

WHAT DOES SCOTT WMO DO?

AT-A-GLANCE
2025
ANNUAL REPORT

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Watershed management begins with precipitation...

2 PARTNER & ENGAGE

Work with other agencies, groups and communities to plan and coordinate to achieve our goals.

- Local Land Owners & Citizens
- Local Cities and Townships
- Lake Associations, Sportsman's Groups, and Non-Profits
- Other Water Entities

3 PREVENT & REDUCE

Prevent or reduce runoff by capturing or absorbing it

WETLANDS—
Store water on the landscape reducing flooding

NATIVE PRAIRIE — Captures and absorbs precipitation

COVER CROPS
cover soil to prevent erosion and retain soil moisture.

ASSIST — With new development and drainage alterations to prevent increases in flood flows and downstream impacts

4 MONITOR & ASSESS

Inventory and assessment is a large part of our budget and activities

NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN
absorb precipitation and provide habitat for native wildlife

PROMOTE & ENSURE maintenance of drainage and stormwater systems

MEASURE and monitor progress of water resources through field measurements.

COLLECT water inventory data, assess and determine feasibility of projects.

5 CLEAN

Clean drinking water

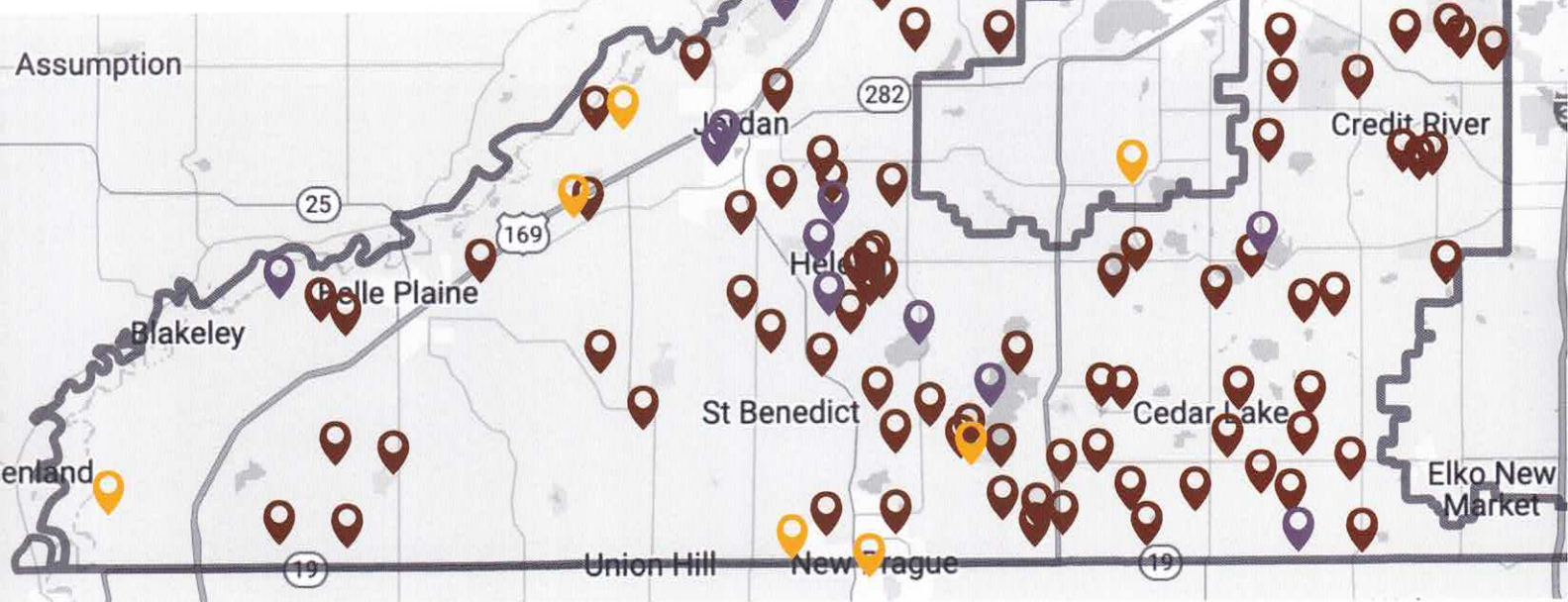
Restore wetlands for habitat, water retention and recharge

(RESIDENTIAL)

2025 WHERE WE'VE BEEN

MAP KEY

- Cost Share Project
- In-the-Ground Projects
- Workshop/Event
- Monitoring
- SWMO Watershed Boundary



REDUCING POLLUTION IN 2025

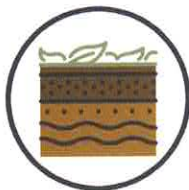
COST-SHARE PROGRAM REDUCTIONS

SOIL LOSS

REDUCED BY

4,138

TONS

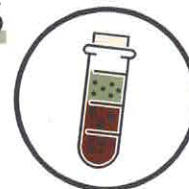


PHOSPHORUS

LEVELS REDUCED BY

3,420

LBS



SEDIMENT

LEVELS REDUCED BY

2,170

TONS

CIP POLLUTANT REDUCTIONS

POLLUTANTS REDUCED BY

370

CUBIC YDS

POLLUTANTS REDUCED BY

9,250

CUBIC YDS
OF SEDIMENT OVER 25 YEAR
LIFE OF INSTALLATION



HOW ARE THE LAKES?

LAKE	HOW CLEAR IS THE WATER	HOW CLEAN IS THE WATER	MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS
Cedar	↔	↔	NO
McMahon	↔	↑	YES
O'Dowd	↑	↑	YES
Thole	↑	↑	NO

↑
IMPROVING
TREND
↔
NO TREND

STAYING BUSY

ONGOING WATERBODY MONITORING

- Fish Surveys
- Macroinvertebrate Surveys
- Aquatic Vegetation Surveys
- Lake Level Monitoring

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- Lake Boat Tour
- Delivering What Matters Presentation
- Host Conservation Open House, Soil Health, Natural Landscaping, and Elected Official Workshops
- Events—Outdoor Education Days and Scott County Fair

LAND & WATER

- Cost Share Projects – 81
- Capital Improvement Projects: Picha Creek Stream Stabilization

ASSESSMENTS

- Sand Creek monitoring data analysis
- UMN Social Attitudes Survey
- TACS Program assessment
- Multipurpose CD4 study
- Sand Creek TMDL Model Update
- Cedar Lake TMDL Model Update

COMMUNITY LAKE MONITORING PROGRAM

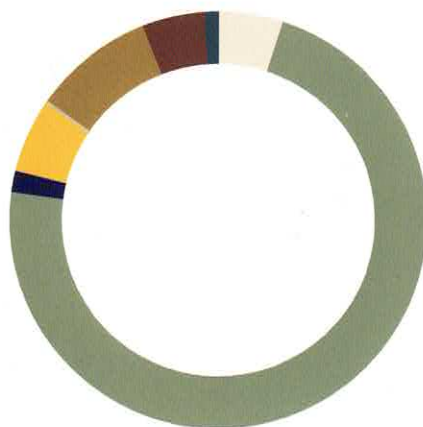
- Residents help us sample four lakes

COORDINATION/PLANNING

- Phase II: Public Input on Watershed Plan Update

SPENDING WISELY

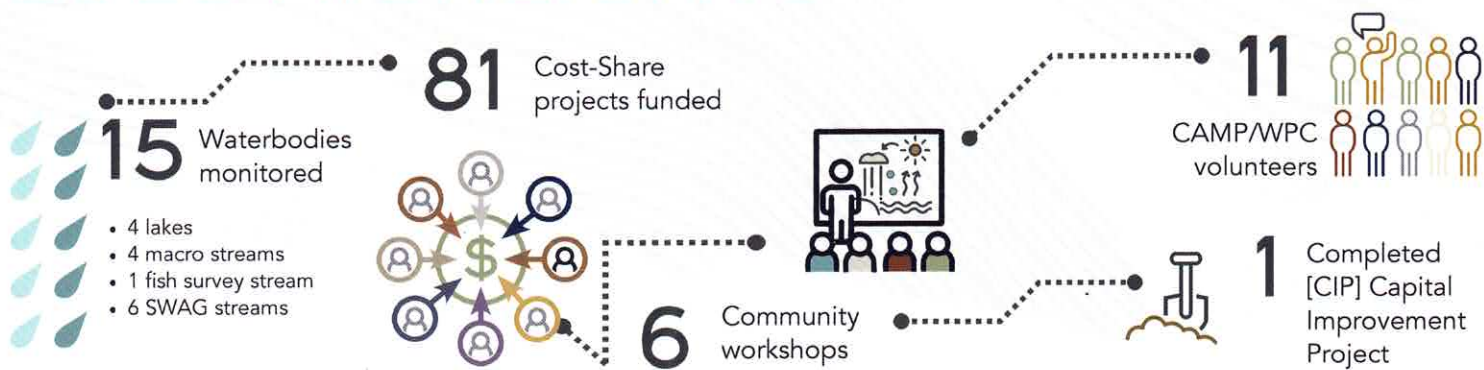
The 2025 budget was established by the County Board in September 2024 with final approval in December 2024. SWMO is committed to minimizing redundancy, focusing on priorities operating efficiently and being accountable.



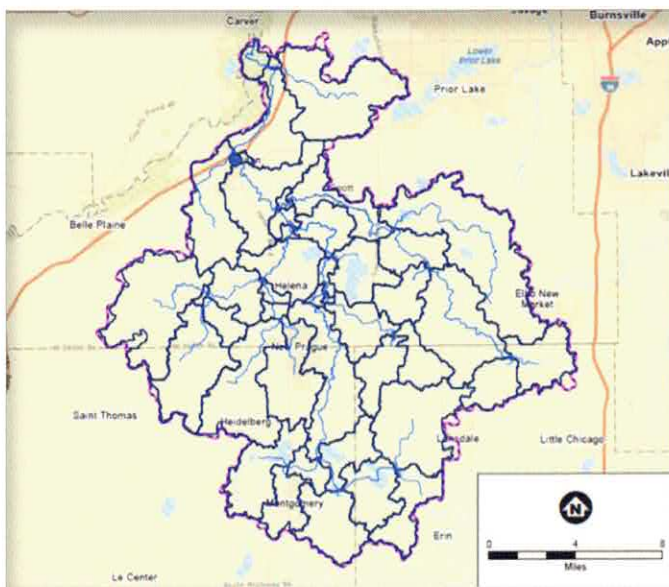
- Administration 4.97%
- Coordination 1.13%
- Education/Outreach 5.75%
- Inventory & Assessment 9.50%
- Land & Water Treatment 72.18%
- Maintenance 0.0%
- Monitoring & Data 1.64%
- Planning 4.8%
- Regulation 0.03%

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$2,036,590

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



KEY PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



SAND CREEK IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING

To inform the update of our Watershed Plan, a study was completed for the Sand Creek watershed to evaluate potential sediment reduction strategies and management scenarios to guide the best path forward.



WMP OUTREACH Phase 2 Community Engagement focused on connecting with underrepresented communities, introducing the Scott WMO, and understanding community water needs through in-person open houses and family-friendly conversations.

LOOKING AHEAD

10 YEAR WATERSHED PLAN UPDATE

In 2025 SWMO completed Phase 2 of the public input process and began section updates for the next generation Watershed Plan.

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