

MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

To: Board of Managers

Date: April 4, 2019

From: Mike Kinney

Subject: Revised Forest Lake Local Water Management Plan

Background/Discussion

At the March 4, 2019 special board meeting, the Board of Managers adopted resolution 19-02-02 approving the City of Forest Lake Local Water Management Plan (LWMP). Since that time, Rice Creek Watershed District provided several comments and requested revisions to the LWMP. Its comments are enclosed. The City's engineer has informed staff that these comments were all incorporated essentially verbatim. Not other comments were received, and no other changes were made. Minnesota Statutes §103B.235, subdivision 4, requires that the City submit any LWMP revision to the District for review and approval. The City's revisions to its LWMP to address Rice Creek's comments do not interfere with the District's requirements for the LWMP. As such, staff recommends that the Board approve the LWMP as revised.

Recommended Action

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to adopt resolution 19-04-01 approving the City of Forest Lake Local Water Management Plan as revised. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached:

- Rice Creek Watershed District Comments on Forest Lake LWMP
- Resolution 19-04-01

Link:

Forest Lake LWMP: https://www.clflwd.org/documents/Forest_Lake-LWMP-DRAFT-04032019.pdf



February 28, 2019

Tim Olson
Bolton & Menk, Inc.
2035 County Rd D East
Maplewood, MN 55109

RE: City of Forest Lake Local Water Management Plan Comments

Dear Tim,

The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) has completed a formal review of the City of Forest Lake's Local Water Management Plan (LWMP), dated January 2019, for compliance with the current RCWD Watershed Management Plan (WMP) as well as Minnesota Statutes 103B.235 and Minnesota Rules 8410. The RCWD requests the following additions and corrections before RCWD staff can recommend approval by the Board of Managers.

1. General comment: The Metropolitan Council indicated the need to provide a summary of all volumes and rates of stormwater runoff, however the City's references to RCWD's hydraulic and hydrologic model and Watershed Management plan are satisfactory to address this.
2. Section 3.6.3 Wetlands, second-to-last paragraph: Please revise this paragraph to include language on the Comprehensive Wetland Protection and Management Plan (CWPMP) in the City, such as: "In addition to the City's efforts of identifying and assessing wetlands, the RCWD completed a wetland inventory along JD 4 as part of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) which included a State WCA Comprehensive Wetland Protection and Management Plan (CWPMP) (December 2007). The results of the effort are available on the District's website www.ricecreek.org. These inventories must be referenced in combination with a site-specific assessment when a project is located within the study and subsequent regulatory boundaries."
3. Section 5.2.2.A, last paragraph: Judicial Ditch (JD) 4 is located within the RCWD boundary. This paragraph should be moved to Section 5.2.1.A.
4. Section 5.3 Impaired Water Bodies:
 - a. The City needs to identify actions, policies, or projects that will help address the Peltier & Centerville Lake TMDL goals. This could include the City's enhanced street sweeping, bmps when the JD 4 area develops, etc. The City should also explicitly state that the City Code provisions will help address the Upper Mississippi River Bacteria TMDL goals.
 - b. Table 8: The Hardwood Creek TMDL was approved in 2009; please update the "TMDL Approved column."
5. Section 5.4 Intercommunity Flows and Hydraulic Modeling, first paragraph, last sentence: Recommend removing this sentence, or revising to "The City of Forest Lake and RCWD have entered into agreements for digital file sharing, including updated geospatial and hydraulic modeling as needed."
6. Section 6.6 Capital Improvement Program, Table 17:
 - a. The table is required to have estimated years and costs for each project and annual budget totals. Please add as much detail as possible to the table.

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- b. Implement the TH61 WQ and Aesthetics Plan project: The City should add both watershed districts as possible funding sources.
 - c. Forest Road Water Quality Structure project: The City should add RCWD as a possible funding source.
 - d. Drainage Ditch Maintenance project: Please add clarification on if this is for private ditches.
7. Figures:
- a. The City should label and include the public drainage systems within the City on a figure.
 - b. A map of the JD 4 CWPMP and Wetland Management Corridor area within RCWD is still missing from the plan and should be added. RCWD can provide GIS files.

The provided comments below offer grammatical and formatting suggestions for the LWMP:

- 1. Section 3.3, third-to-last paragraph: Either "is within the" or "is in the" can be removed.
- 2. Section 3.6.3 Wetlands, second paragraph: Figure 3-6 is referenced, but this figure is not present in the plan. Please remove this reference or add the figure to the plan.
- 3. Section 4.2: "SWMP" should be updated for consistency with the plan.
- 4. Section 4.6.10 Policy 3.11: Recommend removing the comma in the first sentence.
- 5. Section 4.9.3 Policy 6.3, second sentence: "In partner" should be corrected to "in partnership."
- 6. Section 5.2.1.B: Recommend adding detail to the Forest Lake High School Reuse project, similar to the level of detail present in the CLFLWD Shield Lake Reuse project description for consistency.
- 7. Section 6.3.2.A.1 Water Quality: The reference to Figure 3-4 should be removed or the figure added to the plan.
- 8. Appendix F: The City's Wetland Inventory and Assessment is shown to have been completed in 2012, however Section 6.3.2 discusses a 2002 Wetland Inventory and Assessment. Recommend updating references as necessary.

The RCWD appreciates the opportunity to comment on the City's plan. We look forward to reviewing a revised draft for consideration by the RCWD Board of Managers. If you have any questions regarding the comments, please contact me at (763) 398-3078 or lsampedro@ricecreek.org.

Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION 19-04-01

**COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD of MANAGERS**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
FOREST LAKE LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN as REVISED**

Manager _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by
Manager _____:

WHEREAS on March 4, 2019, the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD) adopted resolution 19-02-02 approving the City of Forest Lake Local Water Management Plan (LWMP);

WHEREAS the City of Forest Lake received comments from the Rice Creek Watershed District, revised its LWMP accordingly, and re-submitted to the CLFLWD on April 3, 2019;

WHEREAS pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.235, subdivision 4, the CLFLWD has determined that the City’s LWMP revisions do not substantially concern the City’s management of water resources within the CLFLWD and that the LWMP, as revised, remains consistent with the CLFLWD watershed management plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CLFLWD Board of Managers hereby approves the City of Forest Lake’s local water management plan, as resubmitted on April 3, 2019, in accordance with its prior-adopted resolution 19-02-02.

The question was on the adoption of the above resolution and there were ____ ayes and ____ nays as follows:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Jon W. Spence			
Jackie A. Anderson			
Wayne S. Moe			
Stephen Schmaltz			
Jen Oknich			

The President declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: April 18, 2019

Jen Oknich, Secretary

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I, Jen Oknich, Secretary of the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct transcription of an action of the Board taken on the date above indicated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of April 2019.

Jen Oknich, Secretary