# Ramsey Conservation District

Using Natural Resources to Enhance Resiliency

overview of

## MINESOTA

#### Minnesota

Overview of the land of 10,000+ lakes

82%

OF LAND IS PRIVATELY **OWNED** 

5 MILLION

**POPULATION** 





**STATE SPORT:** 

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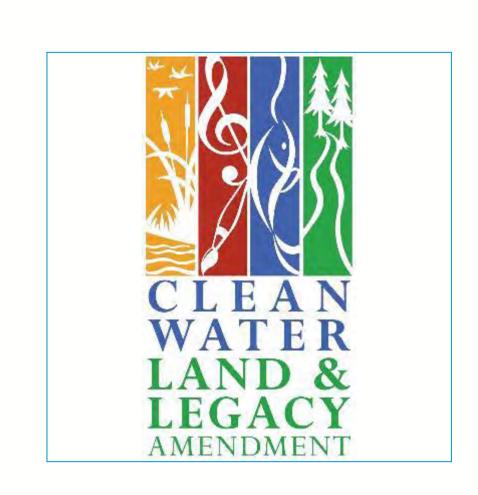
#### Minnesota

Overview of the land of 10,000+ lakes









Ramsey County includes Capitol City of St. Paul

"Land of 10,000 Lakes" 8.4% of total area

Established 1967

2008 Legacy Amendment

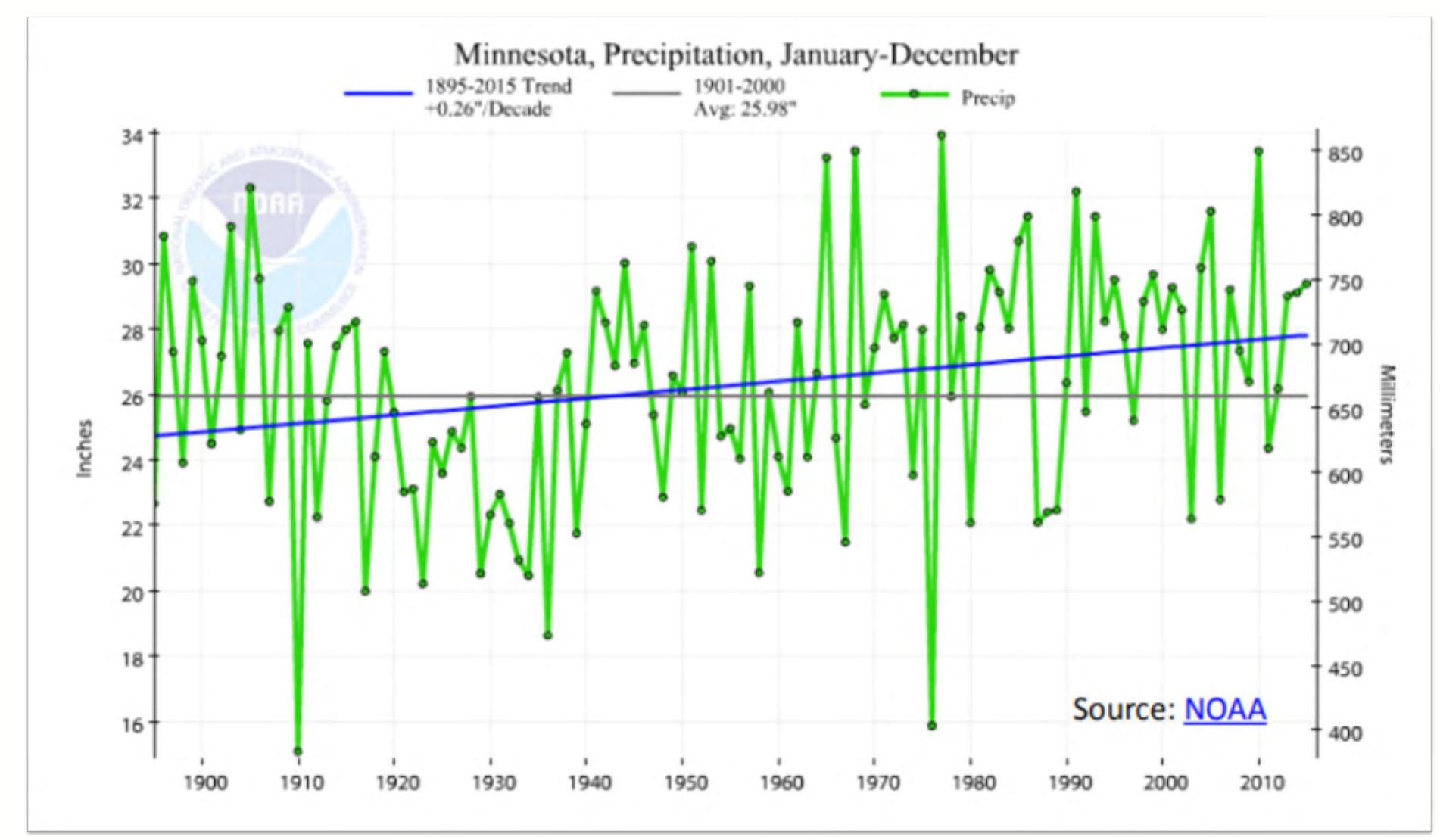
#### Minnesota Buffer Law Effective 11/1/2017





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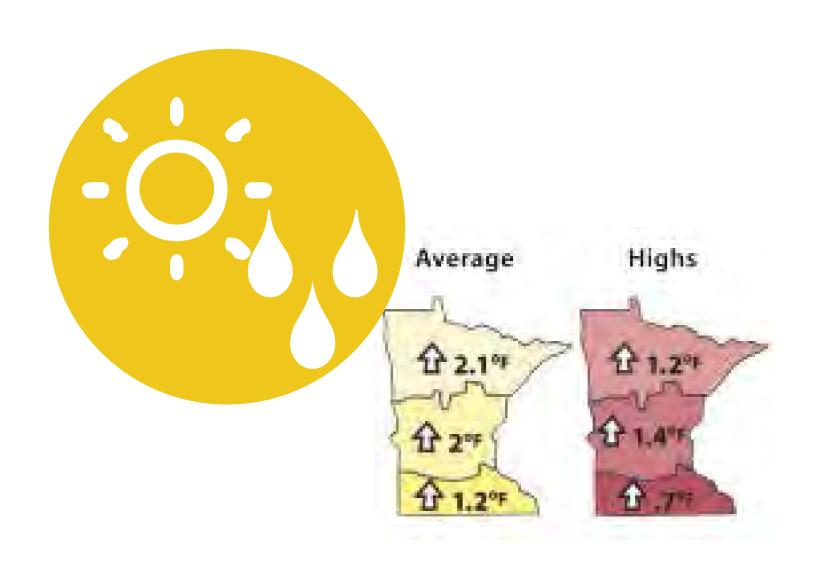
### Climate Change in Minnesota: Increase in Precipitation and Intensity

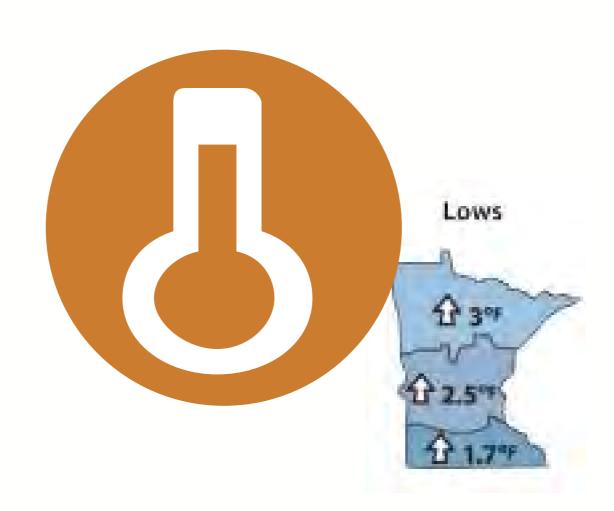


Source: Prof. Raymond Bradley, Dr. Ambarish Karmalkar, and Kathryn at the Woods Climate System Research Center (CSRC) University of Massachusetts Amherst

#### Minnesota's Most Pronounced Trends

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## Minnesota is warmer & wetter

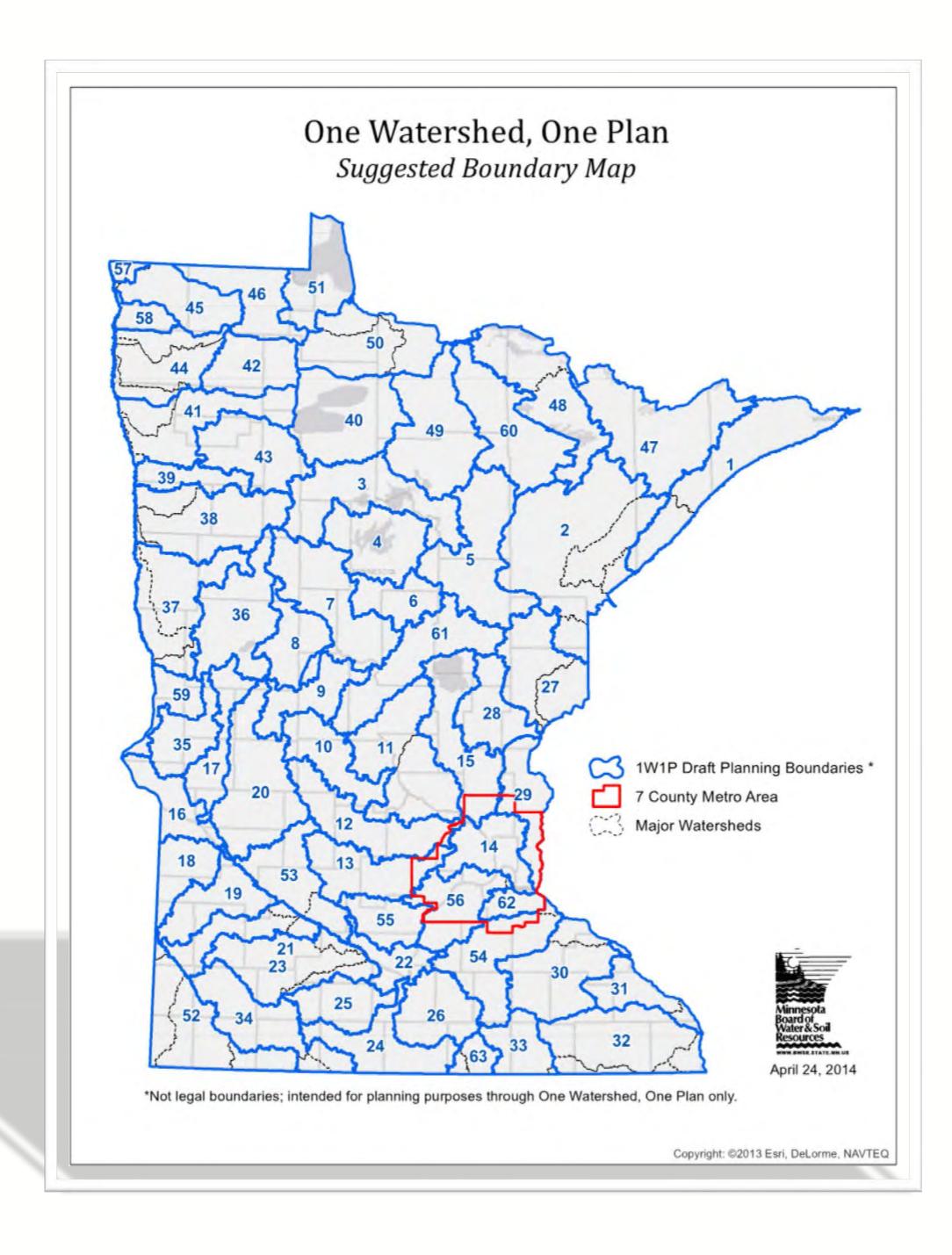
Major shift observed

## Average lows are increasing

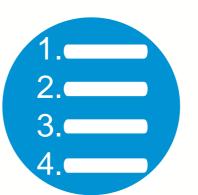
Rapid loss in cold extremes

## Extreme rainfall increasing

More and larger "big" events



#### One Watershed, One Plan



Prioritized



Targeted



Measurable

overview of

## Ramsey Conservation District





#### Our Mission

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**Conserve and Enhance Natural Resources** 

in Ramsey County by providing

**Technical Support** 

**Financial Support** 

#### and Educational Support

to residents, property owners, and state, local, and federal governmental agencies and environmental organizations

Objective: Adapt to Climate Variabilities and Minimize Flooding





#### **Strategy 1:**

#### Staff Training & Community Education



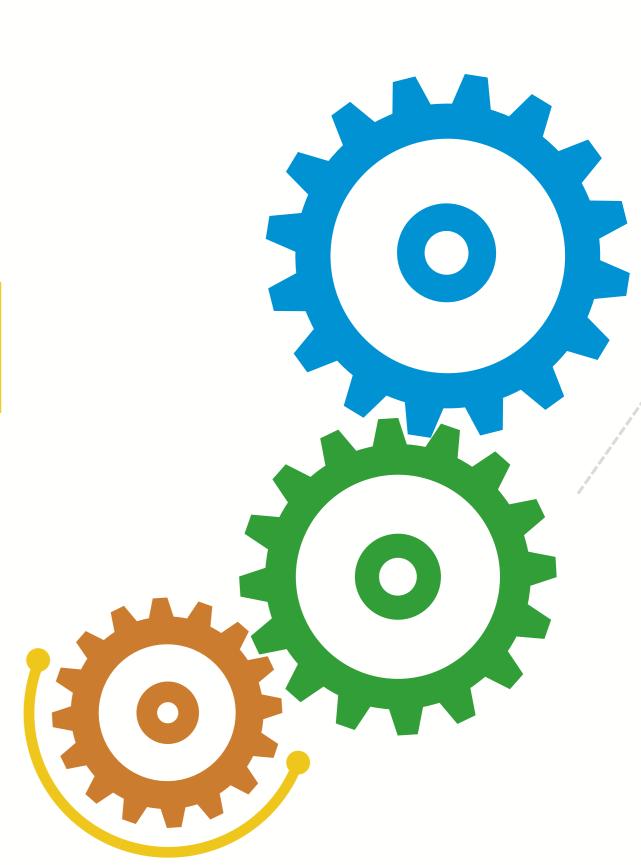
#### TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

Hold a technical workshop for staff to update BMP design models to incorporate more intense precipitation events, in line with projected regional models, and to use the most updated floodplain delineations



#### HOST PUBLIC FORUM

Host a public conservation forum on climate variability and adaptation with actions people can take to minimize their footprint and increase adaptive capacity in their communities.





Community Resilience in a Changing Environment

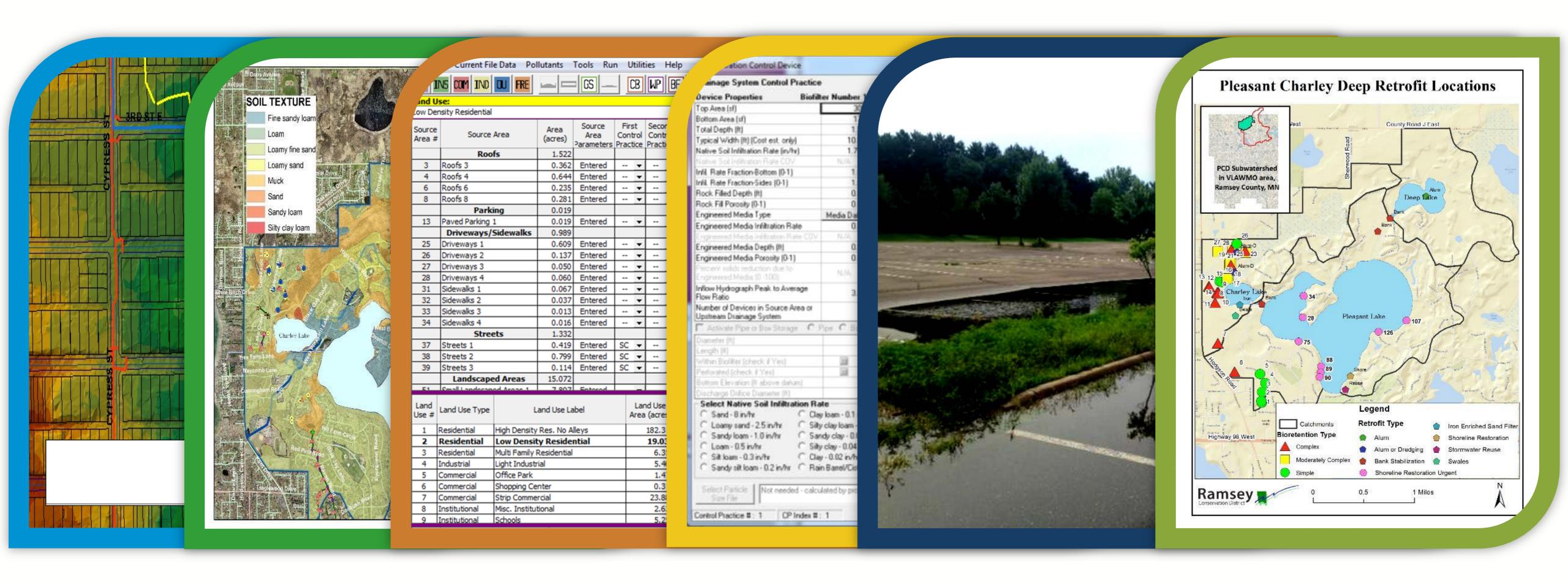
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# SUBWATERSHED ASSESSMENTS

#### **Subwatershed Assessments**



Delineate area into hydrologic catchments

GIS analysis of soil texture & land use WinSLAMM pollution & runoff modeling

Stormwater BMP designs & modeling

Site visit to verify BMP placement

Final map & ranked list of costeffective projects

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## Subwatershed Assessment Customized to Local Needs

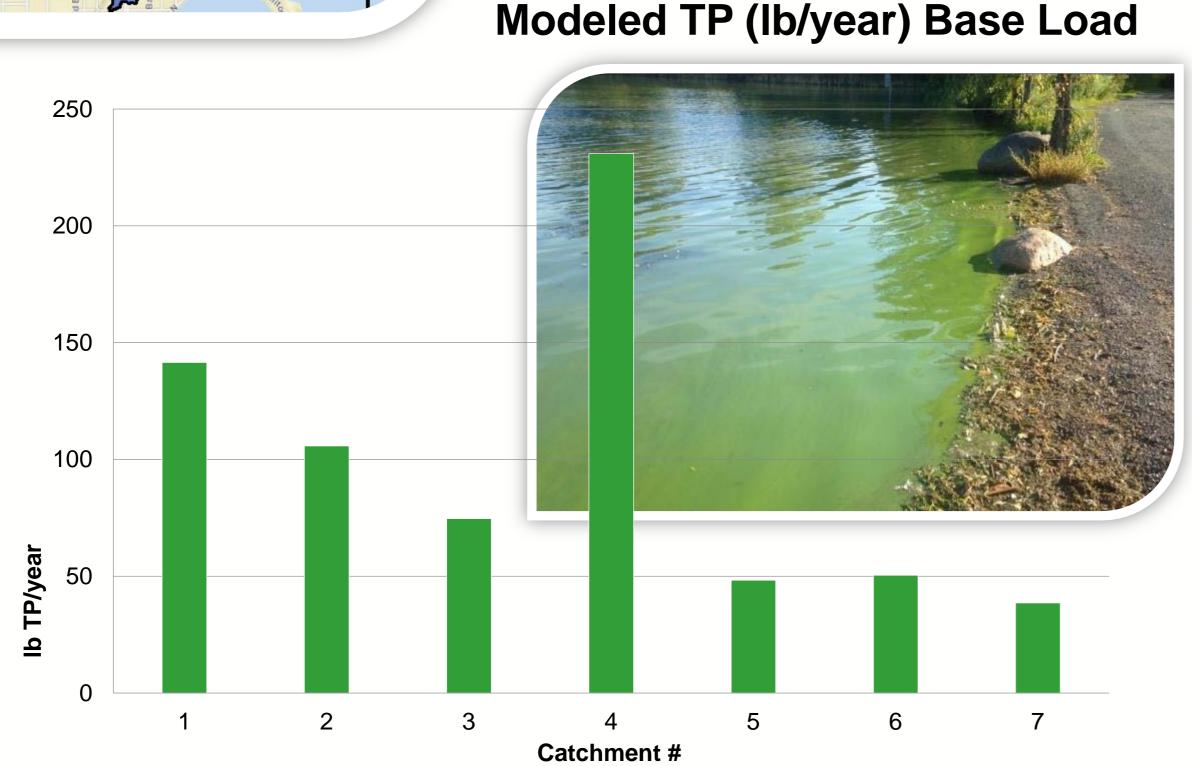
IMPAIRED WATERS

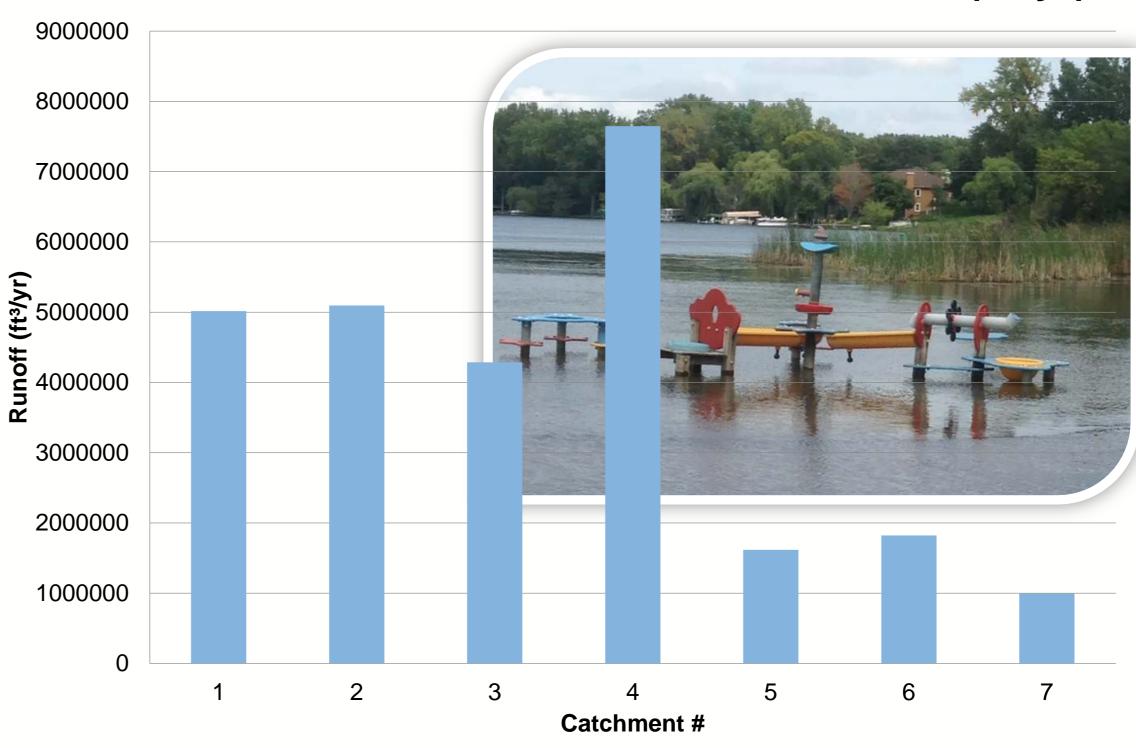
Goal: Phosphorus reduction

FLOOD-PRONE AREAS

Goal: Runoff reduction

Modeled Runoff (ft³/yr)





#### **Strategy 2:**

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#### Assist LGUs to Prevent Flooding







#### COLLABORATE

Collaborate with LGUs to conduct Stormwater Interception Potential studies in catchments and 'sewersheds' of known areas of flooding to locate strategic areas to place BMPs to reduce stormwater volume and pollution levels PROMOTE FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION

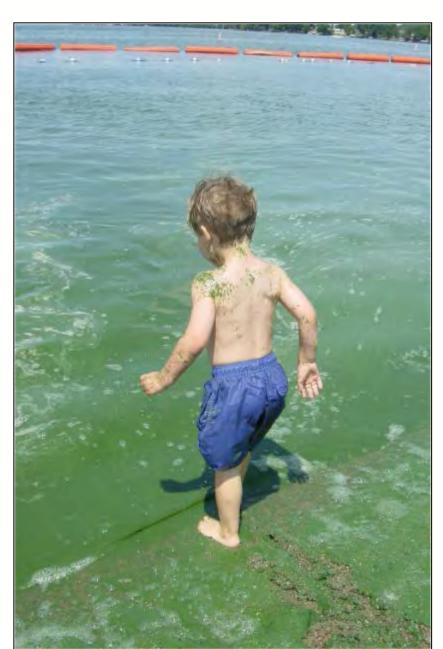
Promote floodplain protection policies and conduct stormwater interception studies among local units of government

ALLEVIATE STRESS ON FLOOD-PRONE WATERS

Alleviate stress on flood-prone water bodies by designing and implementing BMPs that infiltrate and filter runoff locally, lessening loading to stormwater conveyance system and improving water quality

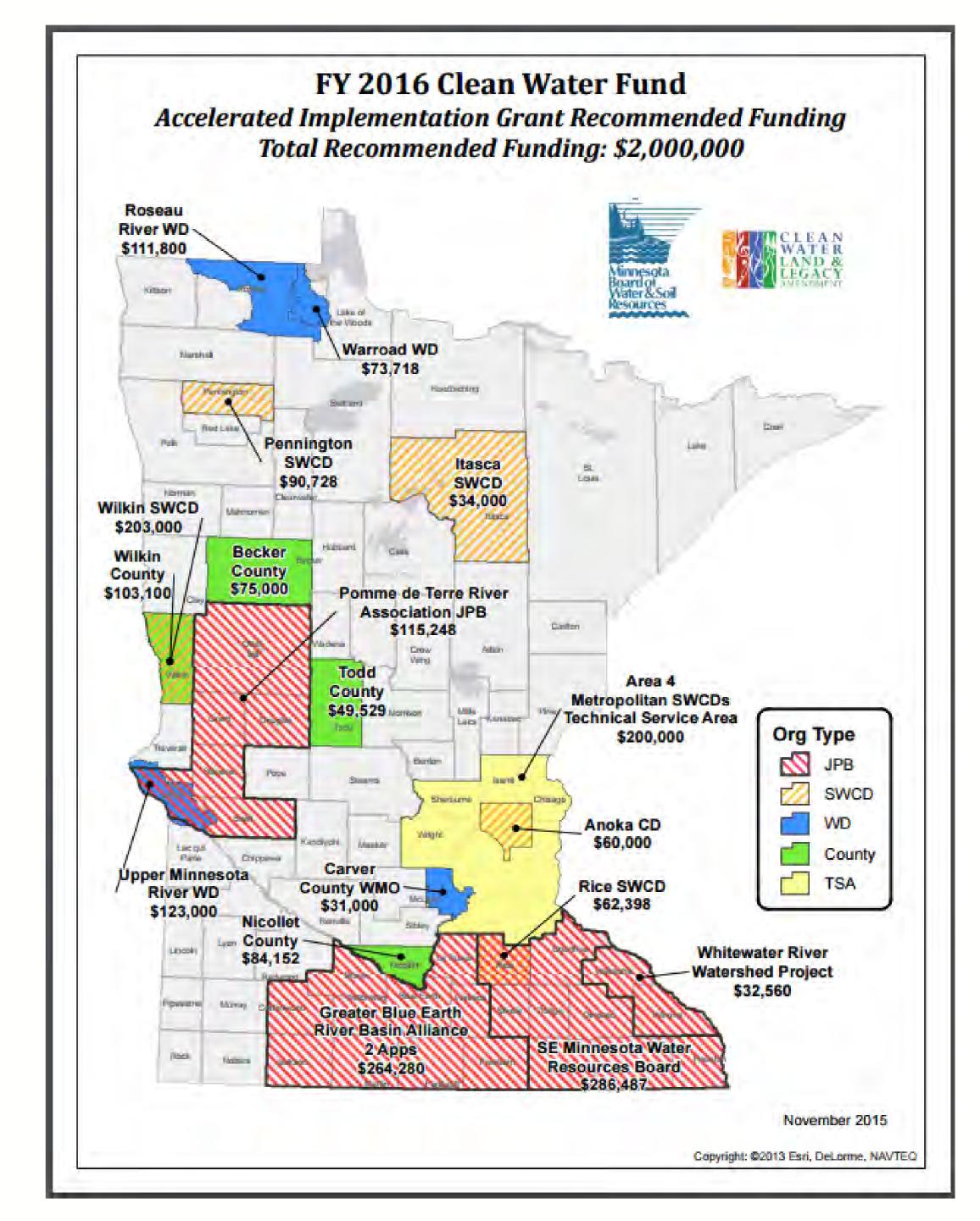
#### Clean Water Fund

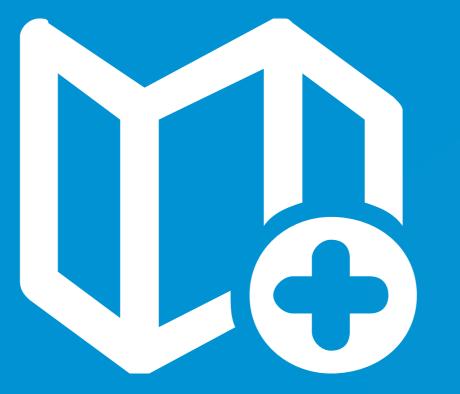
Starting in 2009, <1% state sales tax went to the Clean Water Fund to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, surface water, and groundwater. The CWF supports:



Algal bloom in Lake Byllesby Dakota County

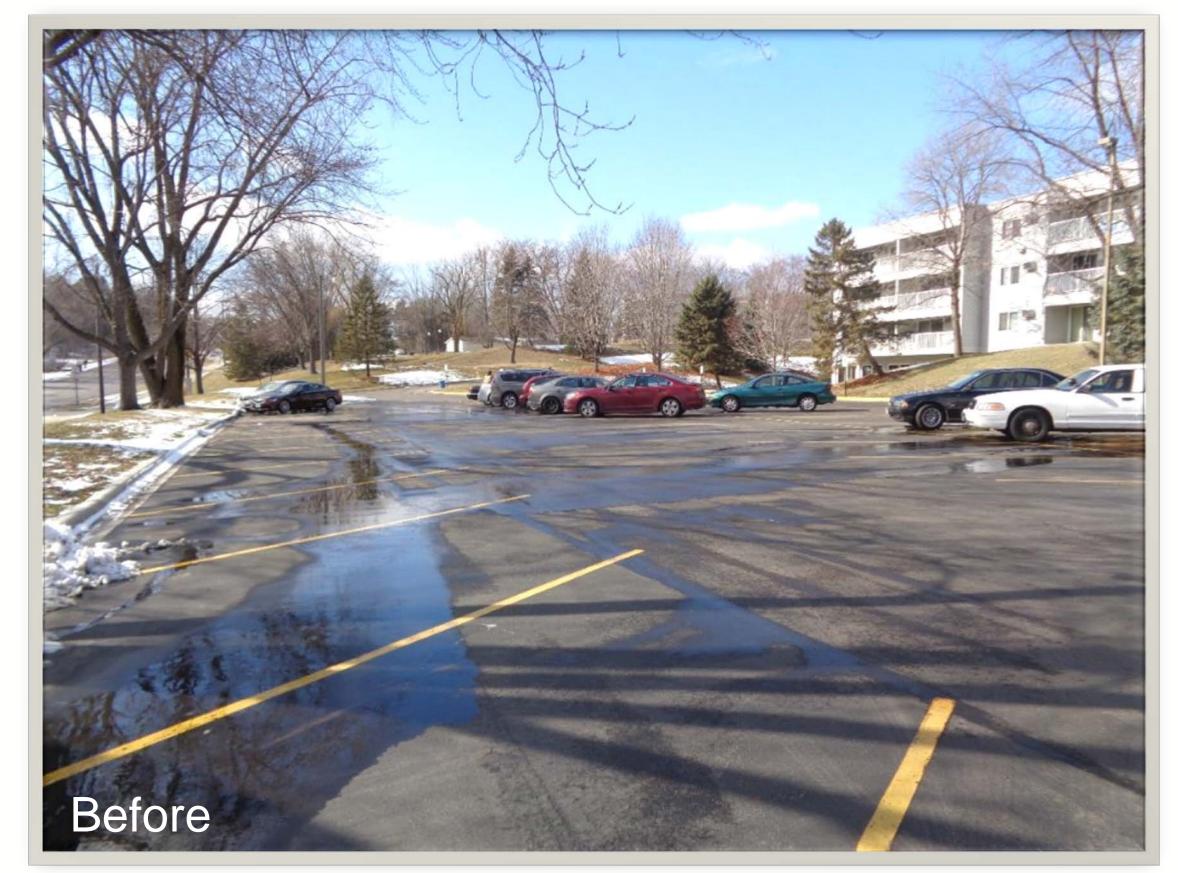
- Water improvement Projects
- Studies to prioritize projects for the most effective resource protection

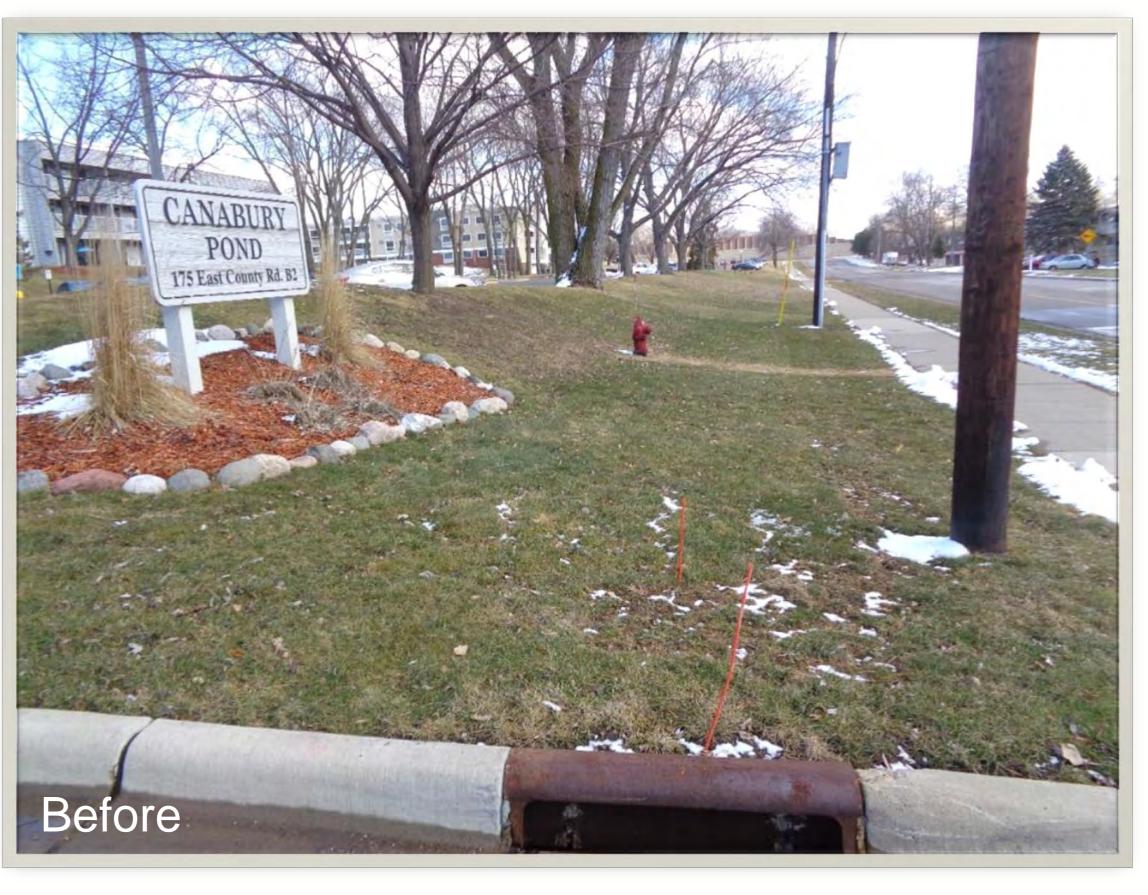




## DESIGNING BMPs

## Project One: Site Resiliency









Stormwater Volume & Rate Control



Infiltration & Filtration for Pollutant Reduction



**Education & Outreach** 

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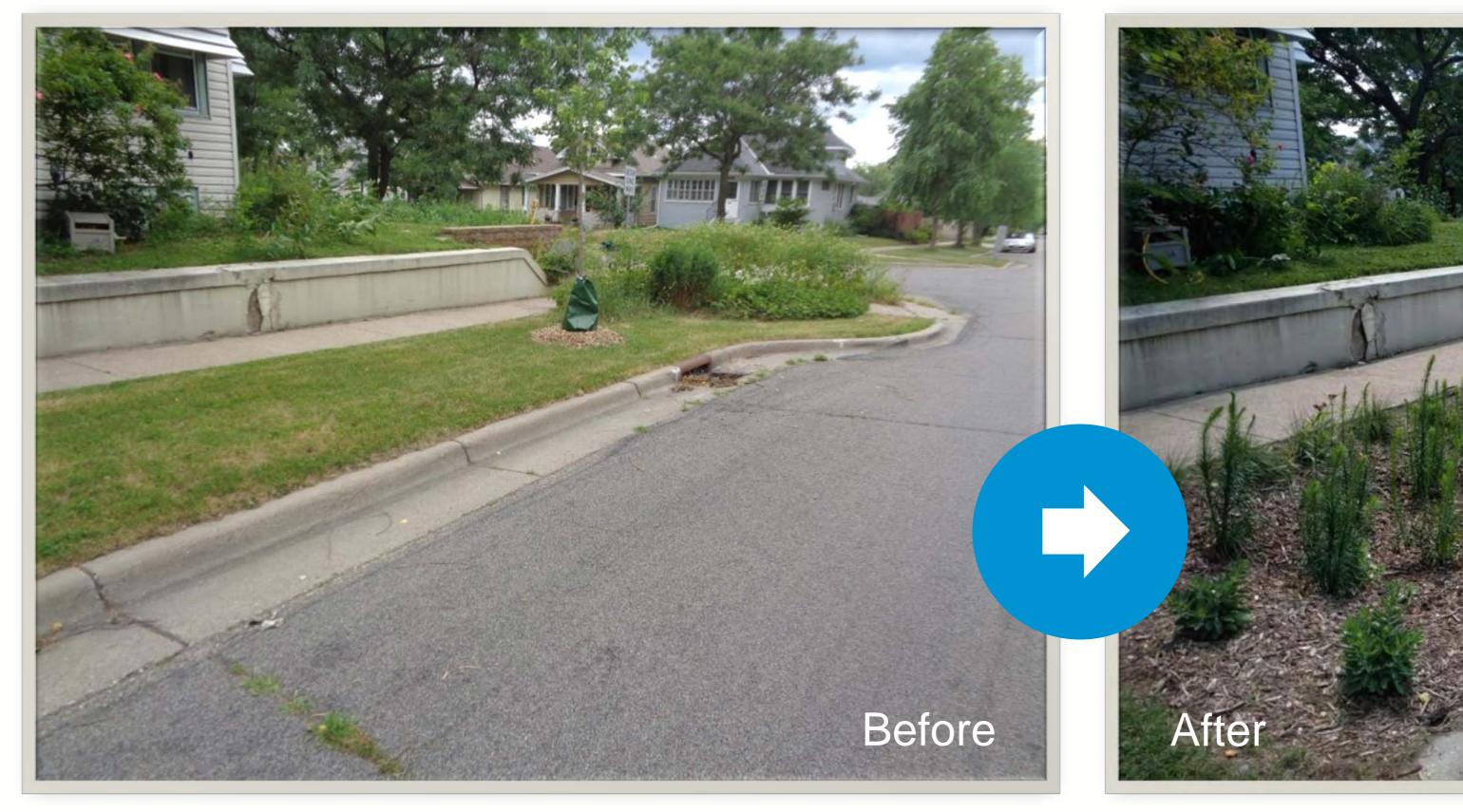


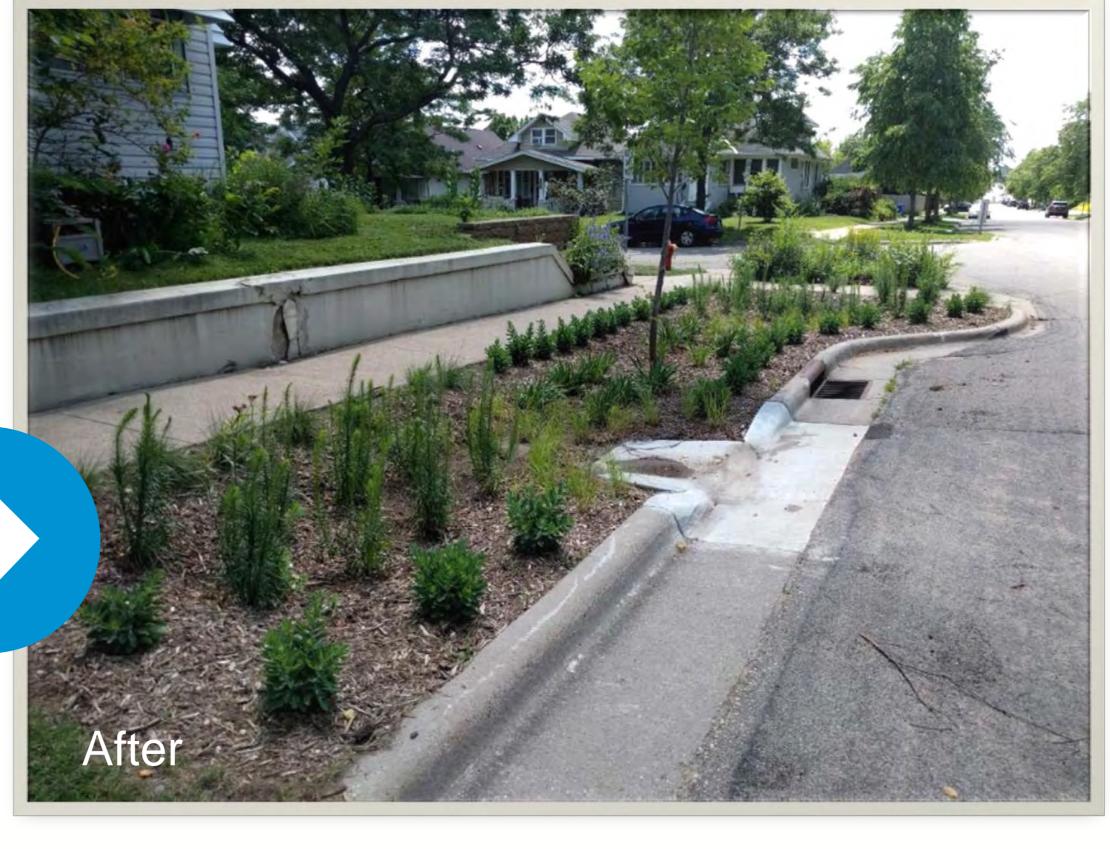
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## Project Two: Community Resiliency









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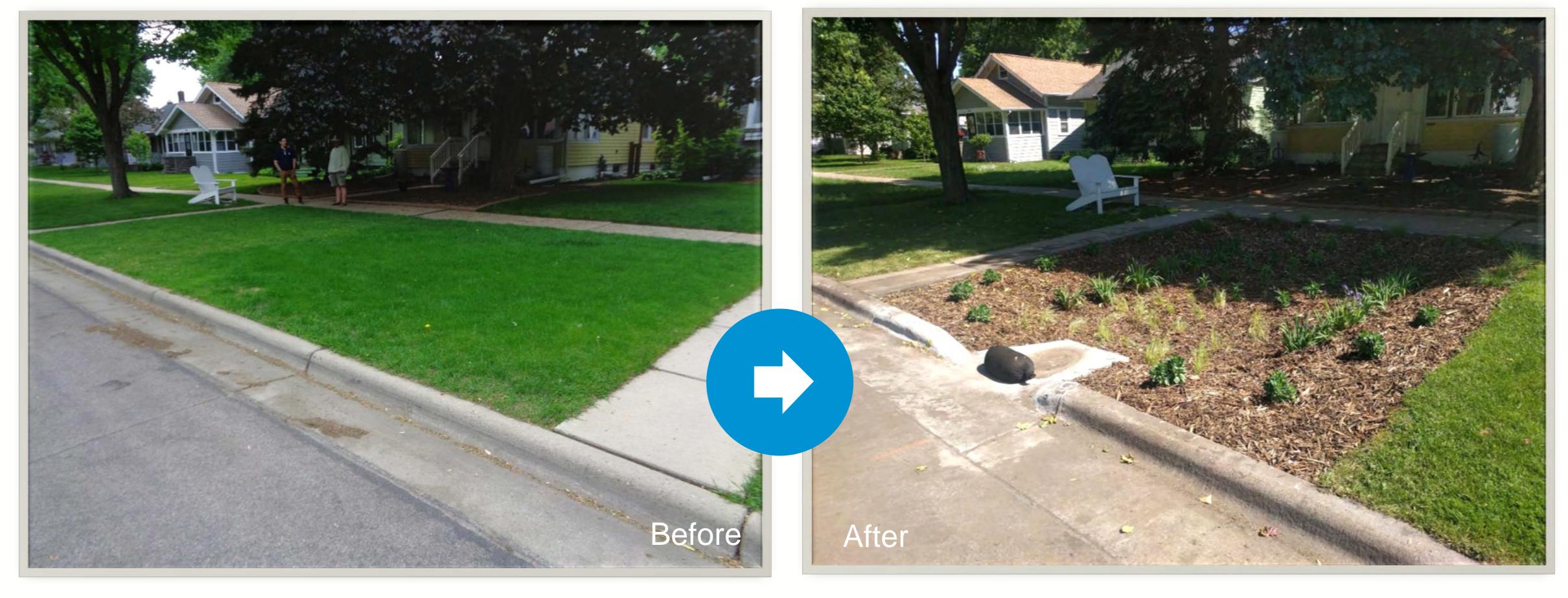


Infiltration & Filtration for Pollutant Reduction



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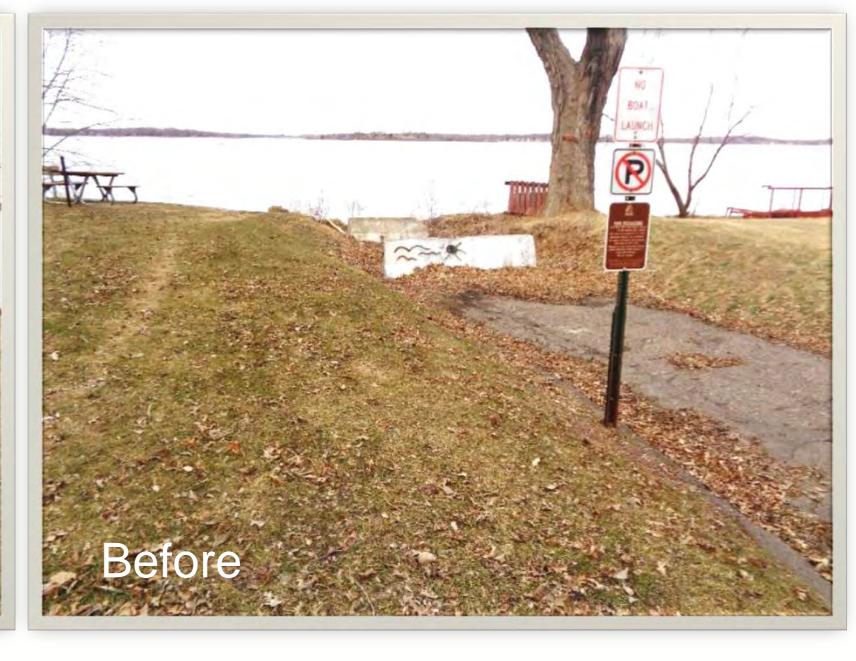
## Project Two: Community Resiliency



## Project Three: Resource Resiliency









Shoreline Protection & Stabilization for Sediment Loss



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Stormwater Volume & Rate Control



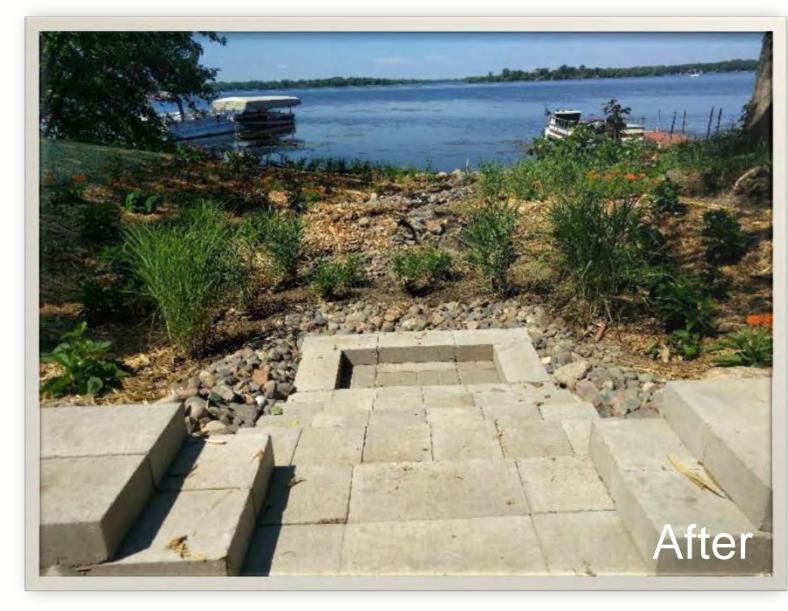
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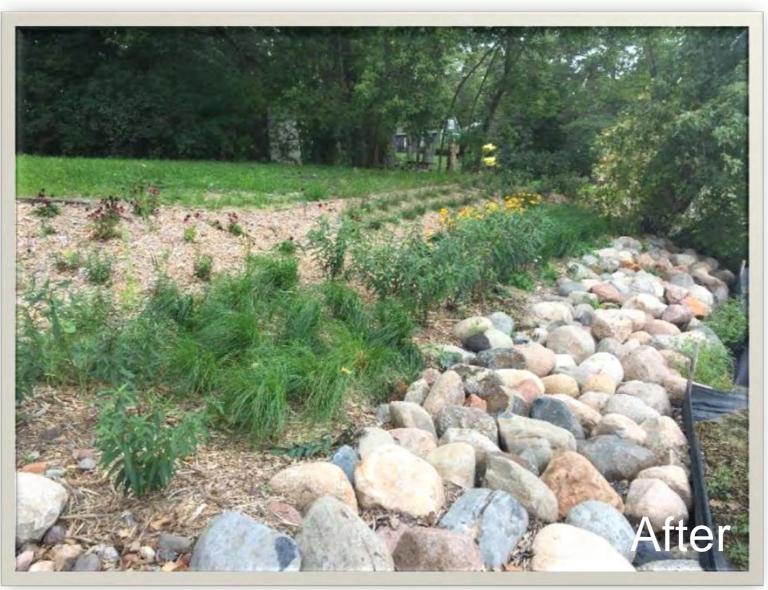
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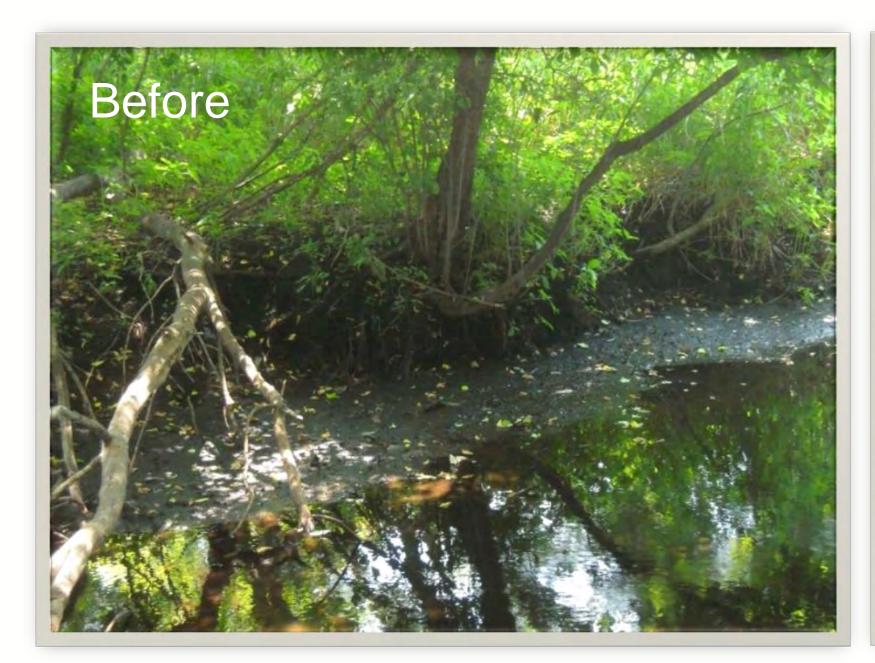




















Invasive Species Removal & Habitat Improvement



Streambank Stabilization for Sediment Loss & Pollutant Reduction

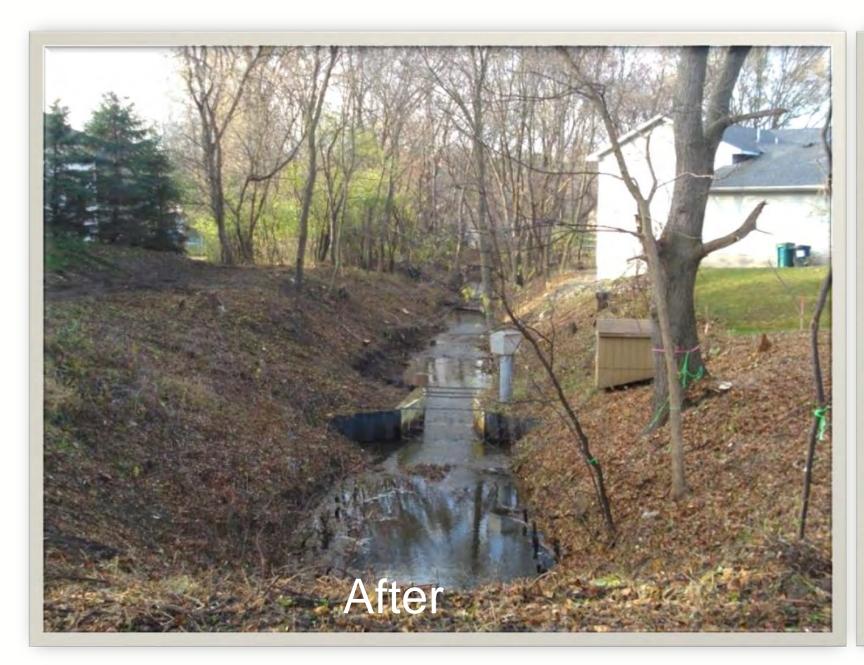
















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