



Eagan - Inver Grove Heights

Watershed Management Organization

Our Mission is...

To oversee member city implementation programs and foster civic engagement within the watershed that promotes citizen participation and responsibility in protecting and improving our water resources.

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2024 Annual Report

The Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed Management Organization (E-IGH WMO) is a Watershed Management Organization (WMO) formed in 2014 by a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The WMO is governed by a five-person Board of Managers: three members appointed from Eagan and two from Inver Grove Heights by their respective City Councils. The Organization's purpose is set forth in Minnesota Statutes 103B.210, Metropolitan Surface Water Planning, which codified the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act of 1982:

- (1) **protect**, preserve, and use natural surface and groundwater storage and retention systems;
- (2) **minimize** public capital expenditures needed to correct flooding and water quality problems;
- (3) **identify** and plan for means to effectively protect and improve surface and groundwater quality;
- (4) **establish** more uniform local policies and official controls for surface and groundwater management;
- (5) **prevent** erosion of soil into surface water systems;
- (6) **promote** groundwater recharge;
- (7) **protect** and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities; and
- (8) **secure** the other benefits associated with the proper management of surface and groundwater.

A. 2024 Board of Managers

Monica Foss	Eagan Representative	Chair
Steven Errante	Inver Grove Heights Representative	Manager
Kathleen Reitz	Eagan Representative	Manager
Sarah Saito	Inver Grove Heights Representative	Vice Chair
Jennifer Workman Jesness	Eagan Representative	Secretary/Treasurer

B. Contact Information

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Eagan, MN 55122

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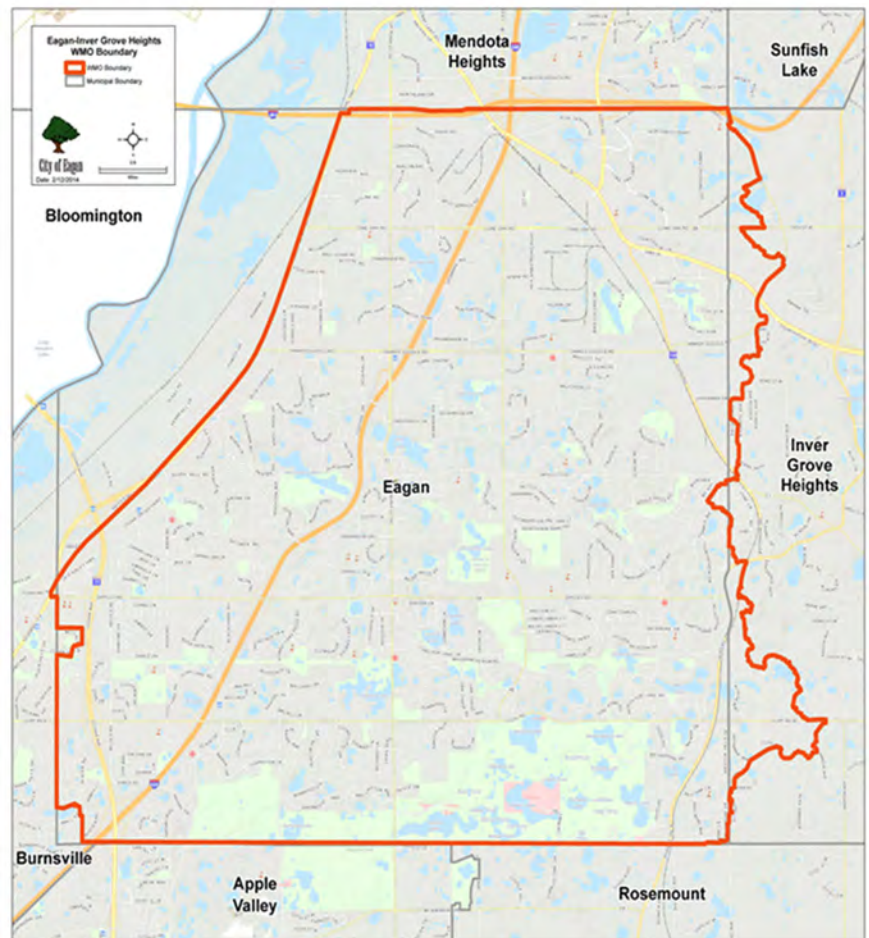
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C. 2024 Activities Assessment & Expenditures

- Maintained water themed activity bags that are available for check out at libraries in the watershed, and promoted the activity bags in city newsletters and local newspapers.
- Purchased water-themed games (\$365) and Don't Feed the Algae Exhibit Box (\$8,000).
- Supported the Landscaping for Clean Water program which resulted in the installation of one raingardens and two native plantings (\$2,250).
- Sold and distributed rain barrels and information packets to residents of the watershed in partnership with a local business (\$7,524).
- Continued to engage with CLIMB Theatre for storm-water themed performances in all elementary schools in the watershed as well as a few community performance (Paid in 2023).
- Continued a smart salting program by distributing 12oz cups and signage at 10 local businesses (\$638).
- Started planning for the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan update which will conclude in 2026.



A newly installed raingarden within the Watershed is already capturing runoff and filtering pollutants. Soon the native plants will grow and provide a beautiful landscape amenity.

REVENUES	Budget	Year End
Member City Assessments		
Eagan	\$48,287.19	\$49,931
Inver Grove Heights	\$1,712.81	\$1,713
Other		
Accounts Receivable		
Use of Fund Balance	\$36,300	\$1,658.25
Total	\$86,300	\$53,302.25
EXPENSES		
Work Program		
Annual Activity, Financial and Audit Report	\$2,000	\$475
Annual Newsletter or Communication	\$300	\$1,427.50
Maintain Website	\$1,000	\$925
Board Education	\$500	\$0
Implement Watershed Plan	\$42,000	\$44,087.40
Organizational Administration		
Staff Services (general)	\$22,000	\$20,285.50
Engineering and Consulting Services (general)	\$3,000	\$0
Legal Consulting Services (general)	\$500	\$0
Watershed Plan Reserve	\$15,000	\$0
Accounts Payable		
Total	\$86,300	\$67,199.90
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$0	-\$13,897.65
Total Fund Balance		\$123,831.43

D. 2025 Work Plan and Budget

- Begin Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan update process. The Watershed Plan update needs to be finalized by May 2026.
- Continue to partner for education with CLIMB Theatre in Eagan School District (ISD 196) K-2 classes.
- Partner with the Dakota Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to provide landowner assistance and grants through their Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) programs.
 - Fund One LCW Introduction Class
 - Fund One LCW Design Workshop
 - Fund One LCW Maintenance Class
 - Fund up to 12 residential LCW projects within the WMO
- Partner with the SWCD to provide a low water/fertilizer lawn system through the Lawns Re-Imagined Program, with the City of Eagan hosting a workshop.
- Help fund a county-wide marketing initiative on water conservation, which focuses on the use of irrigation, as large use of summer groundwater withdrawal in both Eagan and Inver Grove Heights.
- Continue to implement projects with grant funding through Metro Watershed Based Funding program.



2025 Budget

REVENUES	Budget
Member City Assessments	
Eagan	\$50,239
Inver Grove Heights	\$1,761
Other	
Accounts Receivable	
Use of Fund Balance	\$52,000
Total	\$104,000
EXPENSES	
Work Program	
Annual Activity, Financial and Audit Report	\$4,000
Annual Newsletter or Communication	\$300
Maintain Website	\$1,000
Board Education	\$500
Implement Watershed Plan	\$37,700
Organizational Administration	
Staff Services (general)	\$22,000
Engineering and Consulting Services (general)	\$3,000
Legal Consulting Services (general)	\$500
Watershed Plan Reserve	\$35,000
Accounts Payable	
Total	\$104,000
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$0
Year End Total Fund Balance	\$71,830

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**Budgets are the
powerhouse to fuel
improved water quality!**

E. Watershed Plan Implementation Progress

Capital Improvement Projects

The E-IGHWMO does have a capital improvement program, but its member Cities do, which include projects that benefit water resources. Those projects that are done directly assist the WMO in meeting its watershed plan implementation goals. Both Cities, have access to Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) to help supplement their capital improvement projects within the WMO boundary.

Capital Projects completed in 2024:

- City Stormwater Pond Maintenance Completed (5 Ponds)
- City Stormwater Pond Maintenance Planning (5 Ponds)
- Infiltration Basins
 - City of Eagan Goat Hills Park
 - City of Eagan Art House

Landscaping for Clean Water



Landscaping for Clean Water is an effective upstream activity positively affecting water quality that can reduce capital expenses downstream. The WMO has actively funded workshops over the last 10 years.

Last year, while there was financing available for 12 projects, only three were done within the WMO.

In 2025, the WMO is working with member Cities to increase marketing of the LCW classes to their residents.

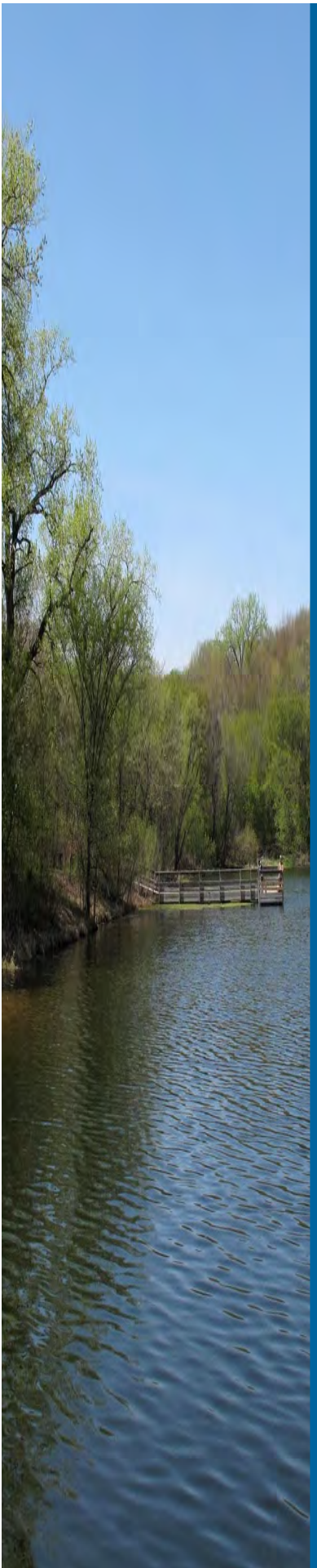
E-IGHWMO and partners continue to provide education in multiple formats.

Communication and Outreach

The WMO will continue with its outreach efforts to increase awareness about watershed issues through Salt Cups distribution, Rain Displays, Library Bags, and event tabling.

As we work through our watershed plan update we will work toward defining measurable outcomes of these efforts.

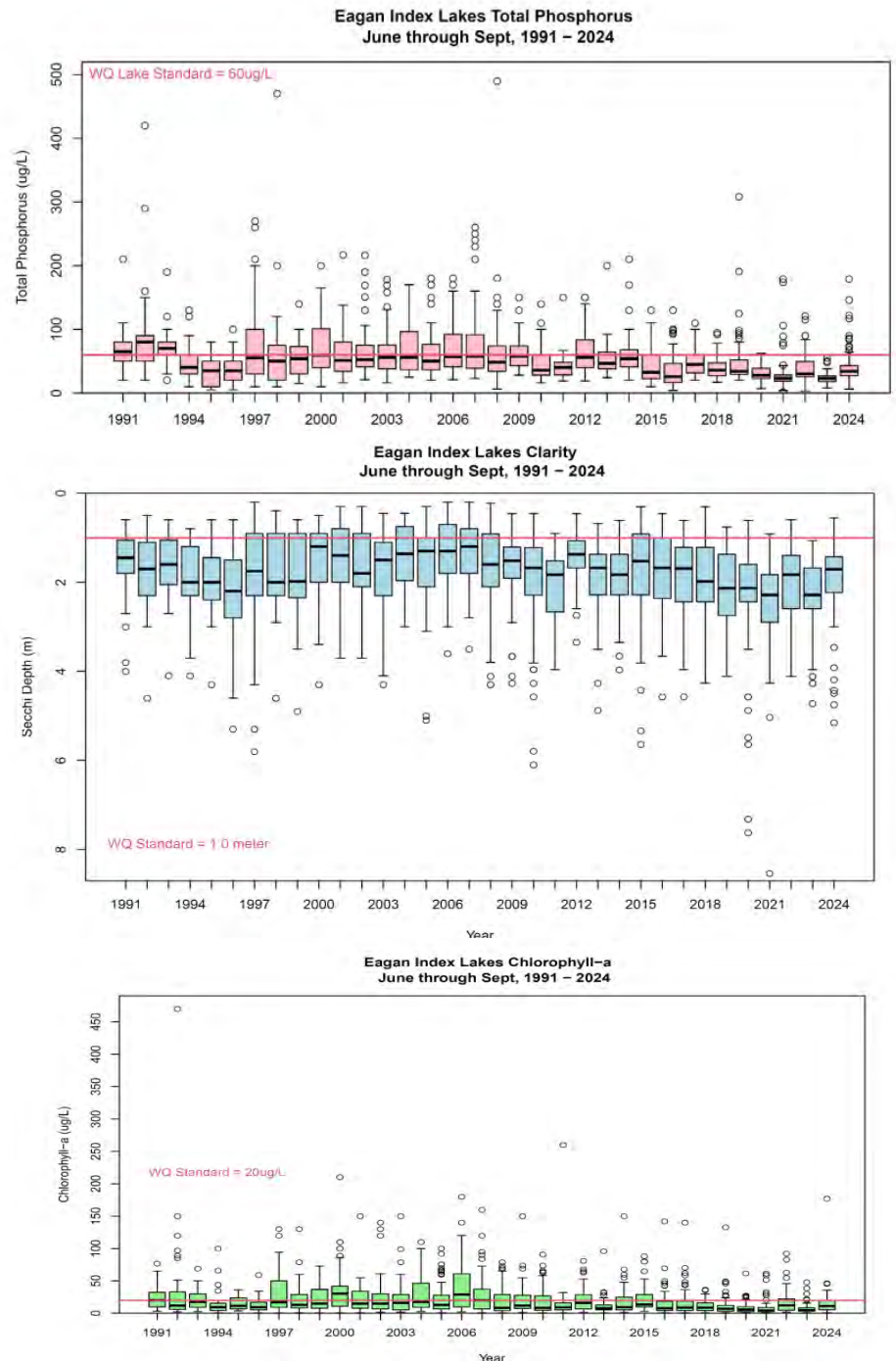




F. Water Monitoring / Trends

The E-IGHWMO does not operate a monitoring program. The City of Eagan and other partners monitors lakes and wetlands in the watershed. They share this data with the WMO. While water quality can be variable year-to-year due to weather, overall the trend has been improving water quality. These improvements are due in part to

- 2002 MN State Law restricting use of Phosphorus in fertilizer (enacted in 2004).
- Improved Street Sweeping
- Improved Stormwater Management
- Alum Treatments in lakes



G. Copy of Annual Communication

The WMO posted its 2023 annual report on its website and this serves as the annual communication as required under MN §103B.227 or Administrative Rule 8410.0105 Subpart 4.

The WMO relies on its member Cities of Eagan and Inver Groves Heights to relay information to residents related to water resources, including getting the word out about the Landscaping for Clean Water program.



H. Solicitation for Legal, Professional, and Technical

The WMO approved current legal services contract on December 20, 2023, this contract expires October 25, 2025.

The WMO solicited for proposal to perform watershed planning services for our watershed plan update in October 2024. We received three proposals and selected one.

I. Local Water Plan Adoption & Local Implementation

The WMO did not adopt any revisions in 2024 to its 2016 Watershed Plan. Shown is the local water plan adoption over the past decade.



City of Inver Grove Heights

2018 4th Generation Water Resources Management Plan

City of Eagan

2018 Water Quality and Wetland Management Plan

2019 Integrated Water Mater Plan



J. Status of locally adopted ordinances or rules

The WMO does not have any locally adopted ordinances or rules. Within the boundaries of the City of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights operate permitting programs and local controls consistent with WMO policies. Both Cities are Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operators with approved permits to discharge stormwater. They, along with Dakota County and MnDOT, are responsible for ensuring that development, redevelopment, and construction meet National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. If you have an activity that will expose bare soil or may involve activity within a wetland, please contact your City.



CITY OF EAGAN

City Code: cityofeagan.com/city-code

Soil Disturbing Projects: Engineering, 651-675-5646

Wetland Issues: Water Resources, 651-675-5330

Public Drainage Issues: Public Works, 651-675-5646

Tree Removal around water bodies: Forestry, 651-675-5300

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

City Code: www.ighmn.gov/1251/Code-Enforcement

Soil Disturbing Projects: Engineering, 651-450-2570

Wetland Issues: Dakota SWCD, 651-480-7777

Public Drainage Issues: Public Works 651-450-4309

Tree Removal around water bodies: Parks and Recreation, 651-450-2585



K. Summary of Permits/Variances

This section is a summary of permits and variances issued or denied and violations under rule or ordinances requirements of local water plans. This helps the public understand the scope of some of the work being done to address activities which directly impact our water resources.

Within the boundaries of E-IGHWMO in 2024 there were:

City Stormwater Management Permits Issued:

- 8 Commercial Projects
- 9 Residential Projects

Summary of Wetland Issues by application type:

- 9 approved for Boundary or Type
- 4 approved for No-Loss Determinations
- 1 approved for Exemption



Get Involved!

LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER



Dakota County Soil and
Water Conservation District



Dakota
COUNTY

Wetland Health
Evaluation Program



MINNESOTA WATER STEWARDS
Community Leadership for Clean Water