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Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 19th, 7:00 p.m.

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[Visit our website](#)

WE'VE MOVED!

City offices and the Lake Elmo Fire Department have made the move to the new City Center building and we are open for business!

We look forward to seeing you at our new facility at 3880 Laverne Avenue North, just across the parking lot from the old city hall building. Plans are in the works for a public open house this fall, so watch for more information later this summer!

Regular Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 7:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North

AGENDA

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Minutes

1. September 5, 2023; September 12, 2023

D. Public Comments/Inquiries

E. Presentations

Five Year Service Award – Mike Belde

F. Consent Agenda

2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
3. Approve IUP Renewal and Consent Agreement for Country Sun Farm – *Resolution 2023-086*
4. Approve City Center/Public Works Pay Request #20
5. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for Old Village Phase 7 Street and Utility Improvements
6. Approve Pay Request No. 7 for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension
7. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for 2023 Street Improvements
8. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for 2023 Trail Improvements
9. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for 2023 Street Improvements – *Resolution 2023-093*
10. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for Parkview Estates-Cardinal View-15th Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2023-092*
11. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2023-091*
12. Approve Special Assessment Deferral – *Resolution 2023-090*
13. Approve Massage Therapist License – Srae Bear Sims
14. Approve Permit Technician Job Description Update

G. Regular Agenda

15. Final Assessment Hearing: Adopt Final Assessment Roll for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2023-094*
16. Approve Draw on Lennar Letter of Credit for the Savona 3rd and 4th Addition
17. Royal Golf Minor Subdivision and Variance; *Resolution 2023-087; Resolution 2023-088*
18. Drake Comprehensive Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment; *Resolutions 2023-083, 2023-084 and 2023-085*
19. 2024 Budget - General Fund and Tax Levy – *Resolution 2023-089*
20. Issuance of Request for Proposals for Engineering Services

H. Council Reports

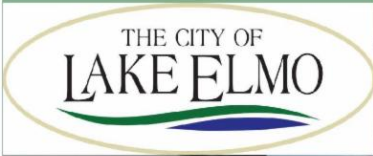
I. Staff Reports

J. Adjourn

Full meeting packets can be accessed here: [Agendas and Minutes](#)

October 14, 2023
9:00 a.m. - Noon
3880 Laverne Ave. N.

- 9:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting
- Facility Tours
- Refreshments



You're Invited!



Ribbon Cutting and Open House Lake Elmo City Center





Lake Elmo Farmers Market

WHAT A SPECTACULAR SEASON WE HAD! THE LAKE ELMO FARMERS MARKET JUST FINISHED THEIR 9TH SEASON. WE HAD A FULL MARKET THIS YEAR AND ENDED UP WITH OVER 40+ UNIQUE VENDORS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, INCLUDING YOUTH VENDORS WHO JOINED US NEARLY EVERY WEEK OF THE MARKET!

IN PREPARATION FOR OUR 10TH!! SEASON IN 2024 WE ARE WORKING ON COMPILING RECIPES FOR THE MARKET'S 1ST COOKBOOK! WITH A NUMBER OF VENDORS ALREADY SUBMITTING THEIR SIGNATURE RECIPES, WE WANT YOUR RECIPES TOO! IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE, YOU WOULD LIKE US TO INCLUDE, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH US AND DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME AND CITY SO WE CAN SEE WHERE ALL THE RECIPES COME FROM!! WE HOPE TO HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF RECIPES AND PLAN TO HAVE THE COOKBOOK PUBLISHED AND AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN CELEBRATION OF A DECADE IN THE LAKE ELMO COMMUNITY! RECIPES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO US VIA FACEBOOK OR YOU CONTACT JILL (AT 651-261-4493) TO FIND EMAIL/MAILING OPTIONS.

WE ARE EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE MARKET THIS YEAR – TO THE CUSTOMERS, TO OUR LAKE ELMO COMMUNITY, THE AMAZING VENDORS, THE YOUTH AND THEIR WONDERFUL PARENTS, VENDOR FAMILIES WHO HELP, AND TO THE INCREDIBLE WOMEN (& THEIR HUSBANDS) WHO WORK DILIGENTLY EVERY WEEK TO SET UP AND WORK AT THE MARKET. WE FEEL THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT AT THIS MARKET IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER. THANK YOU!

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR 2023 SEASON, LEARN ABOUT NEXT SEASON, OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING A VENDOR: WE INVITE YOU TO CHECK OUT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LAKEELMOFARMERSMARKET OR JILL @ 261-4493. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE MARKET IN 2024!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JILL (MARKET MANAGER) 651-261-4493 OR
FIND US ON FACEBOOK @LAKEELMOFARMERSMARKET FOR MARKET UPDATES & MORE!

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER. LAKE ELMO FARMERS MARKET IS A 501(C)(3).

Recreational Fires

Increase your enjoyment of outdoor fires by knowing you're doing all you can to burn cleanly, safely, and responsibly for your family, neighbors and community. Recreational fires are restricted by size and material. A recreational fire cannot exceed three feet in diameter nor shall it exceed three feet in height (height of material stacked to burn). Only clean, dry, wood can be burned. Wood means dry, clean fuels, twigs, branches, limbs, manufactured fireplace logs, charcoal, or cord wood. "Wood" does not include wood or wood based products that is green with leaves or needles, rotten, wet, oil soaked, treated or manufactured with paint, glue, preservatives or other chemicals. Burning of leaves, grass and other yard waste is not allowed.

Be A Good Neighbor
Be a good neighbor when



Don't Wait or Hesitate!

If your recreational fire gets out of control, don't wait or hesitate. Call 911 immediately.

Feel free to call the Fire Department at 651-747-3930 with any questions.

burning and consider your neighbors, as well as wind direction. Often times this prevents unnecessary calls to the fire department regarding smoke.

Cleaner Alternatives

Learn about your options before burning wood in your backyard. Switching to natural gas or propane reduces harmful air pollutants. Kits that convert existing fire rings and pits to natural gas or propane burners are available from local retailers.

Brush Disposal

Burning is not intended for the purposes of clearing brush piles, disposing of green leaved branches from tree trimming, or burning of leaves.

For more information regarding brush disposal, please visit: [Yard Waste](#)

2023 Seal Coat Project Underway

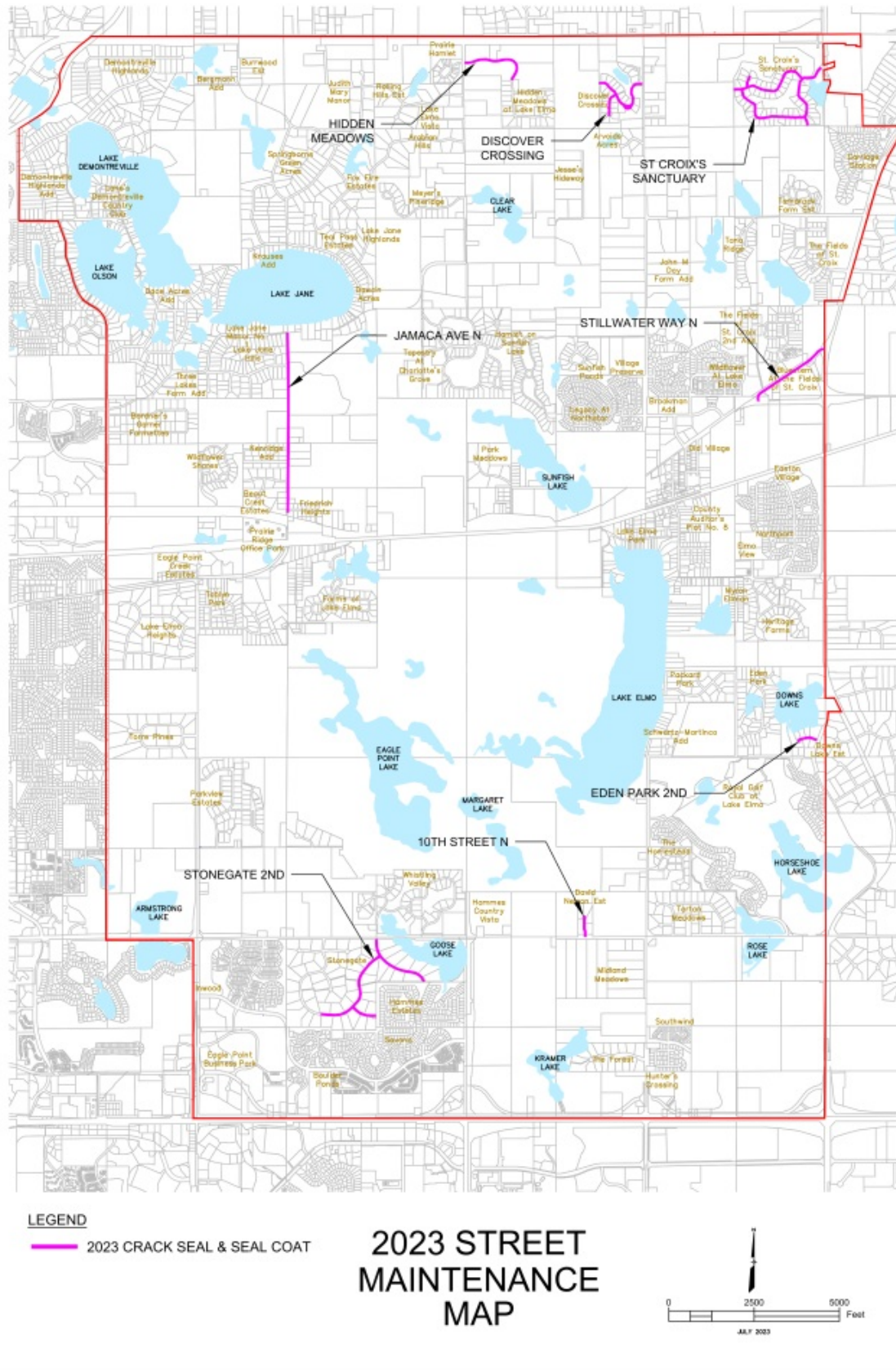
The City of Lake Elmo performed seal coating a number of city streets this week. The map below shows the affected streets highlighted in pink.

The small trap rock chips will be swept up twice after the application and again at the end of October and next spring. The seal coat application adds approximately 7 years of life to the bituminous by keeping the moisture from entering the pores and leaching into the sub grade.

Reminder: please travel safely around construction workers and trucks.

-Lake Elmo Public Works

CITY OF LAKE ELMO



Drop Box Available

The new City Center building has a convenient drop box located on the front of the building.



Utility payments, permit applications and other documents may be dropped in the box during or after office hours.



VOLUNTEER THIS FALL

OCTOBER 21 OR 28

Rake a difference in the community!
Volunteer with a group to help older adults and adults with disabilities maintain their independence in their homes.
TEAMS • FAMILIES • COWORKERS • YOUTH GROUPS

**LEARN
MORE
ONLINE:**



COMMUNITY THREAD | 651-439-7434 | COMMUNITYTHREADMN.ORG

The water restriction ordinance is in effect to ensure the city's water system can support the domestic and fire protection demands.

Four Zones have been established. Properties in each zone are allowed to water two days per week. See the map below to see which zone you reside in, then the water droplet on the chart marks the days you can water.

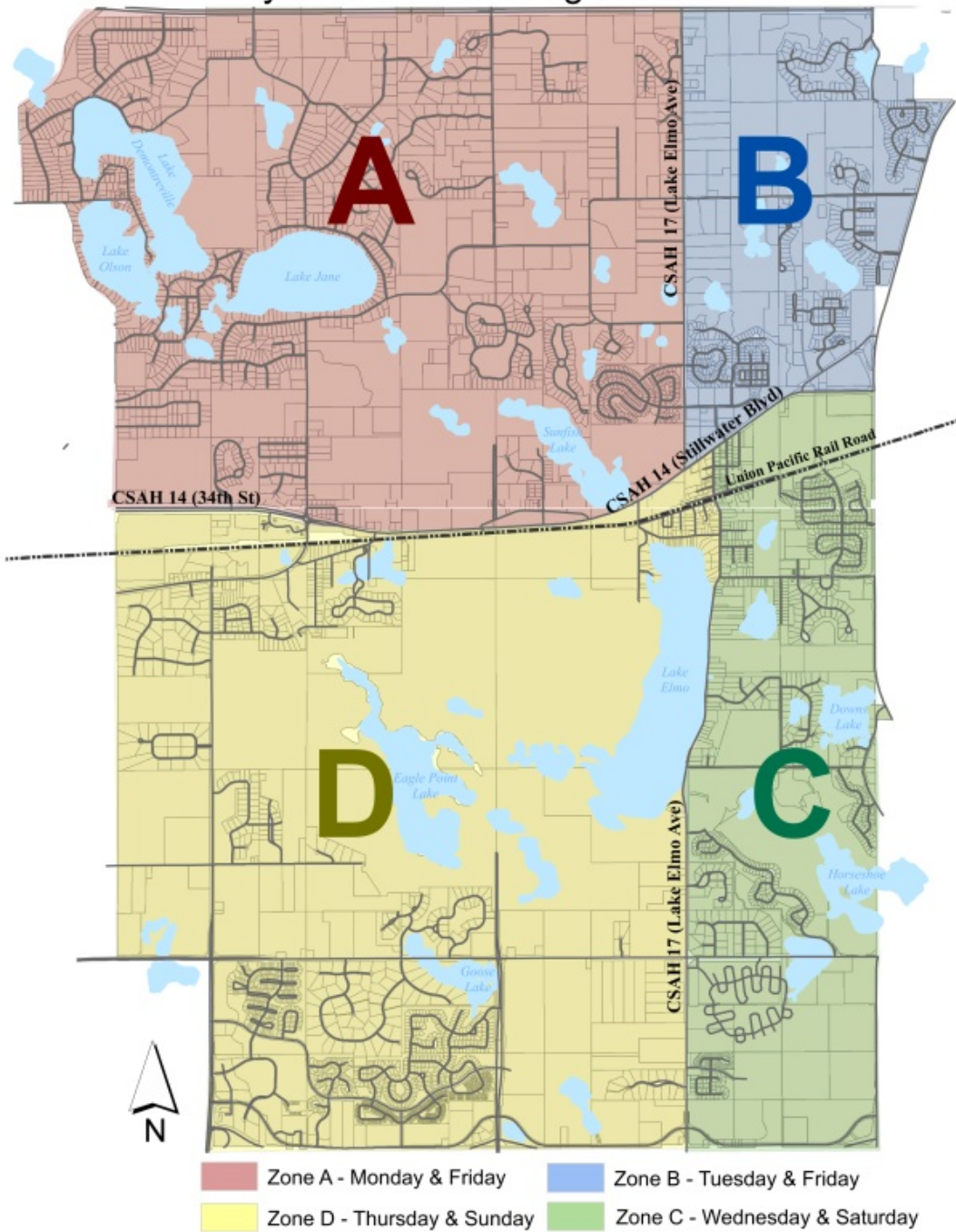
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



Know your Watering Schedule

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Zone A							
Zone B							
Zone C							
Zone D							

City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones



Water Rebate Program

The City of Lake Elmo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is offering a rebate program for purchases of eligible water efficient products. The goal of the water efficiency grant program is to improve municipal water use. This funding has enabled Lake Elmo to provide a rebate to current water customers who replace existing devices with specified water efficient products. Qualifying purchases are eligible for a rebate on your water bill. More information is available on the City's website via the link below.

[Rebate](#)

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN PROGRAM

Storm drains serve as direct pathways to our lakes, rivers, and streams, and natural materials (grass clippings, leaves, and dirt) can act as pollutants once they go down the drain. If you live in an area with storm drains, you can join a statewide effort to help keep our storm drains clean through the Adopt a Drain program.

More information is available here: [Adopt A Drain](#)



Washington County Public Health & Environment is asking residents to participate in a short survey to inform local planning for groundwater and solid waste programs that help manage garbage, recycling, food waste, yard waste, and hazardous waste from residents. Your input will help us develop programs and services that make Washington County a great place to live, work, and play.

[Take the survey](#)

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SALON

10 Year Celebration Party!

*Join us
to celebrate!*

10 YEARS OF

HAIRCUTS | COLOR | EXTENSIONS

WHEN

10/10 | 4-7pm

WHERE

**3515 Lake Elmo Avenue N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042**

The Lake Elmo (EDA) Economic Development Authority's August 15th board meeting provided an opportunity for Washington County to present an update on their recent labor study completed with RealTime Talent. The presentation provided an overview of Washington County's labor market, industry analysis and priorities. Please click here for report. : [Report](#)



Washington County Labor Demand & Supply Study

Lake Elmo EDA Board Meeting

Highlights of Report Developed by RealTime Talent

August 15, 2023



Park and Court Reservations

City parks and courts are in high demand this time of year. Did you know you can reserve use of a court, ball field or park shelter? To access all reservations, please visit the website via the link below and use the drop down menu on the top right side to move between park calendars. The city's park use policy can also be found on the reservation page.



[Park Calendars](#)

Drop It Off At the Environmental Center



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS | ELECTRONICS | RECYCLABLES | FOOD SCRAPS (ORGANICS)



4039 Cottage Grove Drive • Woodbury, MN 55129

Environmental Center Hours:

Tuesdays 11am - 7pm
Thursdays 8am - 4:30pm
Fridays 8am - 4:30pm
Saturdays 8am - 2pm

Closed on all major holidays.

Open to residents of Washington, Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties. Proof of county residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

Stop by the **FREE Product Room**

Look for items such as latex and oil paints, household cleaners, automotive supplies, and much more. Products are available for eligible residents only.

More info: www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter | 651-275-7475

The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is open every day
Visit <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/> for details.



The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center in Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park is operated by a non-profit organization for the benefit of the entire community. We offer programs and events for people of all ages and have "adopted" the Park in the City's program. This work is all funded by donations. Thank you for your support!

Here are some things happening at the SMINC:

- Our Rain Garden is now four years old, and doing very well. Virginia M does most of the work to keep the adventitious plants from invading the garden, with a bit of help from John C who pulls Goldenrod and Tony M who pulls Canada Thistle. It has done its job quite well - even with the heaviest rains and snowmelt events, the storm water does not run across into the parking lot. And the pollinators love the season-long array of flowers. We are grateful to the Washington (County) Conservation District for the original plant grant and technical assistance in getting it started. Visit them at <http://www.mnwcd.org/planting-for-clean-water>
- We visited our 25 baby bur oaks who are being fostered in the Washington County Master Gardeners Gravel Bed Tree Nursery (near the 4H Building at the county fairgrounds). The plan is to transplant these little ones (which should have better root systems undamaged by the transplant process) to the buckthorn-cleared area in Sunfish Lake park, and see how they do in comparison with 25 others that were planted at the same time in the rocky soil East of the nature center.



Washington County is a registered



**NALOXONE
ACCESS
POINT**



**Free naloxone kits and fentanyl test strips may be found at the
Public Health & Environment offices in:**

- Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway, Cottage Grove.
- Forest Lake Service Center, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.
- Government Center, 14949 N. 62nd St., Stillwater.



Find more information on the program
on the county's website at
www.co.washington.mn.us/NAP

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The City of Lake Elmo has begun participation in the State of Minnesota's Performance Measurement Program. This program began in 2010 for cities and counties to report on at least 10 performance measures annually as a way to aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties and cities in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services.

Click here to access reporting results



The Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD) is a public organization tasked with protecting and managing local water resources within an area spanning 14 cities and townships in Washington and Ramsey Counties. The VBWD is seeking input from you as it begins updating its Watershed Management Plan which will guide VBWD actions for the next 10 years. Please take a brief (5-10 minute) survey to help the VBWD better understand your concerns and priorities regarding our local water resources.

Link to survey: [Survey](#)

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