page 133 – “Subwatershed Assessment/Evaluate pollutant loading to the waterbodies” – the goal is a management plan and feasibility for implementation projects and implementation (\$15K each – Heifort pond 2027, South School Section 2028)

Staff further recommends that for capital projects not identified in the adopted Watershed Management Plan, the Board determine whether an RFP is appropriate before initiating project development. This approach allows the Board to consider the project's scope, complexity, and the potential benefits of a broader consultant selection process during the plan amendment process.

Requested Action

Provide direction for engineering approach to implement proposed projects in the 2027-2036 watershed management plan.



REPORT: Expanding and Enhancing Environmental Education Through Partnership with Stillwater Area Public Schools

June 22, 2026



Project Overview

In the 2025-26 school year, Belwin expanded its environmental education programming through a new district-wide partnership with Stillwater Area Public Schools (SAPS). In its pilot year, this new partnership provided 2,246 students (and 267 adult teachers and chaperones) with hands-on, standards-aligned, science learning at our new education center.

Goals, outcomes, and feedback

Between September 2025 and May 2026, Belwin's naturalist team conducted 88 in-classroom programs and hosted 66 class field trips for SAPS students at Belwin's Education Site.

The initial plan was to engage 3rd through 5th graders in this pilot year. But as the year progressed, we realized we had capacity for additional in-classroom visits, so we expanded instruction to include 2nd graders. As a result, all 2nd-5th grade students received "push-ins," i.e., classroom presentations introducing them to Belwin and basic scientific concepts they may explore on a field trip.

In addition, all 3rd-5th grade students visited Belwin's Education Site for immersive outdoor field trips.

Typical field trip schedule:

- Greet students, teachers, and chaperones
- Morning introduction
- Themes:
 - o 3rd Grade: Adaptations
 - o 4th/5th Grade: Energy Webs
- Nature walk, exploring, outdoor observations
- Lunch
- Outdoor activities
- Reflection & conclusion

Field trip feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with memorable quotes including, "I didn't know I could have this much fun in nature," from a 4th-grade student, and "the kids really needed this — thank you," from a 5th-grade teacher.

The goal for this pilot year was to develop a program with a smaller subsection of students (third through fifth grades) with the intention of ramping up reach gradually over time. Both parties are committed to growing this partnership in the coming years, starting with adding second graders to on-site visits in 2026-27, and discussing how we may add classroom programs for K-1st graders. As the district grows and changes, we anticipate field trip sizes will also grow. Next school year, to accommodate district needs, we will host approximately 10 combined classes throughout the year, as opposed to the one-class-at-a-time model in 2025-26. To support this growth, Belwin plans to hire a new part-time seasonal naturalist in August 2026, and a part-time intern in 2027.



Students arrive at the Peter J. King Family Foundation Wetlands Center to kick off a day of outdoor observations

Building a new partnership

Historically, Stillwater students were only included in education programs at Belwin as scheduling allowed (about 250 students each year). This school year, we built a new comprehensive environmental learning program that is integrated throughout all elementary schools in the district, with potential for reaching every elementary student in the district each year.

This pilot year focused on program development and delivery, including:

- Belwin's hire of a new full-time environmental education manager and one part-time naturalist.
- Purchase of program supplies like skulls, furs, binoculars, magnifying glasses, ID books, notebooks, pencils, etc.
- Setting up systems for custodial supplies and services
- Establishing norms and schedules for program delivery, program review, and feedback
- Careful oversight from SAPS and Belwin leadership



Max Borge, Belwin's Environmental Education Manager, instructs 5th graders from Afton/Lakeland Elementary

Key Learnings

As with any new partnership, there were things to be learned. Key takeaways included:

- Develop efficient communication practices — we could not assume that classroom teachers have gotten fully briefed by the district beforehand, so we expanded the level of communication to teachers
- Be flexible, adaptable, and empathetic working with partners
- Address student concerns and fears about the outdoors
- Provide options for students to explore trails and indulge curiosity
- Align our practice with our goal: To create positive emotional connections with nature, regardless of students' prior experience and levels of engagement

Gallery



Minutes of the June 8, 2026, Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendance

CAC Members Present:	Others Present:
George Vania*	Hannah Peterson, BCWD Staff
Dennis Gervais	Celia Wirth, BCWD Manager
Mari Frederickson	
Jyneen Thatcher	
Hal Udoli*	
Dory Herman*	
CAC Members Absent:	
David Wortman	
Anne Maule Miller	

**Attended virtually*

1) Called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2) Approved Agenda

3) Approved April 13, 2026, Minutes

4) Watershed Management Plan Update

Hannah shared that the board is having a public hearing for the plan at the June regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Then it will be sent out for 90-day review and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will approve it.

5) Recent Events Recap

a) Long Lake Trail West Birding

Hannah shared that the event was a success despite the cold with about 25 attendees and 27 species of birds seen. George shared that it was the most successful birding tour yet.

b) Sustainable Stillwater MN's Valley Eco Fair

Hannah shared that she had a BCWD table at the event and shared a Brown's Creek habitat matching game that she had created. Jyneen recommended sharing the habitat game with the Department of Natural Resources' trails department.

c) Brown's Creek Conservation Area Tree/Shrub Planting

Hannah shared that Washington Conservation District seasonal staff and Jyneen had helped to plant 150 native trees and shrubs at the Brown's Creek Conservation Area off 110th Street.

d) Brown's Creek Park Restoration Area Tree/Shrub Planting

Hannah shared that staff assessed and marked the dead versus living trees prior to the planting and noted about a little over a 50% survival rate. She said that volunteers helped to plant 75 more trees and shrubs as replacement and enhancement.

1 **e) Spring Creek Scene Painting**

2 Hannah shared that the spring painting event at Aamodt's Apple Farm went well, and that is was
3 a great opportunity to work with community partners. She said that there were seven attendees
4 including our MET Council representative and a new WCD staff member.

5 **6) Upcoming Event Planning**

6 **a) Walking Tour at Lakes at Stillwater Trail, June 16th, 6:30-8pm**

7 Hannah shared that the tour would be broken out into groups led by Jyneen and a WCD staff
8 member. George noted that he might be able to help. CAC members discussed event promotion
9 and recommended yard signs to advertise to both the Lakes at Stillwater and the greater
10 community. Hannah said that the WCD has one microphone and speaker available and that she
11 could help lead a group if needed.

12 **b) Summer Creek Scene Painting at Brown's Creek Park, June 28th, 2-4pm**

13 Hannah shared that the summer painting event would take place outdoors, meeting at Brown's
14 Creek Park and walking to the newly restored access area. She said it would be a watercolor
15 painting event where attendees would paint what they see, and the registration fee covers
16 materials and light refreshments.

17 **c) Long Lake Water Quality and Art Event in with A House Unbuilt, July 25th, 10am-2pm**

18 Hannah shared that three artists have been selected to participate in this event, including a
19 printmaking activity, a guided walk, and a natural puppet making activity. She said that the
20 artists would most likely be stationed at the City of Stillwater access points to Long Lake from
21 the Croixwood neighborhood due to that being the target audience. She shared opportunities to
22 volunteer and that more information would be available soon. George expressed interest in
23 helping with the walk, and Celia expressed interest in helping with puppets. Jyneen shared she
24 might be able to attend and help.

25 **d) Community Watershed Celebration & Bird Festival, September 19th, 10am-1pm**

26 Hannah shared that planning is underway with determining partners that will be attending and
27 that Allison has reserved the raptors. She shared that music is still needed. George said he
28 would still have his bird table, and Celia said she would do macroinvertebrates again.

29 **e) Table at Aamodt's Apple Farm, Date to be determined**

30 Hannah shared that BCWD would likely have a table at Aamodt's during a weekend of their fall
31 busy season to share information about the watershed.

32 **f) Fall Creek Scene Painting, October 11th, 2-4pm**

33 Hannah shared that this would take place at Lift Bridge and be similar to the winter painting
34 event.

35 **g) Brown's Creek Conservation Area Replanting, October**

36 Hannah shared that the district might do a planting event this fall to fill in whatever doesn't
37 survive the summer, but it might depend on remaining grant funding.

38 **h) Seeding and Snowshoeing, December 2026 or January 2027**

39 Hannah shared that Andrew Coyne with the City of Stillwater is supportive of this idea. The CAC
40 discussed where to get snowshoes, and it was recommended to look into Washington County
41 Parks. George said this might be a great opportunity to partner with the Boy Scouts.

1 **7) CAC Updates**

2 **a) 110th Street Monitoring**

3 Jyneen shared an update on the trees planted in late April. She said that there was good leaf out
4 on the trees she could see, but that she could not see into the tubes. She shared that the weed
5 suppression mats were collecting water and creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes. She
6 also shared that she didn't help with all the trees, but that the WCD crew planted the Wild
7 Plums exactly as she had hoped. She also shared that the neighbor to the west had done some
8 tree planting as well. Jyneen also noted the return of liparis orchids, which like shade that had
9 been reduced due to thinning of buckthorn and cedars. She said that aside from buckthorn
10 regrowth, Canada goldenrod was dominating the upper west section, and that blue flag iris and
11 marsh marigolds were in the mudflat area near the culvert. The CAC discussed the need for
12 more buckthorn management in unit 3.

13 **b) Long Lake Bird Boxes**

14 Hannah shared that Anne had reached out for assistance in getting the bird boxes put up around
15 Long Lake.

16 **c) Seasonal Flora Handouts**

17 Hannah shared that this is on pause with the goal to be ready next spring.

18 **8) BCWD Updates**

19 **a) Board Positions**

20 Hannah shared that there is still one open position on the BCWD Board of Managers.

21 **b) Apparel Order**

22 Hannah shared that apparel will be available after June 17th.

23 **c) 110th Street – Hunting Regulations**

24 Hannah shared that hunting is not allowed on the property, but that just because deer stands
25 were facing the property, hunters could be turned sideways shooting on their own property,
26 such as with a bow. Hannah said that she would be sending out communication to adjacent
27 landowners prior to hunting season about hunting regulations and the restoration work being
28 done. George requested that staff ask the neighbors to not have stands facing the BCWD
29 property. Jyneen mentioned that deer populations in the area could use thinning.

30 **d) Brown's Creek Restoration**

31 Hannah shared that she is developing restoration project signage and asked for
32 recommendations on species to include. She also shared that agreements are in progress for the
33 next phase of restoration through Brown's Creek Cove, but it's looking like construction will not
34 begin until spring 2027.

35 **e) Beaver Management**

36 Hannah shared that signage has been received but still needs to be installed and that there is
37 now a beaver management section on the BCWD website.

38 **9) Content for Future Meetings**

39 Hannah shared that Andrew Coyne would be presenting on forestry at the August CAC meeting.

40 **10) Adjourned Meeting at 7:07 pm**

Project Name	BCWD Permit Program	Date	07/02/2026
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Cc / Contact info	Karen Kill, District Administrator		
From / Contact info	John Sarafolean; Julia Lau EIT, EOR		
Regarding	June Permit Inspection Update		

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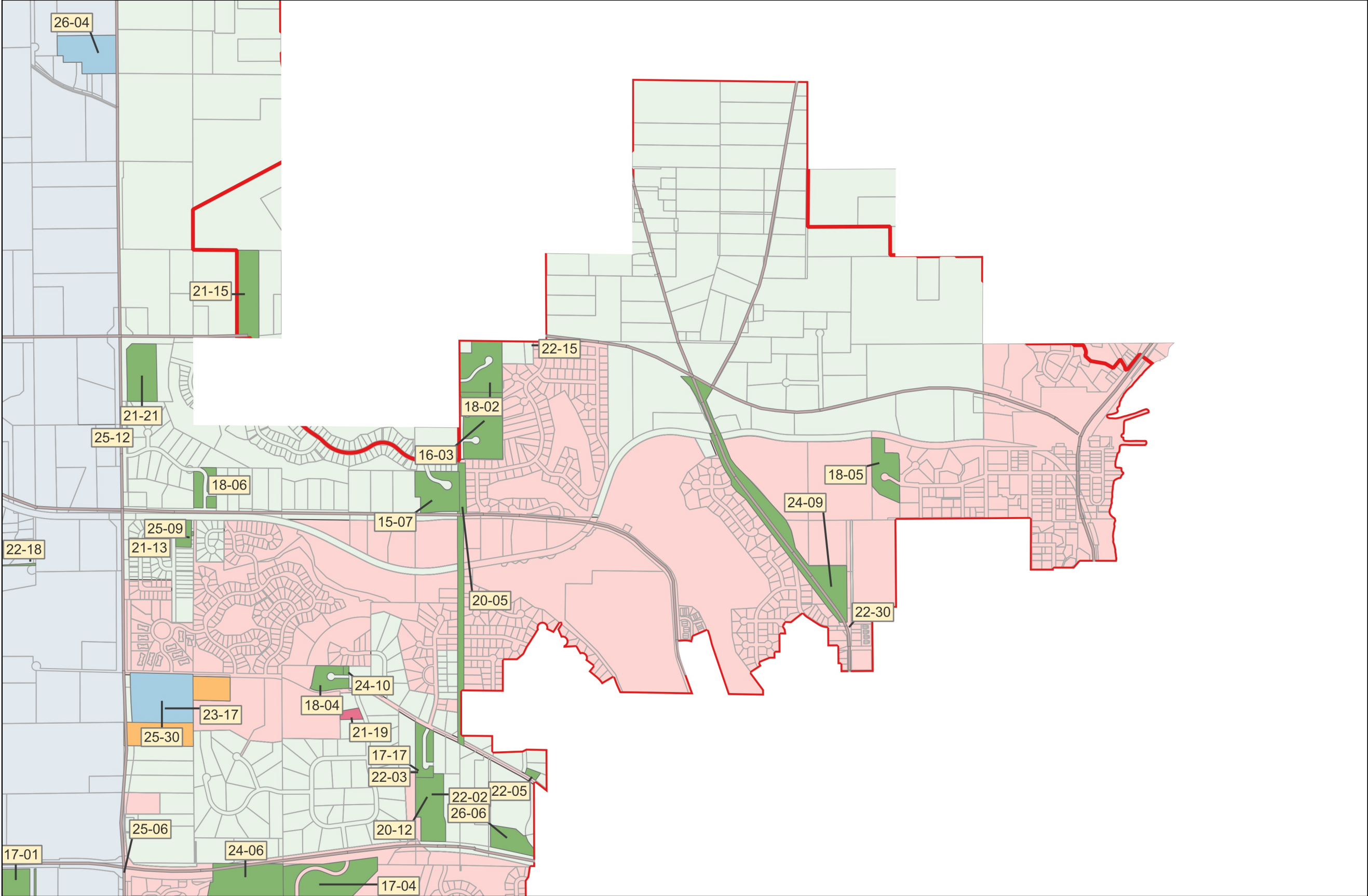
BCWD has an on-going permit review process in support of the District Rules. Developments within the District Jurisdictional Boundary are reviewed for compliance with the Rules and conditions of the permit. This memo documents inspections from 06/17/2026 to 06/30/2026.

Inspection of Existing Permits

Project Name	Permit ID	Date	Grade
WOS Development	17-01	6/19/2026	A
Central Commons	19-05	6/17/2026	A
		6/30/2026	A
Stillwater Oaks	22-18	6/17/26	C
		6/30/2026	C
WOS Lot 102 Mensah	23-15	6/19/2026	A
Liberty Classical Academy Expansion	23-19	6/19/2026	A
		6/24/2026	A
WOS Lot 120 Hilgert Residence	24-03	6/19/2026	A
Altendorfer Residence	24-08	6/24/2026	B
WOS Karr Residence	24-11	6/19/2026	A
WOS Carlson Residence	24-12	6/19/2026	A
WOS Weatherby Residence	24-17	6/19/2026	A
Curve Crest Utility	25-01	6/30/2026	A
HealthPartners Lakeview Hospital	25-03	6/17/2026	C
		6/30/2026	B
St. Croix Valley Rec Center Parking Lot	25-05	6/19/2026	A
CSAH 15 Pavement Preservation	25-06	6/24/2026	A
WOS Lot 121 Castillo	25-07	6/19/2026	B
Dockter Residence	25-09	6/19/2026	A
Stillwater PFAS	25-11	6/19/2026	A
Doede Residence	25-12	6/24/2026	A
Xcel Steel Pole Replacement	25-13	6/30/2026	A

Husnik Residence	25-14	6/30/2026	B
Elliot Crossing Lot 1 Block 1	25-15	6/24/2026	C
WOS Lot 128 Morud	25-17	6/19/2026	B
Deininger Residence	25-18	6/19/2026	B
Elliot Crossing Lot 3 Block 1	25-19	6/24/2026	C
Bryant Tree Clearing	25-21	6/24/2026	A
Upadhyaya Residence	25-22	6/19/2026	B
Ziegler Residence	25-24	6/24/2026	A
Elliot Crossing Block 1 Lot 4	25-26	6/24/2026	C
Elliot Crossing Block 1 Lot 5	25-27	6/24/2026	C
Chick-Fil-A	25-28	6/19/2026	A
Elliot Crossing Block 1 Lot 2	26-01	6/24/2026	B
Sanctuary WWTF	26-02	6/24/2026	B
Nagle Residence Soil Remediation	26-06	6/30/2026	A

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15-07	Brown's Creek Cove	Active
16-03	The Ponds at Helfort Hills	Active
17-01	White Oaks Savanna	Active
17-04	The Lakes of Stillwater	Active
17-17	Westridge	Active
18-02	Helfort Hills Estates	Active
18-04	Boutwell Farm	Active
18-05	Heritage Ridge	Active
18-06	Nottingham Village	Active
20-05	Neal Avenue Reconstruction	Active
20-12	White Pine Ridge	Active
21-13	Marylane Gateway	Active
21-15	Schwartz Residence	Active
21-21	Millbrook West Park	Active
22-02	White Pine Ridge, remaining lots	Active
22-03	Westridge, remaining lots	Active
22-05	13290 Boutwell Rd N	Active
22-18	Stillwater Oaks	Active
23-17	Sundance Stillwater	Pending
24-06	Rutherford Elementary	Active
24-09	CSAH 5 Phase 3	Active
24-10	Boutwell Farms Lot 1	Active
25-06	CSAH 15 Pavement Preservation	Active
25-09	Dockter Residence	Active
25-12	Doede Residence	Active
25-18	Deininger Residence	Active
25-30	Brixton Townhomes	Review
26-04	Bergmann Residence	Review
26-06	Stillwater Firehouse Pavement	Active



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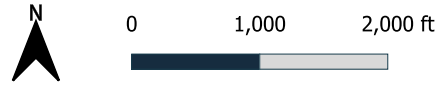
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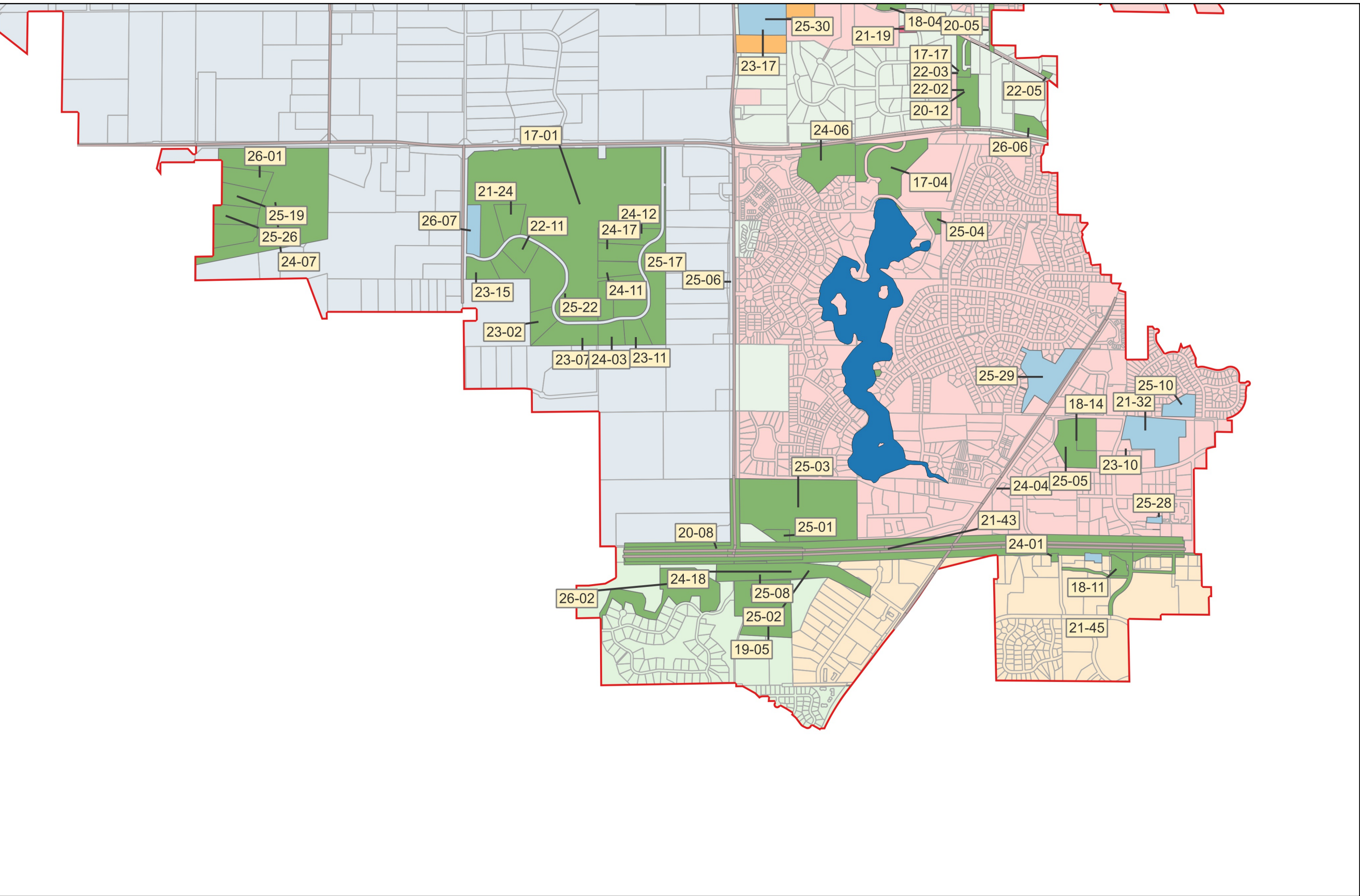
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18-14	St. Croix Valley Recreation Center Expansion	Active
19-05	Central Commons	Active
20-05	Neal Avenue Reconstruction	Active
20-08	TH36 CSAH 15 Interchange	Active
20-12	White Pine Ridge	Active
21-24	Nepal Residence - WOS B1L3	Active
21-32	Lakeview EMS	Review
21-43	MnDOT TH-36	Active
21-45	Norell Avenue Improvements	Active
22-02	White Pine Ridge, remaining lots	Active
22-03	Westridge, remaining lots	Active
22-05	13290 Boutwell Rd N	Active
22-11	Wiechmann Residence	Active
22-19	Miller Flood Protection	Active
23-02	Tweden Residence	Active
23-10	Curio Dance Studio	Active
23-11	Freiroy Residence	Active
23-15	Mensah Residence	Active
23-17	Sundance Stillwater	Pending
24-01	Take 5 Oil Change	Active
24-03	WOS Lot 120 Hilgert Residence	Active
24-06	Rutherford Elementary	Active
24-07	Elliot Crossing/ Indian Hills	Active
24-11	WOS Lot 127 Karr Residence	Active
24-12	Carlson Residence	Active
24-17	WOS Lot 129 Weatherby	Active
24-18	CSAH 15 Frontage Road	Active
25-01	Curve Crest Utility	Active
25-02	Anderson Holdings	Active
25-03	Lakeview Hospital	Active
25-04	Kranz Residence Addition	Active
25-05	St. Croix Recreation Center	Active
25-06	CSAH 15 Pavement Preservation	Active
25-07	Castillo Residence	Active
25-08	CSAH 15B Construction	Active
25-10	Stillwater Wellhead 10 PFAS Treatment	Review
25-17	WOS Lot 128 Morud	Active
25-19	Elliot Crossing Lot 3 Block 1	Active
25-22	WOS Lot 117 Upadhyaya	Active
25-26	Elliot Crossing Lot 4 Block 1	Active
25-27	Elliot Crossing Block 1 Lot 5	Active
25-28	Chick-fil-A	Review
25-29	Sunrise Park Trail	Review
25-30	Brixton Townhomes	Review
26-01	Elliot Crossing Lot 2 Block 1	Active
26-02	Sanctuary WWTF	Active
26-03	7Brew Coffee	Review
26-06	Stillwater Firehouse Pavement	Active



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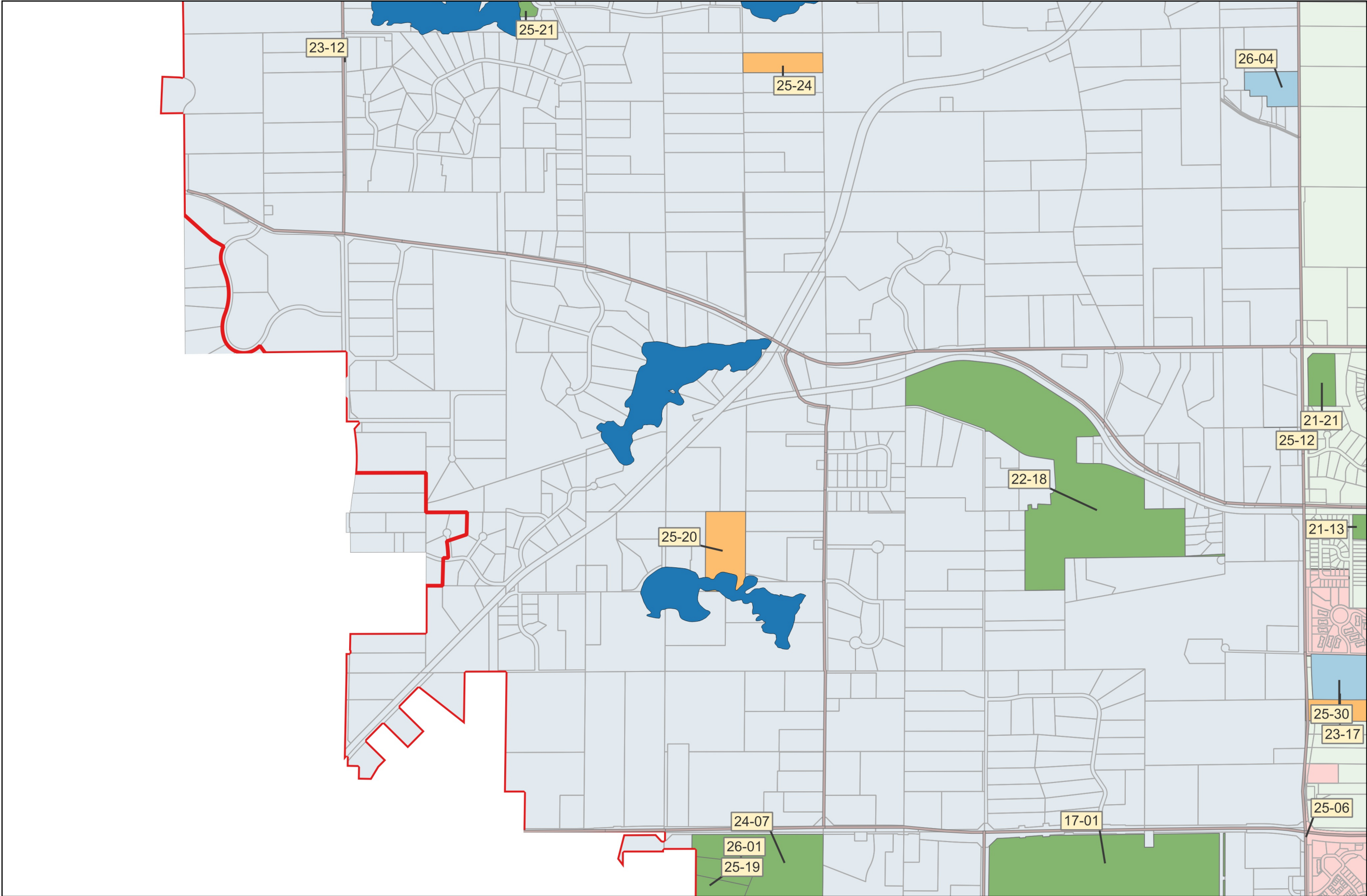
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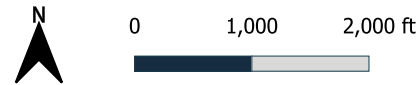
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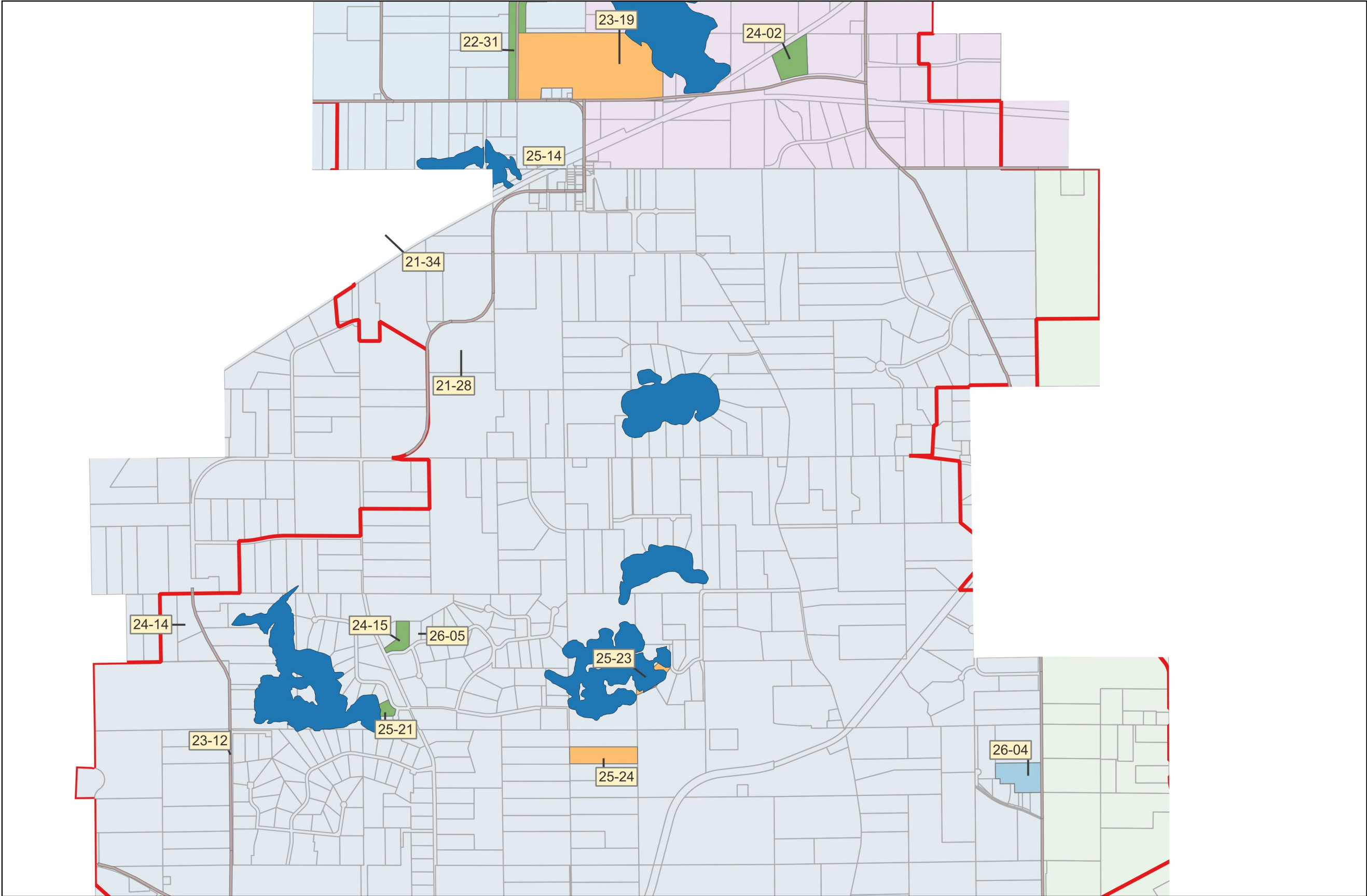


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25-21	Bryant Tree Removal	Active
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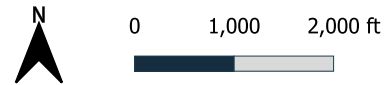


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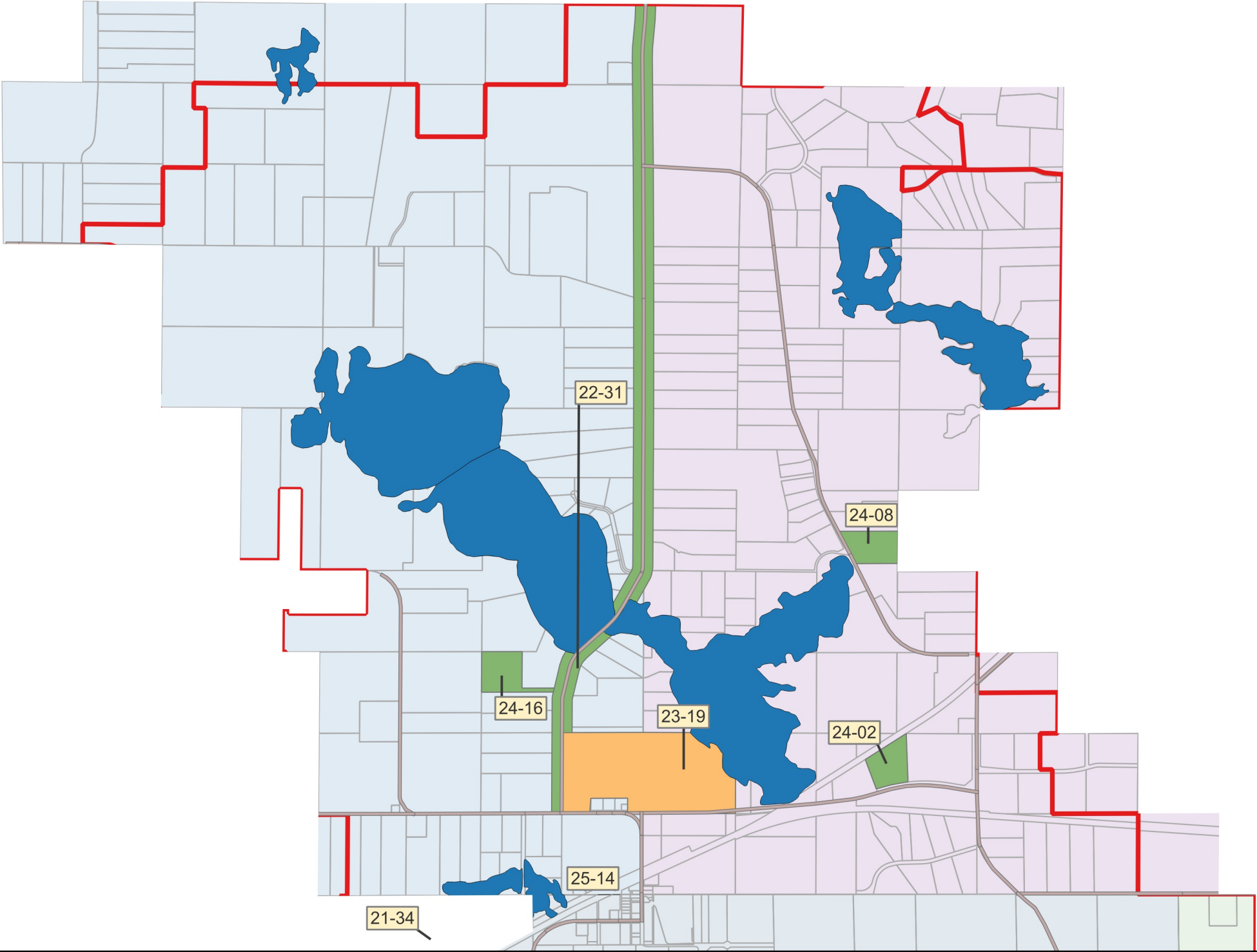
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24-02	Schuster Residence	Active
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24-15	Lorntson Property	Active
25-14	Husnik Residence	Active
25-21	Bryant Tree Removal	Active
25-23	Kismet Basin Septic System	Pending
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