Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2026 | 6:30-7:30 PM
Hybrid (*note new link)
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1. **Call to Order (Heather)**
    a. CAC Members Present: John A, Suzanne, Emily, Charlotte *, Roger *, James *, Tim *, Heather * (*= virtual)
    b. CAC Members Absent: Jon S, Mandy
    c. Staff Present: Gael, Erica *
    d. Board Managers Present: Larry
    e. Public Present: none
2. **Welcome to new CAC member Suzanne! (Gael)**
3. **Public Open Forum (Charlotte)**
    a. Charlotte reported that the proposed Quik Trip in Edina had been moved to Minnetonka, and was no longer a question for this watershed.
4. **Board Updates (Heather)**
5. **10 Year Water Management Plan Update (Charlotte)**
    a. Erica presented on progress made on developing the watershed management plan and described what feedback opportunities are coming up in the future.
    b. Gael led a feedback session on the first draft objectives and goals.
6. **Discussion on student members (Heather)**
    a. Roger commented that he thought it would be a good idea based on examples of other community advisory boards—**moved to August meeting for discussion**.
7. **Program/NMCWD Updates (Charlotte)**
    a. Volunteer Trash Cleanup - Valley Park Recap
        i. the results were called, "Amazing"; volunteers noted that there was not as much trash as in previous years.
    b. Creative Waters Engagement:
        i. Edina Farmers Market - June 11
        ii. Richfield Farmers Market - July 11
        iii. Unity in the Community - August 13
        iv. Gael asked for volunteers to help with the above events.
    c. Summer Project Tour - Please RSVP to Gael if you haven't yet:
        i. Monday, August 10 from 5:30-8:30.
8. **Adjourn (Heather)**

2026 meeting dates:
February 11
April 8
June 10
August 12
October 14
December 9

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
Water Management Plan Update

Goals & Objectives
DRAFT

Water Quality

Strategic Goal: Protect and improve the quality of lakes, streams, and groundwater.

Objective	Sub Issue	*Feedback*
Protect water quality of district-managed lakes that are meeting state standards for eutrophication and chlorides, as demonstrated by the absence of degrading trends *(reference table of resource-specific concentrations: to be developed)*.	Lake Water Quality	Needs Feedback loop added to measure results for improved or no further degradation.
Improve water quality of district-managed lakes that are not meeting state standards for eutrophication and chlorides, as demonstrated by improving trends *(reference table of resource-specific concentrations: to be developed)*.	Impaired Lakes	There was some confusion about what impairment actually was, and if it was an official level, or just a range. More CAC education on current impairments is needed!
Maintain water quality in segments of Nine Mile Creek meeting state standards for total phosphorus, total suspended solids, dissolved oxygen, bacteria, and chloride, demonstrated by the absence of degrading trends *(reference table of resource-specific concentrations: to be developed)*.	Stream Water Quality	Accomplished through education & outreach Need actual numbers from monitoring Need actual projects
Improve water quality in segments of Nine Mile Creek not meeting state standards for total phosphorus, total suspended solids, bacteria, and chloride, demonstrated by the presence of improving trends *(reference table of resource-specific concentrations: to be developed)*.	Impaired Streams	
Limit phosphorus and sediment loading to district water resources through proactive regulation, education and engagement, partner coordination, and projects.	Pollutant Loading	Are there more regulatory actions for this, especially regarding lawns? Rather than just e/o and grants.
Reduce chloride loading to district water resources through regulation, education and engagement, partner coordination, and projects.	Chlorides	
Understand and limit the potential for negative impacts to groundwater quality from development, redevelopment, and land use alterations.	Groundwater Quality	

Water Quantity

Strategic Goals: Manage stormwater volume and flow to reduce flooding; Support the protection of groundwater supply.

Objective	Sub Issue	*Feedback*
Guide management of critical flood infrastructure along the Nine Mile Creek system to reduce flood risk through coordinated strategies.	Flood Risk	Tie runoff to climate change
Reduce the risk of flooding to critical infrastructure and public safety.	Flood Risk	
Reduce the risk of flooding to habitable structures adjacent to district managed resources, *targeting X structures over 10 years.*	Flood Risk	
Assist partners in reducing the risk of flooding to critical infrastructure, public safety, and habitable structures within the watershed.	Flood Risk	
Reduce or mitigate increases in stormwater runoff rates and volumes through regulation, education and engagement, partner coordination, and projects.	Stormwater Management	
Promote safe stormwater infiltration and reuse practices, *including the implementation of X district-led infiltration or reuse projects over 10 years.*	Stormwater Management/ Groundwater Supply	How will we decide where these practices go in—randomly, or by opportunity as they come up, or strategically picking locations where we want these practices to go in.
Promote the sustainability of groundwater supplies through appropriate regulation, education and engagement, and partner coordination.	Groundwater Supply	
Increase the resilience of natural and built systems to extreme precipitation, drought and changing climate through education and engagement, partner coordination, and district-led programs/projects.	Climate Resilience	

Ecosystem Health

Strategic Goal: Protect, restore, and enhance the health of aquatic and terrestrial systems.

Objective	Sub Issue	*Feedback*
Protect, restore, and enhance the quantity and quality of wetlands.	Wetlands	Add education component
Preserve or improve the ecological health of district managed-lakes and segments of Nine Mile Creek meeting state standards for indices of biological integrity (IBI) (*see Table X: to be developed*).	Lake Health	
Improve the ecological health of district managed-lakes and segments of Nine Mile Creek not meeting state standards for indices of biological integrity (IBI) (*see Table X: to be developed*).	Stream Health	
Improve the natural stability Nine Mile Creek and limit excessive erosion.	Stream Erosion	
Rreduce the extent and impact of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species.	Invasive Species	
Promote enhancement of natural areas and native habitat by *restoring XXX acres* through coordinated land use planning, cost share grants, and other district or partner-led programs.	Uplands	
Increase connected natural areas by improving habitat connectivity in priority corridors *(see Figure X- to be developed)*.	Habitat Connectivity	Good objective, definitely keep this one
Understand the vulnerability of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems to climate change, development and other stressors.	Climate Resilience	
Increase the resilience of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems to climate change, development and other stressors through education and engagement, partner coordination, and district-led programs/projects.	Climate Resilience	

Program Areas

Strategic Goal: Use the tools and authorities available to the district to effectively fulfill its statutory purposes and achieve its watershed management goals.

Objectives	Tool	*Feedback*
Extend the district's influence and capacity to address water quality, quantity, and ecosystem health objectives through proactive planning and strategic partnerships.	Planning	Not duplicate efforts
Advance district goals through participation in partner-led planning and implementation efforts that support aligned priorities and actions.	Planning	
Minimize the negative of development and land use changes on watershed resources.	Regulation	
Increase the effectiveness of the district's regulatory framework in addressing climate resilience impacts, rapidly evolving issues, and related uncertainties.	Regulation	How to measure this?
Increase the efficiency of coordinating the district's regulatory process with that of local land use authorities.	Regulation	
Increase awareness of and community participation in district watershed management actions and programs.	Communications and Outreach	
Develop and strengthen relationships throughout the district, including in under-represented and underserved communities.	Communications and Outreach	
Encourage stormwater management, sustainable groundwater use, and healthy uplands and native plant communities.	Cost Share	
Maintain and/or improve native fish populations in district-managed water resources.	Fisheries	

Promote effective water resources management through a capital improvement program that prioritizes science-based decision-making, benefit-cost considerations, and adaptive management principles.	Capital Projects	
Maintain the function and quality of district projects.	Operations and Maintenance	
Demonstrate the impacts of district actions on water resource health.	Monitoring	
Characterize the health of district waters relative to the holistic lake health framework.	Monitoring	What does this holistic lake health framework entail? Maybe show or link to the graphic? Add an education component.
Detect trends or changes in waterbody health.	Monitoring	