

# Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Water Management Plan

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## 8.0 Implementation Priorities

### 8.1 Background and Historic Projects

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (NMCWD) prefers to undertake Basic Water Management Projects on a cooperative basis in response to petitions from its constituent cities, but reserves the right to initiate projects itself. Many of the projects completed previously, for either flood control or water quality management purposes, were cooperative Basic Water Management Projects (see Figure 1-2, page 1-13), including:

- Marsh Lake, 1970
- Bredesen Park, 1973-78
- Normandale Lake, 1978
- Lower Valley Restoration, 1990-91
- Hopkins Culvert, 1993
- Lake Smetana, 1998-99 and 2001-02
- Bush Lake Outlet, 1999-2000
- Minnetonka Lakes Improvements, 2003-06
- Bloomington Culvert 2006-ongoing

### 8.2 Pending Projects

With the impending completion of the Minnetonka Lakes Improvements Project in 2006, the District is now shifting its focus onto implementation of the recommended best management practices (BMPs) from the 15 lake/watershed Use Attainability Analyses (UAAs) completed during the past 10 years. These recommendations are summarized, generally, in Table 8-1 by lake. Details of the recommended projects, including preliminary cost estimates are presented in Tables 8-2a and 8-2b.

#### Prioritization of Projects

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District has developed a prioritization tier system for considering projects that are initiated by the District or through petition.

First Priority	Projects based on the Nine Mile Creek Use Attainability Analysis, Completed and Future Use Attainability Analyses, and TMDL-related Projects/Studies.
Second Priority	Enhancement/Improvements to Previously Completed UAA or Other Projects Completed by the District.
Third Priority	Other projects related to water resources management.

The Implementation Program will be reviewed and updated at least biannually.

The District will continue to implement its projects typically through a petitioning process to assure strong coordination and partnership with the affected municipalities. However, the District reserves the right to implement projects on its own without a petition. The District reserves the right to initiate projects with a compelling need even without a petition. Other flood control or water quality management projects not currently foreseen by this Plan may also be undertaken following the Plan Amendment process described in Section 10.0.

### **8.3 Future Capital Improvement Projects**

In addition to pending water quality improvement projects recommended by UAA reports, the District intends to be actively involved in Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies and other programs that may lead to future capital improvement projects. Tables 8-2a and 8-3 detail actions the District intends to take over the next 10 years to implement this Water Management Plan. Table 8-4 is a yearly summary of anticipated activities over the next 10 years.

### **Table 8-3 Explanatory Information**

The Section, Objection/Action column in Table 8-3 refers to the section, objective and action item in Chapter 4 of this plan.

The initials in the Potential Partners and Funding Sources column in Table 8-3 are:

**NM** – Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

**L** - Local or regional government

**S** - State assistance/cost-share/grant

**F** - Federal assistance/cost-share/grant

**NG** – Non-governmental organization