

Title:	Review Findings and Maintenance Recommendations from MCWD's Stormwater Pond Data Analysis
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Purpose:

To review the preliminary findings from Stantec's analysis of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's (MCWD) stormwater pond data, outcomes from the analysis, and programmatic next steps.

Background:

The MCWD constructed its first stormwater pond in 1985. Since then, MCWD has constructed 26 stormwater ponds across the watershed. These ponds were designed for a variety of purposes including flood control, nutrient removal, and sediment retention to meet water quality goals and reduce flooding. The MCWD Board of Managers subsequently established a policy during the approval of the 2010 Workplan and budget for Operations and Maintenance. This policy ensures the long-term water quality and water quantity function of these systems.

In 2010, the Project Maintenance and Land Management (PMLM) Program began recommending six to eleven pond sediment surveys each year on a three-year rotation to adhere to the Board's established policy. Stantec (formerly Wenck) has since performed 94 sediment surveys on the 26 MCWD stormwater ponds. This has resulted in a unique dataset that can be used to inform pond performance and the rate at which sediment accumulates in each pond. This rate can then be used to develop a long-term pond cleanout schedule and cost estimates.

Analysis of MCWD Stormwater Pond Data:

In July 2022, the Board authorized a contract with Stantec to analyze MCWD's stormwater pond dataset, which was split into three tasks including 1) compiling 13 years of stormwater pond inventory data, 2) developing a maintenance schedule, and 3) identifying retrofit opportunities. At the July 27, 2023 Board of Manager's meeting, staff will review the preliminary findings from Stantec's data analysis, which addressed previous programmatic unknowns and has provided for increased efficiencies in both staff time and budgeting.

Key Findings:

The first task was to compile and analyze information associated with each of MCWD's 26 stormwater ponds to understand critical aspects such as drainage area, sediment accumulation rate, and most recent sediment cleanout (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2). This information was used to compare each pond's expected accumulation rate based on engineering design assumptions and then place each of the 26 ponds in one of three categories:

- 1) Accumulating as expected (accumulating): 10 of the 26 ponds were categorized as "accumulating", which means their sediment accumulation rates can be used to develop a dredging maintenance schedule.
- 2) Accumulating at a rate less than expected (under-accumulating): 8 of 26 ponds are accumulating sediment at a rate less than expected and will require further review to understand the reduced rate of accumulation.
- 3) Accumulating little to no sediment (non-accumulating): 11 of the 26 ponds are accumulating little to no sediment, which means that further investigation is required to understand why the system is not accumulating.

The first category, accumulating as expected, was the focus of the remainder of this analysis as its purpose was to develop a maintenance schedule based on historic accumulation rates and existing pond design.

Maintenance Schedule

The second task utilized MCWD's historical pond survey data to calculate sediment accumulation rates for each of the 26 ponds. Best practices indicate that a stormwater pond should be dredged when 50% of its wet volume is filled. These calculated rates were used to determine a dredging and surveying schedule for each of the accumulating ponds for the next 20 years. The analysis was able to create a data-driven, defensible methodology for scheduling pond dredging, sediment core sampling, and engineering surveys. This refined methodology subsequently drives program budgeting and impacts the MCWD levy.

Previously, the program was reliant on current-year analysis of selected ponds. Now, long-term data analysis has allowed for specific forecasting of ponds in need of maintenance leading to predictive budgeting and staff workload allocation reducing overall programmatic costs. Deliverables include easily editable data sheets for each pond with visually accessible data summaries as well as a detailed technical data tracking spreadsheet. This tool will be used to collect future data, continue to improve the dataset, and subsequently refine the survey/engineering and dredging schedule.

The third task provided guidance to improve existing pond performance and the analysis provided recommendations for retrofit/enhancement of existing accumulating stormwater ponds. This task represented a high-level overview of possible improvements, which include engineering and physical infrastructure changes. Examples of possible projects include pre-treatment filters, pond expansion, and in-pond infrastructure to increase retention times.

Next Steps:

The ponds categorized as under- and non-accumulating were constructed under a specific set of engineering assumptions. This categorization has allowed the district to determine which ponds presently fall outside of these assumptions. To best determine each pond's ability to meet its design goals, additional review and monitoring must be conducted. In a future phase of this evaluation, additional monitoring can be strategically implemented to determine with more detail the functioning of each pond within its design parameters. Focusing on ponds within priority subwatersheds may serve as a constructive way to determine the scope and focus of the data collection required to understand which retrofits/enhancements may prove most effective to meet the goals of each system.

Supporting documents (list attachments):

- Attachment 1: DRAFT Memo, Task 1: Pond Data Review
- Attachment 2: DRAFT Memo, Task 2: Pond Inventory and Maintenance Planning
- Attachment 3: DRAFT memo, Task 3: Retrofit Opportunities



Memo

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Reference: MCWD Stormwater Pond Capital Improvement Planning | Task 1: Pond Data Review

Objective

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is seeking to understand the basis of design for the 25 stormwater ponds owned and maintained by the District, then evaluate these ponds for which is working. Stantec has reviewed and compiled historic data for these ponds. The District provided data sources included: a GIS database with TSS, TP, impervious and permitting information, a historic O&M manual, and a historic survey and sedimentation tracking spreadsheet (primarily informed from Stantec, historically Wenck surveys). Additional resources used were historic basin analysis memos and record plans.

From the GIS database provided by MCWD, Stantec summarized the following:

- Subwatershed Drainage Areas
- Pond Drainage Areas
- Changes in impervious cover, TSS, and TP loading from 2000 to 2020
- Permits Issued per year

From the historic survey and sedimentation tracking spreadsheet, Stantec identified and summarized the following:

- Pond Dead Volume
- Sedimentation rates
- Years of increased/decreased sedimentation
- Dredging years

From the District provided "2000 O&M Plan" Stantec identified the following:

- Design intent for ponds
- Historic pollutant monitoring data

Historic basin analysis memos and record plans provided additional information. Stantec organized the data by subwatershed as broken down in MCWD's historic sedimentation tracking spreadsheet and GIS database. The attached appendix contains the summary for six Subwatersheds within MCWD as well as a summary for each individual pond and its contributing area.

Reference: MCWD Stormwater Pond Capital Improvement Planning

Methods / Limitations

Stantec summarized impervious, TSS and TP data for each subwatershed and pondshed of interest using MCWD's GIS file. This data is displayed in tables that show changes between 2000 and 2020.

In addition, for each pondshed, Stantec determined the quantity of permit applications submitted per year and generated a boxplot. Permits are taken to be a proxy for land disturbing activities. Years with more permits than the 75th percentile are called out as years with a high quantity of permit applications. Years with less permits than the 25th percentile are called out as years with a low quantity of permit applications. Some ponds have larger watershed areas and/or or experience more development than others. The years identified as increased and decreased development are relative to the pondshed for each pond, not to each other.

It's important to address the inherent weaknesses of using this dataset as a proxy for development:

- Permit applications sometimes bypass the districts permitting process and get sent directly the local municipalities holding joint authority over the permitting.
- The available data only provides the year each permit was submitted. It does not account for other factors such as timespan of construction, plot size, or disturbed area; all of which would contribute to potential sediment released downstream.
- It is our understanding that the MCWD permitting GIS database is more comprehensive for recent years than historic years.

Similarly, Stantec compiled the data for sedimentation within each of the ponds and summarized the sediment accumulation rate over the years. Some ponds were consistent in their sedimentation rates, others were not. Because of the limited amount of data points for sedimentation rate in each pond, classifying years of increased and decreased accumulation was more subjective. This is a limitation due to dataset size. Generally, if the pond had a stretch of years with a sedimentation rate more or less than 2 percentage points compared to other years, it was called out as a timespan of increased or decreased sediment accumulation.

Sections for Design Intent and Monitoring Data summarize information within the District's 2000 O&M Plan. The section for Sediment Accumulation and Dredging Data use the summary spreadsheet provided by the District and describe what has occurred within each of the pond over the course of its lifespan. This data was also confirmed with Wenck sedimentation assessment reports.

Thank you,

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Attachment: [Attachment]



Memo

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Reference: MCWD Stormwater Pond Capital Improvement Planning | Task 2: Pond Inventory and Maintenance Planning

Objective

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District) is seeking to understand the performance of 29 stormwater ponds; 25 are owned and maintained by the District, 2 are maintained by the City of Wayzata, 1 is maintained by the City of Minneapolis and 3 are maintained jointly between MCWD and the City of Edina. Stantec has reviewed the sedimentation rates for these ponds and compared them to expected rates as determined by the Minnesota Stormwater Manual. Stantec has classified ponds as accumulating, underaccumulating, and not accumulating. For the ponds that are anticipated to reach 50% of the permanent pool volume within the next 20 years, a budgetary layout was generated for the dredging cost anticipated each year and recommended survey dates.

The attached appendix A contains the summary of historical data and future recommendations for each pond within MCWD. It also serves as an overview of pond sedimentation rates and identifies which ponds are accumulating sediment within the anticipated range.

Methods / Limitations

Classification of Pond Performance

Stantec has assumed that each of the ponds was designed according to the Minnesota Stormwater manual to appropriately size the permanent pool volume to the drainage area.

Stantec used expected accumulation guidance from the Minnesota Stormwater Manual to estimate annual accumulation rates for three categories of ponds: Single Cell System (without Pretreatment), Multi-Cell System (First Cell) and Multi-Cell System (Downstream Cells). The anticipated annual accumulation rates for each are listed below. A copy of assumptions and calculations can be found in Appendix B. Anticipated sediment accumulation ranges were rounded to the nearest 0.5%.

- Single Cell System (without Pretreatment) 2-4% per year
- Multi-Cell System (First Cell) 3-7.5% per year
- Multi-Cell (Downstream Cells) 1.5-3% per year

Stantec used the compiled data from Task 1 to determine the average sedimentation rate within each of the ponds over its lifetime. This was done by calculating the sedimentation rate from the time of construction (or most recent dredging event) to the next dredging event. If a pond had been dredged multiple times, the

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average of the sediment accumulation rates over each cycle was taken. This was to minimize the impact of wet and dry year cycles. Some ponds were consistent in their sedimentation rates, others were not. Due to the limited size of the dataset, no definitive conclusions can be made for how a wet or dry year impacts sedimentation. This is a limitation due to dataset size. To best predict future dredging, taking the average lifespan accumulation rate is the best predictor as it generally considers wet, dry, and normal years.

Budgetary Cost Estimates

Historic Bid tabs for Stantec's sediment removal projects within the last four years were used to determine project cost per cubic yard of sediment removal, scaled by the quantity of sediment removed for each project. It was found that the cost for sediment removal decreases as the volume of required removal increases, due to construction efficiencies. In order to estimate the cost for ponds given contamination level, the project cost was split into sediment removal cost and Mobilization, Erosion Control and Restoration costs (ie. all typical project costs aside from sediment removal items).

3 lines of best fit were generated based on historic project costs. One for contaminated sediment, one for non-contaminated sediment and one for all typical project costs excluding sediment removal. These three equation were used to estimate unit costs for each of the 29 ponds based on the amount of sediment that is predicted to be removed from each. If a pond was not contaminated the unit costs for non-contaminated sediment and remaining projects costs were summed. If the pond was contaminated, then the unit costs for contaminated sediment and remaining project costs were summed. The compound interest formula was applied to each cost estimate to consider annually compounding inflation (1.02%) and estimate cost in terms of the year each pond is predicted to be dredged.

It should be noted that these estimates do not incorporate soft costs (engineering, legal, etc).

Based on MPCA Stormwater Manual Guidance, it is assumed that ponds will be dredged when they reach 50% of the permanent pool volume. A limitation of these cost estimates is that ponds may be slightly more or less full when they are actually dredged. The estimates provided in this report are high-level and are intended for budgetary purposes only. As MCWD completes additional dredging projects, we recommend that project costs be tracked and used to update estimates.

A full summary of methods and equations used can be found in Appendices C and D.

Results

The results of the pond classification and budgetary cost estimates are compiled in the accompanying spreadsheet, a description the spreadsheet is included in Appendix C. Pond performance groupings are also summarized below.

The following ponds were classified as Accumulating:

- Excelsior
- Nokomis Amelia
- Bde Maka Ska Cell 1
- Pamela Cell 1
- Twin Lake Park
- Long Lake Park North

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- Gleason 1
- Gleason 2
- Gleason 3
- Steiger

The following ponds were classified as Underaccumulating: (within 0.5% of the lower range of expected sedimentation)

- Cedar Meadows West
- Cedar Meadows East
- Bde Maka Ska Cell 2
- Pamela Cell 2
- Long Lake Park South
- Glenbrook
- Lakeside
- Johnson/Rolling Hills

The following ponds were classified as Not Accumulating:

- 60th & 1st
- Nokomis Gateway
- Nokomis Knoll
- Pamela Cell 3
- County Rd 6
- Deer Hill North
- Deer Hill South
- Gideon Glean
- Swan
- Painters Marsh
- Katrina

Recommendations

Stantec recommends continuing sediment surveys on the accumulating and underaccumulating ponds. Since industry practices recommends sediment removal when ponds reach 50% full, we recommend completing sediment surveys when ponds are projected to reach 40% and 50% full. This survey frequency will allow for a checkup on each pond as capacity is approached, to verify whether the pond is nearing or ready for maintenance. A survey schedule has been developed and is provided within the accompanying spreadsheet. Survey dates can and should be adjusted based on survey data as it is collected. We do not recommend continuing to survey ponds that are categorized as not performing, as previous monitoring has shown minimal sediment accumulation and these ponds are not expected to reach 50% of the permanent pool volume within the next 20 years.

The next step is to identify possible retrofit opportunities to further maximize benefits from ponds that are classified as accumulating.

Pond Info

			Pond Volume (CY)	Year Built	Dredging History	Likely Contaminated?	Reposonsibe for Dredging Cost		Most Recent Percent Full		Range of Accumulation Rates	Lifetime Sediment Accumulation Rate (%/yr)	stimated Cleanout Date	Estimated Current % Ful	Accumulation compared to expectation
60th & 1st	Minnehaha Creek	Diamond Lake	21,045	2000		Y	Minneapolis	Single Cell	12%	2020	0.6%	0.6%	2083	14%	Not Accumulating
Cedar Meadows West	Minnehaha Creek	Cedar Meadows East	13,000	1996	2004 (2750 CY, 21%)	Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (First Cell)	18%	2020	1.1-2.6%	1.9%	2037	24%	Underaccumulating
Cedar Meadows East	Minnehaha Creek	Cedar Lake	5,710	1996		Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	38%	2020	1.6%	1.6%	2028	43%	Underaccumulating
Excelsior	Minnehaha Creek	Minnehaha Creek - Meadowbrook Lake	2,385	2013		N	MCWD	Single Cell	16%	2019	0.7-4.7%	2.7%	2032	27%	Accumulating
Nokomis - Amelia	Minnehaha Creek	Nokomis	22,247	2001	2010/11 (2147 CY, 10%)	N	MCWD	Single Cell	36%	2019	1.4-4.9%	3.0%	2024	48%	Accumulating
Nokomis - Gateway	Minnehaha Creek	Lake Nokomis	5,516	2001		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	6%	2019	0.2-0.8%	0.3%	2166	7%	Not Accumulating
Nokomis - Knoll	Minnehaha Creek	Lake Nokomis	6,743	2001		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	16%	2019	0-1.1%	0.9%	2057	20%	Not Accumulating
Bde Maka Ska Cell 1	Minnehaha Creek	Bde Maka Ska Cell 2	4,980	1999	2004 (3120 CY, 63%), 2011/12 (2024 CY, 41%), 2018/19 (2000, 41%)	N	MCWD	Multi Cell (First Cell)	19%	2021	3.8-9.5%	8.0%	2025	35%	Accumulating
Bde Maka Ska Cell 2	Minnehaha Creek	Bde Maka Ska Cell 3	12,690	1999	2004 (N/A)	Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	22%	2020	1.4%	1.4%	2040	26%	Underaccumulating
Bde Maka Ska Cell 3	Minnehaha Creek	Bde Maka Ska													
Pamela Cell 1	Minnehaha Creek	Pamela Cell 2	3,550	2001	2019 (1800, 51%)	N	Edina for first dredge then MCWD, MCWD next	Multi Cell (First Cell)	19%	2021	2.6-9.5%	6.5%	2026	32%	Accumulating
Pamela Cell 2	Minnehaha Creek	Pamela Cell 3	3,580	2001		Y	Edina for first dredge then MCWD, Edina Next	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	30%	2021	0-5.7%	1.5%	2034	33%	Variable, Underaccumulating
Pamela Cell 3	Minnehaha Creek	Lake Pamela	4,640	2001		Y	Edina for first dredge then MCWD, Edina Next	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	15%	2021	0-4.7%	0.8%	2065	17%	Variable, Not Accumulating
Twin Lake Park	Minnehaha Creek	Twin Lakes	6,840	1996	2004 (3403, 50%), 2012 (2080, 30%)	Y	MCWD	Single Cell	42%	2021	1-8%	5.6%	2022	53%	Accumulating
County Rd 6	Long Lake Creek	Long Lake	19,602	1998		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	10%	2019	0.6-1.3%	0.5%	2099	12%	Not Accumulating
Deer Hill North	Long Lake Creek	Deer Hill South	9,430	1996		Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (First Cell)	5%	2018	0.2%	0.2%	2243	6%	Not Accumulating
Deer Hill South	Long Lake Creek	County Rd 6 Pond	28,289	1996		Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	0%	2018	0%	0.0%		0%	Not Accumulating
Long Lake Park North	Long Lake Creek	Long Lake South	4,930	1996	2004 (2410, 49%)	Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (First Cell)	35%	2020	2-7%	4.1%	2024	47%	Accumulating
Long Lake Park South	Long Lake Creek	Long Lake	2,510	1996		Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	30%	2020	1.9-3%	2.1%	2030	36%	Variable, Underaccumulating
Gleason Lake 1	Gleason Lake Creek	Gleason Lake 2	1,520	1995	2012 (900, 59%)	N	MCWD	Multi Cell (First Cell)	38%	2021	0.3-6.2%	3.9%	2024	46%	Accumulating
Gleason Lake 2	Gleason Lake Creek	Gleason Lake 3	1,050	2008	2016 (892, 40%)	Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	17%	2021	1-8.1%	4.2%	2029	25%	Variable, Accumulating
Gleason Lake 3	Gleason Lake Creek	Gleason Lake	1,160	2008	2010 (892, 40%)	Y	MCWD	Multi Cell (Downstream Cell)	25%	2021	4.3-9.7%	5.0%	2026	35%	Variable, Accumulating
Glenbrook	Gleason Lake Creek	Lake Minnetonka - Wayzata Bay	24,848	1994	2017/18 (16000, 64%)	N	MCWD	Single Cell	0%	2017	2%	2.0%	2042	12%	Underaccumulating
Lakeside	Lake Minnetonka	Lake Minnetonka - Wayzata Bay	4,868	1994		Y	Wayzata	Single Cell	42%	2014	1.9-3%	2.1%	2018	61%	Underaccumulating
Gideon Glen	Lake Minnetonka	Lake Minnetonka - Gideon Bay	1,965	2006		Y	Wayzata	Single Cell	9%	2019	0.3-0.8%	0.7%	2078	12%	Not Accumulating
Swan	Lake Minnetonka	Lake Minnetonka - Stubbs Bay	15,800	2008		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	13%	2020	0.8-3.5%	1.1%	2054	16%	Not Accumulating
Johnson/Rolling Hills	Painters Creek	Painters Creek	625	2008		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	29%	2021	0-3%	1.5%	2035	32%	Underaccumulating
Painters Marsh	Painters Creek	Painters Creek	46,800	1985		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	18%	2020	0-0.8%	0.5%	2084	20%	Not Accumulating
Katrina	Painters Creek	Painters Marsh	4,210	1985		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	25%	2021	0.3-4%	0.7%	2057	26%	Not Accumulating
Steiger	Six Mile Creek	Steiger Lake		1988		Y	MCWD	Single Cell	75%	2015	2.8%	2.8%	2006	97%	Accumulating
Key	Definition				Quantity of ponds in category	7						current year	2023		
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*Cedar Meadows is underaccumulating 1.3% less than expected but classified as underperforming because we believe MCWD should continue to monitor and dredge approximatly every 25 years

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Pond Survey Schedule

Pond ID	Accumulating as expected?	Most Recent Percent Full	Most Recent Survey Year	Lifetime Sediment Accumulation Rate (%/yr)		Estimated Current % Full	Pond Volume (CY)	Year Built	MCWD Pays?	Likely Contaminated?		Cost Low Se (\$/CY)	ed Cost High (\$/CY)	Mob/Errosion Cost (\$/CY)	TOTAL COST low (\$/CY)	TOTAL COST high (\$/CY)	Anticipated Cost by if it's contaminated or not	Estimated	Estimated 50% Year	Years between surveys	2023 Survey	2024 Survey	2025 Survey
60th & 1st	Not Accumulating	12%	2020	0.6%	2083	14%	21,045	2000	N	1	\$	33 \$	45 \$	5 10	\$ 43	\$ 56	\$ 56	2067	2083	17			
Cedar Meadows West	Underaccumulating	18%	2020	1.9%	2037	24%	13,000	1996	Y	1	\$	37 \$	50 Ş	5 24	\$ 62	\$ 75	\$ 75	2032	2037	5			
Cedar Meadows East	Underaccumulating	38%	2020	1.6%	2028	43%	5,710	1996	Y	1	\$	44 \$	59 \$	48	\$ 92	\$ 107	\$ 107	2021	2028	6			
Excelsior	Accumulating	16%	2019	2.7%	2032	27%	2,385	2013	Y	0	\$	52 \$	69 \$	5 73	\$ 125	\$ 142	\$ 125	2028	2032	4			
Nokomis - Amelia	Accumulating	36%	2019	3.0%	2024	48%	22,247	2001	Y	1	\$	33 \$	45 \$	\$ 9	\$ 41	\$ 53	\$ 53	2020	2024	3	х		
Nokomis - Gateway	Not Accumulating	6%	2019	0.3%	2166	7%	5,516	2001	Y	1	\$	45 \$	60 \$	\$ 49	\$ 94	\$ 109	\$ 109	2132	2166	33			
Nokomis - Knoll	Not Accumulating	16%	2019	0.9%	2057	20%	6,743	2001	Y	1	\$	43 \$	58 \$	43	\$ 86	\$ 101	\$ 101	2046	2057	11			
Bde Maka Ska Cell 1	Accumulating	19%	2021	8.0%	2025	35%	4,980	1999	Y	0	\$	46 \$	61 \$	52	\$ 98	\$ 113	\$ 98	2024	2025	1			х
Bde Maka Ska Cell 2	Underaccumulating	22%	2020	1.4%	2040	26%	12,690	1999	Y	1	\$	38 \$	51 \$	25	\$ 62	\$ 76	\$ 76	2033	2040	7			
Bde Maka Ska Cell 3																							
Pamela Cell 1	Accumulating	19%	2021	6.5%	2026	32%	3,550	2001	Y	0	\$	49 \$	65 \$		\$ 110	\$ 126	\$ 110	2024	2026	2			х
Pamela Cell 2	Variable, Underaccumulating	30%	2021	1.5%	2034	33%	3,580	2001	N	1	\$	49 \$	65 \$			\$ 126	\$ 126	2028		7			
Pamela Cell 3	Variable, Not Accumulating	15%	2021	0.8%	2065	17%	4,640	2001	N	1	\$	46 \$	62 \$			\$ 116				13			
Twin Lake Park	Accumulating	42%	2021	5.6%	2022	53%	6,840	1996	Y	1	\$	43 \$	58 \$			\$ 100			2022	2	х		
County Rd 6	Not Accumulating	10%	2019	0.5%	2099	12%	19,602	1998	Y	1	\$	34 \$	46 \$			\$ 58		2079	2099	20			
Deer Hill North	Not Accumulating	5%	2018	0.2%	2243	6%	9,430	1996	Y	1	\$	40 \$	54 \$					2193	2243	50			
Deer Hill South	Not Accumulating	0%	2018	0.0%			28,289	1996	Y	1	\$	31 \$	42 \$			\$ 44							
Long Lake Park North	Accumulating	35%	2020	4.1%	2024	47%	4,930	1996	Y	1	\$	46 \$	61 \$			\$ 113				2		Х	
Long Lake Park South	Variable, Underaccumulating	30%	2020	2.1%	2030	36%	2,510	1996	Y	1	\$	52 \$	68 \$			\$ 140			2030	5			
Gleason Lake 1	Accumulating	38%	2021	3.9%	2024	46%	1,520	1995	Y	0	\$	56 \$	74 \$			\$ 160		2022	2024	3		Х	
Gleason Lake 2	Variable, Accumulating	17%	2021	4.2%	2029	25%	1,050	2008	Y	1	\$	59 \$	78 \$			\$ 175		2026	2029	2			
Gleason Lake 3	Variable, Accumulating	25%	2021	5.0%	2026	35%	1,160	2008	Y	1	ş	58 \$	77 \$			\$ 171		2024	2026	2			
Glenbrook	Underaccumulating	0%	2017	2.0%	2042	12%	24,848	1994	Y	0	ş	32 \$	43 \$			\$ 49			2042	5			
Lakeside	Underaccumulating	42%	2014	2.1%	2018	61%	4,868	1994	N	1	ş	46 \$	61 \$			\$ 114		2013	2018	5			
Gideon Glen	Not Accumulating	9%	2019	0.7%	2078	12%	1,965	2006	N	1	ş	54 \$	71 \$			\$ 150			2078	14			
Swan	Not Accumulating	13%	2020	1.1%	2054	16%	15,800	2008	Y	1	ş	36 \$	48 \$			\$ 67		2045	2054	9			
Johnson/Rolling Hills	Underaccumulating	29%	2021	1.5%	2035	32%	625	2008	Y	1	ş	64 \$	84 \$			\$ 195		2028		7			
Painters Marsh	Not Accumulating	18%	2020	0.8%	2060	20%	46,800	1985	Y	1	ş	26 \$	36 \$		\$ 26	\$ 36		2048		13			
Katrina	Not Accumulating	25%	2021	0.7%	2057	26%	4,210	1985	Y	1	ş	47 \$	63 \$			\$ 119		2042	2057	14			
Steiger	Accumulating	75%	2015	2.8%	2006	97%	5,194	1988	Y	1	Ş	45 \$	61 \$	5 51	\$ 96	\$ 111	\$ 111	2003	2006	4			

Dredging Projections by Pond

Pond ID	Accumulating as expected?	Time to reach 50% full after dredged (yr)	Estimated 1st Dredge Year	Estimated Probable Cost of Dredging	Estimated 2nd Dredge Year	Estimated Probable Cost of Dredging	Estimated 3rd Dredge Year	Estimated Probable Cost of Dredging
60th & 1st	Not Accumulating	83						
Cedar Meadows West	Underaccumulating	26	2037	\$ 640,700				
Cedar Meadows East	Underaccumulating	31	2028	\$ 338,500				
Excelsior	Accumulating	19	2032	\$ 178,300				
Nokomis - Amelia	Accumulating	17	2024	\$ 605,300	2041 \$	847,600		
Nokomis - Gateway	Not Accumulating	167						
Nokomis - Knoll	Not Accumulating	56						
Bde Maka Ska Cell 1	Accumulating	6	2025	\$ 252,700	2031 \$	284,500	2037	\$ 320,400
Bde Maka Ska Cell 2	Underaccumulating	36	2040	\$ 672,200				
Bde Maka Ska Cell 3								
Pamela Cell 1	Accumulating	8	2026	\$ 207,600	2034 \$	243,300	2042	\$ 285,000
Pamela Cell 2	Variable, Underaccumulating	33	2034	\$ 280,300				
Pamela Cell 3	Variable, Not Accumulating	63						
Twin Lake Park	Accumulating	9	2024	\$ 349,600	2033 \$	417,800	2042	\$ 499,300
County Rd 6	Not Accumulating	100						
Deer Hill North	Not Accumulating	250						
Deer Hill South	Not Accumulating							
Long Lake Park North	Accumulating	12	2024	\$ 284,700	2036 \$	361,000		
Long Lake Park South	Variable, Underaccumulating	24	2030	\$ 201,900				
Gleason Lake 1	Accumulating	13	2024	\$ 110,100	2037 \$	142,400		
Gleason Lake 2	Variable, Accumulating	12	2029	\$ 103,300	2041 \$	131,000		
Gleason Lake 3	Variable, Accumulating	10	2026	\$ 105,100	2036 \$	128,100		
Glenbrook	Underaccumulating	25	2042	\$ 674,400				
Lakeside	Underaccumulating	24	2023	\$ 276,800				
Gideon Glen	Not Accumulating	71						
Swan	Not Accumulating	45						
Johnson/Rolling Hills	Underaccumulating	33	2035	\$ 77,400				
Painters Marsh	Not Accumulating	63						
Katrina	Not Accumulating	71						
Steiger	Accumulating	18	2023	\$ 288,700	2041 \$	412,000		
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Maintenance of ponds listed in yellow are to be paid for by another entity

Probable Dredging Cost by Year

	Dredging Cost (Probable), considering only ponds for which MCWD is responsible for	
Year	maintenance costs	Ponds to be Dredged
2023		Twin Lake Park, Lakeside, Steiger
2024		Nokomis - Amelia, Long Lake North, Gleason Cell 1
2025		Bde Maka Ska Cell 1
2026	\$ 312,700.00	Pamela Cell 1, Gleason Cell 3
2027	-	
2028	\$ 338,500.00	Cedar Meadows East
2029	\$ 103,300.00	Gleason Cell 2
2030	\$ 201,900.00	Long Lake Park South
2031	\$ 284,500.00	Bde Maka Ska Cell 1, Twin Lake Park
2032	\$ 178,300.00	Excelcier
2033	\$ 417,800.00	Twin Lake Park
2034	\$ 243,300.00	Pamela Cell 1, Pamela Cell 2
2035	\$ 77,400.00	Johnson/Rolling Hills
2036	\$ 489,100.00	Long Lake Park North, Gleason Cell 3
2037	\$ 1,103,500.00	Cedar Meadows West, Gleason Cell 1, Bde Maka Ska Cell 1
2038	\$ -	
2039	\$ -	
2040	\$ 672,200.00	Nokomis - Amelia, Bde Maka Ska Cell 1, Twin Lake Park
2041	\$ 1,390,600.00	Pamela Cell 1, Gleason Cell 2, Steiger
2042	\$ 1,458,700.00	Glenbrook, Pamela Cell 1
Total	\$ 9,162,900.00	
Average Annual	\$ 458,145.00	

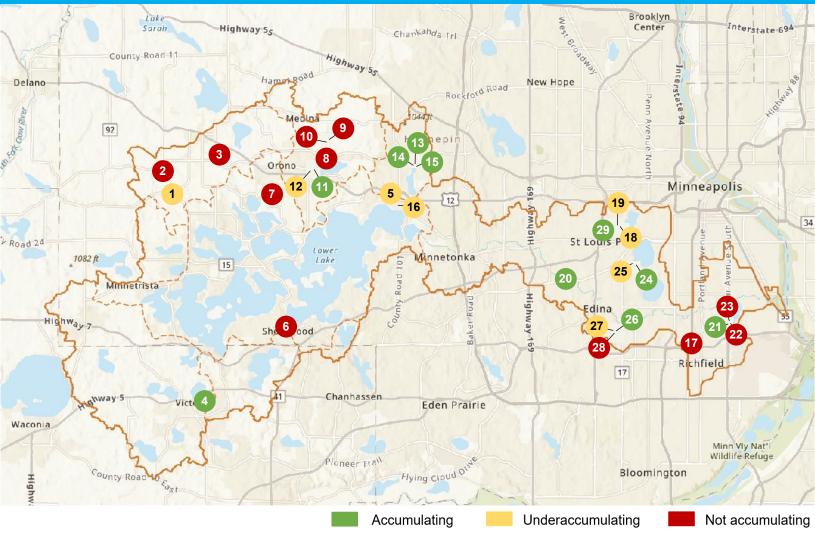
**note that these are predictions using the best available data, other factors including development and wet/dry years may impact dates

dollars account for inflation, and are presented in terms of the respective value in each respective year

Key

Maintenance of ponds listed in yellow are to be paid for by another entity

Pond Sedimentation



Painter Creek

- 1. Johnson/Rolling Hills
- 2. Painters Marsh
- 3. South Katrina Pond

Six Mile Creek

4. Steiger Wetland Pond

Lake Minnetonka

- 5. Lakeside Pond
- 6. Gideon Glen
- 7. Swan Lake

Long Lake Creek

- 8. County Road 6 Pond
- 9. Deer Hill Pond North
- 10. Deer Hill Pond South
- 11. Long Lake Park North
- 12. Long Lake Park South

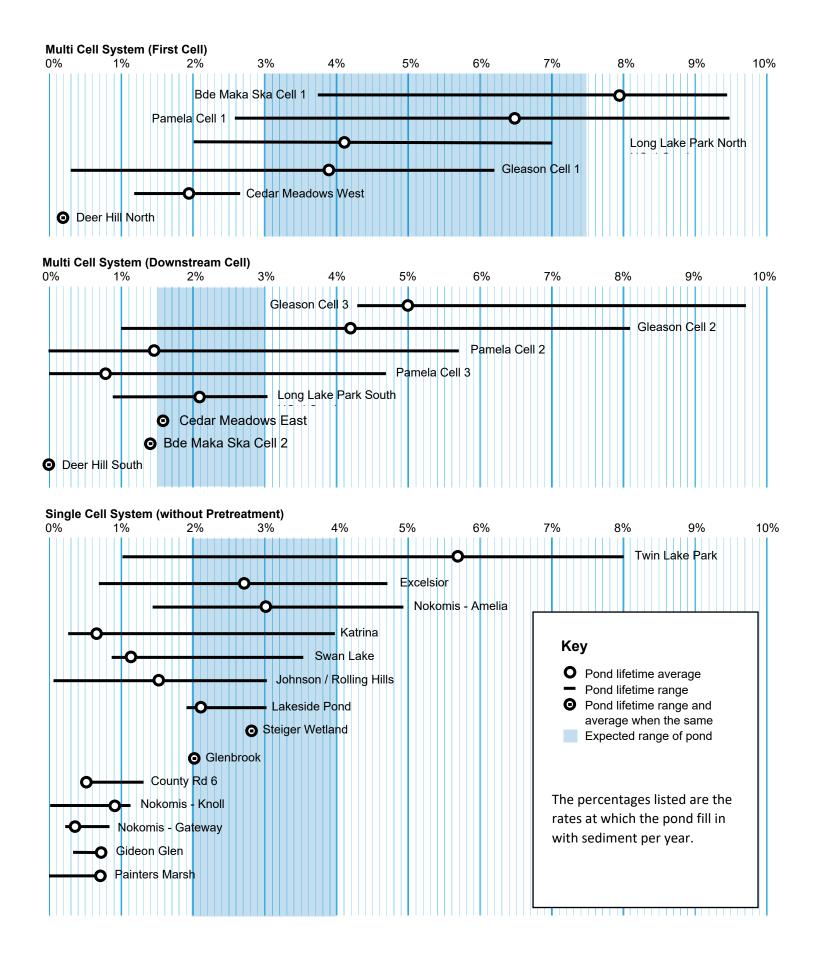
Gleason Lake Creek

- 13. Gleason Lake North Pond 1
- 14. Gleason Lake North Pond 2
- 15. Gleason Lake North Pond 3
- 16. Glenbrook Pond

Minnehaha Creek

- 17. 60th and 1st Pond
- 18. Cedar Meadows Basin 1 (W)
- 19. Cedar Meadows Basin 2 (E)
- 20. Excelsior Pond
- 21. Nokomis Amelia
- 22. Nokomis Gateway
- 23. Nokomis Knoll
- 24. SW Bde Maka Ska Cell 1
- 25. SW Bde Maka Ska Cell 2
- 26. Pamela Park Cell 1
- 27. Pamela Park Cell 2
- 28. Pamela Park Cell 3
- 29. Twin Lakes Park Pond

Expected and Observed Annual Sediment Accumulation Rates





1. Johnson / Rolling Hills

Drainage Area: 195 acres Pond Volume: 0.4 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2008

Design Intent:

Designed to capture sediment from runoff from the nearby development and gravel road (Rolling Hills Drive) before entering the onsite wetlands. The forebay will require maintenance when 50% of the pool is filled.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2008-2015: 3.0% per year
- 2015-2018: 1.7% per year
- 2018-2021: 0.0% per year

Dredging Data:

• Johnson has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2008. It was 29% full in the most recent survey conducted in 2021.

Status & Recommendations:

Underaccumulating

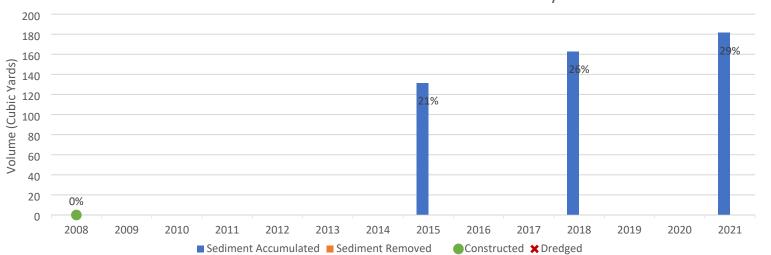
• 32% Full

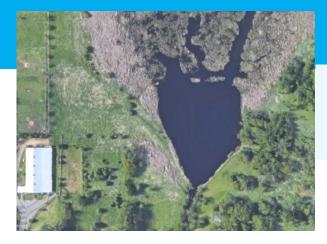
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Next Survey: 2028

Estimated Dredging: 2035

- Estimated CY to be removed: 315
- Estimated Cost: \$77,400





2. Painters Marsh Pond

Drainage Area: 7,950 acres (3,600 not treated by Katrina) Pond Volume: 29 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1985

Design Intent:

Painters Marsh Pond was dredged and expanded in 1997 to make improvements to the sediment basin originally constructed in 1984 and 1985. This project was focused on restoring flood capacity and increasing water treatment potential.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

• 1997-2020: 0.8% per year

Dredging Data:

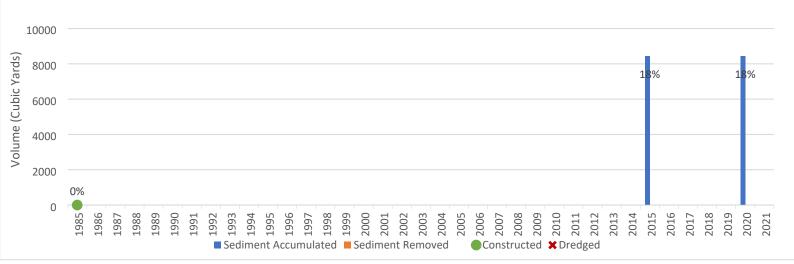
• Painters Marsh has not been dredged since its expansion in 1997.

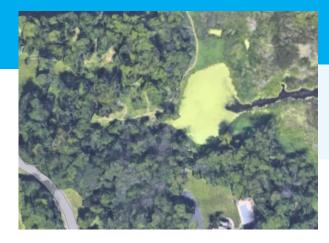
Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 20% Full

Pause Sediment Surveys





3. Katrina

Drainage Area: 3,600 acres Pond Volume: 2.6 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1985

Design Intent:

Katrina Pond was dredged and expanded in 1997 to make improvements to the sediment basin originally constructed in 1984 and 1985. This project was focused on restoring flood capacity and increasing water treatment potential.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 1997-2015: 0.3% per year
- 2015-2018: 4.0% per year
- 2018-2021: 2.7% per year

Dredging Data:

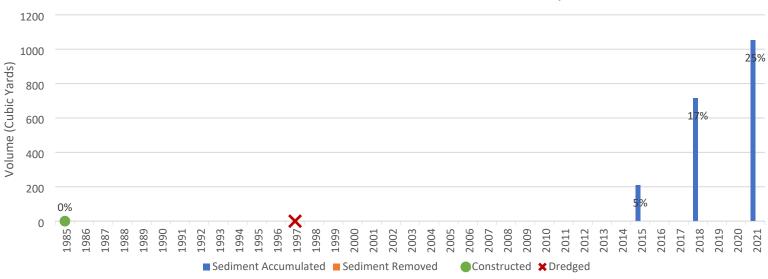
• Katrina has not been dredged since its expansion in 1997.

Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 26% Full

Pause Sediment Surveys





4. Steiger Wetland

Drainage Area: 250 acres Pond Volume: 2.6 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1988

Design Intent:

Steiger Wetland Pond was installed in 1988 with the Katy Hills housing development.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

• 1988-2015: 2.8% per year

Dredging Data:

• Steiger Wetland has not been dredged since being built in 1997.

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Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

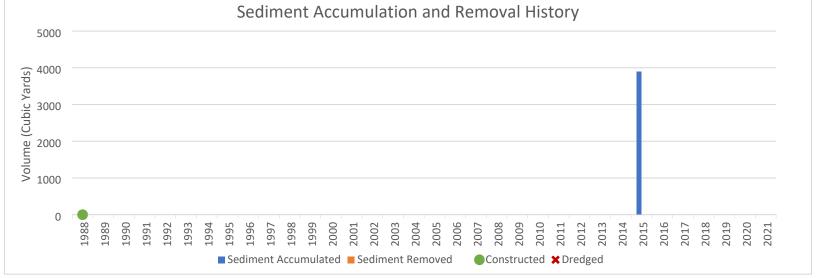
• 97% Full

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• Next Survey: 2023

Estimated Dredging: 2023

- Estimated CY to be removed: 5,040
- Estimated Cost: \$288,700





5. Lakeside

Drainage Area: 75 acres Pond Volume: 3 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1994

Design Intent:

Lakeside Pond was created as part of the Gleason Creek Improvement project. Its design intent was flood control.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 1994-2010: 1.9% per year
- 2010-2014: 3.0% per year •

Dredging Data:

 Lakeside Pond has not been dredged since it was constructed in 1994. Lakeside pond will likely need to be surveyed and dredged.

Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

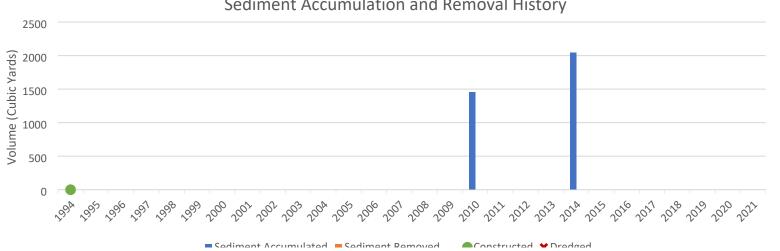
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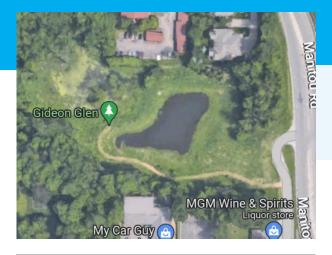
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• Next Survey: 2023

Estimated Dredging: 2023

- Estimated CY to be removed: 2.970
- Estimated Cost: \$276,800





6. Gideon Glen

Drainage Area: 88 acres Pond Volume: 1.2 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2006

Design Intent:

Designed to treat stormwater from 88 acres, including the County Road 19/Smithtown Road/Country Club Road intersection and the shopping center and parking areas on the east side of the roadway in Tonka Bay, before it drains into Lake Minnetonka.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2006-2016: 0.8% per year
- 2016-2019: 0.3% per year

Dredging Data:

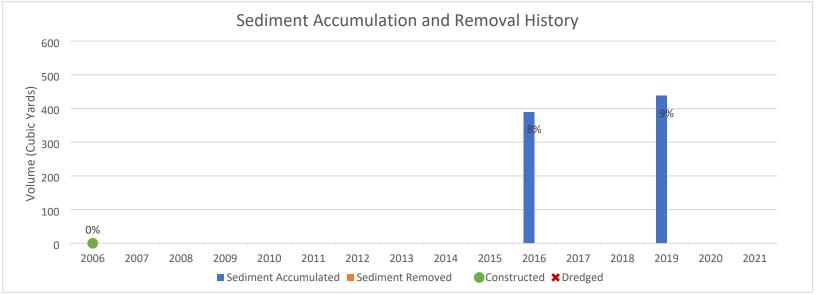
• Gideon Glen Pond has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2006.

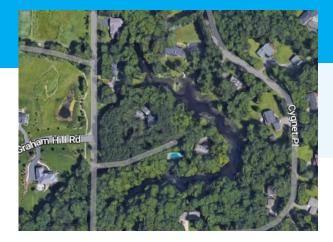
Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 12% Full

Pause Sediment Surveys





7. Swan Lake

Drainage Area: 930 acres Pond Volume: 9.8 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2008

Design Intent:

Swan Lake is an artificial pond, constructed sometime between 1957 and 1964 (according to Hennepin County Land Survey historical imagery) in-line on Classen Creek. The pond was excavated in 2008 by MCWD to increase water detention and sediment storage to reduce downstream pollutant loading to Stubbs Bay on Lake Minnetonka.

Monitoring Data:

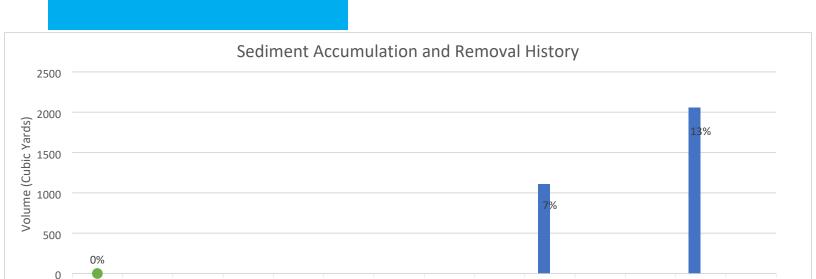
No Monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2008-2017: 0.8% per year
- 2017-2020: 2.2% per year

Dredging Data:

• Swan Lake has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2008.



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2015

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2021

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Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 16% Full

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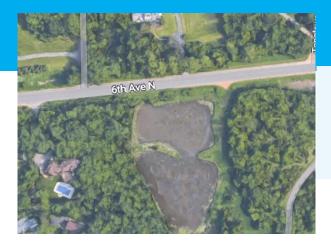
2010

2011

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2013

Sediment Accumulated Sediment Removed



8. County Road 6 Pond

Drainage Area: 3,370 acres Pond Volume: 12.2 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1998

Design Intent:

County Road 6 (1997-1998) was designed to reduce sediment and nutrient loading from the northeast and northwest tributaries. It was estimated to remove 50% TP when considered in conjunction with Deer Hill. No expected removal was quantified for TSS.

Monitoring Data:

Monitored 1998

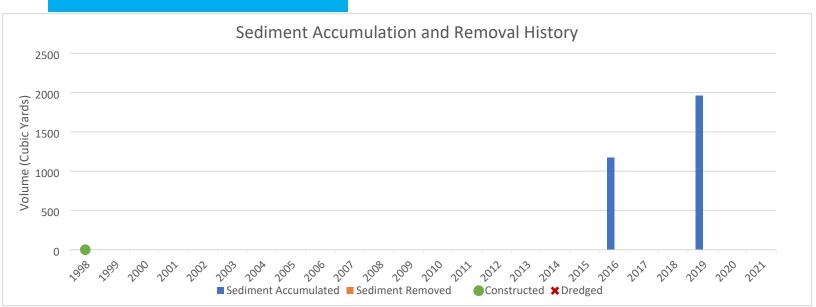
- Summer phosphorus removal rate 25%
- Decreased sediment
- Phosphorus and solids concentrations in inflow to Long Lake from Deer Hill Pond were found to be lower than estimated in the pre-project feasibility study.

Sediment Accumulation:

• 1998-2019: 0.5% per year

Dredging Data:

 Country Road 6 has not been dredged since it was constructed in 1998.



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Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 16% Full

Pause Sediment Surveys



9. Deer Hill - North

Drainage Area: 1740 acres Pond Volume (North and South): 23.4 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1996

Design Intent:

Deer Hill (1995-1996) was designed to reduce sediment and nutrient loading from the northeast tributary prior to entry into the County Road 6 Pond. It was estimated to remove 60% TP. No expected removal was quantified for TSS.

Monitoring Data:

Monitored 1996, 1997, and 1998

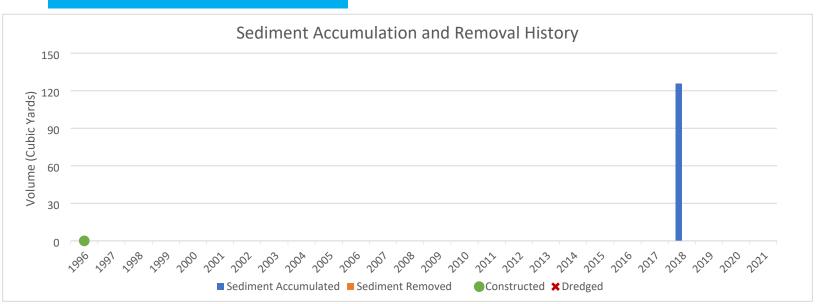
- Summer phosphorus removal rate approximately 40-50%
- Decreased sediment
- Phosphorus and solids concentrations in inflow to Long Lake from Deer Hill Pond were found to be lower than estimated in the pre-project feasibility study.

Sediment Accumulation:

• 1996-2020: 0.5% per year

Dredging Data:

• Deer Hill - North has not been dredged since it was constructed in 1996.



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Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 6% Full

Pause Surveys



10. Deer Hill - South

Drainage Area: 1740 acres Pond Volume (North and South): 23.4 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1996

Design Intent:

Deer Hill (1995-1996) was designed to reduce sediment and nutrient loading from the northeast tributary prior to entry into the County Road 6 Pond. It was estimated to remove 60% TP. No expected removal was quantified for TSS.

Monitoring Data:

Monitored 1996, 1997, and 1998

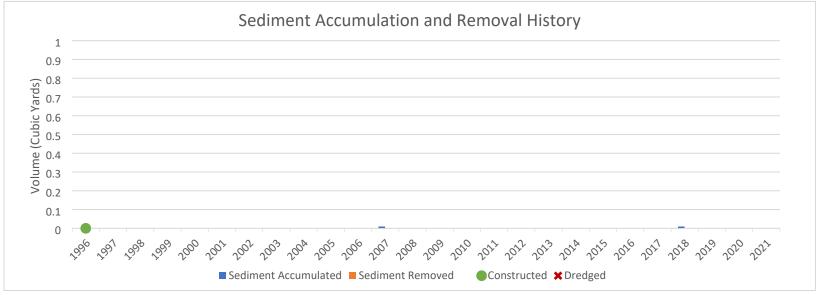
- Summer phosphorus removal rate about 40-50%
- Decreased sediment
- Phosphorus and solids concentrations in inflow to Long Lake from Deer Hill Pond were found to be lower than estimated in the pre-project feasibility study.

Sediment Accumulation:

• During the most recent surveys in 2007 and 2018 an insignificant amount of sediment had accumulated.

Dredging Data:

• Deer Hill - South has not been dredged since it was constructed in 1996.



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Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 0% Full

Pause Surveys



Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

• 47% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

• Next Survey: 2023

Estimated Dredging: 2024

- Estimated CY to be removed: 2,470
- Estimated Cost: \$284,700

11. Long Lake - North

Drainage Area: 560 acres total Pond Volume: 3.1 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1996

Design Intent:

Expansion of two existing ponds: Long Lake N and Long Lake S (1995-1996) were designed to increase nutrient and sediment removal. They were estimated to remove 20% TP. No expected removal was identified for TSS.

Monitoring Data:

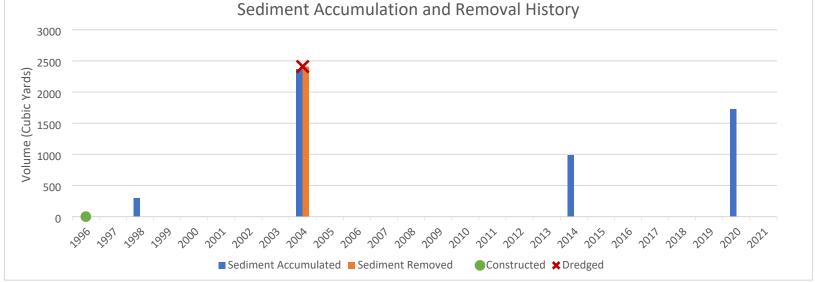
No Monitoring - Initial monitoring documentation indicated visible accumulation of sediment.

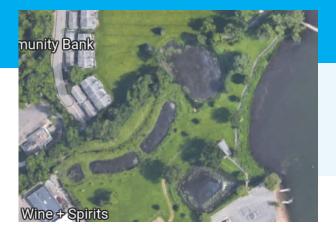
Sediment Accumulation:

- 1996-1998: 3.0% per year
- 1998-2004: 7.0% per year
- 2004-2014: 2.0% per year
- 2014-2020: 2.5% per year

Dredging Data:

• 2004: 2,410 CY (48%)





12. Long Lake - South

Drainage Area: 560 acres total Pond Volume: 1.6 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1996

Design Intent:

Expansion of two existing ponds: Long Lake N and Long Lake S (1995-1996) were designed to increase nutrient and sediment removal. They were estimated to remove 20% TP. No expected removal was identified for TSS.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring - Initial monitoring documentation indicated visible accumulation of sediment.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2006-2017: 1.9% per year
- 2017-2020: 3.0% per year

Dredging Data:

• Long Lake - South was dredged in 2006. There are no dredging or survey records to indicate how full this pond was when it was dredged.

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Status & Recommendations:

Underaccumulating

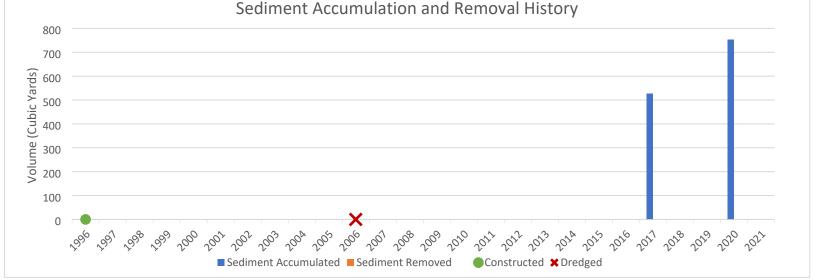
• 36% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

• Next Survey: 2025

Estimated Dredging: 2030

- Estimated CY to be removed: 1,260
- Estimated Cost: \$201,900





Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

• 46% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

Next Survey: 2023

Estimated Dredging: 2024

- Estimated CY to be removed: 1,520
- Estimated Cost: \$110,100

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13. Gleason Lake North - 1

Drainage Area: 345 acres Pond Volume: 0.9 AC-FT Pond Volume: 0.7 AC-FT Pond Volume: 0.7 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1995

Design Intent:

The design intent of the addition of two cells (Gleason ponds Cells 2 and 3) were to improve water quality in Gleason Lake. Gleason Cell 1 has been in place since 1995.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2006-2011: 5.3% per year
- 2011-2018: 6.2% per year
- 2018-2021: 0.3% per year

Dredging Data:

• 2011: 900 CY (59%*)

*note that this pond was 85% full prior to being dredged in 2011, so not all accumulated sediment was removed at the time.



Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

• 25% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

Next Survey: 2026

Estimated Dredging: 2029

- Estimated CY to be removed: 525
- Estimated Cost: \$103,300

14. Gleason Lake North - 2

Drainage Area: 345 acres Pond Volume: 0.9 AC-FT Pond Volume: 0.7 AC-FT Pond Volume: 0.7 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2008

Design Intent:

The design intent of the addition of two cells (Gleason ponds Cells 2 and 3) were to improve water quality in Gleason Lake. Gleason Cell 1 has been in place since 1995.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2006-2015: 8.1% per year
- 2015-2018: 7.0% per year
- 2018-2021: 1.0% per year

Dredging Data:

• 2016*: 892 CY (40%**)

*Note Gleason 2 and 3 were dredged jointly in 2016 and the total combined amount removed from both was 892 CY.

**Note Gleason 2 and Gleason 3 were 57% and 68% full prior to being dredged in 2016, so not all accumulated sediment was removed at the time.





Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

• 35% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

Next Survey: 2024

Estimated Dredging: 2026

- Estimated CY to be removed: 580
- Estimated Cost: \$105,100

15. Gleason Lake North - 3

Drainage Area: 345 acres Pond Volume: 0.9 AC-FT Pond Volume: 0.7 AC-FT Pond Volume: 0.7 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2008

Design Intent:

The design intent of the addition of two cells (Gleason ponds Cells 2 and 3) were to improve water quality in Gleason Lake. Gleason Cell 1 has been in place since 1995.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

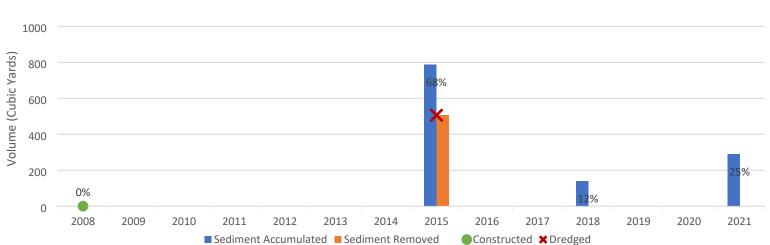
- 2006-2015: 9.7% per year
- 2015-2018: 6.0% per year
- 2018-2021: 4.3% per year

Dredging Data:

• 2016*: 892 CY (40%**)

*Note Gleason 2 and 3 were dredged jointly in 2016 and the total combined amount removed from both was 892 CY.

**Note Gleason 2 and Gleason 3 were 57% and 68% full prior to being dredged in 2016, so not all accumulated sediment was removed at the time.





Status & Recommendations:

Underaccumulating

• 12% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

Next Survey: 2037

Estimated Dredging: 2042

- Estimated CY to be removed: 12,400
- Estimated Cost: \$674,400

was flood control. Monitoring Data: No monitoring.

Design Intent:

Sediment Accumulation:

• 1994-2016: 2.0% per year

Dredging Data:

2017: 16,000 (64%*) after a 2016 survey • showed that it was 44% full.

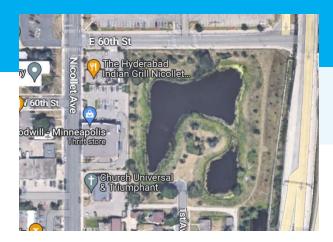
Glenbrook Pond was expanded in 1994 as part of the Gleason Creek Improvement project. Its design intent

16. Glenbrook Pond

Drainage Area: 4,360 acres Pond Volume: 15.4 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1994

**Note Glenbrook was 44% full prior to being dredged in 2017, so it's possible the pond was enlarged.

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17. 60th and 1st

Drainage Area: 194 acres Pond Volume: n/a Year Constructed: 2000

Design Intent:

61st and 1st was designed to minimize local flooding problems and improve water quality. The primary goal was storage to alleviate frequent flooding in the area.

Monitoring Data:

No Monitoring data exists, but it was anticipated during design that that the pond would remove 100 lbs of phosphorus per year from the drainage area, with primary benefit being to Diamond Lake.

Sediment Accumulation: Cell 1

• 2000-2020: 0.6% per year

Dredging Data: Cell 1

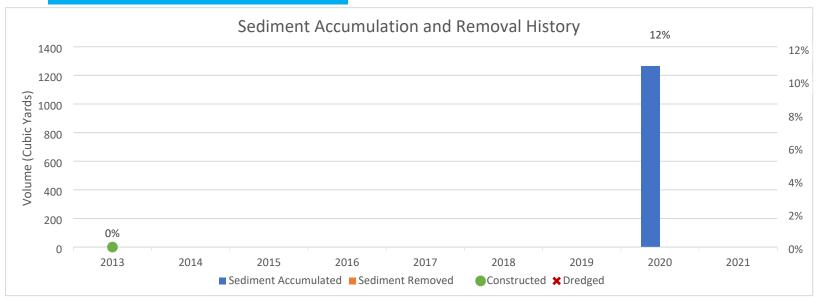
 60th and 1st has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2000

Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 14% Full

Pause Surveys





18. Cedar Meadows - 1 (W)

Drainage Area: 223 acres Pond Volume: 8.1 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1996

Design Intent:

Cedar Meadows detention pond and wetland was created as part of a larger project with the intent to improve water quality entering Cedar Lake. Cedar Meadows treats local runoff flowing from Twin Lakes before entering Cedar Lake.

Monitoring Data:

Performance monitoring was conducted in 1997 and showed a 40% phosphorus removal and 80% TSS removal. However, in 1998 the phosphorus removal dropped to 21% and the TSS removal to nearly zero. A large presence of rough fish in the pond, disturbing the bottom sediments and damaging aquatic plant life was suspected to have caused this dramatic drop. In 1998, efforts were taken to remove and keep the fish out of the pond.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 1996-2004: 2.6% per year
- 2004-2020: 1.1% per year

Dredging Data:

• 2004: 2,750 (21%)

Status & Recommendations:

Underaccumulating

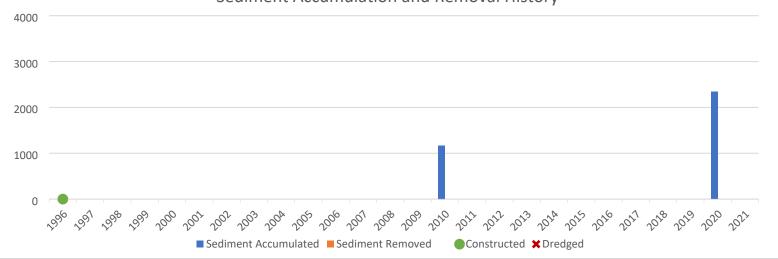
• 24% Full

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Next Survey: 2032

Estimated Dredging: 2037

- Estimated CY to be removed: 6,500
- Estimated Cost: \$640,700





19. Cedar Meadows - 2 (E)

Drainage Area: 223 acres Pond Volume: 8.1 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1996

Design Intent:

Cedar Meadows detention pond and wetland was created as part of a larger project with the intent to improve water quality entering Cedar Lake. Cedar Meadows treats local runoff flowing from Twin Lakes before entering Cedar Lake.

Monitoring Data:

Performance monitoring was conducted in 1997 and showed a 40% phosphorus removal and 80% TSS removal. However, in 1998 the phosphorus removal dropped to 21% and the TSS removal to nearly zero. A large presence of rough fish in the pond, disturbing the bottom sediments and damaging aquatic plant life was suspected to have caused this dramatic drop. In 1998, efforts were taken to remove and keep the fish out of the pond.

Sediment Accumulation:

1996-2020: 1.6% per year

Dredging Data:

Cedar Meadow - East has not been dredged since it was constructed in 1996.

Status & Recommendations:

Underaccumulating

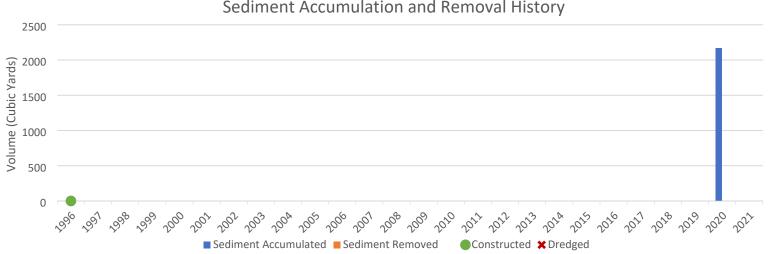
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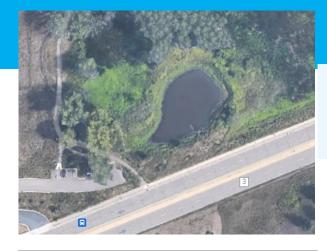
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• Next Survey: 2023

Estimated Dredging: 2028

- Estimated CY to be removed: 2.900
- Estimated Cost: \$338,500





20. Excelsior

Drainage Area: 79 acres Pond Volume: 1.5 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2013

Design Intent:

Designed to treat stormwater from 79 acres that previously flowed untreated into Minnehaha Creek. It was estimated to remove 41 pounds of total phosphorus annually. The pond has a 1.72 ac-ft pretreatment filtration basin with a 2ft normal water depth designed to receive runoff from the existing 36" diameter RCP crossing Excelsior Blvd and the 18" RCP capturing flow from Excelsior Way. Stormwater is controlled by a one-foot filtration berm.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring data

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2013-2016: 4.7% per year
- 2016-2019: 0.7% per year

Dredging Data:

Excelsior has not been dredged since it was • constructed in 2013.

Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

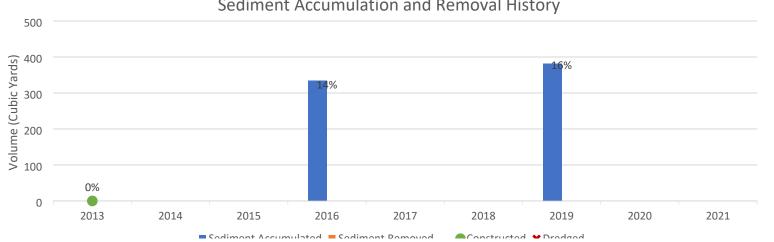
• 27% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

• Next Survey: 2028

Estimated Dredging: 2032

- Estimated CY to be removed: 1,200
- Estimated Cost: \$178,300





21. Nokomis - Amelia

Drainage Area: 307 acres Pond Volume: 13.8 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2001

Design Intent:

The design intent of Amelia Pond was to improve water quality in Lake Nokomis.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring data.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2001-2010: 1.4% per year
- 2010-2016: 4.2% per year
- 2016-2016: 4.9% per year

Dredging Data:

• 2004: 2,147 CY (10%)

Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

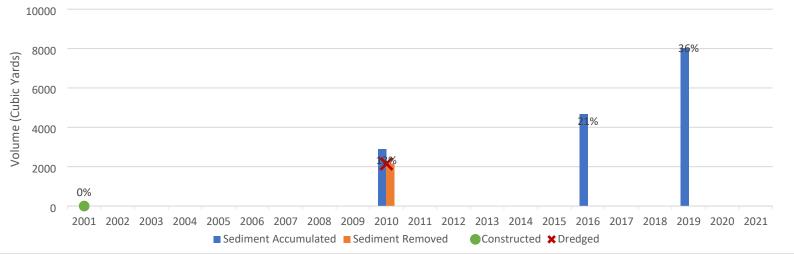
• 27% Full

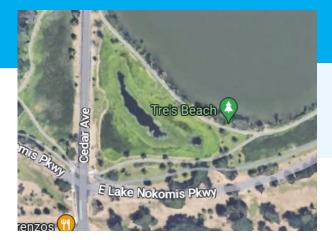
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Next Survey: 2023

Estimated Dredging: 2024

- Estimated CY to be removed: 11,124
- Estimated Cost: \$605,300





Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 7% Full

Pause Surveys



Drainage Area: 307 acres Pond Volume: 3.4 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2001

Design Intent:

The design intent of Gateway Pond was to improve water quality in Lake Nokomis.

Monitoring Data:

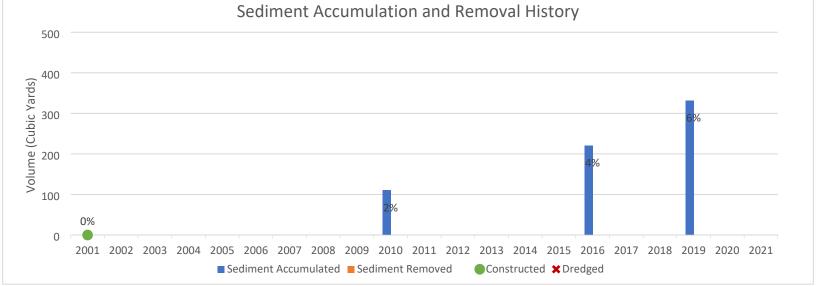
No monitoring data.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2001-2010: 1.4%
- 2010-2016: 0.8%
- 2016-2019: 0.6%

Dredging Data:

• Gateway has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2001.





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23. Nokomis - Knoll

Drainage Area: 307 acres Pond Volume: 4.2 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2001

Design Intent:

The design intent of Knoll Pond was to improve water quality in Lake Nokomis.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring data.

Sediment Accumulation:

- 2001-2005: 0.0%
- 2005-2016: 1.1%
- 2016-2019: 0.0%

Dredging Data:

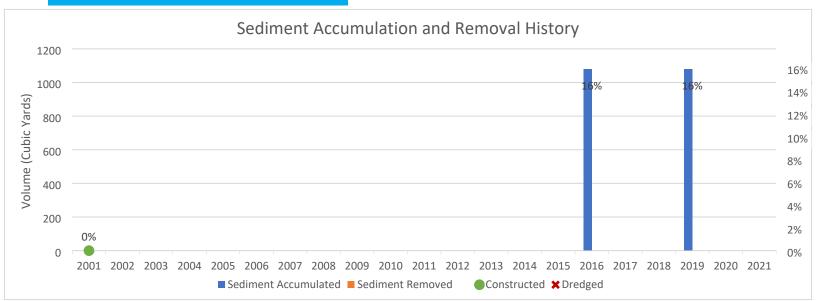
• Knoll Pond has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2001.

Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 20% Full

Pause Surveys





24. Bde Maka Ska - 1

Drainage Area: 990 acres Pond Volume: 3.1 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1999

Design Intent:

Bde Maka Ska is a 3-celled system with a drainage area of 990 acres. The design intent of this system was to provide water quality treatment for urban runoff before draining into Lake Bde Maka Ska.

Monitoring Data:

Performance Monitoring was conducted in 1999 that indicated a 66% phosphorus removal and 85% TSS removal rate.

Sediment Accumulation:

Cell 1

- 1999-2004: 13% per year
- 2004-2011: 4% per year •
- 2011-2018: 6% per year •
- 2018-2021: 10% per year •

Dredging Data:

Cell 1

- 2004: 3,120 CY (63%) •
- 2011: 2,024 CY (41%) •
- 2019: 2,000 CY (40%)

Accumulating

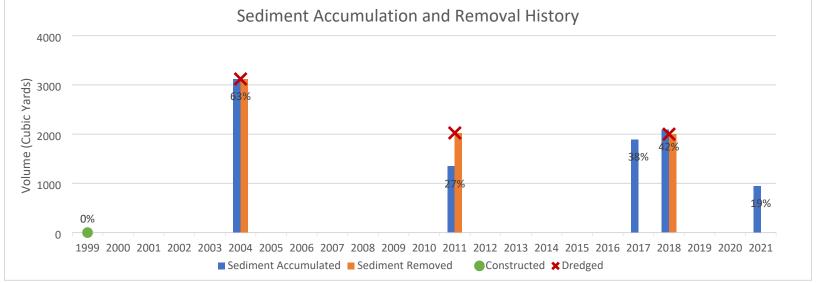
• 35% Full (2023 Estimate)

Continue Sediment Surveys

Next Survey: 2024

Estimated Dredging: 2025

- Estimated CY to be removed: 2490 CY
- Estimated cost: \$252,700



Status & Recommendations:



25. Bde Maka Ska - 2

Drainage Area: 990 acres Pond Volume: 7.9 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1999

Design Intent:

Bde Maka Ska is a 3-celled system with a drainage area of 990 acres. The design intent of this system was to provide water quality treatment for urban runoff before draining into Lake Bde Maka Ska.

Monitoring Data:

Performance Monitoring was conducted in 1999 that indicated a 66% phosphorus removal and 85% TSS removal rate.

Sediment Accumulation:

1999-2021: 3% per year

Dredging Data:

Dredged in 2004 and the quantity of sediment • removed was not recorded.

Status & Recommendations:

Underaccumulating

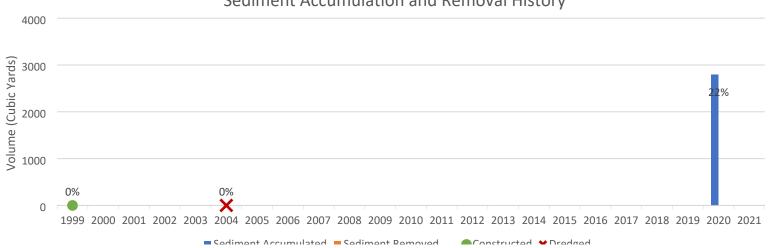
• 26% Full (2023 estimate)

Continue Sediment Surveys

• Next Survey: 2033

Estimated Dredging: 2040

- Estimated CY to be removed: 6350 CY
- Estimated cost: \$672,200



Sediment Accumulation and Removal History



26. Pamela Park - 1

Drainage Area: 297 acres Pond Volume: 2.2 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2001

Design Intent:

The design intent of the Pamela Park ponds was to treat stormwater and provide water quality improvements.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

2001-2015: 2.6% 2015-2018: 7.7% 2018-2021: 9.5%

Dredging Data: 2019. 1,800 CY (51%)

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Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

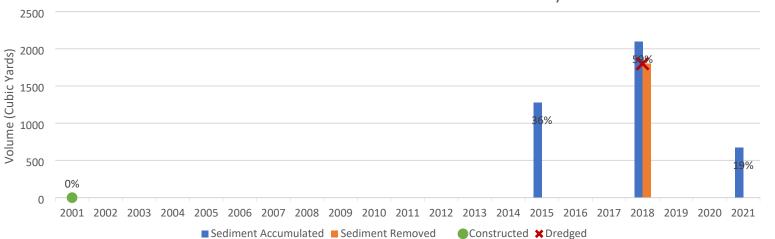
• 32% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

• Next Survey: 2024

Estimated Dredging: 2026

- Estimated CY to be removed: 1,780
- Estimated Cost: \$207,600



Sediment Accumulation and Removal History



27. Pamela Park - 2

Drainage Area: 297 acres Pond Volume: 2.2 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2001

Design Intent:

The design intent of the Pamela Park ponds was to treat stormwater and provide water quality improvements.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

2001-2015: 1.5% per year 2015-2018: 5.7% per year 2018-2021: 0% per year

Dredging Data:

Pamela Park Cell 2 has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2001.

Status & Recommendations:

Underaccumulating

• 33% Full

Continue Sediment Surveys

• Next Survey: 2028

Estimated Dredging: 2034

- Estimated CY to be removed: 1,790
- Estimated Cost: \$280,300 (City of Edina pays)



Sediment Accumulation and Removal History



28. Pamela Park -3

Drainage Area: 297 acres Pond Volume: 2.9 AC-FT Year Constructed: 2001

Design Intent:

The design intent of the Pamela Park ponds was to treat stormwater and provide water quality improvements.

Monitoring Data:

No monitoring.

Sediment Accumulation:

2001-2015: 0.3% per year 2015-2018: 4.7% per year 2018-2021: 0% per year

Dredging Data:

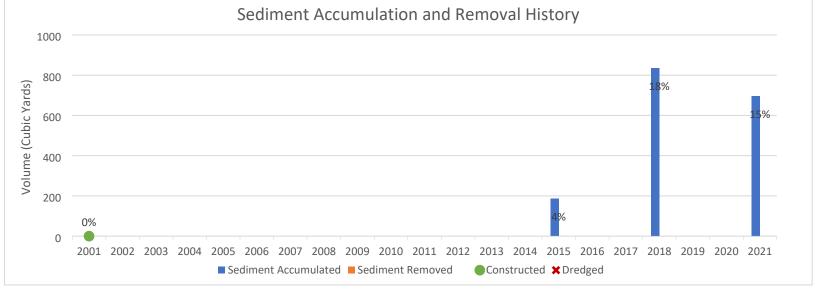
Pamela Park Cell 3 has not been dredged since it was constructed in 2001.

Status & Recommendations:

Not Accumulating

• 17% Full

Pause Surveys



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Status & Recommendations:

Accumulating

- 53% Full (2023 Estimate)
- **Continue Sediment Surveys**
 - Next Survey: 2024

Estimated Dredging: 2024

- Estimated CY to be removed: 4,020 CY
- Estimated cost: \$349,600

29. Twin Lake Park Pond

Drainage Area: 1,390 acres Pond Volume: 4.2 AC-FT Year Constructed: 1996

Design Intent:

Twin Lake Park Pond is a single pond with a drainage area of 1,390. This pond was created as part of a larger project with the intent to improve water quality entering Cedar Lake. Twin Lake Park Pond treats water before entering Twin Lakes which ultimately drain to Cedar Lake.

Monitoring Data:

Performance monitoring was conducted 1996-1997 right after the ponds were built. In an average year (not dry or wet) Twin Lake Park pond showed a 25% phosphorus removal rate.

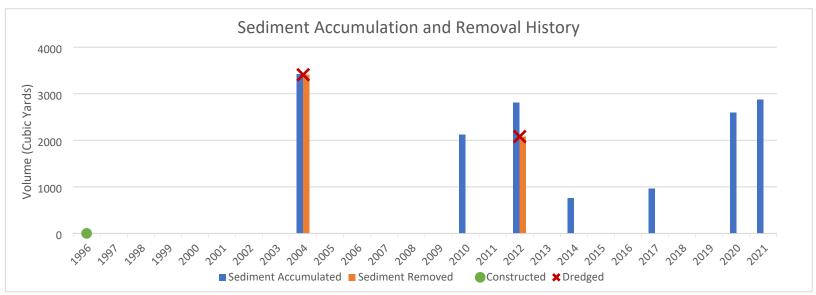
Sediment Accumulation:

- 1996-2004: 6% per year
- 2004-2011: 6% per year
- 2011-2021: 5% per year

Dredging Data:

- 2004: 3,403 CY (50%)
- 2012: 2,080 CY (*30%)

*Note this pond was 41% full prior to being dredging in 2012, so not all of the accumulated sediment was removed at that time.



Appendix B: Expected Accumulation Rate Calculations

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Minnesota Stormwater Manual, if no upstream BMP is present, ponds are to be designed with a forebay for pretreatment and a primary pool downstream. According to MPCA guidance, the forebay should be sized at 10% of the permanent pool volume. The Stormwater Manual provides guidance that forebays should be cleaned every 5-7 years and stormwater pond primary pools should be cleaned approximately every 25 years (or when a pond's permanent pool volume reaches 50% full).

The ponds located within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed are designed in a few different ways and thus Stantec has used this guidance from the MPCA to extrapolate expected accumulation rates. These methods are described below.

Design Level efficiencies are also applicable. Ponds designed to treat more runoff are more efficient at TSS removal compared to those designed to treat less. See below for Design Level efficiencies as listed in the Minnesota Stormwater Manual.

				Pollutant reduction (%) ²			
MIDS Stormwater Pond Design Level ¹	Permanent Pool Volume (V _{pp}), ft ³	Water Quality Volume (V _{wq}), ft ³	TSS 🕈	TP 🕈	PP ¢	DP ¢	
Design Level 1	\geq 1,800 ft ³ per acre of tributary area	<= 1 inch from impervious area	60	34	62	0	
Design Level 2		<= 1 inch from impervious area	84	50	84	8	
Design Level 3		<= 1.5 inch from impervious area	90	60	90	23	

Traditional Pond: this is a pond with a forebay and primary pool

Within the forebay the anticipated accumulation is expected to be 50% every 5-7 years. Note that there are not any MCWD ponds that truly fit this definition, but this scenario is what State guidance is based on, so it is detailed here as a reference point.

Forebay

Low End Accumulation Rate (per year) =
$$\frac{50\%}{7} = 7\%$$

High End Accumulation Rate (per year) =
$$\frac{50\%}{5} = 10\%$$

Within the primary pool the anticipated sedimentation is approximately 25 years. To account for system variability and estimate a reasonable range, we have added thirty percent on the front and tail end of 25 years giving a range from 16.6-33.3 years thus:

Primary Pool

Low End Accumulation Rate (per year) =
$$\frac{50\%}{33.3}$$
 = 1.5%
High End Accumulation Rate (per year) = $\frac{50\%}{16.6}$ = 3%

Single Cell Pond: this is a pond with no pretreatment and no forebay.

In this scenario, the sediment usually captured in the forebay would now be dispersed across the main pool resulting in the following:

Low End Accumulation Rate (per year) =
$$\frac{7\%}{10}$$
 + 1.5% = 2.2%
High End Accumulation Rate (per year) = $\frac{10\%}{10}$ + 3% = 4%

Multi Cell Pond: this is a pond system with multiple cells. There is no pretreatment prior to the multicell system.

First Cell

In this scenario, the first cell is acting as a Single Cell Pond, only it's a fraction of the size. Of the MCWD ponds, the first cell of the multi cell systems generally range between 1/3 and 1/5 of the overall pond system volume. Thus, similar to the single cell pond, we take the expected accumulation for a forebay, and distribute it over a larger range. In the equations below the $0.\overline{3}$ and 0.2 represent how a first cell is typically between $1/3^{rd}$ and $1/5^{th}$ of total systems size, 0.1 represents how forebays are typically $1/10^{th}$ of a ponds size.

Low End Accumulation Rate
$$(per \ year)_1 = 7\% / \frac{0.\overline{3}}{0.1} = 2.3\%$$

High End Accumulation Rate $(per \ year)_1 = 10\% / \frac{0.2}{0.1} = 5\%$
 $X_1 = Accumulation \ before \ efficiency \ factor \ is \ applied$

Because decreasing the size of the pond decreases efficiency, we account for this using the Design Level efficiencies. Due to their larger size, first cells are more efficient than forebays. We use the Design levels as a proxy to extrapolate that a Design Level 3 pond that is approximately 3-5 times larger than Design Level 1 is 1.5x more efficient.

$$Efficiency = \frac{Design \ Level \ 3}{Design \ Level \ 1} = \frac{90\% \ removal}{60\% \ removal} = 1.5$$

Low End Accumulation Rate (per year) = 2.3% * 1.5 = 3.2%High End Accumulation Rate (per year) = 5% * 1.5 = 7.5% **Downstream Cells:** downstream ponds act similar to the primary pool in Traditional Pond/Forebay systems.

Within the downstream cells, like primary pools of single celled ponds with forebays, the anticipated sedimentation is approximately 25 years. To account for system variability and estimate a reasonable range, we have added thirty percent on the front and tail end of 25 years giving a range from 16.6-33.3 years thus:

Low End Accumulation Rate (per year) = $\frac{50\%}{33.3}$ = 1.5%

High End Accumulation Rate (per year) = $\frac{50\%}{16.6} = 3\%$

Appendix C: Survey Data, Survey Schedule & Cost Estimates

The accompanying spreadsheet (Capital Improvement Summary) is used to summarize pond information, predict future dredging requirements, and generate dredging cost estimates over the next 20-year period. The spreadsheet contains 4 tabs: Pond Info, Cost, Survey & Dredge Estimator, Pond History, and Expected Accumulation Rates.

Pond Info

Pond Info contains the summarized data for each of the MCWD ponds including:

- Watershed
- Drainage Area
- Downstream Waterbody
- Pond Volume
- Year Built
- Dredging History
- Anticipated Contamination Status
- Party Responsible for Dredging Cost
- Pond Type: Single Cell, Multi-Cell (First Cell), Multi-Cell (Downstream Cell)
- Most Recent Percent Full
- Most Recent Survey Year
- Range of Accumulation Rates over ponds lifetime
- Lifetime average sediment accumulation rate¹

From the most recent percent full, most recent survey year and lifetime average sediment accumulation rate, the following were calculated:

- Estimated Cleanout Date (Equation 1)
- Estimated Current Percent Full (Equation 2)

From the lifetime average accumulation rate and the expected accumulation rates calculated and described in Appendix B and in the Expected Accumulation Rates tab of this spreadsheet, each pond was classified in two ways:

- Performance Status (Description 1)
- Accumulation Compared to Expectation (Description 2)

¹ The lifetime average sediment accumulation rate was calculated using the historic sedimentation records. The average accumulation between construction and dredge or between dredges was calculated for as many times as the pond had been dredged. If it had been dredged multiple times each of those values were averaged. If the pond had never been dredged then the value was calculated using the accumulation rate from its construction to most recent survey.

Equation 1: Estimated Cleanout Date

0.5 * Most Recent % Full Lifetime Average Accumulation Rate * Most Recent Survey Year

Equation 2: Estimated % Full

[(2023 – Most Recent Survey Year) * Lifetime Accumulation Rate] + Most Recent % Full

Description 1: Performance Status

Accumulation Status was determined by taking the lifetime sediment accumulation rate and comparing it to the expected accumulation rates calculated in Appendix B. The spreadsheet color codes each pond and associated information based on performance status.

- Accumulating (green) | If a pond had a lifetime sediment accumulation rate exceeding or 0.5% above the lower end of it's expected range, it was classified as accumulating.
- Underaccumulating (yellow) | If a pond had a lifetime sediment accumulation rate within 0.5% of the low end of the expected range it was classified as underaccumulating.
- Not Accumulating (red) | If a pond had a lifetime sediment accumulation rate below 0.5% of the low end of the expected range it was classified as not accumulating.

Cost, Survey & Dredge Estimator

This tab carries over some of the same information from the Pond Info tab, but additionally includes information to help estimate cost including the following. Note that costs and survey needs were not estimated for ponds that were classified as not performing and were outside of the 20 year range.

- Anticipated Cost for Dredging / CY²
- Estimated 40% of PPV Year [Equation 3]
- Estimated 50% of PPV Year [Equation 4]
- Years between surveys [Equation 5]
- Years to reach 50% of PPV (from cleanout/construction) [Equation 6]

From this information the following was calculated for each of the applicable ponds:

- Estimated 1st Dredge [Equation 7]
- Estimated 2nd Dredge [Equation 8]
- Estimated 3rd Dredge [also Equation 8]

² The anticipated cost of dredging / CY was calculated using historic bid tabs for similar projects including Pamela Park Pond and Bde Maka Ska Cell 1 (bid in 2018). A further description of how the cost per cubic yard was determined can be found in Appendix D.

• The Estimated Cost for each anticipated dredge event was also calculated, taking into account future cost based on the year it would require dredging. [Equation 9]

Equation 3: Estimated 40% Full Year

0.4 – Most Recent % Full Lifetime Sediment Accumulation Rate + Most Recent Survey Year

Equation 4: Estimated 50% Full Year

0.5 – Most Recent % Full Lifetime Sediment Accumulation Rate + Most Recent Survey Year

Equation 5: Years between surveys

Estimated 50% Full – Estimated 40% Full

Equation 6: Years to reach 50% Full

0.5

Lifetime Sediment Accumulation Rate

Equation 7: Estimated 1st Dredge³

0.5 * Most Recent % Full Lifetime Average Accumulation Rate * Most Recent Survey Year

Equation 8: Estimated 2nd and 3rd Dredge

Most Recent Dredge Year + Years to Reach 50% Full

Equation 9: Cost of Pond Dredging^{4 5 6}

Anticipated Cost / CY * (Pond Volume * 0.5) * 1.02^{Dredge Year-2022}

³ For ponds that are estimated to be over 50% Full at the time this was written (2023), the calculated first dredge year was before 2023. For those ponds, the dredge year was manually entered as 2023.

⁴ 1.02 is the specified inflation rate.

⁵ 2022 is the baseline for the future cost equation because the cost estimates per cubic yard were generated for 2022 dollars.

⁶ Ponds are planned to be dredged when they reach 50% full; for ponds that are currently exceeding 50% full this value was manually set to their anticipated percent full in 2023 for accurate cost estimates.

For each year, for the next 20 years, the sum of the anticipated dredging costs was computed. An average cost per year was computed to help MCWD plan a long-term budget.

Year	Dredging Cost (Probable)	Ponds to be dredged ⁷
2023	\$ 288,700	Twin Lake Park, Lakeside, Steiger
2024	\$ 1,349,700	Nokomis - Amelia, Long Lake North, Gleason Cell 1
2025	\$ 252,700	Bde Maka Ska Cell 1
2026	\$ 312,700	Pamela Cell 1, Gleason Cell 3
2027	\$ -	
2028	\$ 338,500	Cedar Meadows East
2029	\$ 103,300	Gleason Cell 2
2030	\$ 201,900	Long Lake Park South
2031	\$ 284,500	Bde Maka Ska Cell 1, Twin Lake Park
2032	\$ 178,300	Excelcier
2033	\$ 417,800	Twin Lake Park
2034	\$ 243,300	Pamela Cell 1, Pamela Cell 2
2035	\$ 77,400	Johnson/Rolling Hills
2036	\$ 489,100	Long Lake Park North, Gleason Cell 3
2037	\$ 1,103,500	Cedar Meadows West, Gleason Cell 1, Bde Maka Ska Cell 1
2038	\$-	
2039	\$-	
2040	\$ 672,200	Nokomis - Amelia, Bde Maka Ska Cell 1, Twin Lake Park
2041	\$ 1,390,600	Pamela Cell 1, Gleason Cell 2, Steiger
2042	\$ 1,458,700	Glenbrook, Pamela Cell 1
TOTAL	\$ 9,162,900	
Average Cost/Year	\$ 458,145	

⁷ Italicized ponds are ponds MCWD is not responsible for paying for.

Appendix D: Calculating Costs Using Historic Bids

This Appendix explains calculations contained within the accompanying Spreadsheet, Calculating Unit Cost.

Stantec used historic bid tabulations to compile project cost data¹ for four dredging projects: two in Eden Prairie (bid in 2022), one in Eagan (bid in 2021), and Pamela Park Pond (bid in 2018)². The bids were filtered to only include items applicable to standard sediment removal services and summed to generate a total cost. Each total cost was split into two portions: (1) Sediment Removal Cost and (2) Erosion Control, Mobilization and Restoration cost. Sediment Removal Cost was split into two categories: Contaminated and Not Contaminated. Unit Costs were generated for each portion³ and reported in terms of cost per cubic yard (CY). The cost of Erosion, Mobilization and Restoration (i.e. all typical project costs aside from sediment removal items) was also divided by the about of sediment removed in a given project to obtain a unit cost.

Historic project costs from bid tabulations were adjusted to 2023 dollars by considering compounding annual inflation, assuming a constant inflation rate of 1.02 percent. Because the unit costs of sediment removal services scale with the scope of the project, lines of best fit were created to allow interpolation of unit costs for each of the various MCWD ponds based on their sizes. From the historic project costs, each unit cost was plotted against the volume of sediment that was to be removed for the project, to generate an equation that could be used to calculate unit costs based on volume of sediment to be removed. This was done for: (1) Contaminated Sediment Removal cost, (2) Non-contaminated Sediment Removal cost and (3) Erosion, Mobilization and Restoration cost. The line of best fit for each was the following:

Contaminated Sediment Removal cost: -10.94ln(x) + 146.53 Non-contaminated Sediment Removal cost: -8.707ln(x) + 113.78 Erosion, Mobilization and Restoration cost⁴: -28.79ln(x) + 276.98

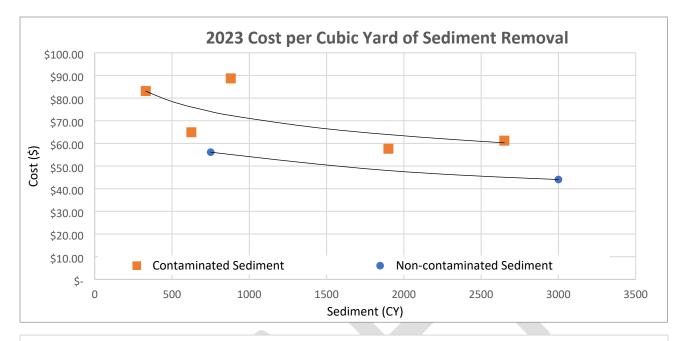
where x = volume of sediment to be removed.

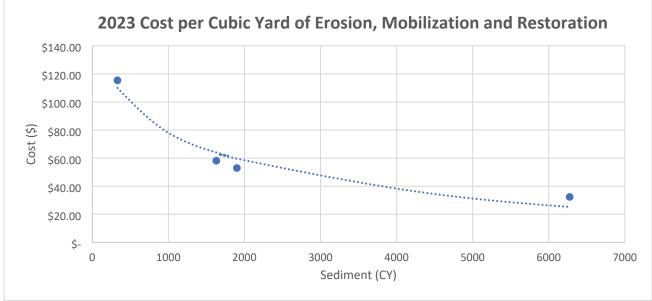
¹ Note that there were multiple bids for each project. Once a total was generated for each project bid, Stantec averaged those totals. Typically, the low bid is awarded, so determining cost estimates using the average of the bids is a conservative approach.

² Bde Maka Ska Cell 1 bids were also investigated but it was found to be an outlier and we believe this is because of the unusually easy access to the pond, which lowers mobilization and erosion cost within the project. Thus, to not artificially lower the predicted cost for dredging, Bde Maka Ska ponds were not included in generating the line of best fit.

³ Note that some ponds had portions of sediment that were contaminated and portions that were uncontaminated. These portions were considered separately for determining cost per cubic yard.

⁴ This value is assumed to capture total cost for pond dredging (minus the cost for sediment removal).





The first two logarithmic equations were used to calculate the 2023 cost per CY for both Contaminated and Non-contaminated sediment for each MCWD pond based on size. Additionally, the third logarithmic equation was used to calculate the cost per CY for Erosion, Mobilization and Restoration (i.e. all typical project costs aside from sediment removal items).

Ponds were estimated as either likely contaminated or not likely to be contaminated based on most recent dredge date⁵. To calculate the unit cost of pond dredging, the associated sediment removal cost per CY was added to the erosion, mobilization and restoration cost per CY to get total cost per CY.

These estimates do not incorporate soft costs (engineering, legal, etc).

⁵ If a pond was dredged after 2011, it is estimated the ponds are not contaminated. This is because the road sealants which were historically known to be washed into ponds and cause contamination were discontinued in 2010.



Memo

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Reference: MCWD Stormwater Pond Capital Improvement Planning | Task 3: Retrofit Opportunities

Objective

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District) is seeking to understand potential retrofits to enhance existing stormwater ponds. Stantec was asked to do a high-level screening and provide 1-2 options for retrofits for 4-6 of the performing ponds.

Methods / Limitations

Stantec compiled a comprehensive list of retrofits that have been implemented or are being researched across Minnesota. Sources of information included research funded by the Minnesota Research Council and MnDOT. The attached Appendix A includes the compiled list of retrofit options, intended use, and pros and cons for each.

Historic data on each of the ponds was used to inform which retrofits may best serve each pond in its current state. Information used included:

- Design Intent
- Current Issues
 - Sedimentation (rate, distribution, etc.)
 - Anoxic Conditions¹
 - o Algae presence
- Location
- Access

Recommendations

Retrofits are provided as options for four different ponds: Bde Maka Ska – Cell 1, Nokomis – Amelia, Twin Lake Park, and Gleason Cell 1

Bde Maka Ska Pond - Cell 1

1. Retrofit Type: Filter System

¹ Dissolved Oxygen (DO) profiles are often collected in early-season due to sediment survey timing. Ideally, more data would be collected throughout the summer and late summer to ensure an understanding of the DO profiles.

Reference: MCWD Stormwater Pond Capital Improvement Planning | Task 3: Retrofit Opportunities

Rationale: Bde Maka Ska Pond Cell 1 receives a high dissolved phosphorus load, partially from Weber Park in Edina. Since this is not from internal loading, it could be a good option to target this dissolved phosphorus through a pumped filter system.

 Retrofit Type: Sediment Cores to assess internal sediment loading; potential Alum Treatment or other dissolved P targeting practice

Rationale: Bde Maka Ska Pond Cell 1 DO readings show it is anoxic which could trigger P release. Analyzing sediment cores would help understand the phosphorus release rates in the sediment and if they are high, an alum treatment could be applied. Reducing phosphorus in the water column might help algae blooms which would be particularly nice to address in an urban pond along a walking path.

Nokomis - Amelia

1. Retrofit Type: Pump Filter

Rationale: Nokomis Amelia Pond has was designed with the goal to treat WQ. A filter system would help further achieve that goal. Since Nokomis Amelia Pond doesn't have the head to drive a traditional filter, a pump filter would be a good option.

 Retrofit Type: Sediment Cores to assess internal sediment loading; potential Alum Treatment or other dissolved P targeting practice

Rationale: Nokomis Amelia Pond DO readings show it is anoxic which could trigger P release. Analyzing sediment cores would help understand the phosphorus release rates in the sediment and if they are high an alum treatment could be applied. Reducing phosphorus in the water column might help algae blooms which would be particularly nice to address in an urban pond along a walking path.

Twin Lake Park

1. Retrofit Type: Pretreatment (likely storm sewer retrofit such as baffled sump or hydrodynamic separator)

Rationale: Twin Lake Park Pond fills quickly with sediment, so capture of sediment before it reaches the pond would reduce the frequency of dredging. It may be cheaper to install a HDS and save money by dredging the pond less frequently.

2. Retrofit Type: Expand Pond

Rationale: Twin Lake Park Pond experiences higher than expected sedimentation, indicating it may be undersized for the load it experiences. If the pond were to be expanded, less frequent dredging would be required.

Gleason - Cell 1

1. Retrofit Type: Baffles (to promote meander through the pond)

Rationale: This pond has potential for short circuiting because the outlet is close to the inlet, this

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might be why the downstream cells are filling in more than expected, and the upstream cell is filling in less than expected. If more sediment were captured in the first cell, the sediment removal would be more concentrated and cheaper to complete.

2. Retrofit Type: Water Level Manipulation

Rationale: By manipulating the water level in the pond, we could increase residence time and allow for further settling in the first cell of Gleason. Thus, less sediment would be washing downstream to cells 2 and 3 and dredging activity could be more consolidated to the first cell.

Appendix A: Retrofit Options

The table below contains retrofit or treatment options that may be applied to stormwater ponds. Options are grouped by primary goal type (i.e. flood control, sedimentation, phosphorus removal), though some options may be effective for multiple goals. Options are not listed in any particular order.

Retrofit or Treatment	General Notes / applicability	Pros		Pros Cons	
	Floo	Flood Control			
Outlet modifications and/or normal water level changes	Focus on sedimentation and/or flood storage and flood control	Promote additional settling	• Pe		
Real time control	• Emerging technology, focus on flood control, utilization of existing storage capacity, opportunities to manipulate to promote additional settling	 Minimal capital expenditures and changes to land required 	 Pe Cc ap 		
	Sedi	mentation			
Baffles to promote meander throughout the pond	 May help promote more sedimentation Reduce short circuiting Applicable if inlet and outlet are close to each other 	• Promoted additional settling by providing a physical barrier and longer flow path	• M • Co		
Bathymetry modification / dredging / shape changes / adding storage	 Various modifications to pond geometry can increase residence time & settling 	 Most easily implemented when constructing new ponds 	• Di		
Additional pre-treatment (vegetated filter strips, sumps, hydrodynamic separators, forebays)	 Consider implementation prior to first cells of multi- celled systems HDS can be tied into existing storm sewer, better suited for urban areas 	 Reduces maintenance needs of actual pond HDS can be underground with limited aboveground footprint Opportunity to remove trash in urban areas 			
Energy dissipation at inlet (baffles, vegetation) to minimize resuspension of sediments	 Applicable at ponds with high inflow rates Consider implementation at first cells of multi-celled systems, if data shows scour 	 Limit resuspension of particles by dissipating energy Focus sedimentation at inlets, which focuses dredging efforts Small footprint 	• M		
Dredging	• Routine removal of accumulated sediments, to be completed when permanent pool volume is 50% filled with sediment	Potential for localized sediment removal effort	Ex m In is		
	Phosph	orus Removal			
Alum dosing	 Binds sediment P release Relevant when sediment P release is a concern in ponds that go anoxic 	 Targets dissolved P Doesn't require physical modifications to pond Relatively quick to implement (one season) 	• En du		
Iron filings	 Emerging technology with unpublished results in MN Relevant when sediment P release is a concern in ponds that go anoxic 	 Targets dissolved P Doesn't require physical modifications to pond Relatively quick to implement (one season) 	Re Ur ra		
Filter Bench (sand)	 Requires space adjacent to pond Requires sufficient head to provide filtration For ponds with high particulate P 	Minimal changes to pond footprint	• M (p		

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Permitting hurdles
Permitting hurdles Complex design with intensive monitoring to ensure appropriate operating plan
Maintenance complexities Constructability
Difficult to retrofit due to space constraints
Require routine maintenance May require space or infrastructure tie-ins Forebay sizing is based on "rule of thumb engineering" Require additional real estate at inlet HDS won't remove dissolved P
More frequent maintenance than whole-pond dredging
Expensive, particularly if sediments need to be managed at landfills Intrusive and results in significant disturbance if there is not easy access
Emerging practice in ponds, with unknown longevity due to sediment accumulation rates in ponds
Results pending, especially regarding longevity Unknown longevity due to sediment accumulation rates in ponds
May require active system rather than passive (pumped vs gravity)

Filter Bench (iron enhanced)	Requires space adjacent to pond	Minimal changes to pond footprint	• Cl
	 Requires sufficient head to provide filtration 	Potential to remove dissolved P	• M
	 For ponds with high dissolved P 		(p
Cartridge filter (pumped or gravity)	 Requires space adjacent to pond 	Potential to remove dissolved P	• Ex
	 Requires sufficient head to provide filtration 	May be installed underground	• M
Mechanical aeration	Areas of aesthetic concern, where sediment P release	Keeps water column oxygenated with intent of	• Be
	is an issue	limiting sediment P release	• Re
		Aesthetic benefits	
		Limits floating vegetation	
In-line alum flow treatment	 Areas with dissolved phosphorus issues 	Effective dissolved P removal	• Re
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Fisheries management	Relevant when resuspension of sediment is a concern	Biological, non-engineering solutions	• Di
		• Depending on migration patterns, carp barriers may	
		be an option	

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