

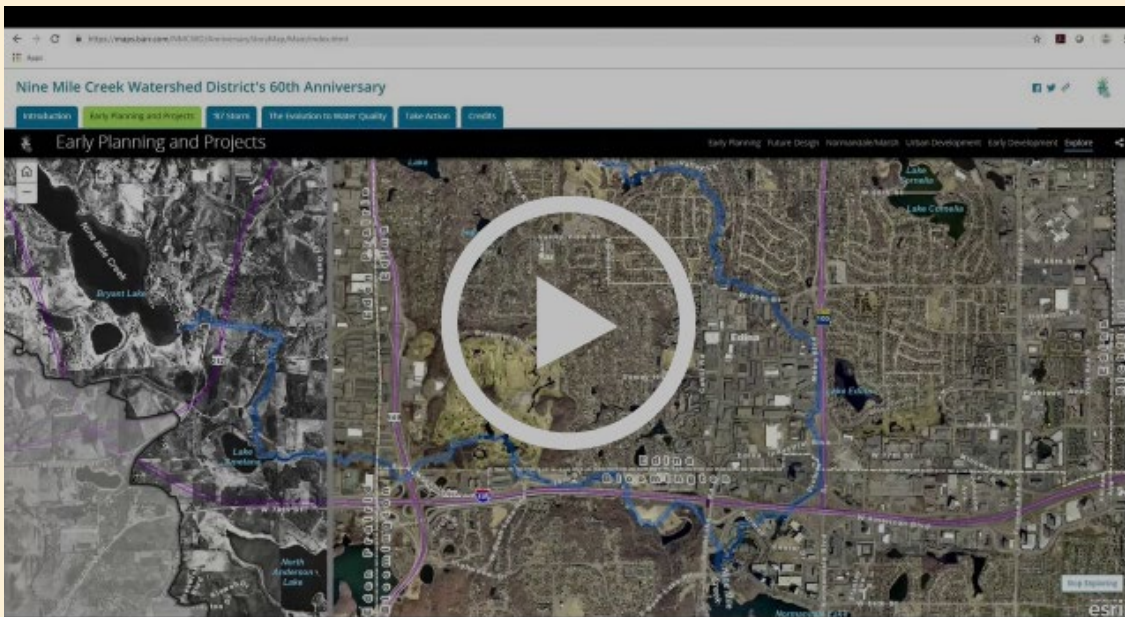
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## Summer News

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### Announcing the Nine Mile Creek Story Map



To showcase the District's history and accomplishments, we have launched an interactive story map. Story maps combine maps with text, images, and multimedia content on the web.

Our 60th anniversary story map has many exciting features, including interviews with current and former District managers and maps that let you explore how the watershed has changed over the last 60 years. Check out the teaser video, then explore the map!

Explore the map!

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## District Updates

### Lake Cornelia and Lake Edina Water Quality Improvement Project



Lake Cornelia and Lake Edina are shallow lakes with poor water quality. Both of the lakes are on the state's impaired waters list for excess nutrients. The District conducted a study of the lakes in 2018-2019 to help address the poor water quality. In 2019-2020, the District will look to implement projects to improve the health of the lakes, including potentially conducting an alum treatment this fall on Lake Cornelia.

Read the [Lake Cornelia and Lake Edina Water Quality Study Summary](#) or the [full study](#).

#### **Public Hearing**

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers will hold a public hearing on August 21, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Office (12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, MN) to receive comments on the Lake Cornelia Alum Treatment Project and consider ordering the project. The estimated cost of the project, which includes two treatments five years apart is \$232,000. The project will be funded through a watershed-wide levy.

Read the [Lake Cornelia Alum Feasibility Study](#) or find out more information on the [project webpage](#).

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## Cost Share Grant Information Session





Are you thinking about installing a raingarden or shoreline buffer? The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District has cost share grants that could help! Grant funds are available to residents, associations, nonprofits, schools, businesses, and cities for projects located within the boundaries of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

Many types of projects are eligible for grant money. A few examples include: raingardens, shoreline restoration, permeable pavers, native restoration, and more! Applications are due March 20, 2020 for projects to start in spring 2020.

Attend one of these information sessions to get your questions answered, and find out how to apply:

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5:30 PM** or

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM**

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (12800 Gerard Dr, Eden Prairie)

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## Become a Master Water Steward



Do you want to protect clean water in a lake or stream you care about? Is there something you want to know about water? Want to get off the sidelines and make real change? Become a Master Water Steward! This program provides training on how to protect local lakes and creeks from pollution. Following the training, Stewards put their knowledge into action in their own communities.

The one-time cost to enroll in the Master Water Stewards Program is \$200 per person, which covers course fees and field trips. Scholarships may be available. To qualify, applicants must live in a participating watershed district and attend an [information session](#). Attend a local info session on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm at [Cream and Amber](#) in Hopkins.

**For more details and to apply, visit [www.masterwaterstewards.org](http://www.masterwaterstewards.org). Applications due September 20, 2019.**

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## Upcoming Events

We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

### [Cost Share Grant Info Session](#)

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019: 5:30-6:30 PM**

Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point ([12800 Gerard Dr, Eden Prairie](#))

### [Master Water Stewards Info Session](#)

**Tuesday, August 20, 2019: 6-7 PM**

Cream and Amber ([1605 Mainstreet, Hopkins](#))

### [Smart Salting Parking Lots and Sidewalks](#)

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019: 9 AM-2 PM**

Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point ([12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie](#))

This training offers information about best practices for managing snow and ice on parking lots and sidewalks. These practices will help you save money, time, and the environment. Training is free and includes lunch.

Contractors, staff and volunteers who maintain parking lots and sidewalks are encouraged to attend.

An optional test is offered at the workshop to earn Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Level 1 Certification in Snow & Ice Control Best Practices.

RSVP at: [ninemilecreek.org/winter-parking-lot-and-sidewalk-workshop/](http://ninemilecreek.org/winter-parking-lot-and-sidewalk-workshop/)



### [State of the Waters](#)

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019: 5-7 PM**

Hyland Hills Ski Chalet ([8800 Chalet Rd., Bloomington](#))



Celebrate 60 years of water protection with the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District! Formed in September 1959, we were the second watershed district formed in the Twin Cities metro area. Join us to learn what we've accomplished in the past 60 years and what we have planned for the future. Heavy appetizers provided.

RSVP here: [ninemilecreek.org/state-of-waters/](http://ninemilecreek.org/state-of-waters/)

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## Partner news





Few people realize that the land of 10,000 lakes may soon face a water shortage. While surface water is abundant in our region, the majority of the metro relies on groundwater. This out-of-sight natural resource is far from limitless. Groundwater isn't replenished as quickly as surface water, and our supply is already dwindling. Becoming conscious of water waste is the first step to making a change. The EPA estimates that as much as 50% of the water used outdoors is wasted. A combination of evaporation, wind, and inefficient irrigation methods adds up to a massive loss of a precious resource. Find out how smart irrigation controllers could help this problem, at [Clean Water MN](#).

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## Snapshot



On our summer tour of the watershed, past and present managers stopped for a photo at Lake Cornelia. Get your limited edition 9 Mile Creek 60th Anniversary sticker! It looks great on water bottles and phone cases. Visit a District program this summer or our office to pick one up.



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The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the District office.



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