

Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO) Projects Prioritization

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This list complements the URRWMO Watershed Management Plan. It is to be used when selecting projects or grant funding to pursue. Bulleted text is explanatory.

1. Rum Riverbank stabilizations
 - This project to be removed from the list if ACD receives a Clean Water Grant that it applied for.
Update - ACD did receive that grant.
2. Anoka County outreach collaborative
 - Helps cities efficiently meet stormwater reporting requirements.
 - Activities of the educator are steered by a group of cities and watersheds.
3. (Tied) Stormwater retrofits for Rum River AND subwatershed assessments
 - There is a desire to install stormwater retrofits from the completed 2016 study in St. Francis.
 - Subwatershed assessments will position new projects for future grant funding.
 - Favored locations for subwatershed assessments are:
 - Pickerel Lake (high quality, under development pressure, small drainage area)
 - East Twin Lake (same reasons as for Pickerel Lake)
 - Rum River direct drainage (would primarily be in Oak Grove where there are not many stormwater conveyances)
 - City of Bethel periphery (would fit with other stormwater study and projects recently done by the city)
4. Lake George shoreline stabilizations
 - Low cost but multiple direct benefits to the lake.
 - Involves the lake group.
5. Bethel stormwater retrofits
 - Concept is still under development and approval by the city.
 - Stormwater projects could be done before, or in conjunction with, city street reconstructions.
 - Cost-benefit isn't that favorable.
 - The directly benefiting waterbody is Sandshore Lake. Ultimately the water does reach the Rum River.
 - URRWMO may want to consider amending this project into its watershed plan for future grant eligibility.
6. Lake George iron enhanced sand filter (IESF) feasibility study
 - City would need to take an ownership and maintenance role, and the project currently has too many questions to make them comfortable with that commitment at this time.
 - County Parks would need to approve the project through committee.
7. Ditch 19 connector dredging
 - Project is favored by local stakeholders.
 - Project not eligible for most grants because the water quality benefit is not very clear.