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April 11, 2019

Representatives
Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed
Management Commission
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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may be found on the Commission's website:
[http://www.pioneersarahcreek.org/minutes--
meeting-packets.html](http://www.pioneersarahcreek.org/minutes--meeting-packets.html)*

Dear Representatives:

A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission will be held Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Discovery Center, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

A light supper will be served. RSVPs are requested so that the appropriate amount of food is available. **At the time of your response, please let us know if you will be eating supper with us.**

In order to ensure a quorum for this meeting, please telephone 763.553.1144 or email me at judie@jass.biz to indicate if you or your Alternate will be attending. It is your responsibility to ascertain that your community will be represented at this meeting.

Regards,

Judie A. Anderson

Administrator

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cc: Alternates

Jim Kujawa, Kirsten Barta, HCEE

Joel Jamnik, Attorney

Brian Vlach, TRPD

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 18, 2019 • 6:00 pm

Maple Plain City Hall @ The Discovery Center
5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain

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1. Call to Order.
2. Approve Agenda.*
3. Consent Agenda.
 - a. March meeting minutes.*
 - b. Monthly Claims/Treasurers Report.*
4. Open forum.
5. Action Items.
 - a. 2019 Projected Work Plan.*
 - b. Final Draft 2018 Annual Activity Report.*
 - c. Maple Plain Comprehensive Plan.*
6. Old Business.
7. New Business.
 - a. Preliminary 2020 Operating Budget.
8. Watershed Management Plan.
9. Staff Report.*
10. Education.
11. Grant Opportunities.
12. Communications.
13. Commissioner Reports.
14. Other Business.
15. Adjournment. *(Next scheduled meeting: May 16, 2019).*

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER. A regular meeting of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2019, by Chair Joe Baker at Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, Maple Plain, MN.

Present: Mike Hoekstra, Greenfield; Joe Baker, Independence; John Fay, Maple Plain; Mike McLaughlin, Medina; John Tschumperlin, Minnetrista; Karen Galles, James Kujawa and Kirsten Barta, Hennepin County Environment and Energy (HCEE); Brian Vlach, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

Also present: Scott Johnson, Medina.

2. AGENDA. Motion by Fay, second by McLaughlin to approve the agenda with the change that the next meeting is scheduled for April 18. *Motion carried unanimously.*

3. CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by McLaughlin, second by Tschumperlin to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. **February Regular Meeting Minutes.***
- b. **March Monthly Claims/Treasurer's Report.*** Claims total \$4,951.02.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. OPEN FORUM.

Karen Galles, HCEE, discussed the retirement of Kujawa and **HCEE's changing role** with the Commission. As of January 1, 2020, HCEE will no longer be providing engineering services to the Commission for project reviews or WCA. HCEE will be realigning its role to serve as a soil and water conservation district (SWCD) to develop implementation projects identified in SWAs, especially working with private landowners and grant opportunities. HCEE is in the process of hiring a new Rural Conservationist at this time. The County also expects to have a staff person attend TAC meetings, but the Commission will need its own representative on the TAC as well.

The Commission has served as the WCA LGU for the cities of Greenfield, Loretto and Maple Plain. The Commission has discussed discontinuing this service for all cities, meaning those cities would need to hire their own consultants to provide those services. The Commission could continue that service but would need to charge costs for acting as LGU back to the cities, so it would not be advantageous to the cities to funnel WCA work through the Commission. It is recommended that Greenfield, Loretto and Maple Plain adjust their fee schedules to cover the WCA costs.

Due to this change, the cost for technical services will be increasing for the Commission. Currently, about half of the annual engineering invoice is for WCA services. Kujawa's hourly rate for project reviews was \$75/hour. A private firm is likely to charge \$150-\$200/hour for the same services. In addition, the County did not bill the Commission for time spent on the phone with city staff and residents. The Commission should be prepared for an increase to the engineering line item on its budget. The Commission may also look at adjusting its fee schedule for project reviews to help cover the additional costs.

Staff will contact the County for a breakdown of Kujawa's hours to use in planning the 2020 budget.

5. ACTION ITEMS.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Commission **2019 appointments** have not been received from Maple Plain. Fay noted he had

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**Included in meeting packet.*

asked his City Administrator to forward the appointment to the JASS office.

b. 2018 Work Plan in Review.* Motion by Baker, second by McLaughlin to approve the 2018 Work Plan in Review. *Motion carried unanimously.*

7. NEW BUSINESS.

a. 2019 Projected Work Plan.* Commissioners were asked to provide comments to JASS by March 29. A reminder will be sent to Commission members on March 27. The work plan must be approved at the April meeting because it is part of the 2018 Annual Activity Report which is due to BWSR by April 30, 2019.

b. Preliminary Draft 2018 Annual Activity Report.* Comments or changes regarding the Annual Report were requested to be received in the JASS office by April 4. Edits to the Annual Report, including the Work Plan, will be shown in a different color at the April meeting for ease of review.

c. Lake Report Cards.* The Commission contracts with TRPD to monitor five sentinel lakes annually. The sentinel lakes are Lake Independence, Lake Sarah, Little Long Lake, and both basins of Whaletail Lake. The north basin of Whaletail is defined as a shallow lake, while the others are defined as deep lakes. Shallow and deep lakes have slightly different parameters for meeting state standards. In 2018, TRPD also monitored Lake Ardmore, Half Moon Lake, Spurzem Lake, and Lake Rebecca.

The lake report cards detail the size of the watershed, bathymetry, and annual monitoring results compared to the state standards for total phosphorus, chlorophyll A, and Secchi disk transparency. All data is averaged annually to determine a letter grade for lake water quality. Vlach reviewed the report cards and answered Commissioner questions.

Tschumperlin and Baker noted that they would be interested in joining TRPD staff during a monitoring trip to learn the process.

Staff will post the report cards to the Commission website as well as a link to the TRPD site which contains more scientific data and information for the public. TRPD has not yet completed that web page.

8. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

a. Maple Plain. Staff is reviewing Maple Plain's Plan and expects to have a recommendation at the April meeting.

9. STAFF REPORT.* Kujawa is working with Medina city staff on the Ardmore SWA project slated for 2019 using watershed-based funding from BWSR. After further review, the pond cleanout portion of the project was estimated to reduce only 0.2lbs of phosphorus at a cost of \$40,000. An iron-enhanced sand filter for the pond or additional channel restoration may be considered. Staff will need to update the project work plan and receive approval of those changes from BWSR before moving forward with the project.

10. EDUCATION.

Juntunen reviewed the upcoming **2019 Water Summit*** hosted by the Freshwater Society on May 9-10 at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Suggested audience includes water resource staff, planners, landscape designers, local decision-makers, lake and river association members, citizen volunteers, and other environmental advocates concerned about water protection. The Commission education budget can cover the cost for Commissioners to attend.

11. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

12. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Lake Independence Carp Abundance Estimate.* The study estimates a carp biomass of 114kg/hectare. The threshold for ecological impacts to lakes is 100kg/hectare. An additional study will be performed in 2019 to ensure the estimate is accurate prior to implementation efforts as the current level is not high enough to interest a commercial fisherman in performing removal. PIT tags on fish showed 33 of 88 tagged carp moving downstream from the lake to the Pagenkopf station and four moving into Lake Ardmore, though that station's data loggers were not working 24/7. Only one fish moved through the County Road 19 station.

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b. Lake Independence Zebra Mussel Survey.* The DNR published a report on zebra mussels in Lake Independence in 2015 and 2016. A summary completed by TRPD is included for 2017-2018. Population has seen significant increases in three of the seven areas monitored (stations 5, 6, and 7). TRPD is specifically monitoring areas with substrate for the mussels to attach to. Eleven of twelve collector plates have no mussels, while one plate did have one mussel. Population increases may have been slowed because Lake Independence has blue-green algae, while the mussels prefer green algae. As the population expands, changes in water quality can be expected as they consume algae, most noticeably improved water clarity.

13. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

14. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Fay noted the Orono Rotary is hosting a **2019 Party in the Park** at Maple Plain. Fay will provide JASS with information regarding the event.

b. The **next regular meeting** is scheduled for April 18, 2019.

15. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, motion by McLaughlin, second by Hoekstra to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:59. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy A. Juntunen, Recording Secretary
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Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed
Income Statement
Compared with Budget
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2019

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	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
Revenues				
Member Dues	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	0.00
Project Review Fees	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
CIP Income	0.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00
Grant-FY19 WS-Based Funding	0.00	29,159.00	0.00	29,159.00
WCA Adm Fees	0.00	0.00	124.99	(124.99)
Interest and Dividend Income	0.00	2,096.25	392.50	1,703.75
Total Revenues	0.00	159,255.25	129,517.49	29,737.76
Expenses				
Administrative Expense	3,611.62	6,025.64	9,000.00	2,974.36
Adm-Project Reviews	14.00	59.09	187.50	128.41
Adm-CIP Mgmt	0.00	158.49	750.00	591.51
WCA - Admin/Legal Expenses	0.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
Adm - Tech Support	0.00	0.00	137.50	137.50
Legal Expense	0.00	46.50	124.99	78.49
Insurance	0.00	257.00	0.00	(257.00)
Website	133.20	186.75	450.00	263.25
Adm - General Programs	0.00	0.00	124.99	124.99
Education	556.00	556.00	1,125.00	569.00
Capital Improvement Project	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
CIP Baker Ravine	636.20	636.20	0.00	(636.20)
Total Expenses	4,951.02	7,925.67	18,974.98	11,049.31
Net Income	(\$ 4,951.02)	\$ 151,329.58	\$ 110,542.51	40,787.07

Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2019

item 03b

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash-Checking-USbank	(\$	16,951.02)
Cash-4M Fund		646,701.80
Accounts Receivable		<u>43,791.77</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>673,542.55</u></u>

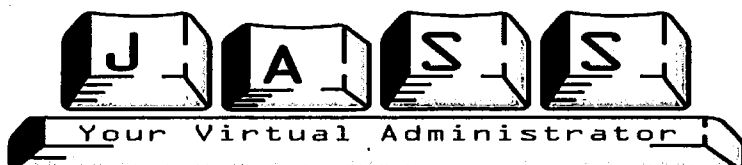
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Total Liabilities		0.00
Capital		
Next Generation Plan Fund	\$	25,000.00
Retained Surplus		236,129.70
CIP Fund		95,505.51
Grant Fund-Baker Ravine		165,577.76
Net Income		<u>151,329.58</u>
Total Capital		<u>673,542.55</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>673,542.55</u></u>

**Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed
Cash Disbursements Journal
For the Period From Apr 1, 2019 to Apr 30, 2019**

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Date. Report is printed in Detail Format.

Date	Check #	Account ID	Line Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount
4/12/19	1533	51100	Administration	1,013.34	
		51100	Meeting-Related	1,119.60	
		51100	Bookkeeping / Audit Prep	339.46	
		51100	Annual Budget	374.40	
		51100	Annual Report	1,496.15	
		51400	Website	15.00	
		51120	Project Reviews	5.00	
		10100	Judie Anderson's Secretarial Service		4,362.95
Total				4,362.95	4,362.95



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April 12, 2019

General Administration				Total Project Area	
Administrative		55.00	0.000		
Administrative	11.28	60.00	676.800		
Administrative - offsite		70.00	0.000		
Office Support	3.50	60.00	210.000		
Public storage	1.00	93.88	93.880		
Data Processing/File Mgmt		55.00	0.000		
Reimbursable Expense	32.66	1.00	32.660	1,013.340	Administration
Meeting packets, attendance, Minutes and Meeting follow-up					
Administrative	0.58	55.00	31.900		
Administrative	9.84	60.00	590.400		
Admin - Offsite	3.83	70.00	268.100		
Reimbursable Expense	229.20	1.00	229.200	1,119.600	Meeting related activitie
Bookkeeping					
Bookkeeping		55.00	0.000		
Bookkeeping, budget, audit requests	1.42	60.00	85.200		
Treasurer's Reports	0.50	60.00	30.000		
Audit Prep	1.42	55.00	78.100		Bookkeeping/TRs
Audit Prep	2.08	60.00	124.800		Bookkeeping/TRs
Reimbursable Expense	21.36	1.00	21.360	339.460	Audit Prep
Annual Budget					
Administrative		55.00	0.000		
Administrative	6.24	60.00	374.400		
Administrative - offsite		65.00	0.000		
Reimbursable Expense		1.00	0.000	374.400	Annual Budget/ Work Plans
Annual Report/Work Plans					
Secretarial		55.00	0.000		
Administrative	23.47	60.00	1,408.200		
Reimbursable Expense	87.95	1.00	87.950	1,496.15	Annual Report
Website					
Weebly hosting - 1 year		1.00	0.000		
Pages, links, uploads		55.00	0.000		
Administrative	0.25	60.00	15.000	15.000	Website
Project Reviews					
Administrative		55.00	0.000		
Administrative		60.00	0.000		
File Management/Archiving		50.00	0.000		
Reimbursable Expense	5.00	1.00	5.000	5.000	Project Reviews
			4,362.950	4,362.950	



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~~March 14, 2019~~

April 12, 2019

To: Pioneer-Sarah Creek Commissioners

Fr: Judie Anderson

Re: 2019 Projected Work Plan

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Minnesota Rule 8410.0150 requires the Commission to submit to the Board of Water and Soil Resources a financial report, activity report and audit report for the preceding fiscal year. 8410.0150 Subp. 3 outlines the required content of the annual activity report. It includes an assessment of the previous year's annual work plan and development of a projected work plan for the following year. The 2018 Work Plan accomplishments were accepted at the March 21, 2019 meeting.

The Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan identifies issues, priorities and goals for the six-year period 2015-2020. As a reminder, they are enumerated beginning on page 4 of this memo. Those goals that have not been pursued are shown in red. Staff recommends that action regarding these goals be seriously considered.

Following is a projected work plan for 2019. Review and comments are requested by March 29, 2019 so that they can be incorporated into the 2018 Annual Activity Report.

2019 Work Plan

A. ONGOING TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS

1. Continue to review local development/redevelopment plans for conformance with the standards outlined in the Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan.
 - a. Maintain the current flood profile of the creeks and their tributaries.
 - b. Maintain the post-development 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year peak rate of runoff at pre-development level for the critical duration precipitation event.
 - c. Maintain the post-development annual runoff volume at pre-development volume.
 - d. Prevent the loss of floodplain storage below the established 100-year elevation.
2. Discontinue serving as the local government unit (LGU) for administering the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) for the member cities effective January 1, 2020.
3. Adopt a 2020 operating budget.
 - a. Search for grant and other funds to supplement the regular budget.
 - b. Fund a capital improvement program to share in the cost of projects.
 - c. Budget for the expense of undertaking a Major Plan Amendment to extend the term of the Third Generation Plan.

4. Continue to respond to recommendations included in the Board of Water and Soil Resources 2018 Level II Review and Assessment of the Commission's Progress toward its Third Generation Plan Objectives report.
 - a. Develop and implement a training plan for board members. *The Commissioner handbook will be updated and training will resume in 2019.*
 - b. Make water quality data and trends easily accessible to the public.
 - c. Evaluate progress for the implementation of plan actions at a minimum of every two years, making sure to measure outcomes, not just outputs. Report on progress toward achieving resource improvement.
5. Conduct the biennial solicitation of interest proposals for administrative, legal, technical and wetland consultants.
6. Publish a 2018 Annual Activity Report summarizing the Commission's yearly activities and financial reporting.
7. Draft a 2019 Work Plan.

B. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY

1. Support the Commission's management goals for water quality. Continue to make progress to improve the lakes and streams in the watershed as well as protect those that are not impaired.
 - a. Improve water clarity in the impaired waters by 10% over the average of the previous ten years by 2023.
 - b. Maintain or improve water quality in the lakes and streams with no identified impairments.
2. Foster implementation of BMPs in the watershed through technical and financial assistance.
 - a. Utilize the services of the University of Minnesota's agriculture specialist and Hennepin County's Rural Conservationist to promote, educate, and facilitate best management practices to target audiences.
 - b. Identify projects eligible for the Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant program.
3. Operate a monitoring program sufficient to characterize water quantity and quality and biotic integrity in the watershed and evaluate progress toward TMDL goals. Partner with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to conduct water quality monitoring in the watershed. Bring stream and lake monitoring efforts into line with monitoring program outlined in the Third Generation Watershed Plan.
 - a. Partner with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to conduct bi-weekly water quality monitoring of "sentinel lakes" – Independence, Sarah, and Little Long, along with both basins of Whaletail.
 - b. Partner with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to conduct flow and water quality monitoring at selected sites on Pioneer Creek and Sarah Creek, along with possible water quality and flow monitoring at up to two additional sites.
 - c. Participate in Metropolitan Council's Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). The Commission has budgeted funds to monitor one lake in 2019.
4. Support watershed residents and organizations as issues arise, providing general, technical and financial assistance where appropriate.

C. EDUCATION

1. Annually evaluate the proposed Education and Outreach program and establish education and outreach activities for the coming year, including goals and strategies identified in the WRAPS study. These later activities

could be identified through a collaboration of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). A number of implementation strategies are identified in the Commission's Education and Outreach Plan found in Appendix E of the Third Generation Management Plan.

~~a. Activate a CAC to begin this process, which is noted as one of the Commission's high priorities in its Management Plan.~~

~~b. Convene the CAC as necessary, at least once annually, to make recommendations on education and outreach actions and assist the Commission with implementation. jb~~

2. Educate Commissioners, member City Councils and Planning Commissions about watershed and water resources management. Sponsor watershed and water resources training opportunities such as NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials).

3. Continue membership in WaterShed Partners, a coalition of more than 70 public, private and nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities Metro area promoting public understanding that inspires people to act to protect water in their watershed through educational projects, networking, and resource sharing. Take a more active role in its activities.

4. Participate with collaborative groups to pool resources to undertake activities in a cost-effective manner, promote interagency cooperation and collaboration, and promote consistency of messages. Use the Commission's, member cities', and educational partners' websites and newsletters, social media, co-ops, local newspapers and cable TV to disseminate education materials to all stakeholders about actions they can take to protect and improve water quality.

5. Continue to maintain the Commission's website and Facebook page to provide news to residents of the watershed.

6. Provide opportunities for the public to learn about and participate in water quality activities. Enhance education opportunities for youth. Provide opportunities for bridge-building between stakeholders.

a. Promote river stewardship through the River Watch program. Encourage participation by local school students and their teachers. Funding for monitoring one site is included in the 2018 budget.

b. Work in partnership with Hennepin County's Agriculture Specialist to help build relationships with the agricultural community in the watershed in order to encourage TMDL implementation.

c. Working in partnership with the Hennepin County Rural Conservationist, continue to work with landowners, writing county cost-share grants to help owners become compliant with the MN Buffer Law.

D. STUDIES, PROJECTS AND CIPS.

1. Continue to support member cities as they identify studies and projects which benefit both the cities and the watershed.

2. Continue to identify Watershed-wide TMDL implementation projects.

3. Prioritize BMPs identified in the Dance Hall Creek Subwatershed Retrofit Assessment for implementation or further study. Continue to network with landowners to gain impetus toward completion of projects.

4. Under a joint powers agreement with the Three Rivers Park District, complete Curly-leaf Pondweed turion surveys in Lake Sarah during a five-year control program, complete annual aquatic plant surveys in Lake Sarah to monitor the response of native macrophytes to the CLP control program, and complete annual water quality monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the CLPW control program in reducing phosphorus loading to the lake.

5. Convene the Technical Advisory Committee for the purpose of receiving CIP applications from the member communities, reviewing them for validity, and recommendation to the Commission for incorporation on the Third Generation Plan CIP.

a. Prioritize capital projects in anticipation of funding during the next round of the Watershed-based Funding Project.

E. PLANNING

1. Complete the review of member communities' local water management plans. Under Rule 8410.0160, subp. 6, local plans were to be approved by the Commission by December 31, 2018. *This process will be completed with the review of Maple Plain's local plan in 2019.*

2. Budget for the expense of writing the Fourth Generation Plan, due in 2020, if a Major Plan Amendment to the Third Generation Plan is not approved by BWSR.

PRIORITIES

1. Educate the Commissioners and member City Councils and Planning Commissions about watershed and water resources management.
2. Undertake a monitoring program to monitor water quality trends and to track progress toward meeting TMDLs.
3. Partner with member cities and other parties to conduct subwatershed assessments and other studies to identify feasible and cost-effective Best Management Practices to protect and improve water quality.

GOALS

A. Water Quantity.

1. Maintain the post-development 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year peak rate of runoff at pre-development level for the critical duration precipitation event.
2. Maintain the post-development annual runoff volume at pre-development volume.
3. Prevent the loss of floodplain storage below the established 100-year elevation.

Actions:

- a. The Commission shall maintain Rules and Standards requiring development and redevelopment meeting certain criteria to meet runoff rate control and runoff volume and infiltration requirements.
- b. Landlocked depressions that presently do not have a defined outlet and do not typically overflow may only be allowed a positive outlet provided the downstream impacts are addressed and the plan is approved by the Commission.
- c. The Commission encourages the use of Low Impact Design techniques to reduce runoff rates and volumes, erosion and sedimentation, and pollutant loading.
- d. Member cities shall adopt local controls and local stormwater management plans that are at least as stringent as the Commission Water Quantity goals and policies and the Commission Rules and Standards.
- e. The Commission requires a plan review by the local permitting authority for development or redevelopment if any part of the development is within or affects a 100-year floodplain
- f. The Commission shall maintain Rules and Standards requiring development and redevelopment affecting the 100-year floodplain to meet Commission compensatory storage, low flow elevation, and timing requirements.
- g. Member cities shall adopt a floodplain ordinance and any other required local controls, and local stormwater management plans that are at least as stringent as the Commission Floodplain goals and policies and the Commission Rules and Standards.

B. Water Quality

The TMDLs completed for Lake Independence and Lake Sarah established nutrient load reductions necessary to improve water quality in those lakes. The WRAPS study currently underway will establish additional water quality improvement and protection goals for the other lakes and streams in the watershed. The Third Generation goals for water quality are focused on making progress to improve the lakes and streams in the watershed as well as protect unimpaired waters. The goals are aggressive; some of them will require much dedication and effort and public and private resources to achieve. However, public input received for this Plan, the TMDLs, and other

sources show that achieving a high standard of water quality is a priority for the public as well as required by state statute, and the Implementation Plan includes a number of actions to help meet these goals.

Actions.

- a. The Commission adopts as water quality goals the standards for Class 2b waters in the North Central Hardwood Forest ecoregion as set forth in MN rules 7050.0222.
- b. The Commission will undertake a routine lake and stream monitoring program to assess progress toward meeting these goals.
- c. The Commission shall maintain Rules and Standards requiring development and redevelopment meeting certain criteria to meet water quality requirements.
- d. The Commission shall maintain Rules and Standards requiring development and redevelopment meeting certain criteria to meet erosion control requirements.
- e. **The Commission will develop and implement a program to provide technical and financial assistance to the member cities in identifying appropriate and cost-effective Best Management Practices to reduce nutrient and sediment load to lakes and streams.**
- f. The Commission will work in partnership with other organizations and agencies to pursue grant and other funding to implement improvement projects and feasibility studies.
- g. The Commission shall update implementation plans and this Plan as necessary following TMDL/WRAPS completion and progress reviews.
- h. Member cities shall adopt local controls and local stormwater management plans that are at least as stringent as Commission Water Quality goals and policies and the Commission Rules and Standards.
- i. The Commission will develop and publish a model manure management ordinance within six months of this Plan's adoption. Member cities shall then have one year to adopt a manure management ordinance using the model ordinance for guidance, or to adopt other standards and practices that will accomplish the objective of reducing phosphorus loading from new livestock operations.

C. Groundwater

The Commission has undertaken limited groundwater management activities in the past, primarily by encouraging projects requiring project review to infiltrate a portion of runoff. Over the past decade cities that rely on groundwater for drinking water have worked with the Minnesota Department of Health to adopt wellhead protection plans and to implement policies and official controls to protect drinking water sources. In the Third Generation Plan, the Commission has adopted a new infiltration requirement for new development and redevelopment to promote groundwater recharge and reduce runoff.

1. Promote groundwater recharge by requiring abstraction/infiltration of runoff from new development and redevelopment.
2. Protect groundwater quality by incorporating wellhead protection study results into development and redevelopment Rules and Standards.

Actions

- a. The Commission shall maintain Rules and Standards requiring development and redevelopment meeting certain criteria to meet infiltration requirements.
- b. Member cities shall adopt local controls and local stormwater management plans that are at least as stringent as Commission Groundwater goals and policies and the Commission Rules and Standards.
- c. **The Commission will partner with the DNR, USGS, MDH, and other agencies to educate the member cities and watershed community officials about groundwater issues and their relation to stormwater management and surface water quality.**
- d. The Commission shall develop and maintain a map showing the wellhead protection zones within its boundaries upon completion of a local wellhead protection plan for use in determining vulnerable areas that should be exempted from infiltration.
- e. **The Commission will develop and implement a program to provide technical and financial assistance to the member cities in identifying appropriate and cost-effective Best Management Practices to increase infiltration and groundwater recharge and reduce stormwater runoff.**

D. Wetlands

The Commission's primary tool for managing wetlands is the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). The Commission serves as the Local Government Unit (LGU) for WCA administration in Greenfield, Loretto and Maple Plain and the other three member cities administer WCA themselves. The Commission requires submittal of a functions and values assessment using the latest version of MnRAM whenever an applicant proposes wetland impacts.

1. Preserve the existing functions and values of wetlands within the watershed.
2. Promote wetland the enhancement or restoration of wetlands in the watershed.

Actions

- a. The Commission shall maintain Rules and Standards requiring development and redevelopment meeting certain criteria to provide buffers adjacent to wetlands, lakes, and streams.

- b. Member cities shall adopt local controls and local stormwater management plans that are at least as stringent as Commission Wetland goals and policies and the Commission Rules and Standards.
- c. **The Commission shall act as the Local Government Unit (LGU) for the Wetland Conservation act for those communities that choose to so designate.**
- d. Developers must complete a wetland delineation by a wetland professional to identify the location and extent of any wetlands present within the development site.
- e. For any development or redevelopment proposing impacts to any wetlands in the watershed, a functions and values assessment using the most recent version of the MnRAM protocol must be completed and submitted to the Commission and to the respective LGU.
- f. Before consideration or approval of a wetland replacement plan or use of wetland banking credits, the Commission shall ensure that the applicant has exhausted all possibilities to avoid and minimize adverse wetland impacts according to the sequencing requirements of the Wetland Conservation Act. The order of descending priority for the location of replacement wetland, including the use of wetland banking credits, is as follows: 1) On-site; 2) Within the same subwatershed; 3) Within the Pioneer-Sarah Creek watershed; 4) Within Hennepin County; and 5) Outside the Pioneer-Sarah Creek watershed within Major Watershed Number 18 or Major Watershed Number 19.

E. Drainage Systems

Pioneer Creek between Highway 12 and Watertown Road and several lateral ditches, including parts of Robina Creek, are under the ditch authority of Hennepin County as County Ditch #19. The County also is ditch authority for County Ditch #9 connecting and outletting Lake Schwauppauff, Schendel Lake, and Hafften Lake in the northern watershed; and Judicial Ditch #20, which includes part of Deer Creek and several laterals, and Pioneer Creek downstream of Ox Yoke Lake. The primary Third Generation activity related to drainage systems is to periodically review the advantages and disadvantages of ditch authority and to reconsider jurisdiction.

- 1. Continue current Hennepin County jurisdiction over county ditches in the watershed.

Actions

- a. Periodically reconsider the appropriate jurisdiction over the county ditches in the watershed

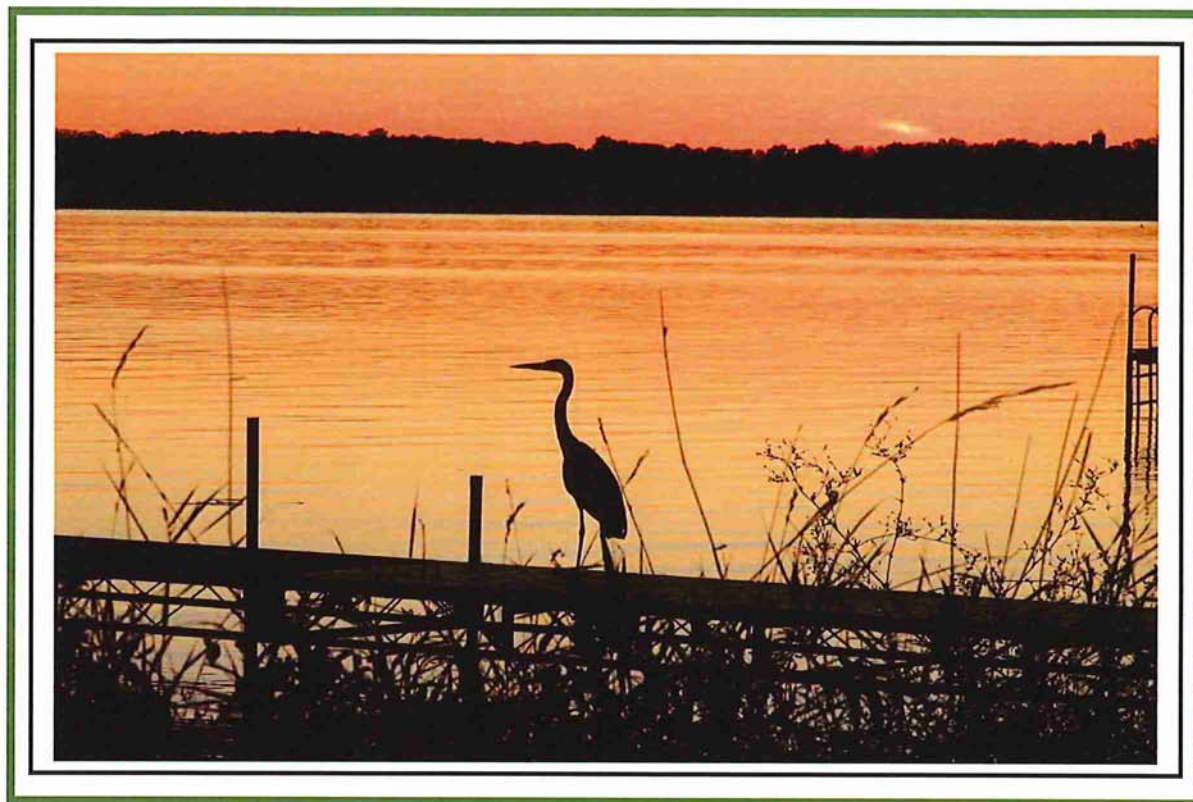
F. Operations and Programming

These goals guide the routine programs and operations of the Commission, and include the education and outreach program; maintenance of rules and standards; the annual monitoring program; and programs and activities to stay abreast of changing standards and requirements, search for grant and other funds to supplement the regular budget, and operate a capital improvement program and share in the cost of projects.

- 1. Identify and operate within a sustainable funding level that is affordable to member cities.
- 2. **Foster implementation of TMDL and other implementation projects by sharing in their cost and proactively seeking grant funds.**
- 3. **Operate a public education and outreach program prioritizing elected and appointed officials education and building better understanding between all stakeholders.**
- 4. Operate a monitoring program sufficient to characterize water quantity and quality and biotic integrity in the watershed and to evaluate progress toward TMDL goals.
- 5. Maintain rules and standards for development and redevelopment that are consistent with local and regional TMDLs, federal guidelines, source water and wellhead protection requirements, nondegradation, and ecosystem management goals.
- 6. Serve as a technical resource for member cities.

Actions

- a. Annually review the budget and Capital Improvement Program and **convene a professional Technical Advisory Committee to identify and prioritize projects.**
- b. Convene Citizen Advisory Committees as necessary to advise the Commission and to assist in program development and implementation.
- c. Prepare and implement an annual monitoring plan and provide annual reporting.
- d. According to the schedules set forth in TMDL Implementation Plans and WRAPS studies, every five years evaluate progress toward meeting those water quality goals, and adjust the Implementation Plans as necessary to achieve progress.
- e. Periodically review the development rules and standards for adequacy and make revisions as necessary.
- f. Coordinate water resources management between the Commission, Three Rivers Park District, and the member cities.



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ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

This annual activity report has been prepared by the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission in accordance with the annual reporting requirements of Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410.0150, Subps. 2 and 3. It summarizes the activities undertaken by the Commission during calendar year 2018.

PIONEER-SARAH CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The Commission was established to protect and manage the natural resources of the Pioneer and Sarah Creek watersheds. It is a joint powers watershed organization formed as required under MN Statutes 103B.201-103B.255 and MN Rules Chapter 8410. A Board of Commissioners comprised of representatives appointed by the member communities was established as the governing body of the Commission. Its membership is comprised of the cities of Greenfield, Independence, Loretto, Maple Plain, Medina, and Minnetrista. The table in *Appendix 1* shows the names of the Commissioners appointed to serve in 2018.

MEETINGS

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at Maple Plain City Hall. The meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome. Meeting notices, agendas, and approved minutes are posted on the Commission's website, www.pioneersarahcreek.org.

STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

The Commission has no employees. Independent consultants perform technical, legal, administrative, and wetland services for the Commission and are selected biannually. The current staff and consultants are also listed in *Appendix 1*.

THE WATERSHED

Located entirely within western Hennepin County, the Pioneer-Sarah Creek watershed covers approximately 70.5 square miles and includes the watersheds of Pioneer Creek and Sarah Creek. The Crow River demarcates most of the northern boundary. Portions or all of the six member cities are within the legal boundaries of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek watershed and are listed in Table 1. A map of the watershed can be viewed on the next page.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan was approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for a period of six years on January 28, 2015. The Commission adopted the Plan on May 21, 2015.

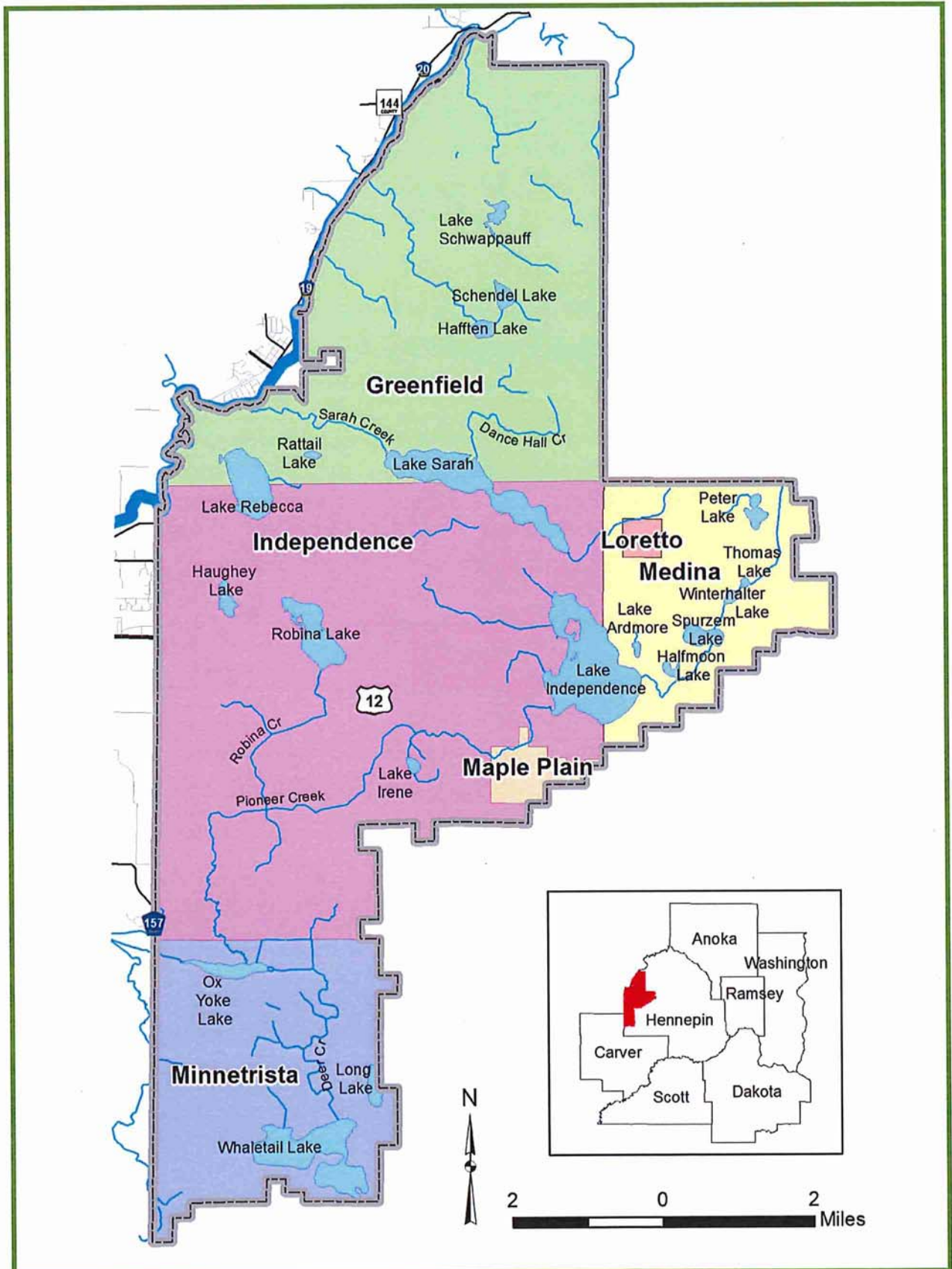


Table 1
Area of Members within the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed

Local Government Unit	Area Within Watershed (Square Miles)	Percent of Watershed
Greenfield	21.5	30.5%
Independence	29.7	42.1%
Loretto	0.3	0.4%
Maple Plain	0.8	1.1%
Medina	7.5	10.7%
Minnetrista	10.7	15.2%
TOTAL:	70.5	100.0%

During development of the Plan, the Commission identified the following priorities to guide water resources planning and management functions:

- Educate the Commissioners and member City Councils and Planning Commissions regarding watershed and water resources management.
- Undertake a monitoring program to monitor water quality trends and to track progress toward meeting TMDLs.
- Partner with member cities and other parties to conduct subwatershed assessments and other studies to identify feasible and cost-effective Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect and improve water quality.

On November 19, 2015, the Commission amended its Third Generation Watershed Management Plan to adopt a revision to the plan amendment process to conform to 2015 revisions to MN Rules 8410. In part, the revisions will allow the Commission to modify the CIP with only minimal need for plan amendments.

On July 20, 2017 the Commission adopted a second Minor Plan Amendment to revise the costs associated with project IN-2 Hydrologic Restorations on the Pioneer-Sarah Creek 2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The revision would update the estimated costs of the design and construction phases of the Baker Campground Ravine project.

On June 21, 2018 the Commission amended its Third Generation Plan to revise the CIP to remove twenty projects that have already been completed or will not move forward, to update the estimated costs/timing of three projects, to group nine projects into the category *Watershedwide Ongoing Opportunity-Based Projects*, and to add ten new projects.

LOCAL PLANS

Local water management plans adopted by member cities pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.235 shall be consistent with the Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan. Local plans must comply with MN Statutes, Section 103B.235 and MN Rules 8410 regarding local

plan content. (Appendix 2). At year-end the Commission had reviewed and approved the local surface water plans of the cities of Loretto, Medina, and Minnetrista. The plans for Independence and Maple Plain were under review on December 31. Responses to Staff's comments on Greenfield's Local Plan were received January 9, 2019.

2018 WORK PLAN IN REVIEW

Minnesota Rule 8410.0150 requires the Commission to submit to the Board of Water and Soil Resources a financial report, activity report and audit report for the preceding fiscal year. 8410.0150 Subp. 3 outlines the required content of the annual activity report. It includes an assessment of the previous year's annual work plan and development of a projected work plan for the following year.

The Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan identifies issues, priorities and goals for the six-year period 2015-2020. Following is a summary of the work undertaken by the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission in 2018 to meet the goals, objectives and projected work plan outlined in its 2017 *Annual Report*. The projected Work Plan was approved at the Commission's April 19, 2018 meeting. (***) indicates activities undertaken in 2018 but not included in the 2018 Work Plan.)

A. ONGOING TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS

1. Continue to review local development/redevelopment plans for conformance with the standards outlined in the Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan. Those standards include:
 - a. Maintain the current flood profile of the creeks and their tributaries.
 - b. Maintain the post-development 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year peak rate of runoff at pre-development level for the critical duration precipitation event.
 - c. Maintain the post-development annual runoff volume at pre-development volume.
 - d. Prevent the loss of floodplain storage below the established 100-year elevation.

The Commission reviewed eighteen plans for conformance with its standards in 2018. Twelve of the projects reviewed were in the city of Greenfield, four in Independence, and one each in Loretto and Medina. (Appendix 3)

2. Continue to serve as the local government unit (LGU) for administering the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) for the cities of Greenfield, Loretto and Maple Plain. Preserve the existing functions and values of wetlands within the watershed. Promote enhancement or restoration of wetlands in the watershed.

In 2018 the Commission's technical staff assisted approximately 35 landowners/agency/developer contacts with wetland-related questions. On behalf of the Commission they reviewed the following types of wetland applications: eight wetland boundary/type; three no-loss, exemptions, three sequencing, and two wetland replacement plans. Wetland impacts totaled 14,301 SF; wetland replacement totaled 28,602 SF. Two WCA violations were investigated and resolved. The Commission was involved in five Technical Evaluation Panels (TEPs) throughout the watershed. The Commission does not have a wetland banking program.

3. Adopt a 2019 operating budget.

- a. Search for grant and other funds to supplement the regular budget.

Supported the Lake Sarah Improvement Association's application for a Hennepin County AIS Prevention grant for its innovative approach to AIS education and raising personal accountability for the prevention of the spreading of AIS. See Section D. below for more information regarding grant-funded projects.

- b. Operate a capital improvement program and share in the cost of projects.

On June 21, 2018 the Commission approved an operating budget totaling \$134,070, with a total assessment to the membership of \$128,000, a zero increase over 2018. The 2017 audit showed a carry-over of \$74,464 to help fund future CIPs.

4. Conduct a Level II Review and Assessment of the Commission's Progress toward its Third Generation Plan Objectives as part of the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP).

In the summer of 2018, the Commission underwent a BWSR Level II Performance Review. The review contained three specific recommendations to enhance the Commission's service and its delivery of effective water and related land resource management. Briefly, they are:

- a. *Develop and implement a training plan for board members. This training will resume in 2019.*

- b. *Make water quality data and trends easily accessible to the public. The website will be updated to make information about water quality trends in area lakes available in easy-to-understand and accessible formats. Future annual reports will also contain information on water quality trends.*

- c. *Evaluate progress for the implementation of plan actions at a minimum of every two years. BWSR noted that the goals in the Commission's current water management plan are related to resource outcomes. However, efforts to measure the effects of projects on those resources are not apparent. The Commission should evaluate progress at a minimum of every two years as required in rule, make sure to measure outcomes, not just outputs, and report on progress toward achieving resource improvement. Future Work Plans will endeavor to fulfill this recommendation.*

5. Publish a 2017 Annual Activity Report summarizing the Commission's yearly activities and financial reporting.

The 2017 Annual Activity Report was approved by the Commission at their April 19, 2018 meeting and submitted to BWSR by the April 30 statutory deadline.

6. Draft a 2018 Work Plan.

The Commission's 2018 Work Plan was also approved at the Commission's April 19, 2018 meeting.

B. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY

1. Support the Commission's management goals for water quality. Continue to make progress to improve the lakes and streams in the watershed as well as protect those that are not impaired.

The MPCA notified the Commission that Lake Rebecca was delisted from the impaired water's list for excessive nutrients in 2018.

a. Improve water clarity in the impaired waters by 10% over the average of the previous ten years by 2023.

b. Maintain or improve water quality in the lakes and streams with no identified impairments.

No waters in the Pioneer-Sarah Creek watershed were added to the impaired waters list in 2018.

2. Foster implementation of BMPs in the watershed through technical and financial assistance.

Utilized the auspices of the University of Minnesota's agriculture specialist and Hennepin County's Rural Conservationist to promote, educate, and facilitate best management practices to target audiences such as owners of small animal operations and lakeshore residents. Sought grants such as the Hennepin County Good Steward and Opportunity Grants to assist recipients with the costs of installing implementation practices.

Although the Commission regulates new development projects submitted by the member communities, city, county and commission staff received numerous calls and enquiries throughout the year where water quality and habitat restoration improvement assistance are requested. Most are followed through by the landowner, but not quantified or recorded by the staff. BMPs anywhere from a simple pollinator-friendly garden to an extensive manure/pasture management system for 2 or 3 horses, are undertaken with minimal assistance from staff and without a final determination of the water quality benefits derived from them.

3. Operate a monitoring program sufficient to characterize water quantity and quality and biotic integrity in the watershed and evaluate progress toward TMDL goals. Partner with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to conduct water quality monitoring in the watershed. Bring stream and lake monitoring efforts into line with the monitoring program outlined in the Third Generation Watershed Plan.

a. Partner with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to conduct bi-weekly water quality monitoring of "sentinel lakes" – Independence, Sarah, and Little Long, along with both basins of Whaletail.

These five lakes were monitored in 2018. They are all classified as "deep" lakes with the exception of Whaletail North, which is classified as a "shallow" lake. The water quality parameters that were collected at the surface for all of the lakes included total phosphorus, soluble reactive phosphorus, total nitrogen and chlor-

ophyll-a. Samples were also collected at the top of the hypolimnion and 1-m from the bottom for analysis of total phosphorus and soluble reactive phosphorus for those lakes classified as "deep" lakes. Results of the monitoring program are cited on "Lake Report Cards," included in Appendix 4 and posted on the Commission's website.

b. Partner with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to conduct flow and water quality monitoring on Pioneer Creek at Copeland Road and Sarah Creek at County Road 92, along with possible water quality and flow monitoring at up to two additional sites.

The stream sites monitored for continuous flow in 2018 were Sarah Creek at Highway 92, Pioneer Creek at Pagenkopf, and Pioneer Creek at Copeland. No water quality data was collected at these sites. However, two sites were monitored for continuous flow and water quality on a stream that flows into Lake Rebecca. These sites were located on a stream (designated as Rebecca North) that outlets on the east side of Lake Rebecca. There was one sampling site located at the channel inlet as water enters Lake Rebecca Park Reserve and another where water flows through an outlet prior to entering Lake Rebecca. These sites were intended to determine the amount of nutrient loading attributed to the watershed outside of Lake Rebecca Park Reserve and the amount of total nutrient loading entering Lake Rebecca through the channel. It was assumed that the difference between the two monitoring sites were representative of the nutrient loading attributed to the Lake Rebecca Park Reserve. (Appendix 5)

c. Participate in Metropolitan Council's Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). The Commission budgeted funds to monitor one lake in 2018.

Hafften Lake was monitored through the CAMP program in 2018. The 2018 CAMP report will be available in spring 2019 at <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Services/Water-Quality-Management/Lake-Monitoring-Analysis.aspx>

d. *** A survey/study was conducted on Lake Independence to estimate the carp biomass/abundance relative to the threshold biomass that may cause ecological damage, and determine major spawning/migration routes of carp from Lake Independence into adjacent lakes. Lake Independence carp biomass and abundance was estimated using mark-recapture catch per unit effort data from boat electrofishing surveys. Carp captured from the boat electrofishing surveys were implanted with passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags and released to monitor their movement. PIT antenna data logger stations were installed at all major inlets and outlets for Lake Independence to detect the passage/movement of PIT-tagged carp. Lakes that have excessive carp biomass and abundance above the ecological threshold of 100 kg/ha can have degraded water quality and negative impacts on the submersed aquatic plant community.

C. EDUCATION

1. Annually evaluate the proposed Education and Outreach program and establish

education and outreach activities for the coming year, including goals and strategies identified in the WRAPS STUDY. These latter activities could be identified through a collaboration of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). A number of implementation strategies are identified in the Commission's Education and Outreach Plan found in Appendix E of the Third Generation Management Plan.

This evaluation did not occur in 2018. The Commission does, at its regular monthly meetings, welcome and encourage citizens to speak to issues, concerns and other interests during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. The Commission values this input and responds as appropriate.

2. Educate Commissioners, member City Councils and Planning Commissions about watershed and water resources management. Sponsor watershed and water resources training opportunities such as NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials).

NEMO activities were not scheduled in 2018. The Commission will continue to be involved in NEMO whenever programs and activities become available.

3. Become a member of WaterShed Partners, a coalition of more than 70 public, private and nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities Metro area promoting public understanding that inspires people to act to protect water in their watershed through educational projects, networking, and resource sharing.

The Commission became a member of WaterShed Partners in 2018. Administrative Staff regularly attends their meetings and brings forward information to the Commission regarding their activities and educational projects. Resources are shared on the Commission's website and on their Facebook page.

4. Convene Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) as necessary to make recommendations on education and outreach actions and assist the Commission with implementation.

The CAC was not convened in 2018.

5. Participate with collaborative groups to pool resources to undertake activities in a cost-effective manner, promote interagency cooperation and collaboration, and promote consistency of messages. Use the Commission's, member cities', and educational partners' websites and newsletters, social media, co-ops, local newspapers and cable TV to disseminate educational materials to all stakeholders about actions they can take to protect and improve water quality.

The WaterShed Partner website, <http://cleanwatermn.org/about-us/>, describes opportunities to protect the environment - Clean up dog poop, Adopt-a-Drain, Autumn raingarden maintenance tips, Tips to protect local waterways from runoff pollution, Organic lawn care, Salt tip card, Green up your lawn not lakes and rivers, and many more.

6. Continue to maintain the Commission's website to provide news to residents of the watershed. Maintain the Commission Facebook page.

In 2018 www.pioneersarahcreek.org had 1200 users for 1600 sessions. In the first month of 2019 those numbers were 130 and 151, respectively. In the final month

of 2018, the Facebook page posted 18 likes, 68 reaches and 16 engagements.

7. Provide opportunities for the public to learn about and participate in water quality activities. Enhance education opportunities for youth. Provide opportunities for bridge-building between stakeholders.

a. Promote river stewardship through the River Watch program. Encourage participation by local school students and their teachers. Funding for monitoring one site was included in the 2018 budget.

No sites were monitored as part of the River Watch program in 2018. However, three sites were included in WHEP (the Wetland Health Evaluation Program). They were PS-1, the Loretto Treatment Pond downstream from the new Loretto wastewater treatment facility; PS-2, the Selstad wetland that feeds into Lake Independence; and PS-8, the Dance Hall Creek wetland located at the end of the creek just before it flows into Lake Sarah. (Appendix 6)

For more information about the RiverWatch and WHEP programs, contact Mary Karius, Hennepin County Environment and Energy, Mary.Karius@hennepin.us.

b. Work with Boy Scouts for conservation hours, dependent on appropriate environmental projects being identified.

This task was not pursued due to risk and safety issues.

c. Work in partnership with the University of Minnesota's agriculture specialist to help build relationships with the agricultural community in the watershed in order to encourage TMDL implementation.

As an example, one project provided assistance to a landowner in creating a horse manure composting system that makes manure handling more convenient and less time consuming. This manure storage and composting facility conserves valuable fertility for their pasture and hay fields and prevents those nutrients from leaching to groundwater and running off to the adjacent creek.

d. Working in partnership with the Hennepin County Rural Conservationist, continue to work with landowners, writing county cost-share grants to help owners become compliant with the MN Buffer Law.

The deadline for compliance passed in late 2017. Land owners who did not respond to the County or did not get their property into compliance were referred to BWSR for enforcement. The MN Buffer Law requires Staff to check each parcel in the County at least once every three years and spot check up to 15% of parcels. Hennepin County has opted to section the County into thirds and check 1/3 each year. Those residents chosen for a spot check will be notified by letter.

In 2019, review and inspections will take place in the Pioneer-Sarah Creek watershed in the cities of Independence, Greenfield, Loretto, Maple Plain, Medina, and parts of Minnetrista.

D. STUDIES, PROJECTS AND CIPS.

1. Continue to support member cities as they identify studies and projects which benefit both the cities and the watershed.

Submitted FY20-21 Biennial Budget Request (BBR) to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Among projects identified on the BBR are carp population control chain of lakes; feedlot BMPs; Dancehall Creek SWA-identified implementation projects; SWAs for Hafften, Schendel, Schwauppaufl Lakes drainage basin; Tomahawk Trail wetland external load reduction; Ardmore neighborhood projects; and Lake Independence alum treatment.

2. Continue to identify Watershed-wide TMDL implementation projects. Seek grant funding to assist with the costs associated with those projects.

Sought grant funding assistance for the Baker Park Reserve Campground Ravine Stabilization project. Received funding in the amount of \$416,000 through a BWSR Clean Water Fund grant and \$59,500 through the Hennepin County Natural Resources Opportunity Grant program. Local partners (the cities of Independence and Medina, Three Rivers Park District, and the Lake Independence Citizens Association [LICA]) are providing \$34,000. The Commission's share of this \$520,000 project is \$10,500.

3. Prioritize BMPs identified in the Dance Hall Creek Subwatershed Retrofit Assessment for implementation or further study.

In 2016 the City of Greenfield sent letters to the Dance Hall Creek landowners requesting their cooperation in beginning the implementation phase of the SWA. While no responses were forthcoming, the City and the Commission continue to make personal contacts to further this process.

4. Cost-share with the Lake Sarah Improvement Association (LSIA) to complete a round of curly-leaf pondweed (CLPW) treatment in 2018.

In 2018 the Commission entered into a joint powers agreement with the Three Rivers Park District to complete curly-leaf pondweed turion surveys, annual aquatic plant surveys and annual water quality monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the CLPW control program to reduce phosphorus loading to the lake. The parties will coordinate with LSIA to develop and implement a CLPW control strategy per the Lake Sarah TMDL Implementation Plan. The Commission's cost-share is 25%, not to exceed \$8,000 annually.

5. *** Enter into Joint Powers Agreement with the cities of Independence and Medina, and the Three Rivers Park District to facilitate the improvement of Lake Independence through the implementation of Phase I of the Baker Park Campground Ravine Stabilization project.

6. Convene the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the purpose of receiving CIP applications from the member communities, reviewing them for validity, and recommendation to the Commission for incorporation on the Third Generation Plan CIP.

Additions, revisions and deletions were made to the Commission's Capital Improvement Program at the TAC's April and May meetings. The TAC's recommendations were approved by the Commission at their May meeting.

- a. Update CIP in anticipation of the PRAP.
- b. Seek grant funding to assist with the costs associated with projects identified on the Commission's CIP.

Applied for, and received BWSR Competitive Grant funding in the amount of \$416,00 for the Baker Park Reserve Campground Ravine Stabilization project.

- c. Prioritize capital projects in anticipation of funding during the initial round of the Watershed-based Funding Pilot Project.

The Commission identified three projects recommended in the Lake Ardmore Subwatershed Assessment for funding by the BWSR Watershed-based Funding Pilot Project. Those projects were 1) Project SS1, Stream Stabilization - stabilize 70 feet of stream bank in channel between Lakes Ardmore and Independence; 2) Project SR1, Shoreline Restoration - stabilize 160 feet of shoreline at boat launch; and 3) Project PD3, Pond Excavation - enlarge existing stormwater pond to provide additional treatment for urban runoff. Total cost of these projects is \$74,062.00. Grant funding under the pilot project totals \$58,317.

E. PLANNING

1. When requested, assist member cities to develop their local water plans. Review plans for compliance with the Third Generation Plan. Revisions to Minnesota Rules 8410 state that all cities and towns in the seven-county metropolitan area must complete and adopt their local water plans between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

At year-end the local plans from the cities of Loretto, Medina and Minnetrista had been approved and the plans from Greenfield, Independence and Maple Plain were under review by Commission Staff.

2. Budget for the expense of writing the Fourth Generation Plan, due in 2020. Development should begin in late 2018.

The 2017 Audit includes \$25,000 set aside for next generation plan expense.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Appendix 7 includes the Commission's approved budget for 2018. The Commission's Joint Powers Agreement provides that each member community contributes toward the annual operating budget based on its share of the total market value of all property within the watershed. The 2018 assessments to the members are also found in Appendix 7.

A \$133,770 operating budget was approved by the Commission for 2018. \$5,500 was projected as proceeds from application fees, \$270 from interest income, and \$128,000 as assessments to members.

The Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission maintains a checking account at US Bank for current expenses and rolls uncommitted monies to its account in the 4M Fund, the Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund.

An amendment of Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8410 became effective on July 13, 2015. One of the revisions to the Rules extends the annual audit due date to 180 days after the end of the fiscal year, in the case of the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Commission, to June 30, 2019. The 2018 Audit Report, which is being prepared by Johnson & Company, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants, will be included in the Commission's *2019 Annual Activity Report*. Since the 2017 Audit was included in the *2017 Annual Activity Report*, no audit report will be included in this report.

The Commission follows Rule 54 of the Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) to report Fund Balances. The fund balance classifications include:

- ≡ *Nonspendable* – amounts that are not in a spendable form. The Commission does not have any items that fit this category.
- ≡ *Restricted* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers. One example would be ad valorem levy funds received from the County for capital improvement projects. The unused portion of these funds must be set aside in a restricted account for similar projects. Another example would be BWSR Legacy Grant proceeds where the funds are received prior to the onset of a project and where any unused portion must be returned to the grantor.
- ≡ *Committed* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Commission itself. An example would be residual funds carried over from one year to the next for Studies, Project Identification and Subwatershed Assessments.
- ≡ *Assigned* – amounts the Commission intends to use for specific purposes. Most line items in the Commission's Operating Budget fall under this category.
- ≡ *Unassigned* – amounts that are available for any purpose. These amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Amounts paid by the Commission per the 2018 Audit will be categorized as General Engineering, General Administration, Education, Programs, Projects, or Capital Projects.

2019 PROJECTED WORK PLAN

Following is the projected work plan for 2019 as approved by the Commission at its April 18, 2019 meeting.

A. ONGOING TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS

1. Continue to review local development/redevelopment plans for conformance with the standards outlined in the Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan.
 - a. Maintain the current flood profile of the creeks and their tributaries.
 - b. Maintain the post-development 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year peak rate of runoff at pre-development level for the critical duration precipitation event.
 - c. Maintain the post-development annual runoff volume at pre-development volume.

- d. Prevent the loss of floodplain storage below the established 100-year elevation.
- 2. Discontinue serving as the local government unit (LGU) for administering the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) for the member cities effective January 1, 2020.
- 3. Adopt a 2020 operating budget.
 - a. Search for grant and other funds to supplement the regular budget.
 - b. Fund a capital improvement program to share in the cost of projects.
 - c. Budget for the expense of undertaking a Major Plan Amendment to extend the term of the Third Generation Plan.
- 4. Continue to respond to recommendations included in the Board of Water and Soil Resources 2018 Level II Review and Assessment of the Commission's Progress toward its Third Generation Plan Objectives report.
 - a. Develop and implement a training plan for board members. *The Commissioner handbook will be updated and training will resume in 2019.*
 - b. Make water quality data and trends easily accessible to the public.
 - c. Evaluate progress for the implementation of plan actions at a minimum of every two years, making sure to measure outcomes, not just outputs. Report on progress toward achieving resource improvement.
- 5. Conduct the biennial solicitation of interest proposals for administrative, legal, technical and wetland consultants.
- 6. Publish a 2018 Annual Activity Report summarizing the Commission's yearly activities and financial reporting.
- 7. Draft a 2019 Work Plan.

B. WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY

- 1. Support the Commission's management goals for water quality. Continue to make progress to improve the lakes and streams in the watershed as well as protect those that are not impaired.
 - a. Improve water clarity in the impaired waters by 10% over the average of the previous ten years by 2023.
 - b. Maintain or improve water quality in the lakes and streams with no identified impairments.
- 2. Foster implementation of BMPs in the watershed through technical and financial assistance.
 - a. Utilize the services of the University of Minnesota's agriculture specialist and Hennepin County's Rural Conservationist to promote, educate, and facilitate best management practices to target audiences.

b. Identify projects eligible for the Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant program.

3. Operate a monitoring program sufficient to characterize water quantity and quality and biotic integrity in the watershed and evaluate progress toward TMDL goals. Partner with Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) to conduct water quality monitoring in the watershed. Bring stream and lake monitoring efforts into line with monitoring program outlined in the Third Generation Watershed Plan.

a. Partner with TRPD to conduct bi-weekly water quality monitoring of “sentinel lakes” – Independence, Sarah, and Little Long, along with both basins of Whaletail.

b. Partner with the Park District to conduct flow and water quality monitoring at selected sites on Pioneer Creek and Sarah Creek, along with possible water quality and flow monitoring at up to two additional sites.

c. Participate in Metropolitan Council’s Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP). The Commission has budgeted funds to monitor one lake in 2019.

4. Support watershed residents and organizations as issues arise, providing general, technical, and financial assistance where appropriate.

C. EDUCATION

1. Annually evaluate the proposed Education and Outreach program and establish education and outreach activities for the coming year, including goals and strategies identified in the WRAPS study. These later activities could be identified through a collaboration of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). A number of implementation strategies are identified in the Commission’s Education and Outreach Plan found in Appendix E of the Third Generation Management Plan.

~~a. Activate a CAC to begin this process, which is noted as one of the Commission’s high priorities in its Management Plan.~~

~~b. Convene the CAC as necessary, at least once annually, to make recommendations on education and outreach actions and assist the Commission with implementation.~~

2. Educate Commissioners, member City Councils and Planning Commissions about watershed and water resources management. Sponsor watershed and water resources training opportunities such as NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials).

3. Continue membership in WaterShed Partners, a coalition of more than 70 public, private and nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities Metro area promoting public understanding that inspires people to act to protect water in their watershed through educational projects, networking, and resource sharing. Take a more active role in its activities.

4. Participate with collaborative groups to pool resources to undertake activities in a cost-effective manner, promote interagency cooperation and collaboration, and promote consistency of messages. Use the Commission’s, member cities’, and educational partners’ websites

and newsletters, social media, co-ops, local newspapers and cable TV to disseminate education materials to all stakeholders about actions they can take to protect and improve water quality.

5. Continue to maintain the Commission's website and Facebook page to provide news to residents of the watershed.

6. Provide opportunities for the public to learn about and participate in water quality activities. Enhance education opportunities for youth. Provide opportunities for bridge-building between stakeholders.

a. Promote river stewardship through the River Watch program. Encourage participation by local school students and their teachers. Funding for monitoring one site is included in the 2018 budget.

b. Work in partnership with Hennepin County's Agriculture Specialist to help build relationships with the agricultural community in the watershed in order to encourage TMDL implementation.

c. Working in partnership with the Hennepin County Rural Conservationist, continue to work with landowners, writing county cost-share grants to help owners become compliant with the MN Buffer Law.

D. STUDIES, PROJECTS AND CIPS.

1. Continue to support member cities as they identify studies and projects which benefit both the cities and the watershed.

2. Continue to identify Watershed-wide TMDL implementation projects.

3. Prioritize BMPs identified in the Dance Hall Creek Subwatershed Retrofit Assessment for implementation or further study. Continue to network with landowners to gain impetus toward completion of projects.

4. Under a joint powers agreement with the Three Rivers Park District, complete Curly-leaf Pondweed turion surveys in Lake Sarah during a five-year control program, complete annual aquatic plant surveys in Lake Sarah to monitor the response of native macrophytes to the CLP control program, and complete annual water quality monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the CLPW control program in reducing phosphorus loading to the lake.

5. Convene the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the purpose of receiving CIP applications from the member communities, reviewing them for validity, and recommendation to the Commission for incorporation on the Third Generation Plan CIP.

a. Prioritize capital projects in anticipation of funding during the next round of the Watershed-based Funding Project.

E. PLANNING

1. Complete the review of member communities' local water management plans. Under Rule 8410.0160, Subp. 6, local plans were to be approved by the Commission by December 31, 2018.

This process will be completed with the review of Maple Plain's local plan in 2019.

2. Budget for the expense of writing the Fourth Generation Plan, due in 2020, if a Major Plan Amendment to the Third Generation Plan is not approved by BWSR.

APPENDIX

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Unnamed		Wetland monitoring consultant	

Local Water Management Plan Requirements

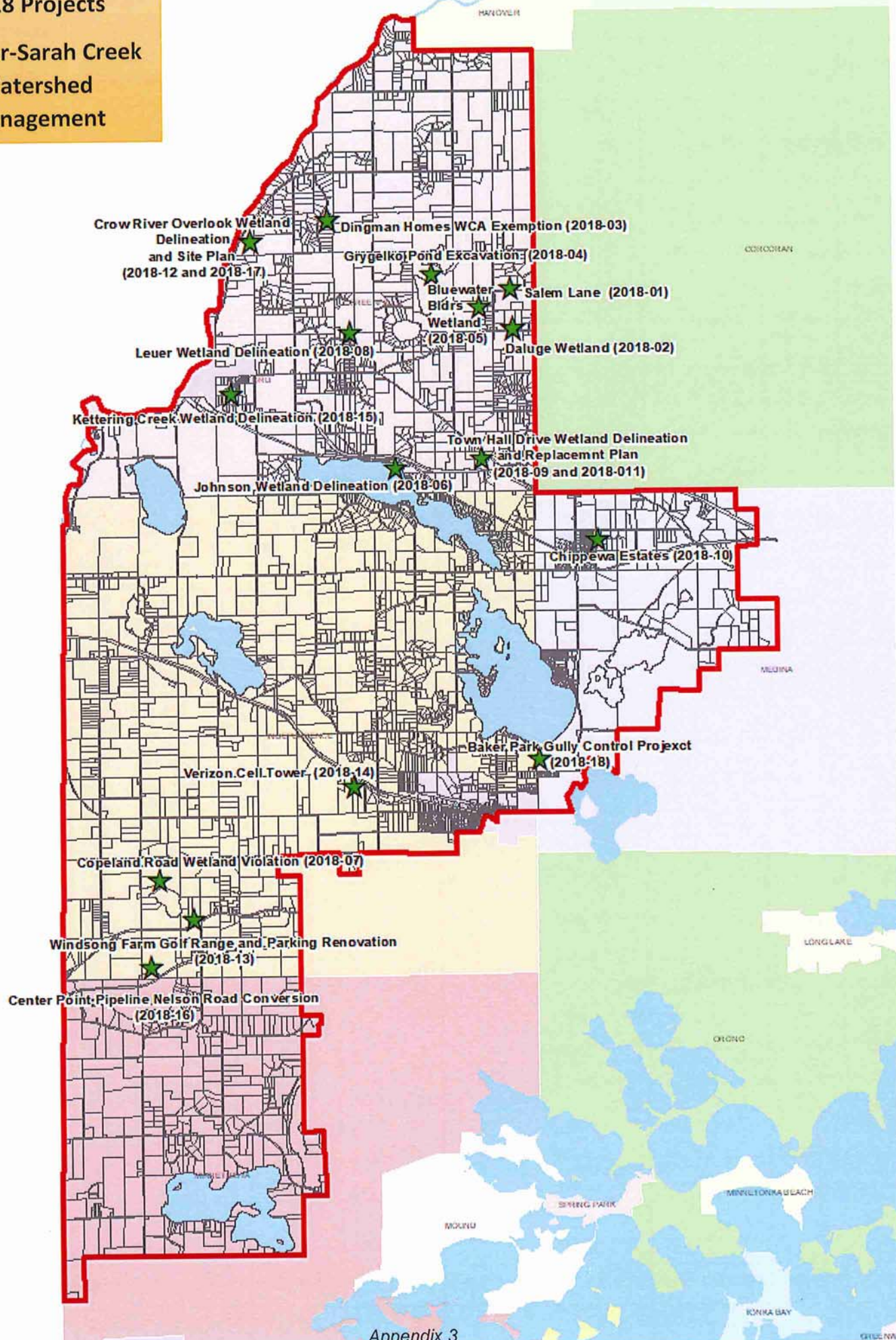
Local water management plans adopted by member cities pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.235 shall be consistent with the Commission's Third Generation Watershed Management Plan. Local plans must comply with MN Statutes, Section 103B.235 and MN Rules 8410 regarding local plan content.

- Update the existing and proposed physical environment and land use. Information from previous plans that has not changed may be referenced and summarized but does not have to be repeated. Local plans may adopt sections of the Commission's Plan's Inventory and Condition Assessment by reference unless the city has more recent information, such as revised figures and data.
- Explain how the goals and policies, and rules and standards in the Commission's Plan will be implemented at the local level, including any necessary modifications of local ordinances, policies, and practices and specifically addressing adoption and enforcement of a manure management ordinance.
- Show how the member city will take action to achieve the load reductions and other actions identified in and agreed to in TMDL Implementation Plans and the WRAPS study, including identifying known upcoming projects including street or highway reconstruction projects that will provide opportunities to include load and volume reduction BMPs.
- Show how the member city will, through an executed and recorded maintenance and inspection agreement, inspect or cause to be inspected and documented at least every five years privately owned permanent BMPs installed to meet the goals and policies and rules and standards of the Commission's Plan, and the actions the member city will take to assure that the BMPs are maintained and operated as designed.
- Update existing or potential water resource related problems and identify nonstructural, programmatic, and structural solutions, including those program elements detailed in MN Rules 8410.0100, Subp. 1-6.
- Summarize the estimated cost of implementation and analyze the member city's ability to finance the recommended actions.
- Set forth an implementation program including a description of adoption or amendment of official controls and local policies necessary to implement the Rules and Standards; programs; policies; and a capital improvement plan.

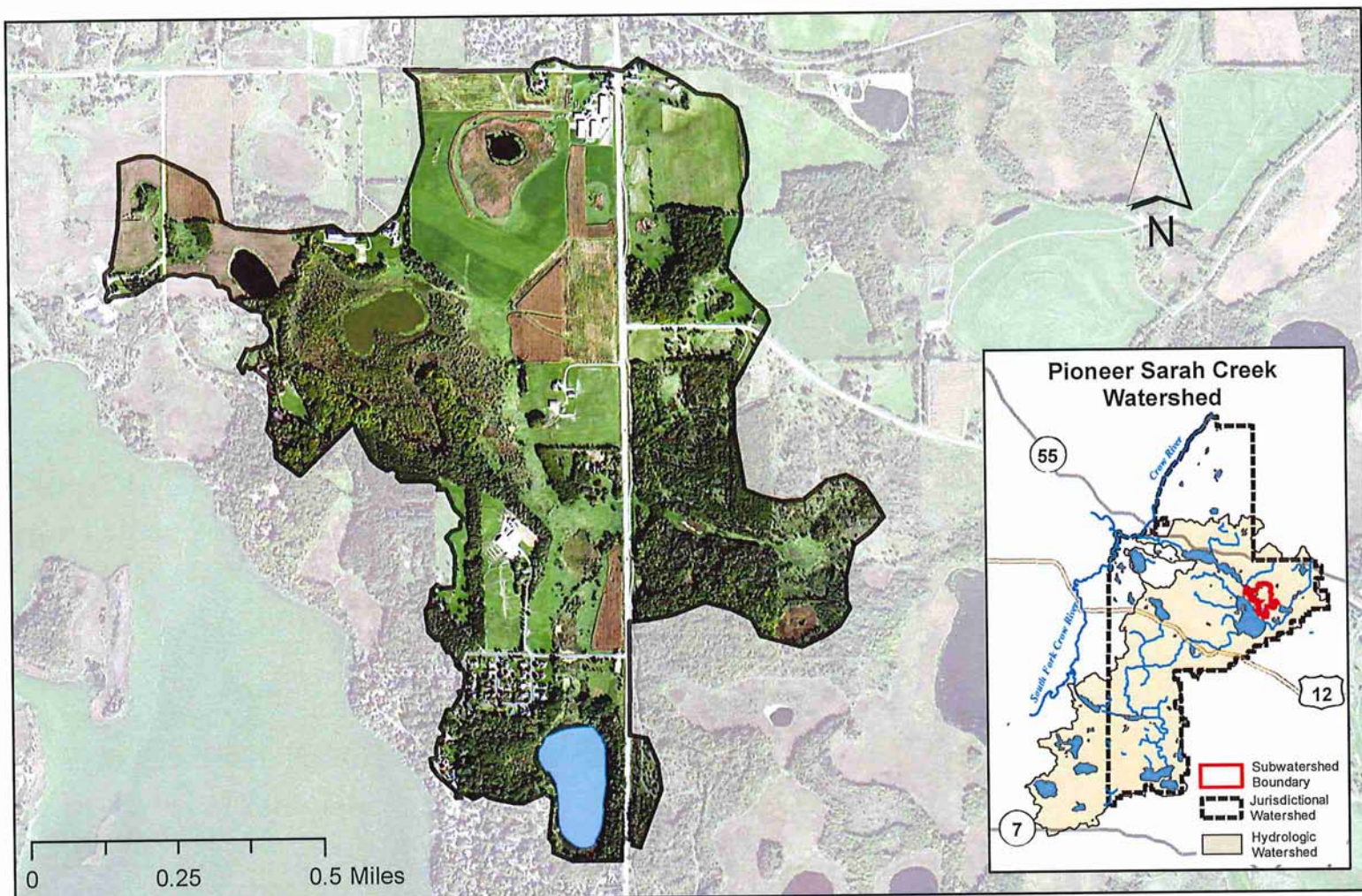
2018 Project Reviews

Project No.	Project Name	City	Rule D Stormwater	Reviewed for					Rate Control (cfs) (pre- and post-development)			Net Change Nutrient Control (lbs./yr) (pre- and post-development)				Net change		
				Rule E Erosion Control	Rule F Floodplain	Rule G Wetland	Rule H Bridge/ Culvert Crossing	Rule I Buffers	2-yr Pre vs Post	10-yr Pre vs Post	100-yr Pre vs Post	TP load #/yr reduction	TSS load #/yr reduction	Abstraction (c.f.)	Filtration/bi offiltration (c.f.)	Runoff Volume (af / yr)		
2018-01	Salem Lane	Greenfield																
2018-02W	Warren Daluge Wetland Violation	Greenfield																
2018-03W	1864 Whisper Creek Trail	Greenfield																
2018-04W	Grygello Wetland Enhancement	Greenfield																
2018-05W	Bluewater Builders Wetland Delineation PID#24119241.3000	Greenfield																
2018-06W	Johnson Wetland Delineation	Greenfield																
2018-07W	810 Copeland Road Violation	Independence																
2018-08W	Leuer Wetland Delineation	Greenfield																
2018-09W	Town Hall Drive Wetland Delineation	Greenfield																
2018-10	Chippewa Estates	Loritto							2.8/1.2	4.8/2.0	9.1/5.7	0.4	106		2,210			
2018-11W	Hilary Driveway Access	Greenfield																
2018-12W	7770 Woodland Trail Wetland Delineation	Greenfield							6.8/3.3	14.5/8.4	27.8/20.9	4.2	944		6,972			
2018-13	Windsong Farm Golf Club Range, Purling Renovation	Independence																
2018-14	V2W MIN MORIA	Independence																
2018-15W	Kettering Creek Wetland Delineation	Greenfield																
2018-16	Nelson Road Conversion	Independence																
2018-17	Crow River Overlook	Greenfield							14.0/4.0	29.7/15.3	98.0/42.4	26.4	4,310	13,907				
2018-18	Baker Park Campground Ravine Stabilization	Medina							no change	no change	no change	134	289,222	no change				

**Pioneer-Sarah Creek
 Watershed
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Lake Ardmore Watershed Map

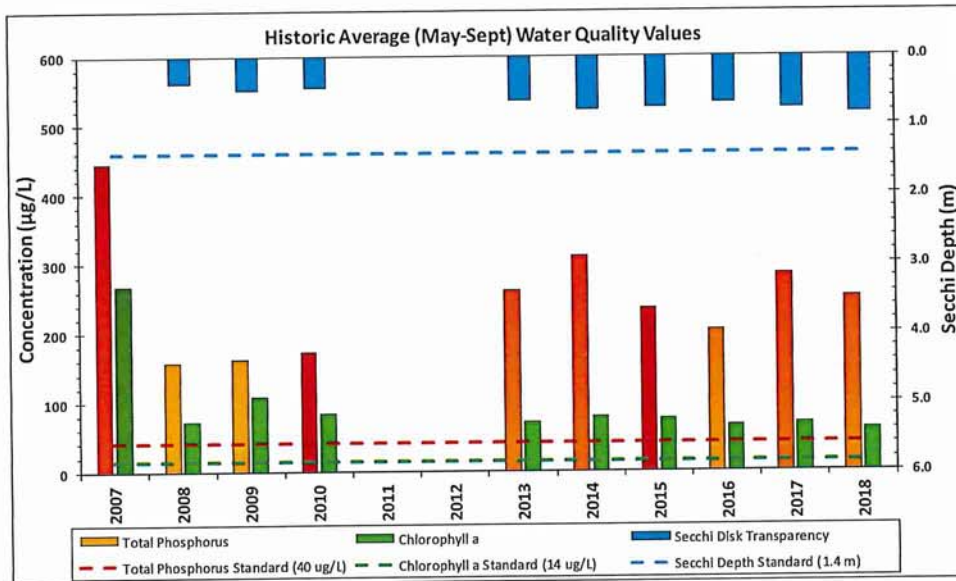


Lake Ardmore Bathymetry



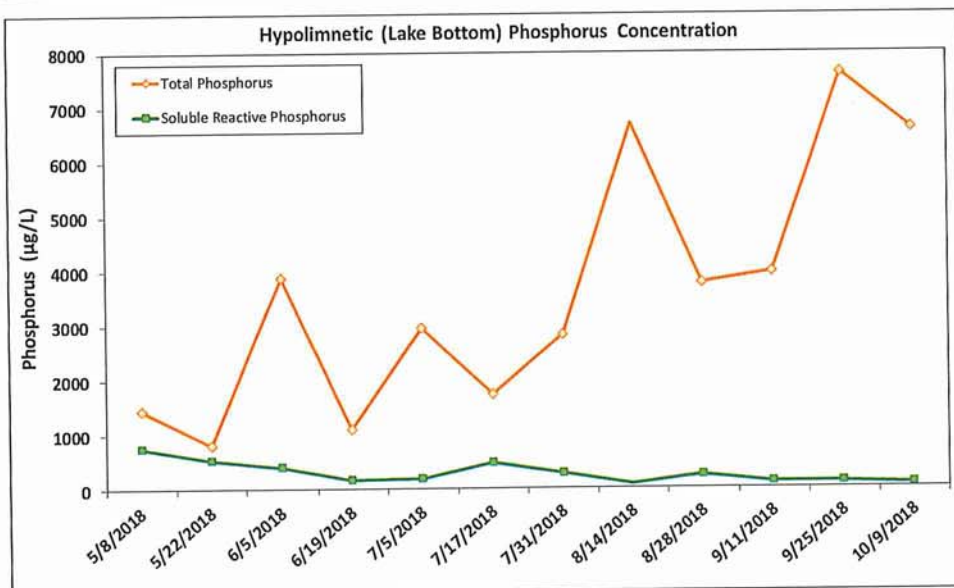
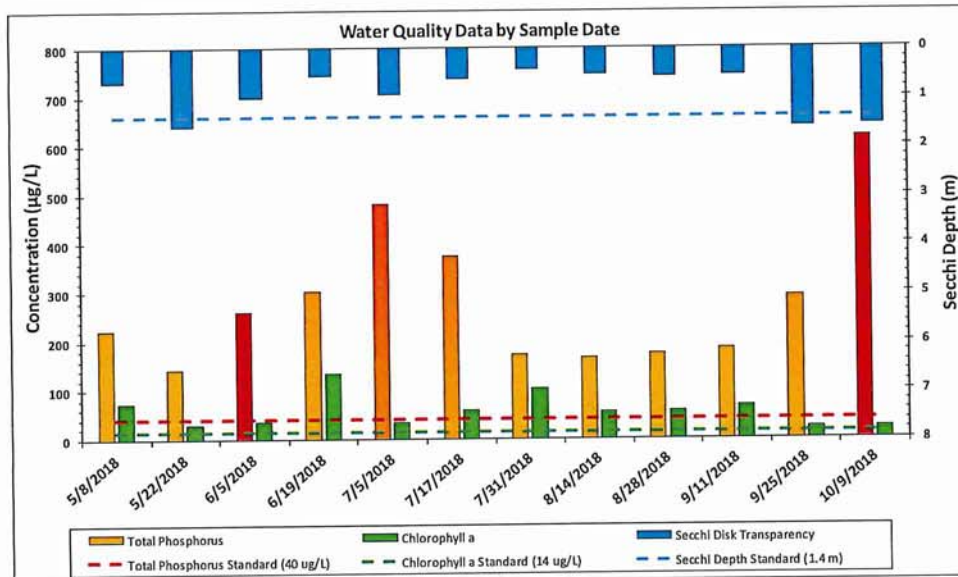
Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27015300
Watershed Area	514 Acres
Lake Area	13.5 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	75%
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Maximum Depth	24.4 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	38:1
Impairment Classification	Needs Assessment
Classification	Deep Lake

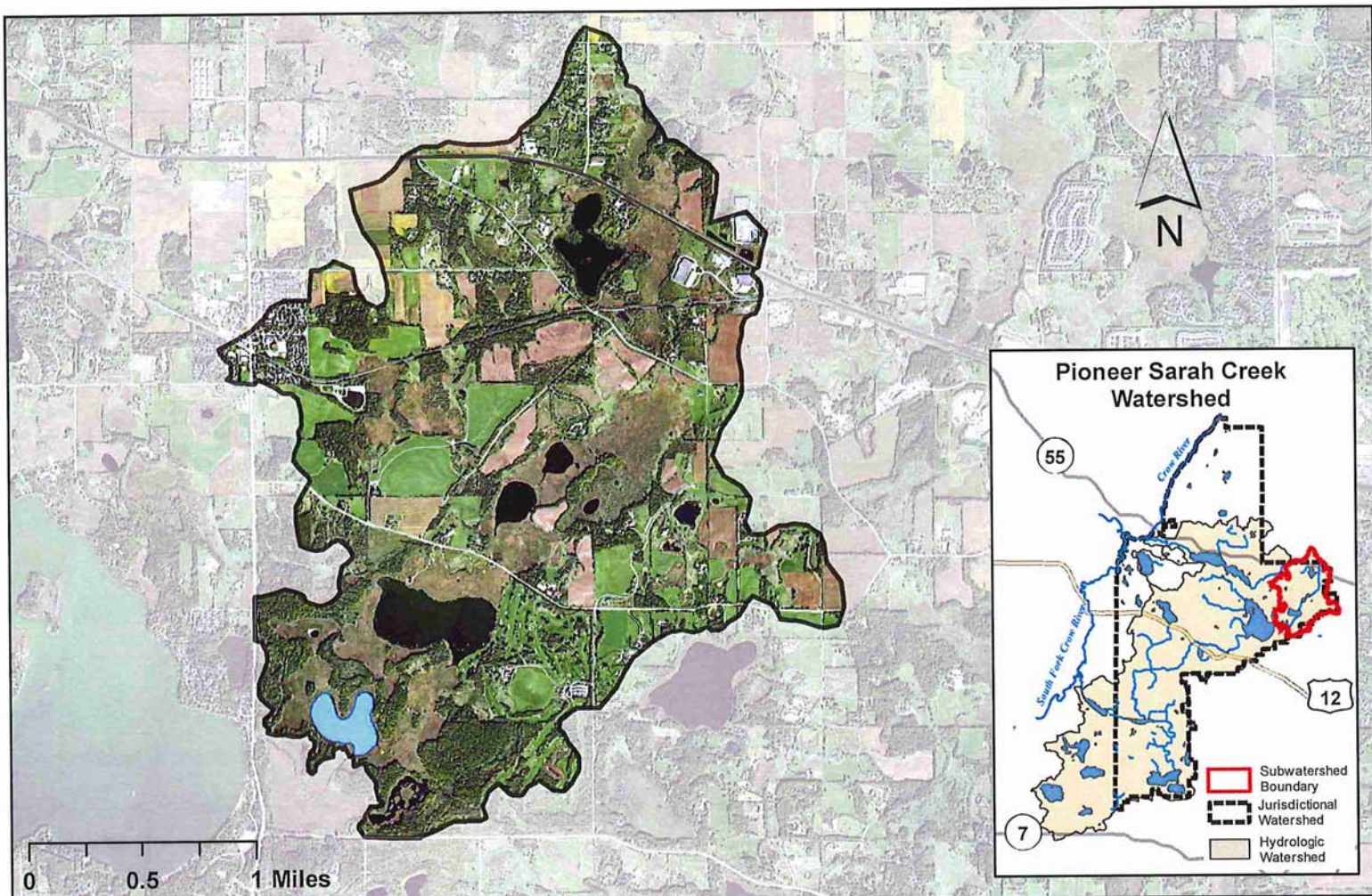


Ardmore Water Quality Report Card				
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2010	F	F	F	F
2011				
2012				
2013	F	D	F	F
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2015	F	D	D	D-
2016	F	D	F	F
2017	F	D	D	D-
2018	F	D	D	D-
MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

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Half Moon Lake Watershed Map

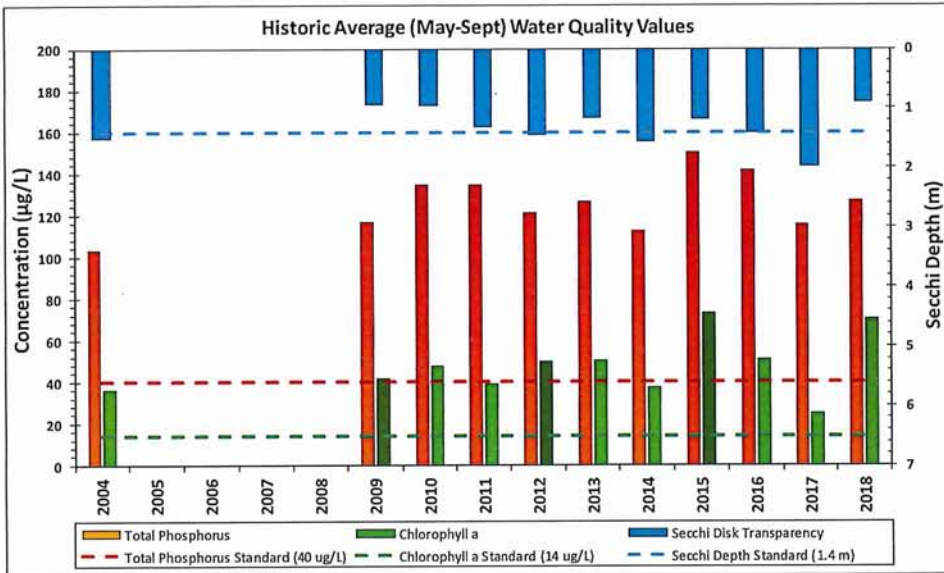


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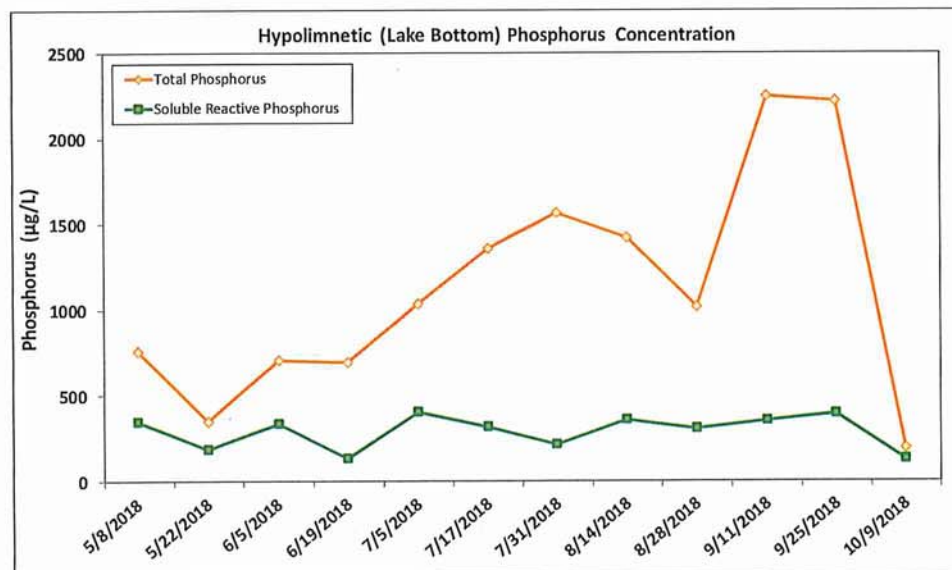
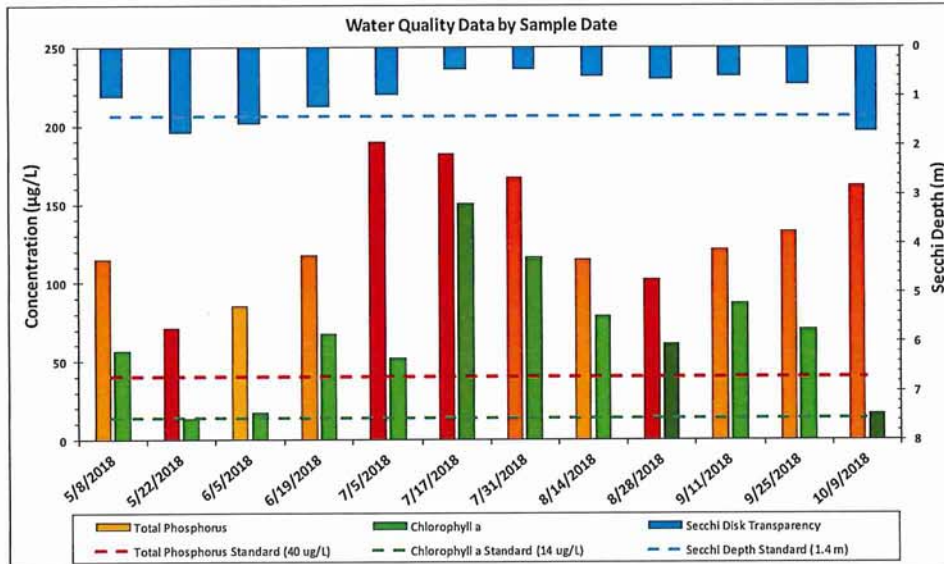
Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27015200
Watershed Area	3,258 Acres
Lake Area	31.1 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	11%
Average Depth	13.4 ft.
Maximum Depth	30.3 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	104.7:1
Impairment Classification	Proposed 2016
Classification	Deep Lake



Half Moon Lake Water Quality Report Card				
Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
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2005				
2006				
2007				
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2014	D	C	C	C-
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2016	D	D	C	D+
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2018	D	D	D	D
MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

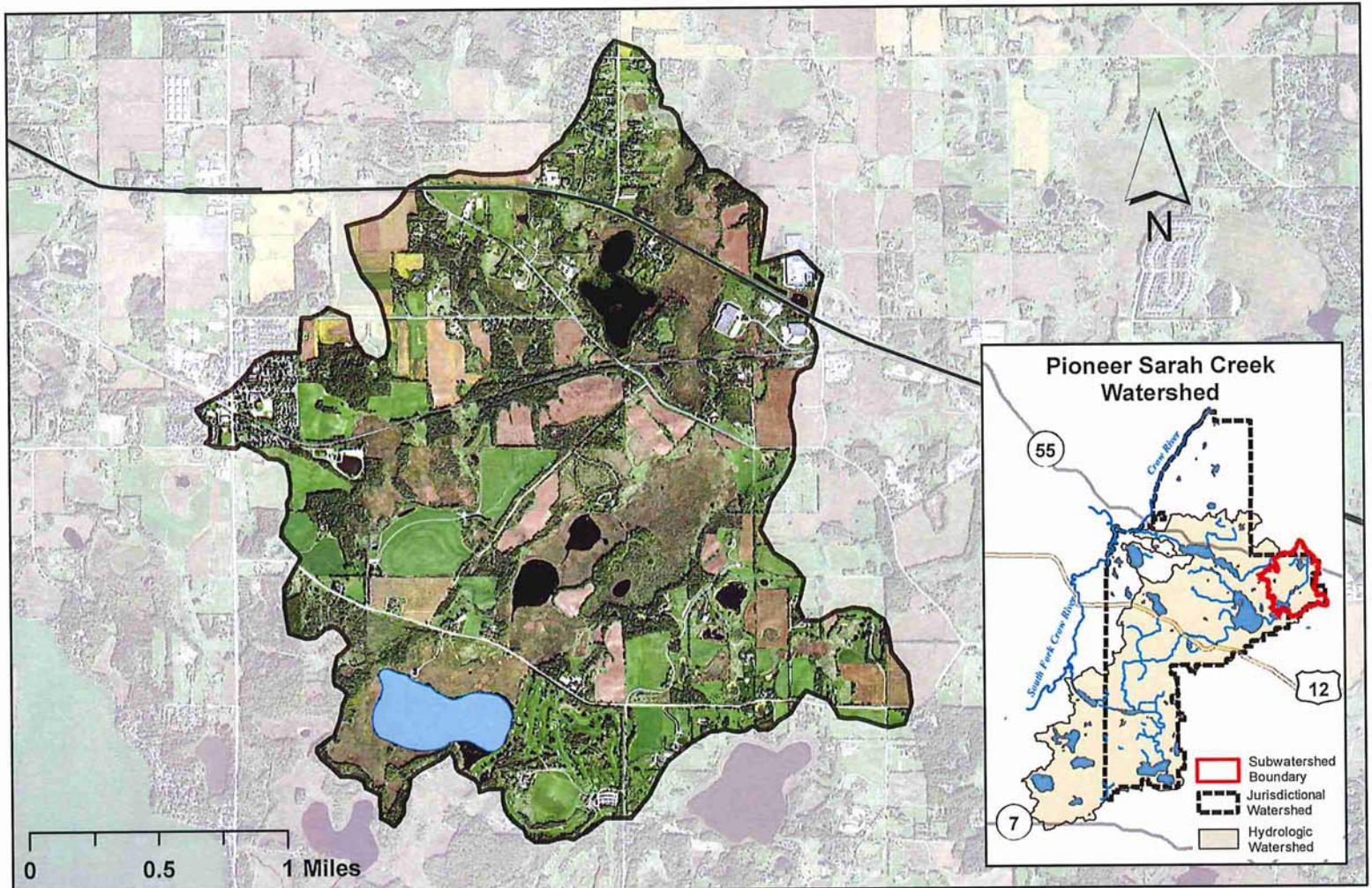
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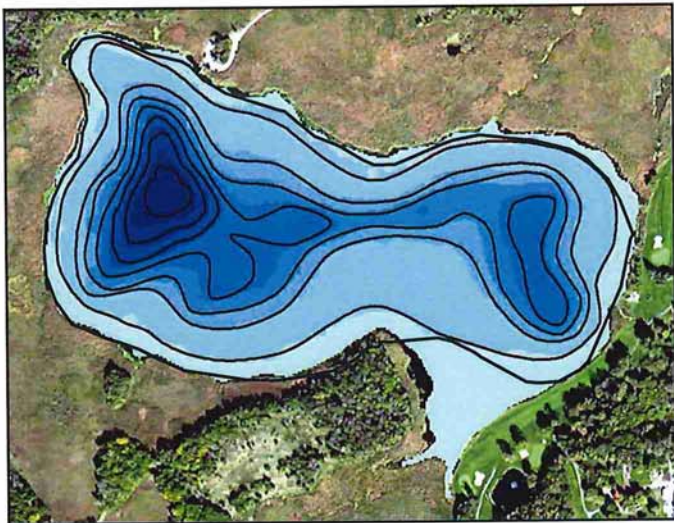
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Spurzem Lake Watershed Map

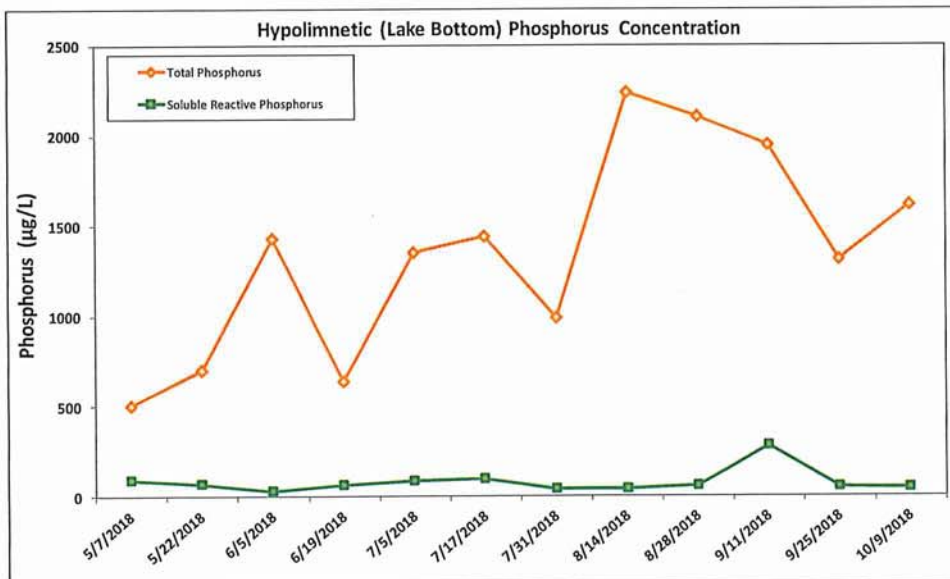
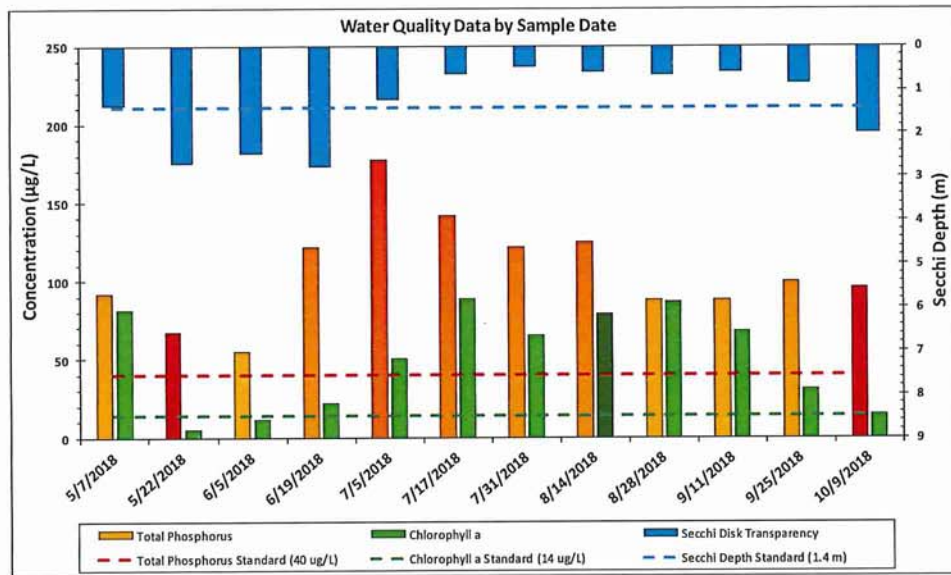
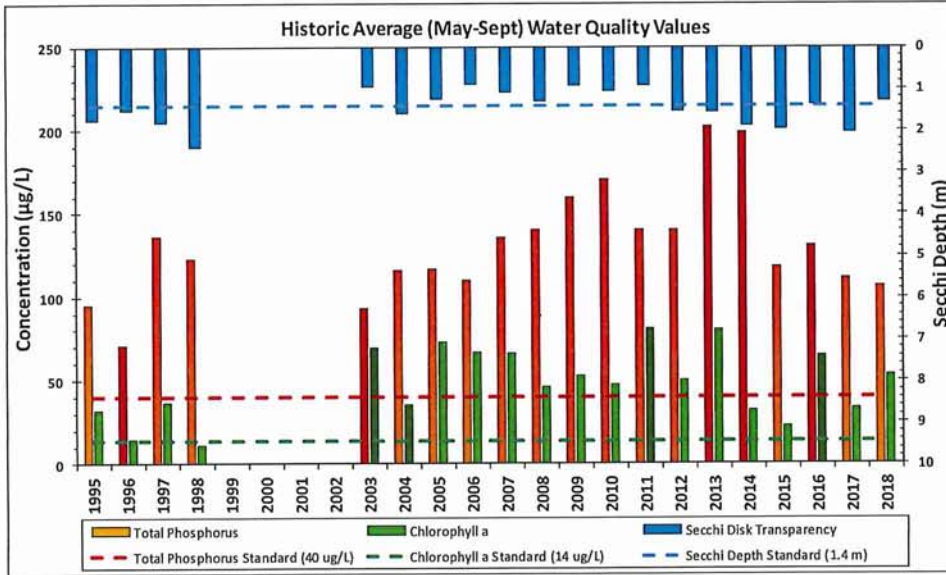


Spurzem Lake Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

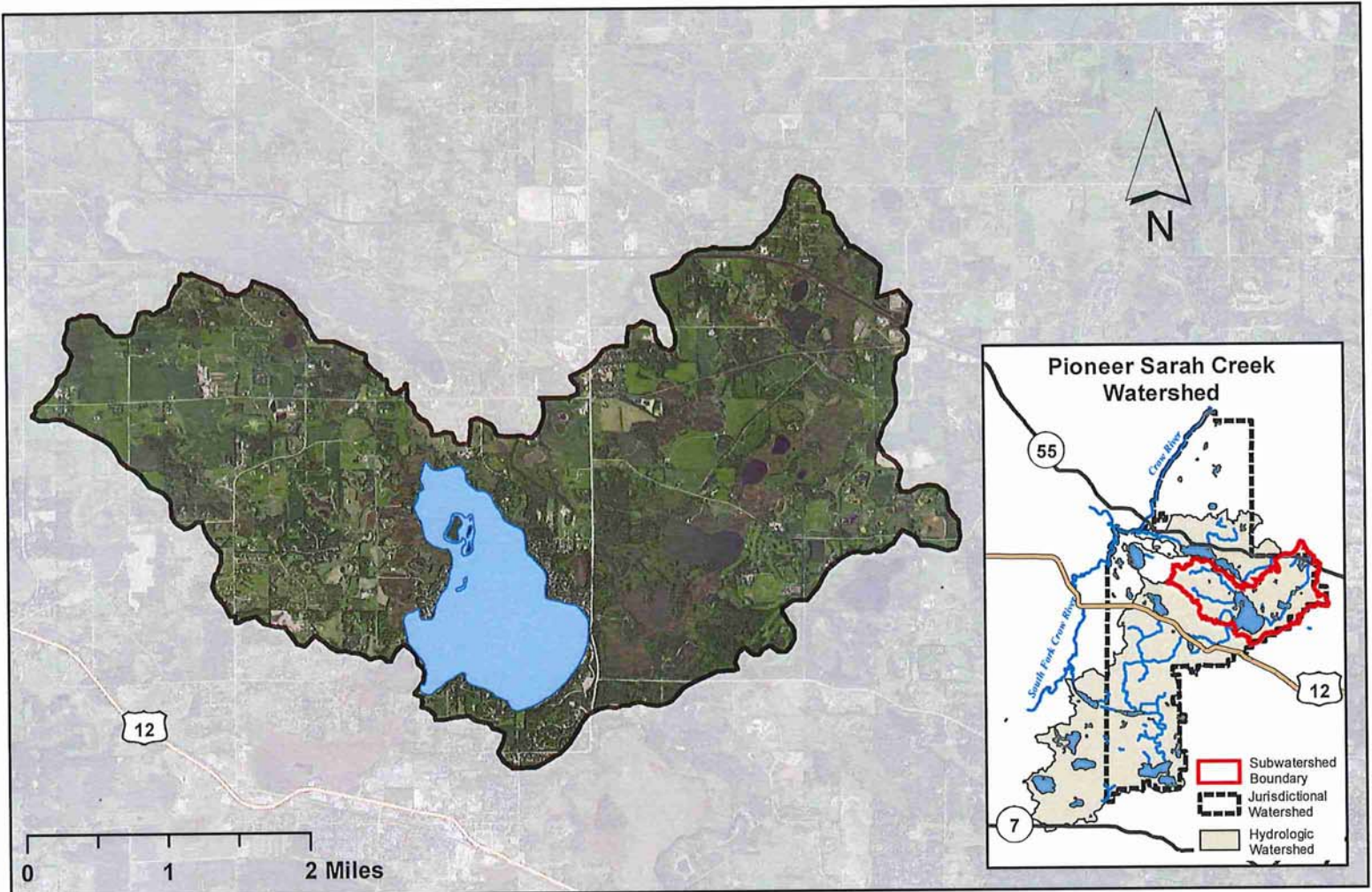
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Lake Area	78.6 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	70%
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Watershed Area:Lake Area	37.1:1
Impairment Classification	Excess Nutrients 2008
Classification	Deep Lake



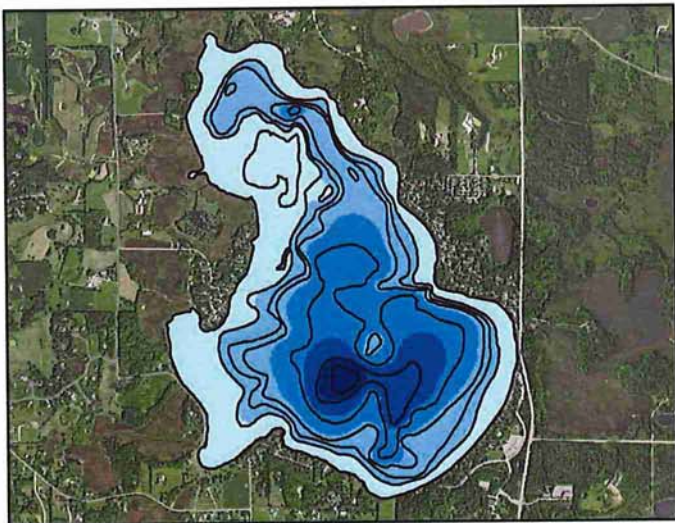
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2000				
2001				
2002				
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2004	D	C	C	C-
2005	D	D	C	D+
2006	D	D	D	D
2007	D	D	D	D
2008	D	C	C	C-
2009	F	D	D	D-
2010	F	C	D	D
2011	D	F	D	D-
2012	D	D	C	D+
2013	F	F	C	D-
2014	F	C	C	D+
2015	D	C	C	C-
2016	D	D	C	D+
2017	D	C	C	C-
2018	D	D	C	D+
MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

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Lake Independence Watershed Map

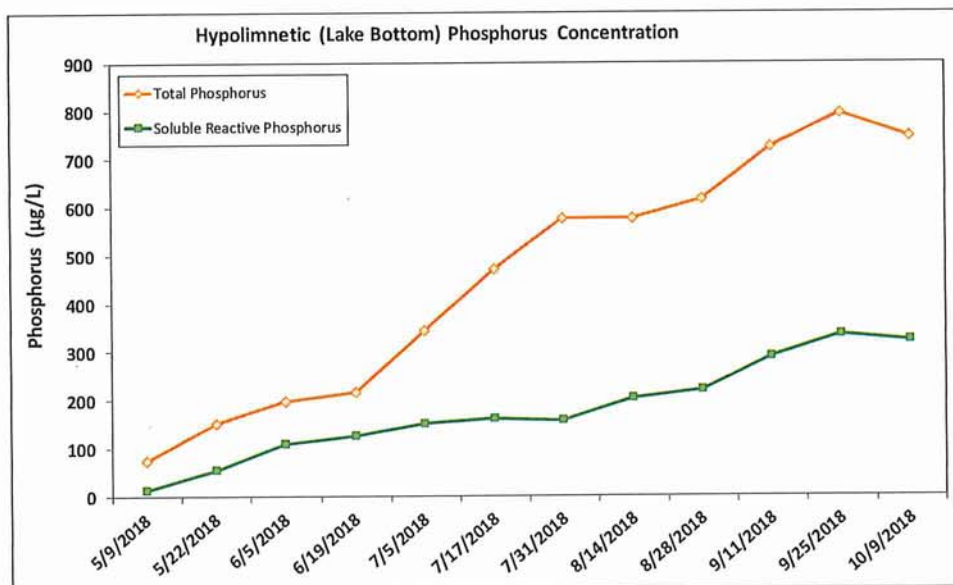
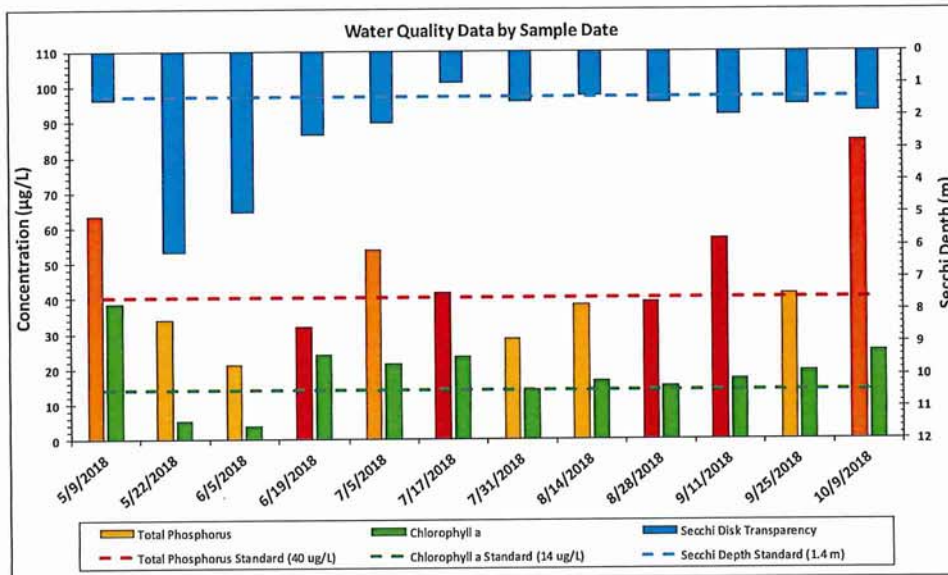
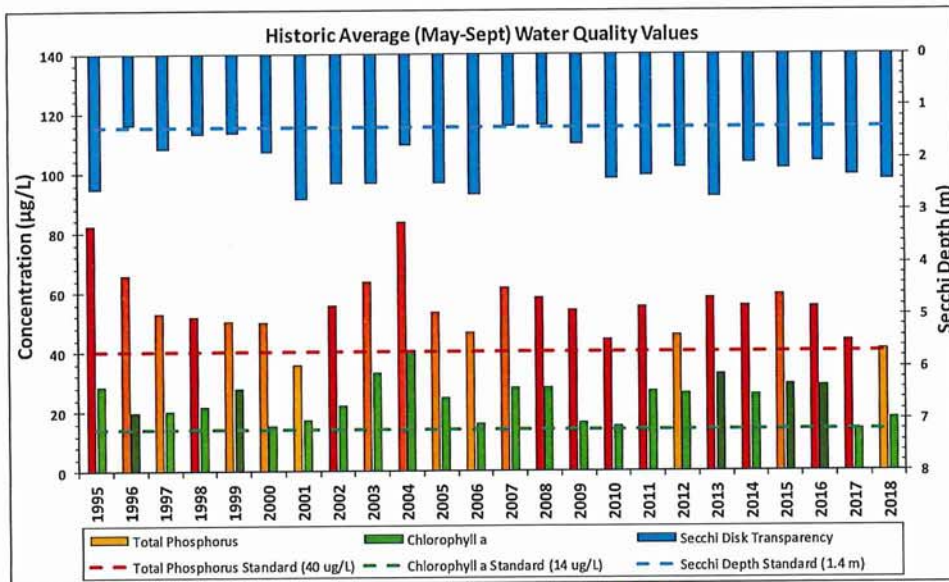


Lake Independence Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27017600
Watershed Area	7,632 Acres
Lake Area	832 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	51%
Average Depth	15.9 ft.
Maximum Depth	58 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	9.2:1
Impairment Classification	Excess Nutrients 2002
Classification	Deep Lake



Lake Independence Water Quality Report Card				
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1995	D	C	B	C
1996	C	B	C	C+
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2011	C	C	B	C+
2012	C	C	C	C
2013	C	C	B	C+
2014	C	C	C	C
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2018	C	B	B	B-
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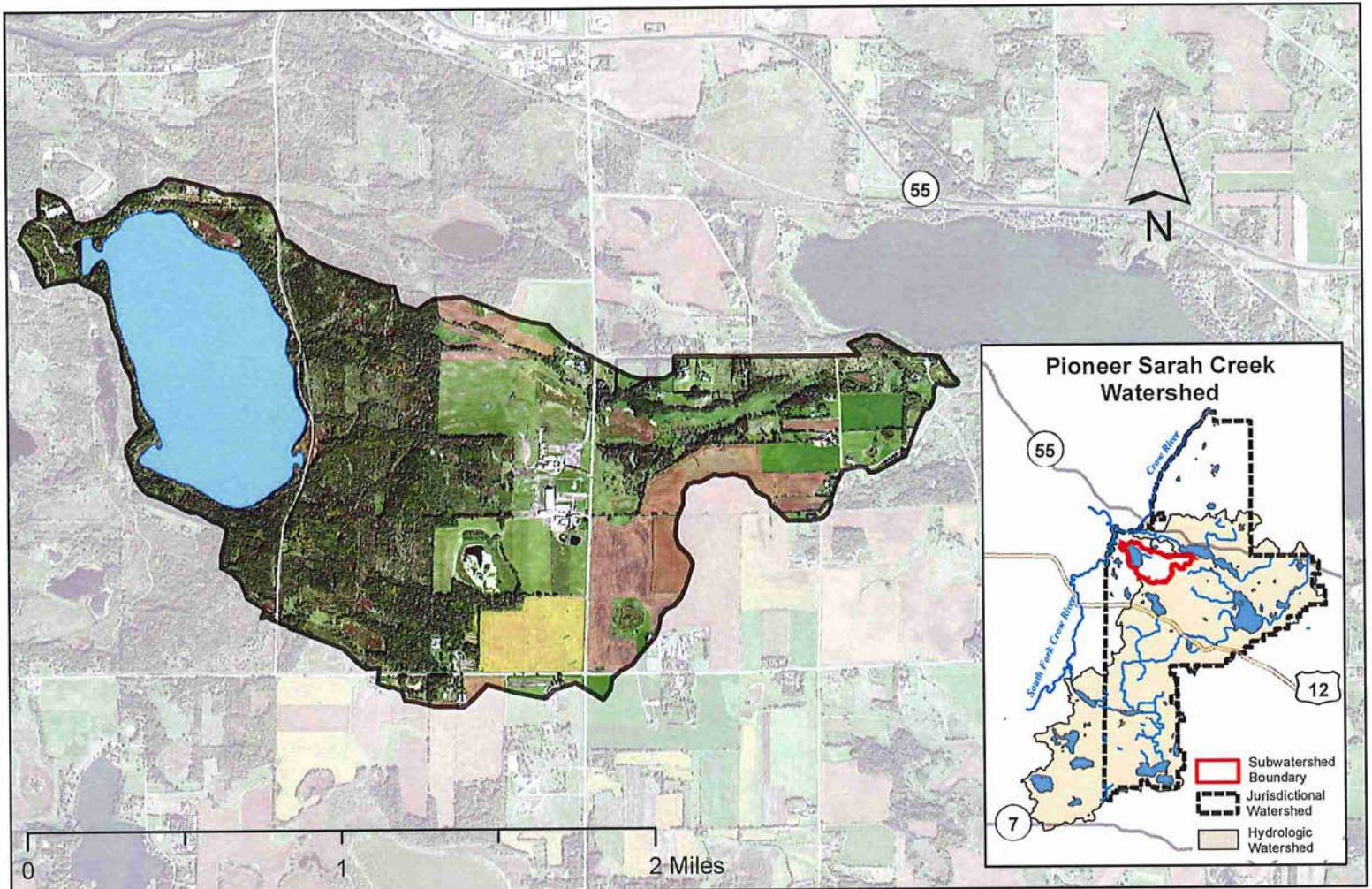
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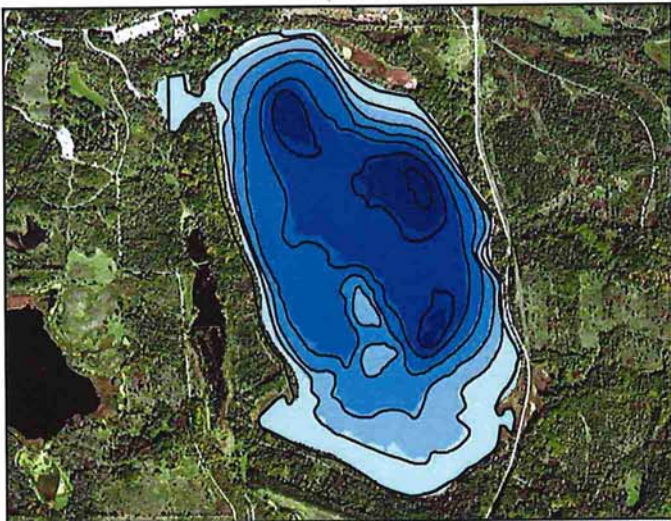
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Lake Rebecca Watershed Map

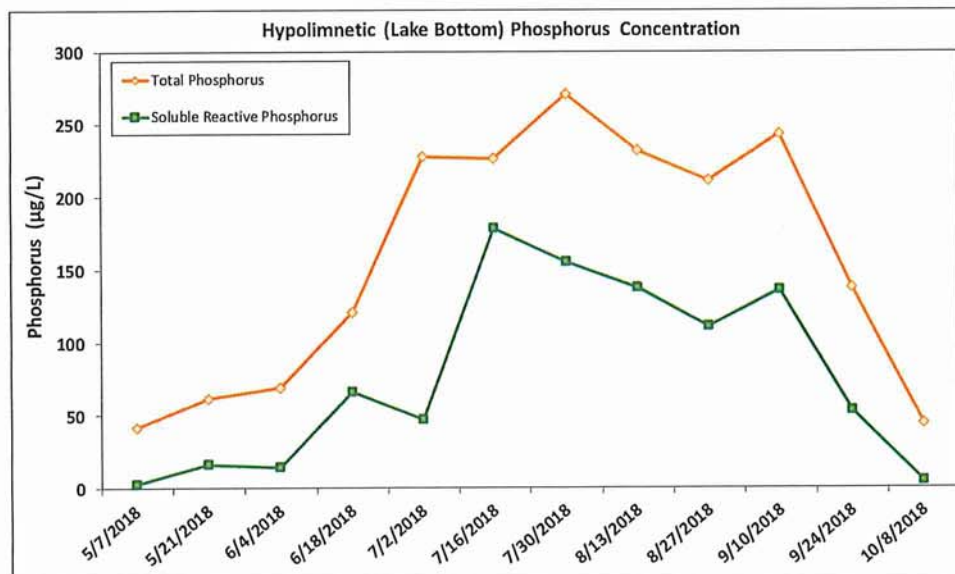
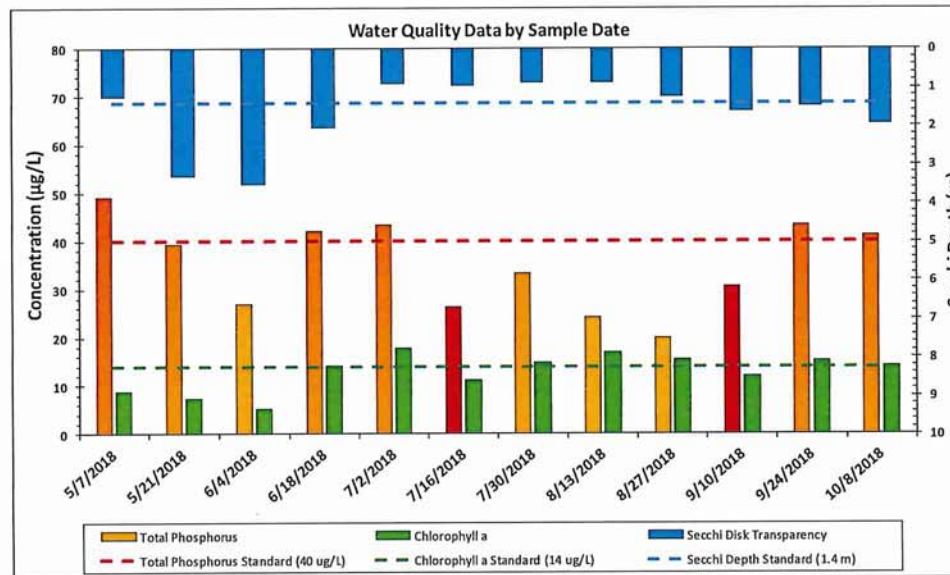
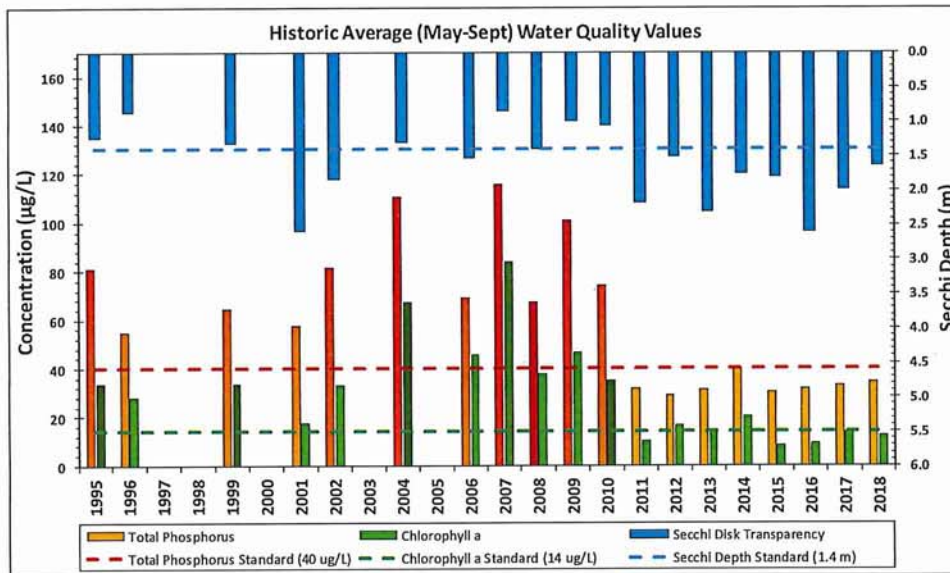


Lake Rebecca Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27019200
Watershed Area	1,277 Acres
Lake Area	261 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	50%
Average Depth	14.4 ft.
Maximum Depth	31.1 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	4.9:1
Impairment Classification	Excess Nutrients 2008
Classification	Deep Lake



Lake Rebecca Water Quality Report Card				
Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
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2009	D	C	D	D+
2010	D	C	D	D+
2011	B	B	C	B-
2012	B	B	C	B-
2013	B	B	B	B
2014	C	C	C	C
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MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

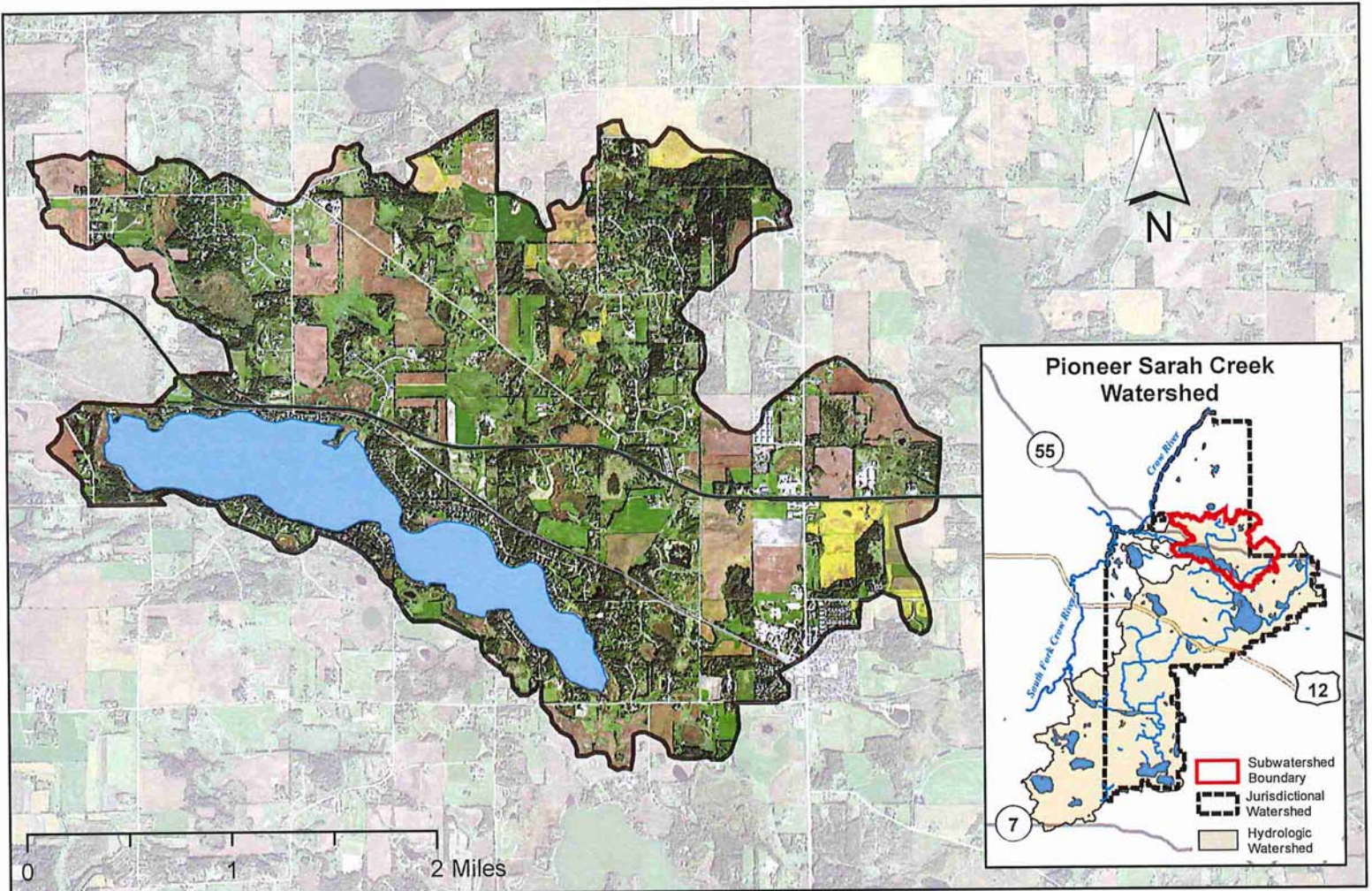
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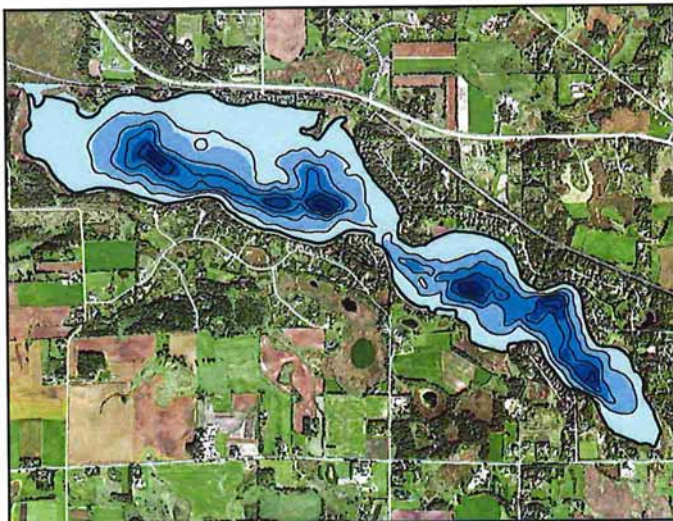
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Lake Sarah Watershed Map

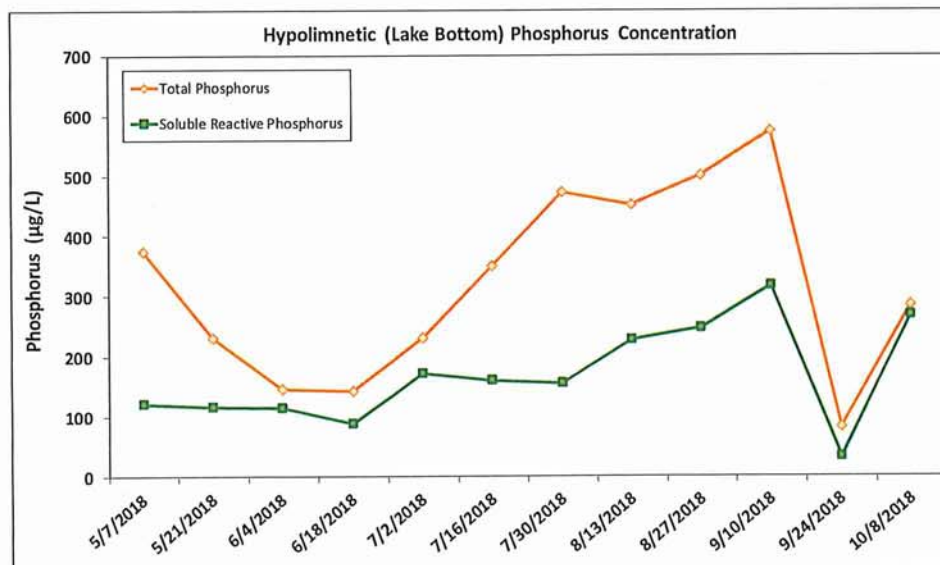
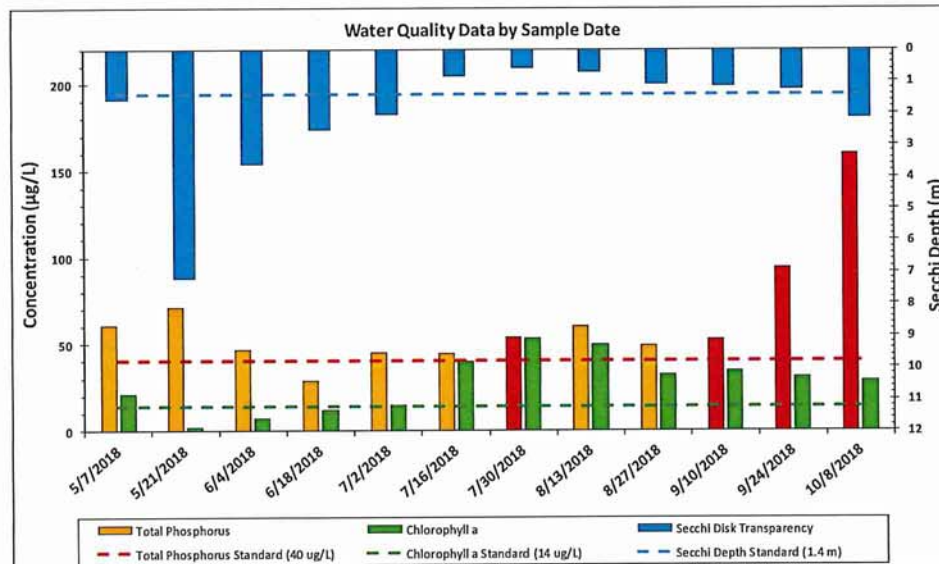
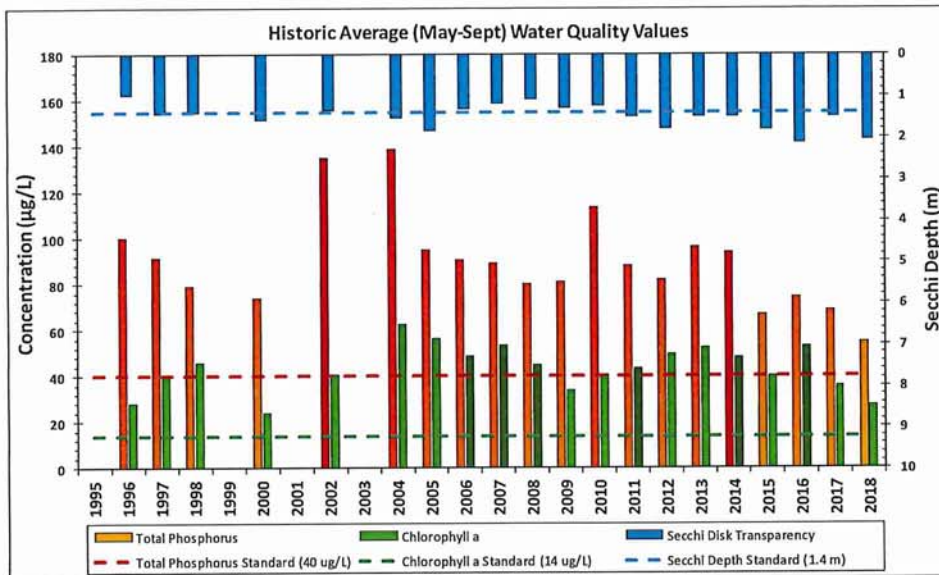


Lake Sarah Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27019100
Watershed Area	4,519 Acres
Lake Area	536 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	61%
Average Depth	13.7 ft.
Maximum Depth	49.9 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	8.4:1
Impairment Classification	Excess Nutrients 2006
Classification	Deep Lake



Lake Sarah Water Quality Report Card				
Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
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1997	D	C	C	C-
1998	D	C	C	C-
1999				
2000	D	C	C	C-
2001				
2002	D	C	C	C-
2003				
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2005	D	D	C	D+
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2007	D	D	D	D
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2010	D	C	C	C-
2011	D	C	C	C-
2012	D	D	C	D+
2013	D	D	C	D+
2014	D	D	C	D+
2015	C	C	C	C
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MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

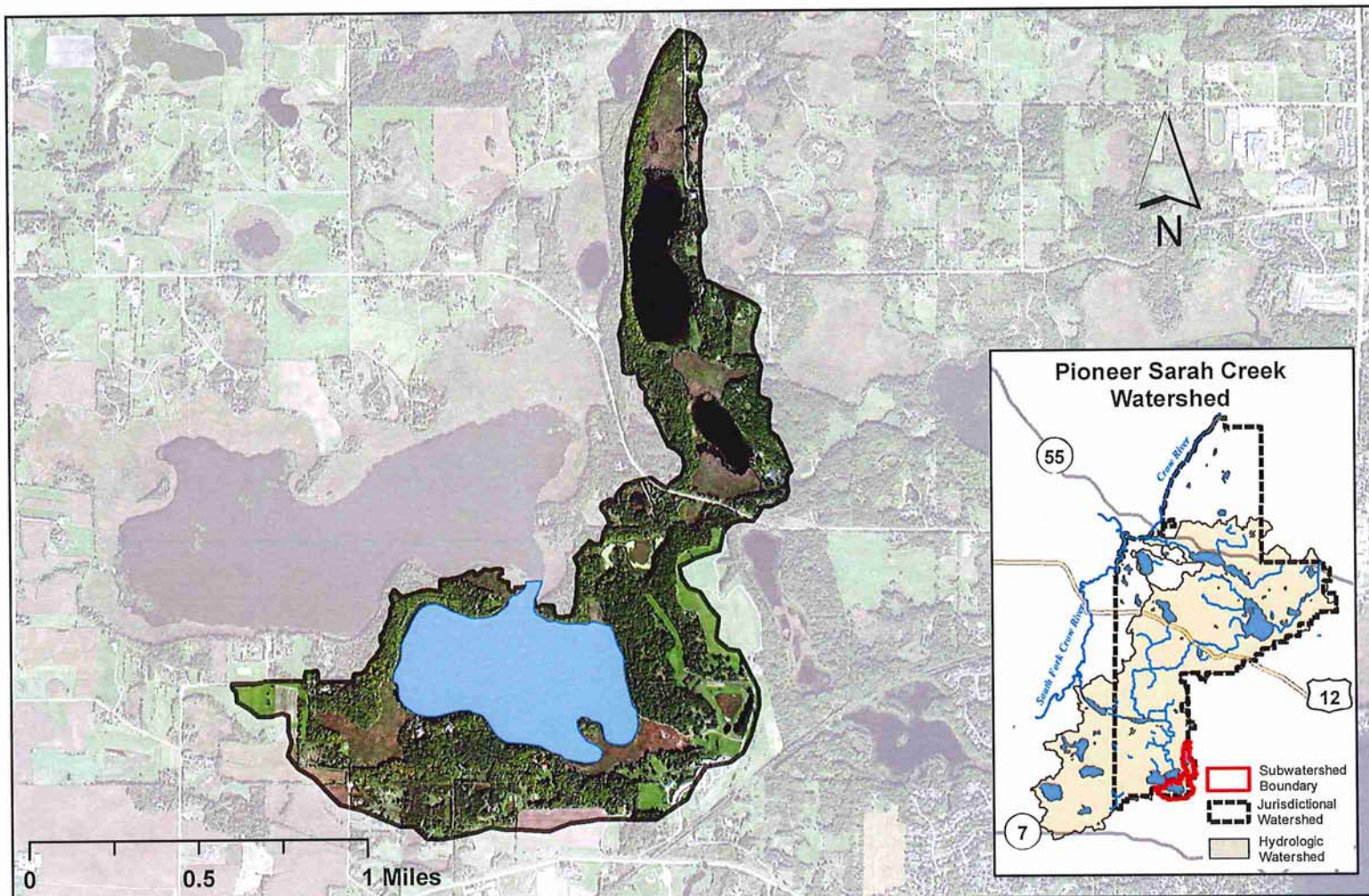
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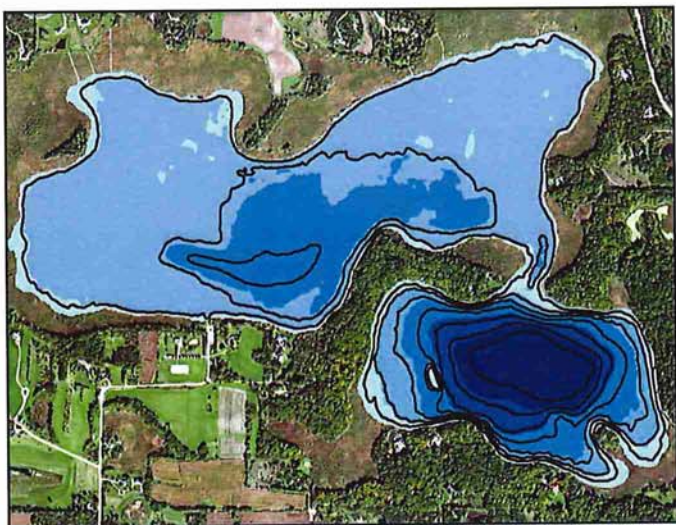
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Whaletail South Watershed Map

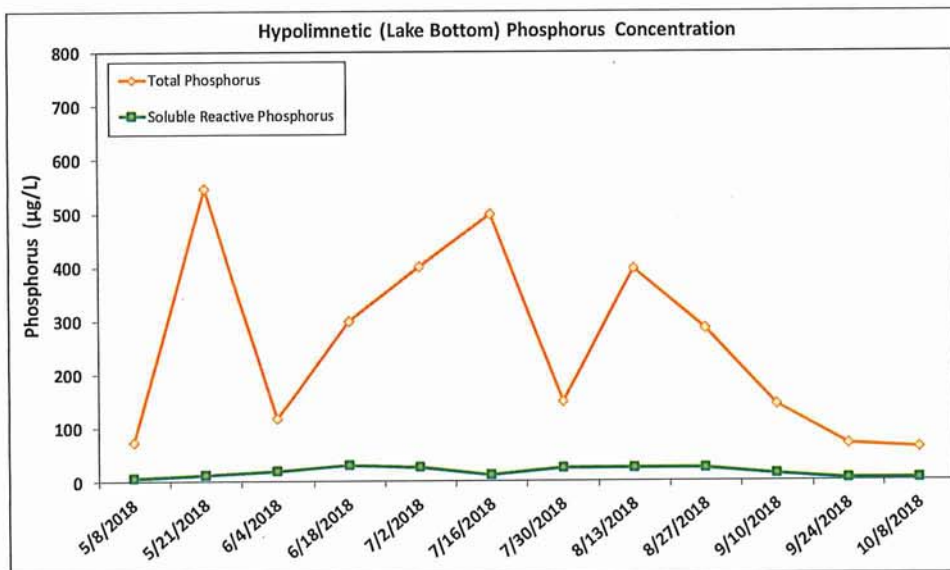
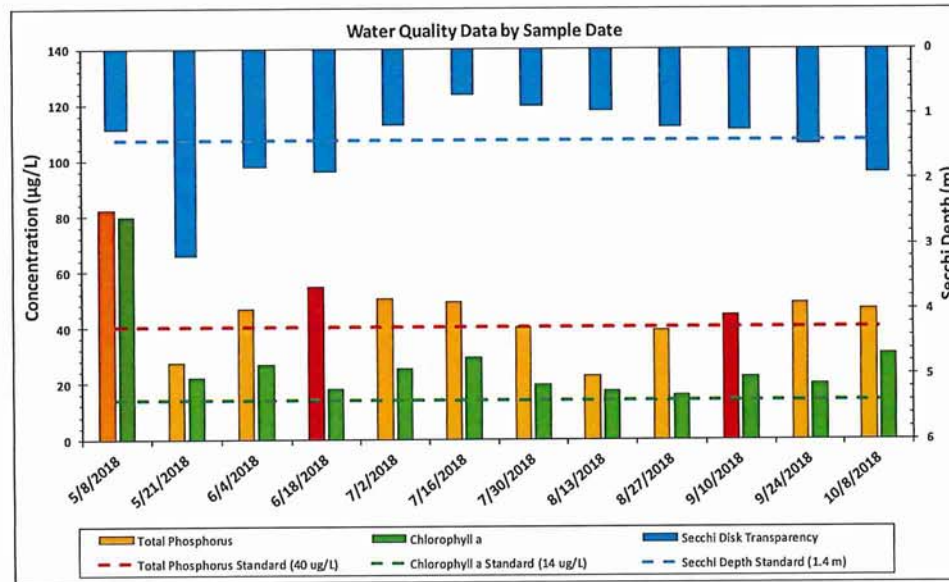
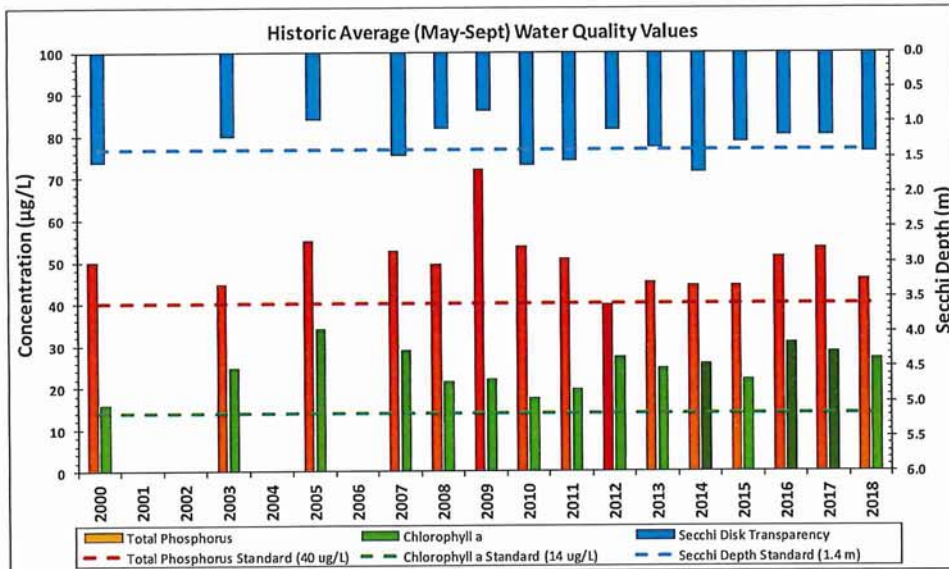


Whaletail South Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

DNR #	27018402
Watershed Area	661 Acres
Lake Area	156 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	66%
Average Depth	12.1 ft.
Maximum Depth	23.3 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	4.2:1
Impairment Classification	Proposed 2016
Classification	Provisional Deep Lake



Whaletail South Water Quality Report Card				
Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
2000	C	B	C	C+
2001				
2002				
2003	C	C	C	C
2004				
2005	C	C	D	C-
2006				
2007	C	C	C	C
2008	C	C	D	C-
2009	D	C	D	D+
2010	C	B	C	C+
2011	C	B	C	C+
2012	C	C	D	C-
2013	C	C	C	C
2014	C	C	C	C
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2018	C	C	C	C
MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

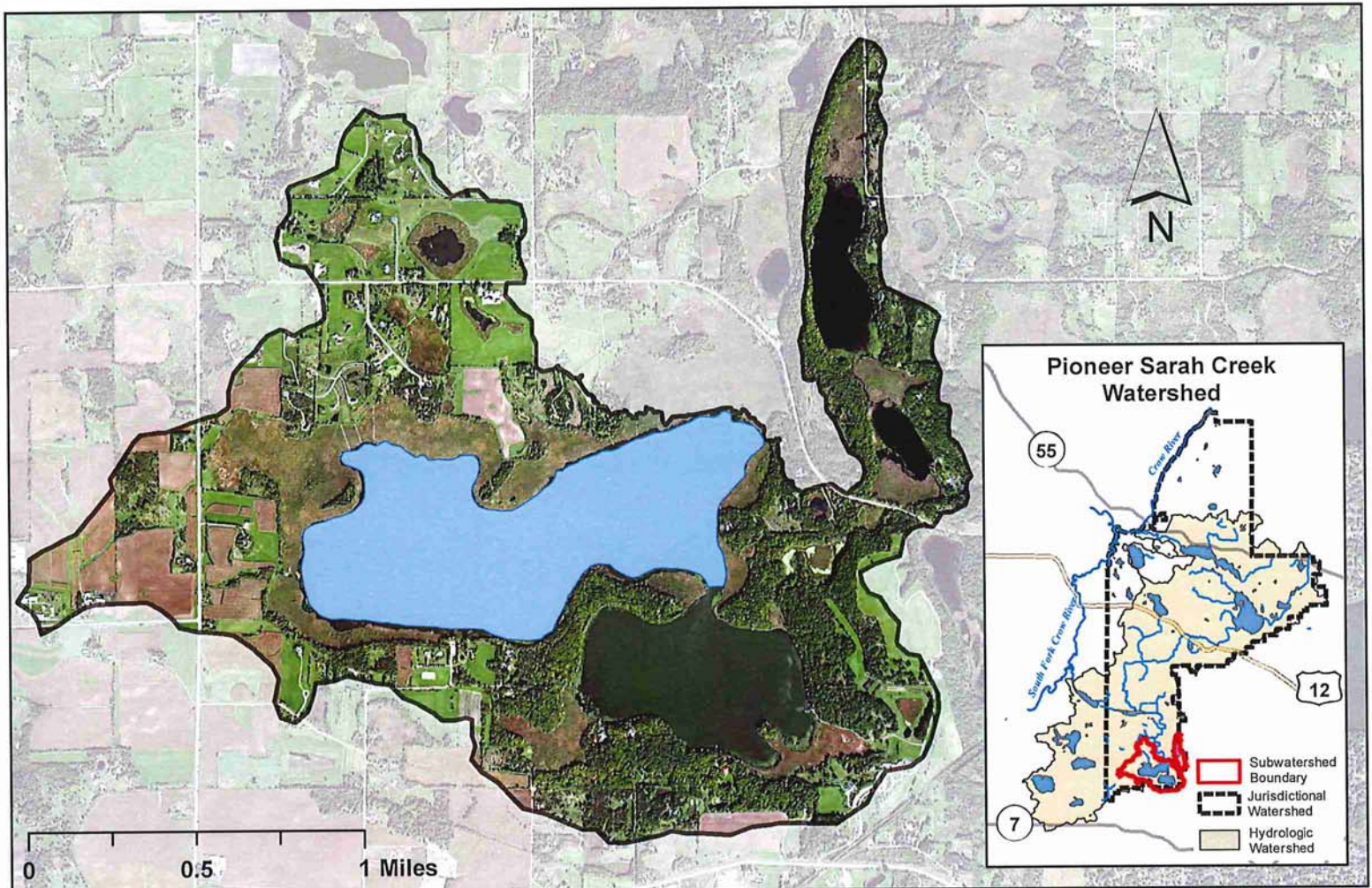
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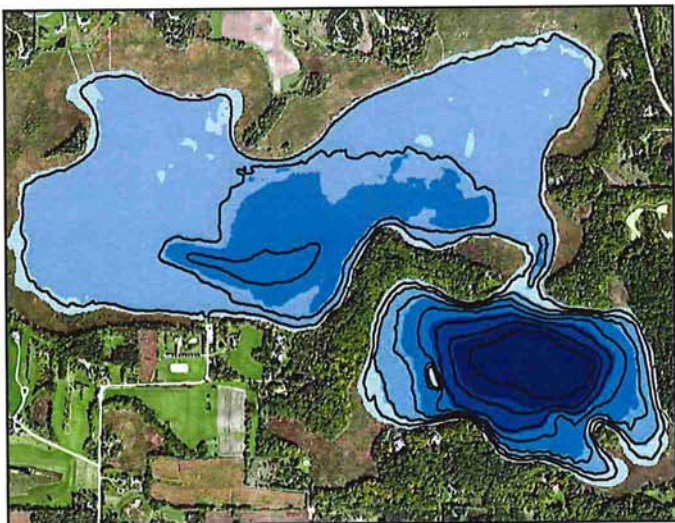
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Whaletail North Watershed Map

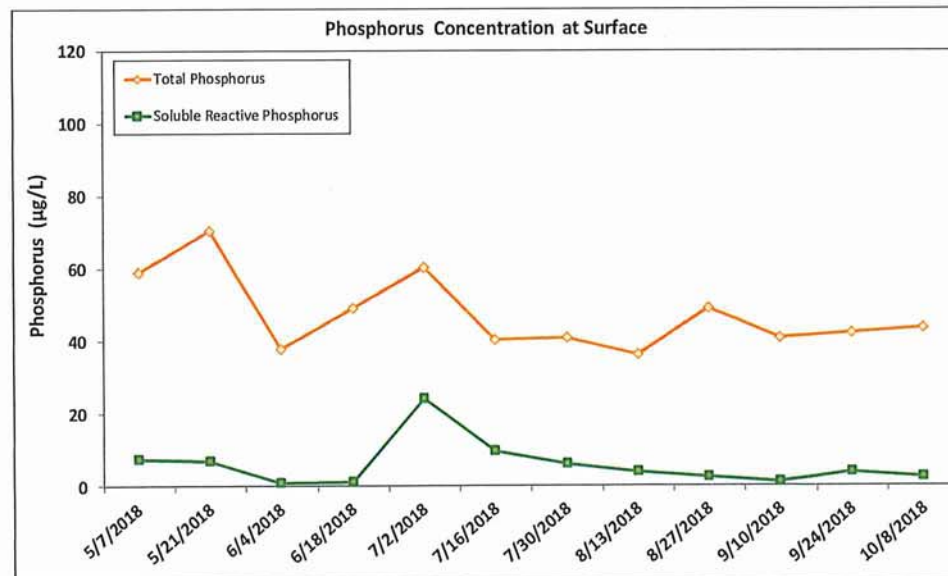
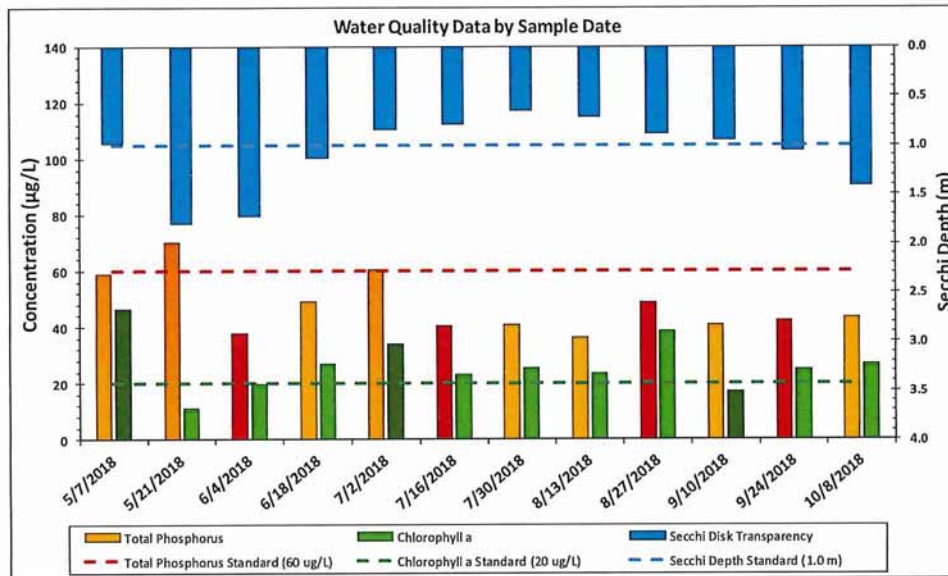
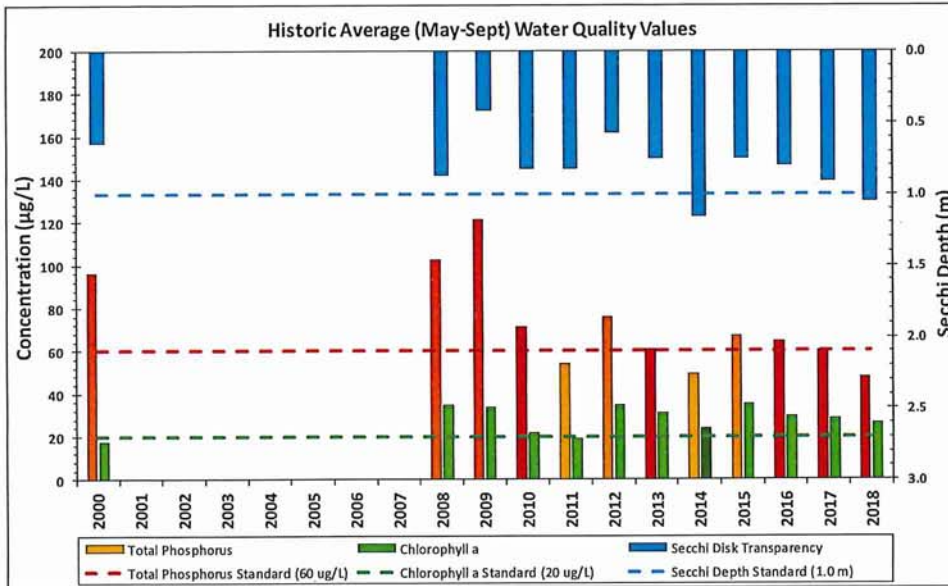


Whaletail North Bathymetry



Lake and Watershed Characteristics

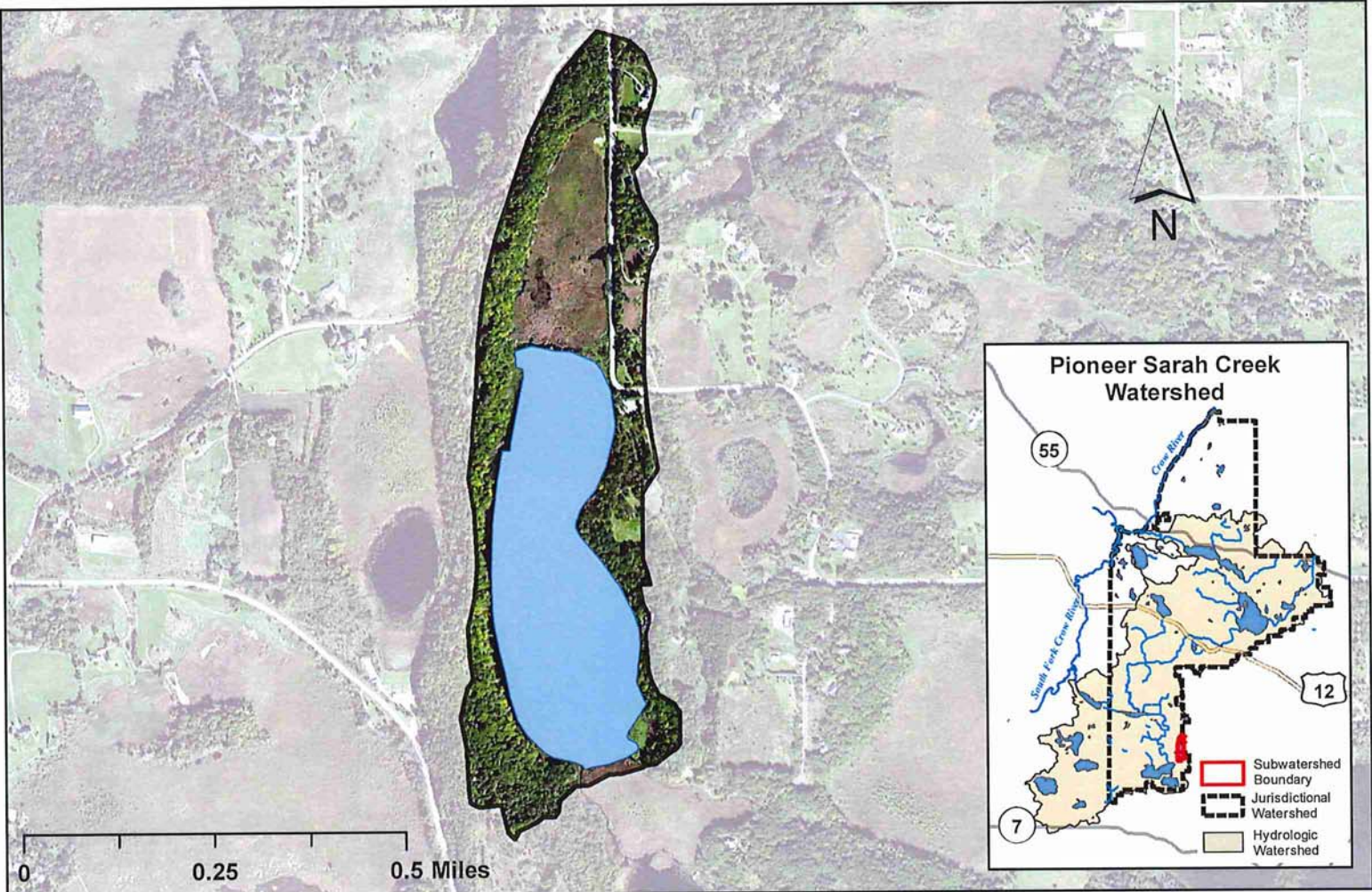
DNR #	27018401
Watershed Area	1,585 Acres
Lake Area	370 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	100%
Average Depth	5.2 ft.
Maximum Depth	10.3 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	4.3:1
Impairment Classification	Proposed 2016
Classification	Provisional Shallow Lake



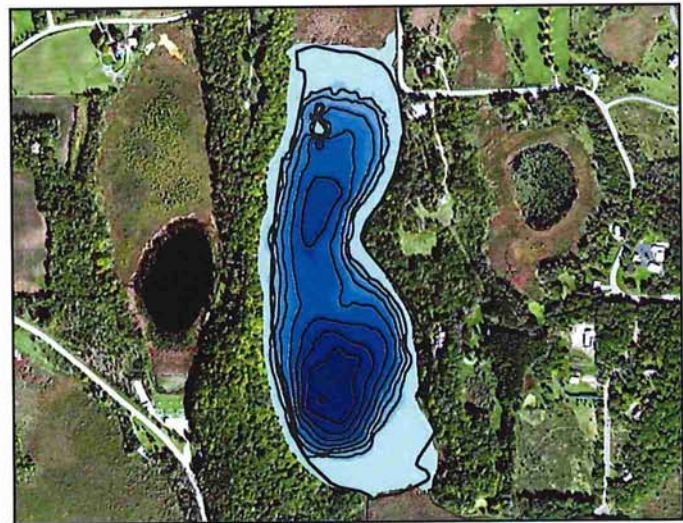
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2007				
2008	D	C	D	D+
2009	D	C	F	D
2010	D	C	D	D+
2011	C	B	D	C
2012	D	C	F	D
2013	C	C	D	C-
2014	C	C	D	C-
2015	C	C	D	C-
2016	C	C	D	C-
2017	C	C	D	C-
2018	C	C	D	C-
MPCA Standard	C	C	D	C

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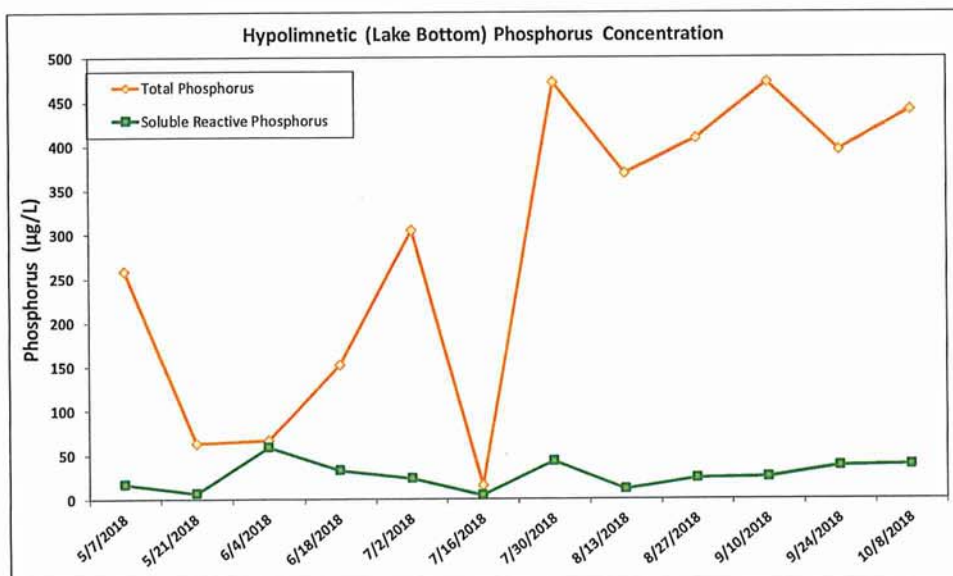
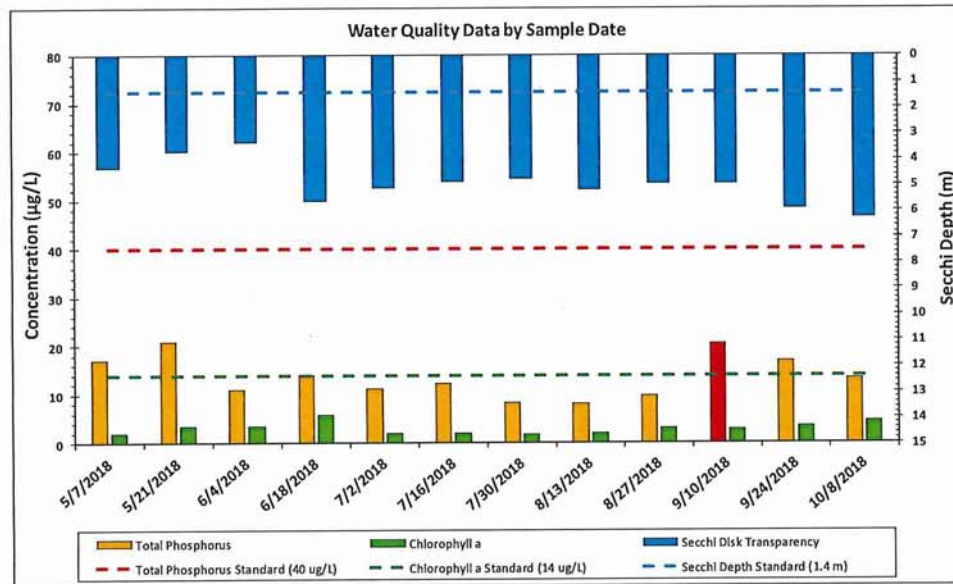
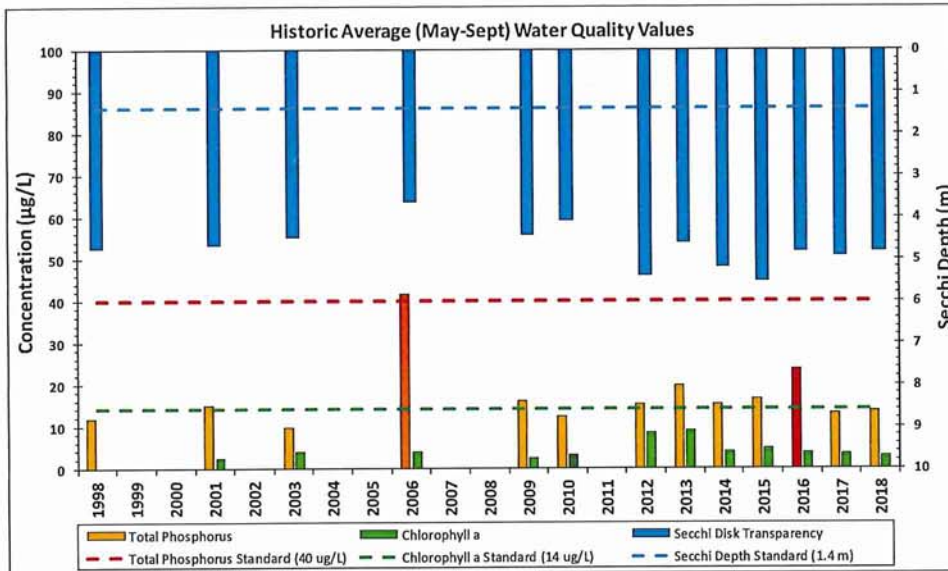
Little Long Lake Watershed Map



Little Long Lake Bathymetry



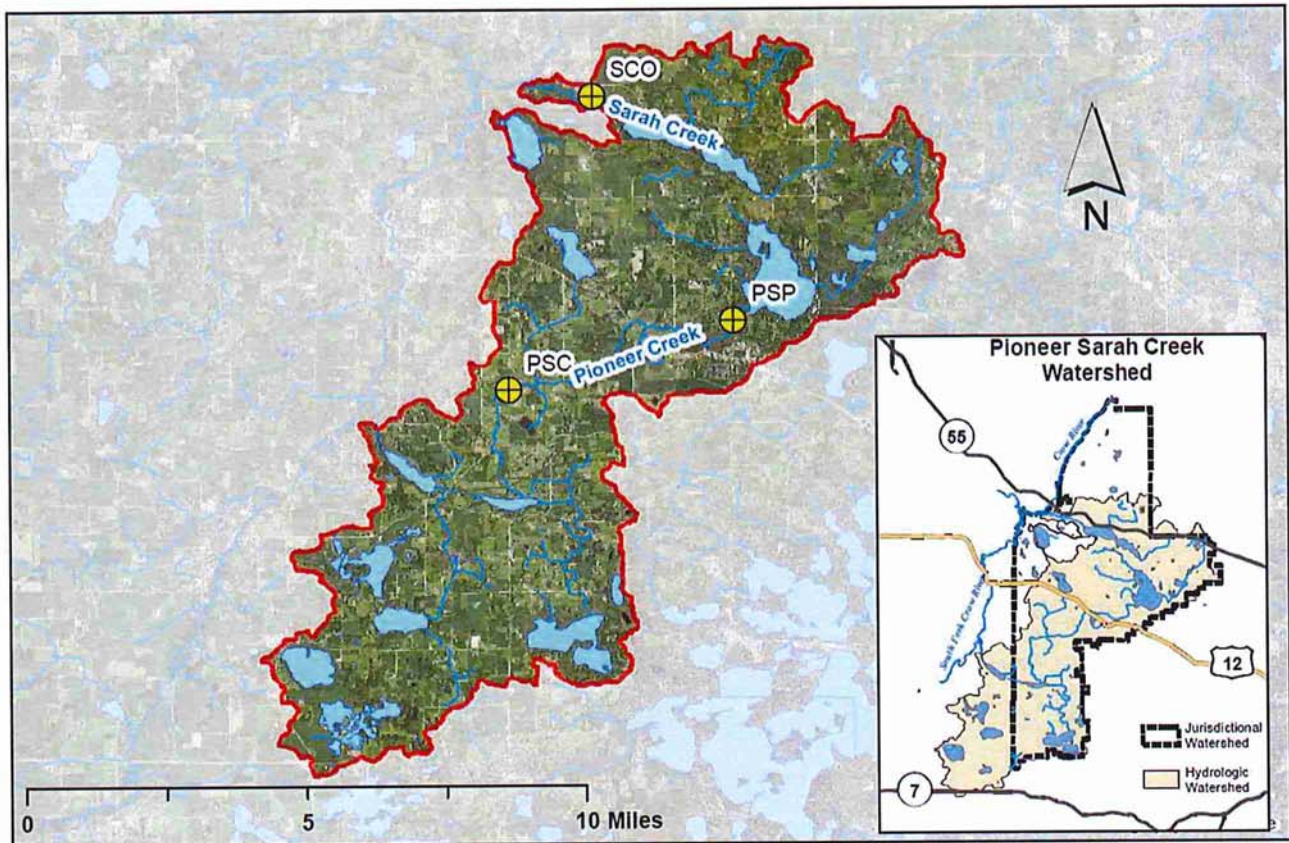
Lake and Watershed Characteristics	
DNR #	27017900
Watershed Area	92 Acres
Lake Area	53.5 Acres
Percent Littoral Area	40%
Average Depth	27.8 ft.
Maximum Depth	80.5 ft.
Watershed Area:Lake Area	1.7:1
Impairment Classification	None
Classification	Deep Lake

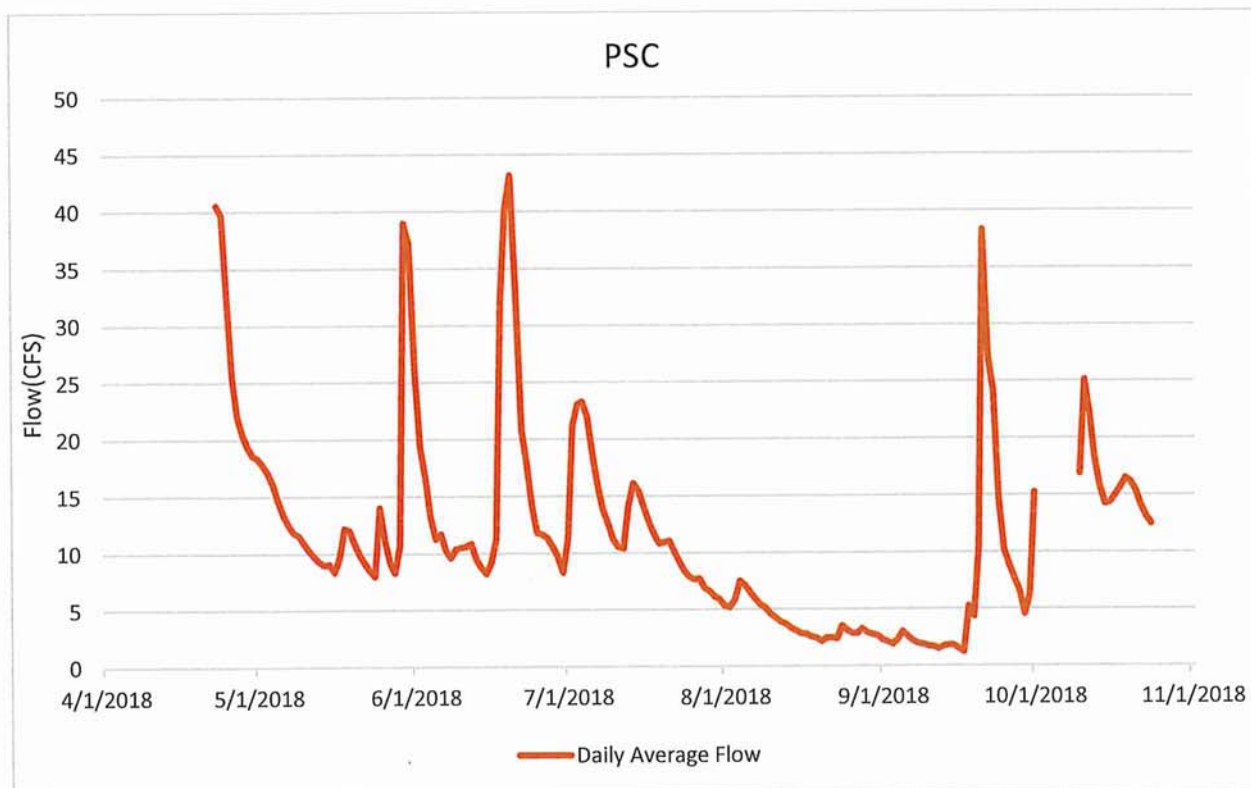
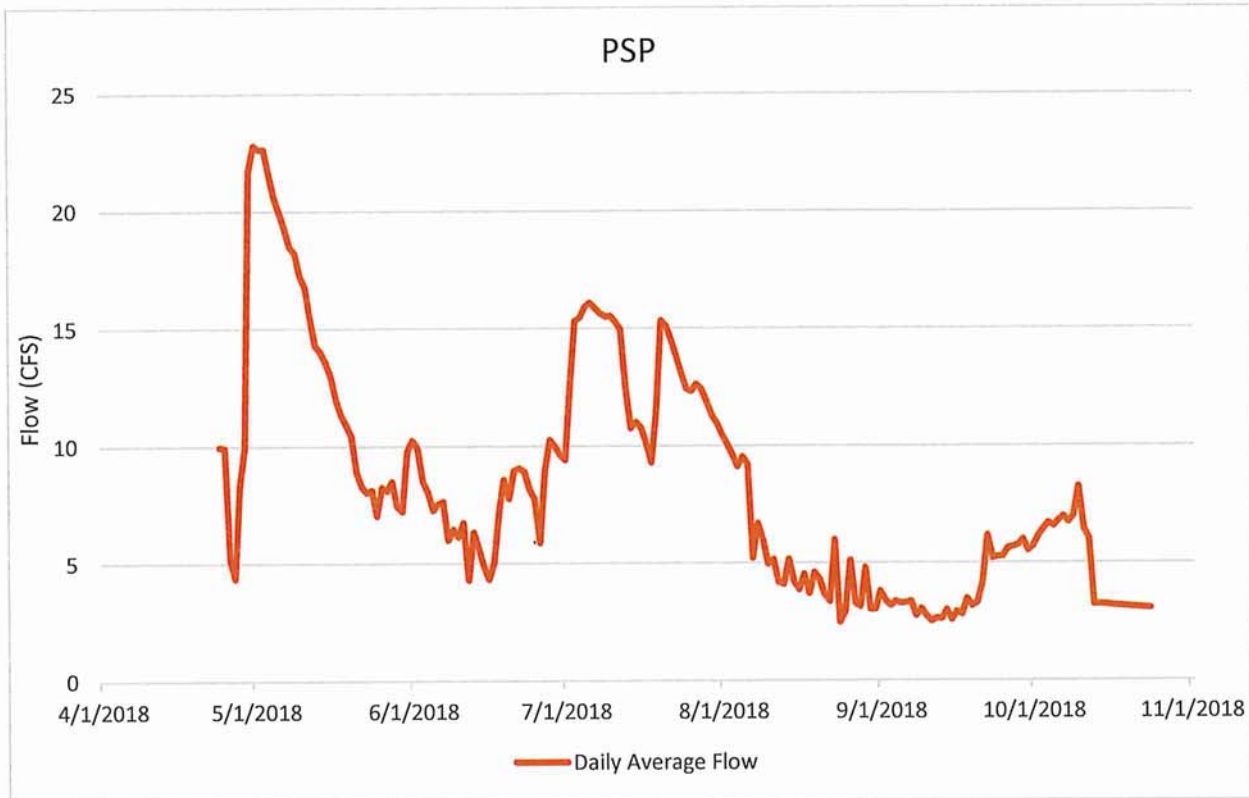


Little Long Lake Water Quality Report Card				
Year	TP	Chl-a	Secchi	Avg Grade
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2000				
2001	A	A	A	A
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2003	A	A	A	A
2004				
2005				
2006	C	A	A	B+
2007				
2008				
2009	A	A	A	A
2010	A	A	A	A
2011				
2012	A	A	A	A
2013	A	A	A	A
2014	A	A	A	A
2015	A	A	A	A
2016	B	A	A	A-
2017	A	A	A	A
2018	A	A	A	A
MPCA Standard	C	B	C	C+

Met Council Grading System for Lake Water Quality

Pioneer/Sarah Creek Stream monitoring - 2018





*Missing data in October is due to power loss

Hennepin County

Wetland Health Evaluation Program

2018



The Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP) is a citizen volunteer wetland monitoring program that is focused on educating the public on wetland ecology and quality issues; as well as, providing local governments with wetland planning information.

WHEP is currently active in Dakota and Hennepin counties, with a number of cities sponsoring local monitoring teams. The MPCA was instrumental in developing the WHEP sampling invertebrate and Citizen Plant Wetland Assessment Guide, which were adapted from the depressional wetland Indices of Biological Integrity (IBI).

In 2018, 129 volunteers donated more than 1400 hours of their time to monitor area wetlands. According to the Independent Sector, the value of volunteer time in Minnesota is \$24.69 per hour. Our volunteers contributed more than **\$34,566.00** to monitor, protect and advocate for our wetlands in Hennepin County.

For the past two decades, WHEP has provided a great opportunity for Hennepin County residents to connect with the wetlands in their communities and become advocates for their sustainability. Watershed management organizations and cities contract with Hennepin County to administer volunteer water quality monitoring programs. WHEP is designed to collect data and provide hands-on environmental education experiences for volunteers. The volunteers use protocols approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to gather a variety of organisms. Their presence or absence can indicate a possible change in water quality. This biological data is often used to assess the long-term health of water and is complimentary to chemical analysis and other data used to determine water quality.

The data collected is primarily used by watershed management organizations and cities. Some organizations use the data to communicate to residents about the health of their local water resource. Some organizations have used the data to identify or track impacts of restoration efforts. They may also use the data as a historic catalog of specific organisms that have been collected and identified. For example, the county's program has data going back 17 years on Minnehaha Creek. In many cases, organizations use the data to fulfill the education requirement for storm water management plans.



Pioneer/Sarah Watershed Management Commission			
		Invertebrate Score	Vegetation Score
PS-1 Loretto Treatment Pond	The State of MN owns this property. It has several types of ecologically significant habitat in and surrounding it. This site has a large watershed and is downstream from the new Loretto wastewater treatment facility. The data will help us to compare to what we would expect to see discharged from the treatment ponds and what we do see.	5 Poor	13 Poor
PS-2 Selstad Wetland	This site is part of a large watershed that feeds into Lake Independence. We are monitoring what is flowing off the land into the lake. The data will be used in watershed planning to target goal project areas and in our continued monitoring of the larger lakes in the watershed.	5 Poor	11 Poor
PS-3 Dance Hall Creek Wetland	This site is at the end of Dance Hall Creek just before it flows into the lake. The Sub-watershed is being closely monitored after the assessment was completed. We will begin implementing projects and data will be used to give a baseline and later for comparison to show TMDL progress and potential sources of nutrients in the lake.	9 Poor	15 Poor

DATA KEY

These metrics were developed by staff from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and are used in all wetland assessments as part of the Wetland Health Evaluation Program.

INVERTEBRATES**# Kinds of Leeches**

The # of Leeches present in the sample; number is higher in healthier wetlands.

Kinds of Odonata

This measures the number of dragonflies and damselflies in a sample. This number is higher in healthier wetlands.

ETSD

This metric adds the number of mayfly larvae (Ephemeroptera), caddisfly larvae (Trichoptera), dragonfly presence (D), and fingernail clam presence (Sphaeriidae). This collection is sensitive to pollution.

Kinds of Snails

This measures the number of Snails TYPES in the wetland. The higher the number the better quality wetland.

Total Invertebrate Taxa

The total number of invertebrate taxa is the strongest indicators of health in a wetland. This is an overall inventory of invertebrates, the higher the number the better diversity.

VEGETATION**Vascular Genera**

This measures the richness or number of different kinds of vascular plants.

Nonvascular Genera

This measures the richness or number of different kinds of nonvascular plants such as mosses, liverworts and lichens.

Grasslike Genera

This measures the richness of a specific type of vascular plants including grasses, sedges and related genera.

Carex Cover

This measures the extent of coverage by member of the genus Carex or sedges. Abundance increases in healthier wetlands.

Utricularia Presence

Bladderwort is a group of carnivorous plants that feed on macroinvertebrates. Its presence suggests a good condition.

Aquatic Guild

This metric measures the richness of the aquatic plants which tends to decrease as human disturbance increases.

Persistent Litter

This measures the abundance of certain plants whose leaves and stems decompose very slowly. The greater abundance means more nutrients are tied up in undecomposed plants. This will increase with increased disturbance.

2017-2019 Operating Budgets

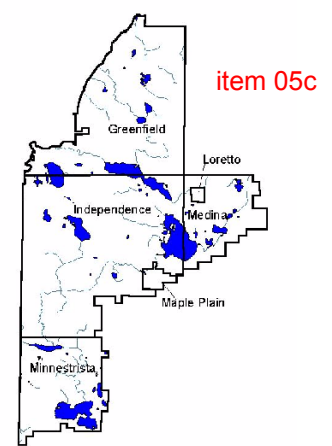
	Actual 2017	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
Revenues				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Member Dues	105,700.00	105,700.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Project Review Fees	3,150.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
CIP Income	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
WRAPP Income	10,593.01	0.00		
WCA Escrow Earned	8,566.44	0.00		
WCA Adm Fees	850.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Interest and Dividend Income	2,034.11	41.00	270.00	1,570.00
Total Revenues	<u>158,893.56</u>	<u>139,241.00</u>	<u>133,770.00</u>	<u>134,070.00</u>
Expenses				
Engineering/Consulting	15,636.85	23,000.00	23,600.00	24,190.00
Administrative Expense	32,082.35	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
Adm-Project Reviews	552.18	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00
Adm-CIP Mgmt	1,575.70	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
WCA - Admin/Legal Expenses	160.06	500.00	500.00	300.00
Adm - Tech Support	454.64	750.00	750.00	550.00
Legal Expense	106.46	500.00	500.00	500.00
Audit Expense	4,000.00	4,080.00	4,150.00	4,500.00
Insurance	2,982.00	3,370.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Website	1,103.40	2,240.00	2,240.00	1,800.00
Adm - General Programs	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
TAC Meetings	696.29	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
Lakes Monitoring - TRPD	3,700.00	3,703.00	5,180.00	8,100.00
Lakes Monitoring - CAMP	550.00	576.00	550.00	760.00
Stream Monitoring	6,120.00	10,802.00	7,600.00	7,120.00
Education	920.75	6,120.00	6,120.00	4,500.00
Education-Events	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Invertebrate Monitoring	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Grant Writing	0.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Plan Amendment	190.67	1,000.00	900.00	1,000.00
Third Gen - Admin	593.33	0.00		
Special Projects	0.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
WRAPP	2,630.95	0.00		
Capital Improvement Project	8,767.17	33,000.00	28,180.00	28,000.00
Greenfield Central Park	3,500.00	0.00		
Total Expenses	<u>86,322.80</u>	<u>139,241.00</u>	<u>133,770.00</u>	<u>134,070.00</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net Income	<u>72,570.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

2017-2019 Member Assessments

2017	2016 Market Value PSC Basin	Increase in MV over Prev Year	2017 Op Budget		Increase over Prev Year	
			%age	Amount	%age	Amount
Greenfield	394,071,759	5.00%	29.12%	38,929.51	3.85%	1,442.20
Independence	510,583,968	1.09%	37.73%	50,439.50	-0.01%	(5.77)
Loretto	54,109,610	5.41%	4.00%	5,345.37	4.26%	218.42
Maple Plain	105,529,093	7.65%	7.80%	10,424.99	6.47%	633.95
Medina	152,170,132	2.63%	11.24%	15,032.56	1.51%	223.89
Minnetrissa	136,940,498	1.84%	10.12%	13,528.06	0.72%	97.32
TOTALS	1,353,405,060	3.12%	100.00%	133,700.00	1.99%	2,610.00

2018	2017 Market Value PSC Basin	Increase in MV over Prev Year	2018 Op Budget		Increase over Prev Year	
			%age	Amount	%age	Amount
Greenfield	418,807,770	6.28%	29.25%	37,440.16	-3.83%	(1,489.34)
Independence	537,355,542	5.24%	37.53%	48,037.98	-4.76%	(2,401.52)
Loretto	55,695,940	2.93%	3.89%	4,979.05	-6.85%	(366.32)
Maple Plain	109,218,243	3.50%	7.63%	9,763.78	-6.34%	(661.21)
Medina	158,506,367	4.16%	11.07%	14,170.00	-5.74%	(862.57)
Minnetrissa	152,231,289	11.17%	10.63%	13,609.02	0.60%	80.96
TOTALS	1,431,815,151	5.79%	100.00%	128,000.00	-4.26%	(5,700.00)

2019	2018 Market Value PSC Basin	Increase in MV over Prev Year	2019 Op Budget		Increase over Prev Year	
			%age	Amount	%age	Amount
Greenfield	368,183,516	-12.09%	25.49%	32,625.08	12.86%	(4,815.08)
Independence	558,624,135	3.96%	38.67%	49,500.20	3.04%	1,462.22
Loretto	61,598,085	10.60%	4.26%	5,458.26	9.62%	479.21
Maple Plain	118,116,948	8.15%	8.18%	10,466.45	7.20%	702.67
Medina	167,463,487	5.65%	11.59%	14,839.09	4.72%	669.10
Minnetrissa	170,530,950	12.02%	11.81%	15,110.91	11.04%	1,501.88
TOTALS	1,444,517,121	0.89%	100.00%	128,000.00	0.00%	0.00



DATE: APRIL 5, 2019
TO PIONEER-SARAH CREEK WATERSHED COMMISSION
FROM: JIM KUJAWA
RE: CITY OF MAPLE PLAIN DRAFT 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

Background

Commission staff reviews member Community Storm Water Management Plans for conformance with the Commission's third Generation Stormwater Management Plan. The review focuses on the requirements of the communities as outlined in MS 103B.231 and .235. Updates to the local stormwater management plans are expected to include:

- Updated land use, hydrologic, and hydraulic data, and existing or potential water resource related problems that may have changed since the last LWMP.
- An explanation of how the member city will help to implement the actions set forth in the Commission's Plan, including specifically addressing adoption and enforcement of a manure management ordinance.
- Show how the member city will take action to achieve the load reductions and other actions identified in and agreed to in TMDL Implementation Plans.
- Updated Implementation Plan identifying the specific structural, nonstructural, and programmatic solutions to the problems and issues identified in the LWMP.
- Set forth an implementation program including a description of adoption or amendment of official controls and local policies necessary to implement the Rules and Standards; programs; policies; a capital improvement plan; and estimates of cost and funding mechanisms.

Information

Staff received the Maple Plain's 2040 Comprehensive Plan on December 31, 2018.

Based on staff's review of the Maple Plain 2040 Comprehensive Plans Stormwater Management sections, we find the plan to be well thought out and comprehensive. The goals and policies in section 7 of the plan state that in areas under PSCWMD jurisdiction the City adopts by reference all PSCWMD rules and regulations. The plan adopts the Commissions goals for stormwater rate controls, floodplain management, volume controls, nutrient controls, erosion controls, sediment controls, wetland management and stream management. In addition, the plan addresses the requirements listed above.

We offer the following minor comments and recommendations to help improve this plan and its implementation.

- 1) Section 8.2, Implementation Projects table. We recommend activities 2, 3, 4 and 6 be provide to the PSWMC for inclusion in its CIP list of projects.
- 2) Section 8.3 Funding. The PSCWMC has a separate CIP budget item available to its member communities. This would be a potential funding option in this section.

Action

Based on staffs review, we feel the plan meets the intent and requirements of the PSCWMC and MN Statutes and recommend the Commission approve the Maple Plain 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

JCK

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission
FROM: James Kujawa and Kirsten Barta, Hennepin County Dept. of Environment and Energy
DATE: April 11, 2019
SUBJECT: Staff Report

1. 2016-05 Proto Labs Parking Lot Expansion, Maple Plain. The Commission approved this project contingent upon three conditions. One condition remains open - receipt of an Operation and Maintenance agreement on the biofiltration basin per Staff findings dated September 6, 2016. The agreement has been signed but remains to be recorded on the property title.

2. 2017-03 Equestrian Facility (Bel Farms) Independence. This is a 16.5 acre rural residential parcel located approximately 500 feet north of the intersection of CR6 and Nelson Road. The owner is proposing to construct a new garage/apartment, horse stall barn, indoor arena, outdoor arena, six grass and four sand paddocks for horses. Because this project disturbs greater than 1.0 acre and creates 3.1 acres of additional impervious area, it triggers the Commission's review for Rules D and E. Staff provided grading and erosion control approval contingent upon (1) the applicant assuming the risk and responsibility for any changes to the site plans necessary for final Commission approval and (2) the City of Independence approving a grading permit. In September 2017 the Commission approved the Stormwater Management Plan contingent upon receipt of an approved long-term pond/basin O&M plan between the landowner and City, to be recorded on the land title. No new information has been received.

3. 2017-05 Ostberg Equestrian Facility, Independence. This is a 40-acre agriculture parcel located just southwest of the intersections of CSAH 6 and Game Farm Road. The owner is proposing to construct a new home, two garages, a horse stall barn, indoor arena, outdoor ring, eight horse paddocks and an access drive off of CSAH 6. The project will disturb 7 acres during construction and create 1.69 acres of new impervious areas. Because this project disturbs more than 1.0 acre and creates 1.7 acres of additional impervious area, it triggers the Commission's review for Rules D and E. There are also two wetlands that have been delineated on this site, so the Commission wetland buffer requirements (Rule I) are triggered. The project was approved by the Commission at their November 2017 meeting contingent upon receipt of an approved long-term pond/basin O&M plan between the landowner and the City, to be recorded on the land title. This information has not yet been received.

4. 2018-02W Warren DaLuge Wetland Violation, Greenfield. Staff met with DaLuge and came to an agreement for him to voluntarily remove any fill placed in the wetland on his farmstead by December 1, 2017. As of February 8 the work had not started. Staff requested a restoration order be issued for compliance by June 15, 2018. The order was sent by certified mail. *Staff stopped at the site in March and found the dirt material has been removed from the wetland. He is in compliance with the Wetland Conservation Act. This item will be removed from the report.*

5. 2018-010 Chippewa Estates, Loretto. This is a 1.54-acre parcel located in the far northeast corner of Loretto on Chippewa Road. The project is proposing to subdivide the lot into four single family residential lots and triggers the Commission's review for Rules D and E. The applicant has requested administrative approval from Staff to begin grading the site. Staff provided this approval contingent upon the City of Loretto issuing a grading permit and that the applicant understands they assume all risks associated with changes that may be necessary for final Commission approvals. At their August 16, 2018 meeting, the Commission approved Staff findings with three conditions regarding the operations and maintenance plan, sequencing, and retrofitting of the pond.

It is Staff's understanding that the City chose not to expand their existing regional pond to accommodate this site's stormwater, so the back and side yard filter system will be installed per the site plans. Hence, the only remaining item necessary for final approval is the Operation and Maintenance agreement on the stormwater system. If the City chooses not to maintain the filter system, the applicant must provide an O&M maintenance plan that is acceptable to the City and the Commission and must be recorded on the title to the property.

RULE D - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

RULE E - EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

RULE F - FLOODPLAIN ALTERATION

Language in red indicates current updates

* indicates enclosure

RULE G - WETLAND ALTERATION

RULE H - BRIDGE AND CULVERT CROSSINGS

RULE I - BUFFERS

6. 2018-017 Crow River Overlook, Greenfield. This is a 42-acre agriculture parcel located on CR 10 just north of 84th Avenue. Approximately 38 acres is east of CR 10, and 4 acres is located west of CR 10 along the Crow River. The applicant proposes to subdivide the property into an 8 large lot residential development. Lot sizes will range from 2.85 acres up to 10.1 acres. One cul-de-sac street will be constructed for access to the lots, with one street platted for future access to the property east of this project. One additional outlot will remain on the west side of CR 10. This project will be reviewed for Rules D, E, F and I. A complete application was received on October 15. Staff findings of January 16, 2019 were approved by the Commission at their January 17, 2019 meeting. Approval was contingent upon (1) an Operation and Maintenance agreement with city or HOA, (2) planting and seeding plans for the biofiltration basins and buffer areas that fall into the cropland areas that require seeding and (3) typical emergency overflow details noted on the plans. No new information has been received.

7. 2019-01 Ox Yoke Circle Reconstruction, Minnetrista. This project is a basic mill and overlay project with minor grading involving a slight adjustment to the road profile. It triggers the Commission's review for Rule E, Grading and Erosion Controls. Although it is shown in the FEMA floodplain on the FEMA overlay, the MN DNR has approved a flood elevation of 926.0 vs the FEMA elevation of 930.0. Per the MN DNR accepted revision for the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) at 926.0, the roadway will be out of the floodplain of Pioneer Creek and will not fall under the Commission's review threshold for that rule. Per the Commission's guidelines, Staff has the authority to review and decide on grading and erosion control reviews. If available, an updated review will be provided as an information item in the Commission's packet.

LOCAL WATER PLANS

Per the amended MN Rule 8410.0105, subp. 9, and 8410.0160, subp. 6, Local Water Plans must be prepared by metropolitan cities and towns and must become part of their local comprehensive plans. They must be revised essentially once every ten years in alignment with the local comprehensive plan schedule. A municipality has two years prior to its local comprehensive plan being due to adopt its local water plan. The next local comprehensive plans are due December 31, 2018; thus all cities and towns in the seven-county metropolitan area must complete and adopt their local plans between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

Local plans from the cities of **Loretto** and **Medina** were approved in 2017; **Minnetrista's** on October 18, 2018; and **Greenfield's** at the February 14, 2019 meeting.

Independence's Local SWMP was reviewed at the February 2019 meeting. The comments approved by the Commission were submitted to the City in March.

The **Maple Plain** local water plans were submitted on December 31, 2018. *Staff recommends approval of the Maple Plain SWMP (see memo in this month's packet)*

RURAL CONSERVATIONIST UPDATES

The Buffer Law requirements going forward require staff to check each parcel in the county at least once every three years and spot check up to 15% of parcels. Hennepin has opted to section the county into thirds and check 1/3 each year, beginning in 2019. Those residents chosen to have a spot check done will be notified by letter. For 2019, review and inspections will take place in the western-most 1/3 of the County as indicated on the map. This will cover Independence, Greenfield, Loretto, Maple Plain, parts of Minnetrista, Medina, Corcoran, Rogers, and part of Orono.

Hennepin Transportation staff are presently evaluating culverts on County Roads 6, 26, 90, and 92 to make repairs and correct erosion issues. This will benefit Pioneer Creek directly as well as several streams/wetlands flowing into Lakes Independence, Sarah, Minnetonka, Whaletail, and Robina.

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RULE D – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
 RULE E – EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL
 RULE F – FLOODPLAIN ALTERATION
Language in red indicates current updates

* indicates enclosure

RULE G – WETLAND ALTERATION
 RULE H – BRIDGE AND CULVERT CROSSINGS
 RULE I – BUFFERS