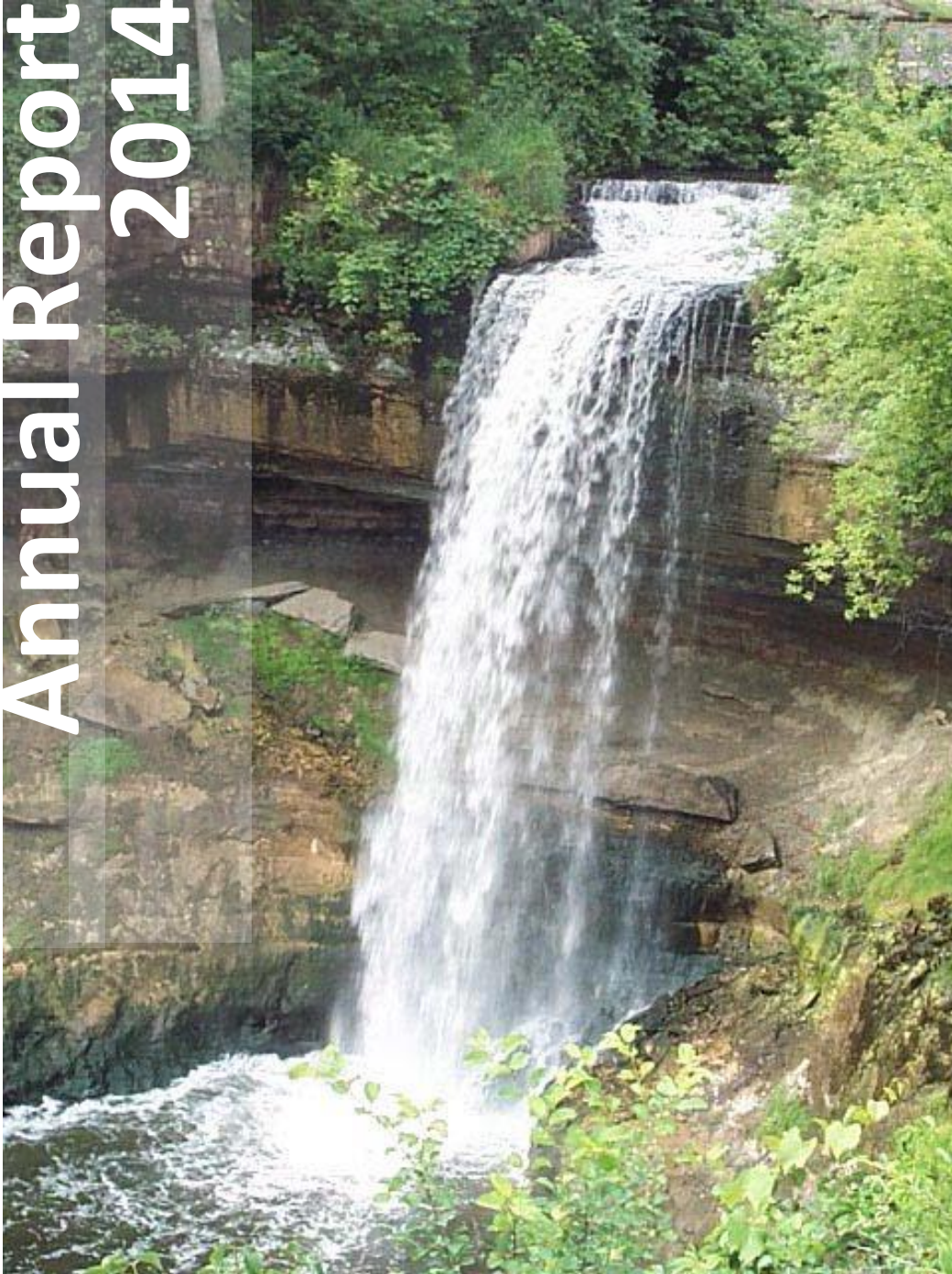


# Annual Report 2014



**Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
2014 Annual Report to the  
Board of Water and Soil Resources**



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## 1.0 Introduction

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This report has been prepared to satisfy the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's (MCWD or District) annual reporting requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103D.351, which requires watershed districts to file an annual report with the Board of Soil and Water Resources. Metro watershed districts are required to follow reporting requirements described in MR 8410.0150.

## 2.0 Annual Financial Report

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Provided below is a summary of the District's 2014 budget, revenues, and expenditures. The full 2014 audit was previously submitted to BWSR and is available on the District website at: <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/about/district-finances/audit>.

<b>Budget (by program)</b>	
General Operations	2,379,686
Government Relations	31,410
Information Technology	155,000
Permitting	230,000
Water Quality	332,058
AIS Management and Control	642,140
Planning	530,850
Communications	168,600
Education	123,500
Grants	1,323,209
Project Maintenance & Land Management	326,000
Land Conservation and Restoration	2,800,000
Capital Projects	3,976,779
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>13,019,232</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Levy	7,870,880
Intergovernmental	785,025
Permits	93,610
Investment income	80,993
Rental income	1,384,462
Other	12,859
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,227,829</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>11,430,931</b>

Table 1. 2014 Budget, Revenues, and Expenditures

### 3.0 Annual Activity Report

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The following information is provided to satisfy the requirements of MN Rules 8410.0150, Subpart 3.

#### 3.A. Board and Advisory Committee Members

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Below is a list of the District's Board of Managers and Citizens Advisory Committee members as of the end of 2014.

<b>Manager</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Sherry Davis White, President	Hennepin	<a href="mailto:swhite@minnehahacreek.org">swhite@minnehahacreek.org</a>
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Jeff Casale, Secretary	Hennepin	<a href="mailto:jcasale@minnehahacreek.org">jcasale@minnehahacreek.org</a>
Jim Calkins	Hennepin	<a href="mailto:jcalkins@minnehahacreek.org">jcalkins@minnehahacreek.org</a>
Pamela Blixt	Hennepin	<a href="mailto:pblixt@minnehahacreek.org">pblixt@minnehahacreek.org</a>
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*Table 2. MCWD Board of Managers*

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Table 3. MCWD Citizens Advisory Committee

### 3.B. Staff and Consultants

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The District currently employs 30 staff. The names, job titles, and contact information are provided in Table 4. The District maintains an office for staff and meetings. The address is given below:

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### 3.C. 2014 Work Plans and Goals

Appendix 1 includes the District's annual report publication and individual reports of major 2014 activities from each of the District's programs. Table 5 links these activities to the District's goals established in the 2007 Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP).



WRMP Goal ID->	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Abstraction	Ecological Integrity	Water Quality	Public Health	Water Quantity	Shoreline/Streams	Navigation	BMPs	Education/Comm.	Public Ditches	Wetlands	Groundwater	Floodplain	Recreation	Erosion Control	Regulation	Public Input
2014 Project/ Program/ Initiative																	
Rapid Response to Zebra Mussel Infestation		X												X			
AIS Early Detection and Monitoring Program		X												X			
AIS Watercraft Inspections		X							X					X			
Public Access AIS Prevention Improvements		X							X								
Carp Assessment - Six-Mile Creek		X	X														
USGS Zequanox® Trials		X							X								
AIS Economic Study									X								
Flowering Rush Removal		X												X			
AIS Symposium		X							X								
Spring Flooding Communications									X								X
Creek Cleanup			X	X					X								
Media relations									X								
Online presence									X								
Videotaping meetings									X								
Watershed Heroes Awards									X								X
Minnehaha Creek Sign and Landing Standards									X					X			
Districtwide Signage									X								
Cynthia Krieg Stewardship Grant Program			X			X		X	X								X
MS4 Education									X								
Big Watershed Game									X								
Watershed Association Initiative (WAI)									X								X
Clean Water Summit									X								
Master Water Stewards Program									X								
Cost Share Projects			X			X		X	X								
Ecosystem Evaluation Program		X	X		X				X		X	X					
Hydrodata Monitoring			X		X				X								
Permit Reviews and Inspections	X		X		X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	
Wetland Conservation Act Administration											X					X	
Wetland Bank		X							X		X						
Reach 20 Trails									X					X			
Long Lake Creek Corridor - Phase II	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X		X	X			
Cottageville Park		X	X		X	X		X	X					X			
325 Blake Road (Cold Storage)			X		X	X		X	X								
Comprehensive Plan Revisions																	X
Flood Response					X				X								
Flood Damage Repair/FEMA Coordination					X	X											X
Dam Operations					X				X								
Natural Resource Management Plans		X															
Stormwater Pond Survey			X														
Vegetation Management		X															

Table 5. WRMP Goals Addressed by 2014 Projects, Programs & Initiatives



### 3.D. 2015 Work Plans

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District staff prepared 32 individual project and program work plans for 2015 which can be found on the District website at: <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/about/district-finances/budget>.

### 3.E. Permits and Variances

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In 2014, MCWD staff received and processed 626 permits. This is the highest number since 2004 and represents a 27 percent increase from average. No variances were issued in 2014. A total of 979 inspections of permitted sites and 92 non-permitted inspections were completed. Non-compliant sites are generally resolved through on-site meetings, inspection reports, and other correspondence with permittees. No formal enforcement action was taken by the MCWD Board in 2014.

### 3.F Water Quantity and Quality Monitoring

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MCWD has monitored lake water quality, stream flow and quality, precipitation and other hydrologic parameters annually beginning in 1968. Since 1997, the District has actively coordinated with other agencies to collect additional monitoring data. The ongoing program was expanded in 2002 and again in 2003 to include more monitoring locations and additional automatic monitoring equipment. The District staff publishes an electronic data report each year, including water quality grades for major lakes and streams. The report contains a calculation of annual runoff, flow, pollutant loads, and precipitation.

The District's Monitoring Program:

- Tracks long term lake and stream water quality trends,
- Quantifies nutrient and sediment export and watershed runoff,
- Informs feasibility studies,
- Tracks efficacy of District Projects,
- Provides model calibration datasets, and
- Provides the foundation for the District's Capital Improvement Program.

The monitoring plan is described in detail in the 2014 MCWD Hydrological Data Monitoring & Research Department Annual Report available on the District website at: <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/data-center/annual-monitoring-reports>.

### 3.G. Status of Local Plans

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The District's 2007 Comprehensive Plan requires that local government units (LGUs) report annually to the District regarding implementation of their Local Water Management Plans. The District had limited success in receiving these reports prior to 2011. In April of 2011, the Board adopted an amendment to the District's Comprehensive Plan that provided greater specificity to the annual reporting requirements. As a part of this amendment, staff developed a reporting form for LGU's to use to simplify and streamline the process.

Reports for the 2013 calendar year were due June 30, 2014 and annual meetings were held from July to September. In 2014, staff received reports from 20 of the 29 LGU's and held meetings with 13 LGU's. Topics discussed at these annual meetings include:

- Upcoming projects and initiatives for both the District and LGU
- Progress towards achieving phosphorus load reduction targets in the Comprehensive Plan and TMDLs
- Municipal housekeeping activities, such as street sweeping, winter salt application, and stormwater pond inventory/maintenance
- Opportunities for partnership and collaboration on projects or programs

The following table summarizes the results of this process:

<b>LGU</b>	<b>Report Submitted</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
Chanhassen	No	No
Deephaven	Yes	Yes
Edina	Yes	Yes
Excelsior	Yes	No
Golden Valley	No	No
Greenwood	Yes	Yes
Hopkins	No	No
Independence	Yes	No
Laketown Twp	Yes	No
Long Lake	Yes	No
Maple Plain	No	No
Medina	Yes	No
Minneapolis	No	No
Minnetonka	Yes	Yes
Minnetonka Beach	Yes	Yes
Minnetrista	Yes	Yes
Mound	Yes	Yes
Orono	No (requested extension)	No
Plymouth	Yes	No
Richfield	Yes	Yes
Shorewood	Yes	Yes
Spring Park	No	No
St. Bonifacius	Yes	No
St. Louis Park	Yes	Yes
Tonka Bay	Yes	Yes
Victoria	No (requested extension)	No
Watertown Twp	No	No
Wayzata	Yes	Yes
Woodland	Yes	Yes

Table 6. Local Water Plan Annual Reporting

### 3.H. Written Communications

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MCWD developed a strategic plan for communications in 2013 which guides how the District delivers messages to key audiences. In 2014, MCWD issued a total of 31 news releases, 16 newspaper columns, and 53 e-newsletters on topics including capital projects, program activities, water quality data, events, and finances. The District distributed both a mid-year and annual report to cities, counties, state agencies, and other stakeholders. The annual report can be found in Appendix 1. Other past news releases and newsletters can be found at: <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/about/newsroom>.

The District has also enhanced its online presence. The MCWD website received 399,631 views in 2014, up 80 percent from 2013. The District also instituted a system for recording Board meetings and posting them online, both on the MCWD site and the District's YouTube channel.

### 3.I. Solicitation of Professional Services

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In 2013, in accordance with MN Statutes 103B.227, the District solicited professional services for legal counsel, engineering, accounting, and government relations. This process will be repeated in 2015. The 2013 request for qualifications can be found at: <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/rfq-professional-services>.

### 3.J Assessment of Fund Balances

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A full reporting of the changes in fund balances by program area can be found in the 2014 Audit, submitted previously by the District's accountant and available on the MCWD website at: <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/about/district-finances/audit>.

### 3.K Wetland Banking Program

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There are currently no locally adopted wetland banking programs in the District.