






VLAWMO TECHNICAL COMMISSION MEETING

8:15 AM July 8, 2026

Vadnais Heights City Hall, Council Chambers, 800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

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Upcoming Events: Visit vlawmo.org/events

White Bear Lake Environmental Resources Expo
Vadnais Heights Days – Family Fun Zone
Neighborhood Garden Tour

July 30
August 15
August 25

**Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Technical Commission (TEC) Minutes
June 10, 2026
Vadnais Heights City Hall, Council Chambers
800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127**

Commission Members Present:

Nick Ousky	Vadnais Heights (VH)
Gloria Tessier	Gem Lake (GL)
Susan Miller	North Oaks (NO)
Jami Philip	White Bear Township (WBT)
Terry Huntrods	White Bear Lake (WBL)
Tom Hoffman	Lino Lakes (LL)

Others in attendance: Phil Belfiori, Brian Corcoran, Dawn Tanner, Lauren Sampedro, Angela Hugunin (VLAWMO staff), Jeremy Erickson (SPRWS), Ed Shapland (WAV)

I. Call to Order

Chair Ousky called the meeting to order at 8:14 am.

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffman and seconded by Commissioner Tessier to approve the June 10, 2026 TEC agenda as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes (May 13, 2026)

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffman and seconded by Commissioner Tessier to approve the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

IV. Administration & Operations

A. June Financial Report and Consider Authorization for Payment

Administrator Belfiori summarized the June financial statement as included in the TEC packet. He highlighted expenses from the previous month including lab costs from the return to water quality monitoring, payment from final presentations of the Watershed Management Plan, and consulting fees for the triennial staff salary market survey. Also noted were expenses from the Tamarack alum project and grant reimbursements. Administrator Belfiori recommended approval of the June financial report and payment of the bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Tessier to approve the May financial report and authorize for payment. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

B. June TEC Report to the Board

Administrator Belfiori presented an overview of the June TEC Report to the Board. He noted the adjusted Board meeting date of June 17th. He listed key items including the whole city Vadnais Heights resiliency study, with projects recommended for further study looking ahead to 2027. He stated that the Board will be considering the 2027 budget at their June meeting. Staff recommended approval of the TEC Report to the Board for June 10, 2026.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Vice Chair Tessier to approve the June TEC Report to the Board. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

V. Programs

A. Update on Rotary Field Day

Huginin gave an update on the Rotary Field Day, which took place on May 22nd. She reminded the TEC that this field day marks ongoing partnership between the Rotary Club of White Bear Lake, the City of White Bear Lake, and VLAWMO. She noted that this year's event included 3rd through 5th graders. VLAWMO staff led the macroinvertebrate station and supported the Adopt-a-Drain station. Huginin thanked the partners and volunteers who made this educational day possible.

B. Update on Neighborhood Garden Tours

Huginin stated that the dates and locations are finalized for this summer's neighborhood garden tours, events featuring projects that have received funding through VLAWMO's grant programs. Tours will take place on June 30th and August 25th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, with three sites featured per evening. She thanked the TEC and their communities for helping to spread the word about these events.

C. SHG 2026-03 Valdez & Smith Property Restoration Phase 3 Application

Sampedro presented an application for the third phase of a Soil Health Grant application for a large-scale native plant restoration in North Oaks. Sampedro stated that the first two phases of this project will be visible at June's neighborhood garden tour. The phase included in the current application will be the final phase that can be completed in consecutive years per the Soil Health Grant policy.

Sampedro presented photographs from the current project areas, noting where the homeowners are removing buckthorn and replacing it with native plants. She outlined this year's proposal, which will aim to restore 10,000 square feet of property with native plants. Sampedro shared key plant species that will improve habitat and help stormwater runoff soak into the ground. The total estimated cost is \$1368.94, and staff recommend approval of this grant application up to 75%. Staff recommended approval of SHG 2026-03 in the amount of \$1,000 for phase 3.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Huntrods to approve SHG 2026-03 in the amount of \$1,000 for phase 3. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

D. SHG 2026-04 Koehler Turfgrass Replacement Application

Sampedro presented a Soil Health Grant application for a large-scale turfgrass replacement project in North Oaks. Sampedro shared the proposed project's location on approximately 3.5 acres in the direct drainage area of Gilfillan Lake, which is impaired for nutrients.

Sampedro explained that currently, the area has expansive turfgrass. The proposed project will involve removing approximately 16,000 square feet of turfgrass and replacing it with native plants for a prairie. A wide variety of native plants will be included to benefit pollinators and improve water quality. The total estimated project cost, excluding maintenance, is \$14,136. Staff recommended approval of SHG 2026-04 in the amount of \$1,000.

Commissioner Miller stated she has observed that geese have been a problem near this lake, due in large part to the expansive lawns near the lake. She remarked that this proposed project will be a great opportunity to reduce the turf and demonstrate this possibility to surrounding neighbors.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Vice Chair Tessier to approve SHG 2026-04 in the amount of \$1,000. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

E. LL2 2026-01 City of Vadnais Heights Greenhaven Dr. Stormwater BMPs Application

Sampedro presented an application for a Landscape Level 2 Grant on behalf of the City of Vadnais Heights (City) for stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on Greenhaven Drive. She explained that this project would continue VLAWMO's partnership with the City to install water quality-benefitting BMPs during street reconstruction projects.

Sampedro outlined key elements of the project including seven tree trenches and four filtration swales. Sampedro noted that, while the City is required to provide water quality treatment, nine of the BMPs are providing water quality treatment beyond what is required. These "above and beyond" elements are the proposed grant project.

Sampedro explained that this application is the result of a feasibility study completed by the City of Vadnais Heights in partnership with VLAWMO to explore green streets with the Greenhaven Drive project. For this project, native plants will be added with the tree trenches to provide pollinator habitat and stormwater infiltration. Filtration swales will be seeded depending on homeowner preference.

Sampedro stated that the City received six bids for the project, with the lowest bid for the above-and-beyond project components totaling \$151,906.48. Staff recommended approval of a 90%

grant level for the above-and-beyond BMPs up to \$136,715.83 to the Board of Directors at their June meeting.

Commissioner Miller stated that the project looks like a great way of providing shade and lessening heat. It also will offer a good example to surrounding communities.

Commissioner Philip inquired about how trees will be selected for the tree trenches to ensure they are protected from salt. Sampedro replied that three species have been included in the proposal for their salt tolerance and drought resistance. She stated that she can follow up with more information on their selection.

Commissioner Tessier said she noticed a mix of elms and Kentucky Coffee Tree listed on the plans in the packet.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Huntrods to approve a 90% grant level for above-and-beyond BMPs up to \$136,715.83 to the Board of Directors at their June meeting. Tessier: aye; Hoffman: aye; Philip: aye; Ousky: abstained. Motion passed.

VI. Projects

A. City of Vadnais Heights LCCMR Proposal Status Update

Sampedro provided an update on the status of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. She stated that the City of Vadnais Heights (City) received word that their proposal for a large-scale project that will improve water quality in addition to reducing water quantity and providing recreation opportunities was approved as an appropriations bill by the Minnesota State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Walz. This will award over 2.8 million dollars for this project. Next steps will include the City's signing of a grant agreement, as well as the City and VLAWMO planning the community engagement campaign. In addition, coordination with potential partners will continue in efforts to generate the cash match needed to fund the full project. An agreement will be developed to clearly distinguish roles between the City and VLAWMO.

B. Consider Resolution to the Board Authorizing WMP

Tanner stated that at the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) regular meeting on April 22, 2026, the VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan (WMP) was authorized. Following this authorization, the VLAWMO Board must adopt and implement the Plan within 120 days of the date of the Order, in accordance with MN Statutes 103B.231 Subd. 10. Staff requested that the TEC consider recommending that the Board implement the new WMP. After fully authorized, the completed WMP will be shared with partners.

It was moved by Commissioner Huntrods and seconded by Vice Chair Tessier to recommend to the Board to implement the WMP by adopting the "Resolution to Adopt the Vadnais Lake Area

Water Management Organization's (VLAWMO) Watershed Management Plan" and authorize staff to share the completed WMP with local and State agencies and partners. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

C. Update on 319/Phase 2 Project: Easement Filing Complete

Tanner stated that an article introducing the Phase 2 project was included in a recent edition of the *North Oaks News*. The easement was accepted by the Ramsey County Recorder's Office. The recorded easement was received by VLAWMO staff in the mail and has been shared with project partners.

D. Update on Carp Removal Program: Minor Removals and Status

Tanner shared an update on the carp removal program. Approximately 1,500 pounds of carp (approximately 70 carp) were removed this spring. Staff have checked the barriers to ensure that native Big-mouth buffalo weren't piling up at the barrier. Once carp spawning occurred and following no new detections of carp at the barrier, VLAWMO staff contacted Carp Solutions when large numbers of buffalo were found upstream at the barrier. CS opened the barrier to allow the buffalo to move back into Pleasant Lake from Deep Lake (above the barrier). Spring removals have been completed for 2026.

E. Consider Rotary Nature Preserve Restoration: Task Order 2

Tanner explained that staff have worked closely with Natural Shore Technologies (NST) to ensure the grant-funded portions of the project are completed within the time parameters of the DNR Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant. The cost for Task Order 2 will allow the project to continue without interruption through the end of the year. VLAWMO staff will request a new task order in the fall to begin in 2027, to facilitate continued adaptive management of the plant community. Staff requested a recommendation to the Board to authorize Task Order 2 with NST in the amount of \$15,299 to allow restoration work to proceed at the Rotary Nature Preserve wetland area through the end of 2026.

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Huntrods to recommend to the Board to authorize Task Order 2 with NST in the amount of \$15,299 to allow restoration work to proceed at the Rotary Nature Preserve wetland area through the end of 2026. All: aye. Motion passed.

VII. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. NOHOA

None.

IX. Ramsey Soil & Water Conservation Division (RCSWCD)

None.

X. St. Paul Regional Water Services

None.

XI. Public Comment

None.

XII. Next Meetings

TEC meeting: July 8, 2026 at 8:15 am; Board meeting: June 17, 2026.

XIII. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Huntrods to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 am. Vote: all aye. Motion passed.

VLAWMO Finance Summary: July 2026

Jul-26		Actual 7/1/26	Actual to Date	2026 Budget (June 2025 Board Approved)	Carry over from 2025 to 2026	Remaining in Budget	2026 Available (Dec. 2025 Board approved)	Act vs. Budget
BUDGET #	INCOME							
5.11	Storm Water Utility		\$27,867	\$1,335,000	\$0	\$1,307,133	\$1,335,000	2%
5.12	Service Fees			\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	0%
5.13	Interest + mitigation acct	\$1,956	\$22,991	\$30,000	\$0	\$7,009	\$30,000	77%
5.14	Misc. income - WCA admin & other			\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
5.15	Other Income Grants/ <u>loan</u>		\$7,500	\$180,000	\$0	\$172,500	\$180,000	4%
5.16	Transfer from reserves			\$1,138,245	\$172,445	\$1,310,690	\$1,310,690	0%
	TOTAL	\$1,956	\$58,358	\$2,687,245	\$172,445	\$2,801,332	\$2,859,690	2%
EXPENSES								
3.1	Operations & Administration							
3.110	Office - rent, copies, post tel supplies	\$2,304	\$12,948	\$35,544	\$0	\$22,596	\$35,544	36%
3.120	Information Systems	\$2,276	\$16,097	\$37,150	\$0	\$21,053	\$37,150	43%
3.130	Insurance			\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000	0%
3.141	Consulting - Audit		\$16,238	\$29,900	\$0	\$13,662	\$29,900	54%
3.142	Consulting - Bookkeeping		\$188	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,312	\$1,500	13%
3.143	Consulting - Legal		\$1,978	\$9,000	\$0	\$7,022	\$9,000	22%
3.144	Consulting - Eng. & Tech.		\$435	\$50,000	\$0	\$49,565	\$50,000	1%
3.150	Storm Sewer Utility	\$644	\$30,722	\$22,500	\$93,619	\$85,397	\$116,119	26%
3.160	Training (staff/board)		\$694	\$18,000	\$0	\$17,306	\$18,000	4%
3.170	Misc. & mileage	\$235	\$1,219	\$7,276	\$0	\$6,057	\$7,276	17%
3.191	Administration - staff	\$38,808	\$250,700	\$511,724	\$0	\$261,024	\$511,724	49%
3.192	Employer Liability	\$12,743	\$79,227	\$169,583	\$0	\$90,356	\$169,583	47%
3.2	Monitoring and Studies							
3.210	Lake and Creek lab analysis	\$4,489	\$7,652	\$25,000	\$0	\$17,348	\$25,000	31%
3.220	Equipment			\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
3.230	Wetland assessment & management			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!
3.240	Watershed planning /special study	\$5,948	\$24,338	\$80,000	\$0	\$55,662	\$80,000	30%
3.3	Education and Outreach							
3.310	Public Education			\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	0%
3.320	Comm., Outreach & Marketing	\$251	\$13,839	\$25,000	\$0	\$11,161	\$25,000	55%
3.330	Community Blue Ed Grant		\$7,939	\$12,000	\$0	\$4,061	\$12,000	66%
<i>Total Core functions: Ops, Monitoring, Education</i>		<i>\$67,698</i>	<i>\$464,214</i>	<i>\$1,057,177</i>	<i>\$93,619</i>	<i>\$686,582</i>	<i>\$1,150,796</i>	<i>40%</i>
Capital Improvement Projects and Programs								
3.4	Subwatershed Activity							
3.410	Gem Lake			\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	0%

3.420	Lambert Creek			\$455,000	\$0	\$455,000	\$455,000	0%
3.421	Lambert Lake Loan		\$19,284	\$38,568	\$0	\$19,284	\$38,568	50%
3.425	Goose Lake		\$4,377	\$40,000	\$0	\$35,623	\$40,000	11%
3.430	Birch Lake			\$102,500	\$20,000	\$122,500	\$122,500	0%
3.440	Gilf Black Tam Wilk Amelia	\$300	\$68,063	\$383,000	\$0	\$314,937	\$383,000	18%
3.450	Pleasant Charley Deep	\$5,680	\$12,650	\$115,000	\$0	\$102,350	\$115,000	11%
3.460	Sucker Vadnais	\$69	\$506	\$271,000	\$20,000	\$290,494	\$291,000	0%
3.48	Programs							
3.480	Soil Health Grant	\$1,061	\$3,034	\$25,000	\$15,530	\$37,496	\$40,530	7%
3.481	Landscape 1		\$7,450	\$50,000	\$11,558	\$54,108	\$61,558	12%
3.482	Landscape 2/BWSR WBF		\$1,468	\$80,000	\$11,738	\$90,270	\$91,738	2%
3.483	Project Research & feasibility			\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
3.485	Facilities Maintenanc/ Pub. Ditch Main.		\$5,091	\$50,000		\$44,909	\$50,000	10%
3.5	Regulatory							
3.510	Engineer Plan review			\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
	<i>Total CIP & Program</i>	\$7,110	\$121,923	\$1,630,068	\$78,826	\$1,586,971	\$1,708,894	7%
	Total of Core Operations & CIP	\$74,808	\$586,137	\$2,687,245	\$172,445	\$2,273,553	\$2,859,690	20%

Fund Balance	6/1/2026	7/1/2026
4M Account	\$416,208	\$378,074
4M Plus Savings	\$267,577	\$268,375
Total	\$683,785	\$646,449

Restricted funds		7/1/2026
Mitigation Savings		\$0
Term Series		\$300,000

Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization

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Check Detail

07/01/2026

June 11 through July 8, 2026

Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amount
Check	eft	06/18/2026	Reliance Standard		Checking - 1987		-231.22
				Insurance Benefit		-231.22	231.22
TOTAL						-231.22	231.22
Check	eft	06/18/2026	further		Checking - 1987		-7.00
				Insurance Benefit		-7.00	7.00
TOTAL						-7.00	7.00
Check	6192	07/08/2026	Dawn Tanner		Checking - 1987		-47.85
				3.170 - Misc. & mileage		-47.85	47.85
TOTAL						-47.85	47.85
Check	6193	07/08/2026	Lauren Sampedro		Checking - 1987		-63.44
				3.170 - Misc. & mileage		-63.44	63.44
TOTAL						-63.44	63.44
Check	6194	07/08/2026	Brian Corcoran		Checking - 1987		-123.25
				3.170 - Misc. & mileage		-123.25	123.25
TOTAL						-123.25	123.25
Check	6195	07/08/2026	Gallagher		Checking - 1987		-2,825.00
				3.240 - Watershed Plan Amendment		-2,825.00	2,825.00
TOTAL						-2,825.00	2,825.00
Check	6196	07/08/2026	Town Law Center, PLLP		Checking - 1987		-4,136.00
				3.440 - Gilfillan Black Tamarack Wilkin		-300.00	300.00
				3.240 - Watershed Plan Amendment		-3,123.00	3,123.00
				3.150 - Storm Sewer Utility		-644.00	644.00
				3.460 - Sucker Vadnais		-69.00	69.00
TOTAL						-4,136.00	4,136.00
Check	6197	07/08/2026	City of White Bear Lake		Checking - 1987		-51,312.80
				payroll		-38,808.24	38,808.24
				Administration FICA		-2,838.34	2,838.34
				Administration PERA		-2,910.64	2,910.64
				Insurance Benefit		-6,294.76	6,294.76
				Admin payroll processing		-266.05	266.05
				Employer PFML		-194.77	194.77
TOTAL						-51,312.80	51,312.80
Check	6198	07/08/2026	Metro - Inet		Checking - 1987		-2,200.00

			IT Support	-2,200.00	2,200.00
TOTAL				<u>-2,200.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>
	Check 6199	07/08/2026 Minuteman Press	Checking - 1987		-250.68
			3.320 · Marketing	-250.68	250.68
TOTAL				<u>-250.68</u>	<u>250.68</u>
	Check 6200	07/08/2026 Alex Smith	Checking - 1987		-1,000.00
			3.480 · Soil Health Grant	-1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL				<u>-1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	Check 6201	07/08/2026 Debra Skoog	Checking - 1987		-61.17
			3.480 · Soil Health Grant	-61.17	61.17
TOTAL				<u>-61.17</u>	<u>61.17</u>
	Check 6202	07/08/2026 carp solutions	Checking - 1987		-5,680.00
			3.450 · Pleasant Charley Deep	-5,680.00	5,680.00
TOTAL				<u>-5,680.00</u>	<u>5,680.00</u>
	Check 6203	07/08/2026 City of Vadnais Heights	Checking - 1987		-2,303.57
			Rent	-1,865.00	1,865.00
			Phone/Internet/Machine Overhead	-335.00	335.00
			Postage	-22.30	22.30
			Copies	-81.27	81.27
TOTAL				<u>-2,303.57</u>	<u>2,303.57</u>
	Check 6204	07/08/2026 RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.	Checking - 1987		-4,489.32
			3.210 · Lake & Creek lab analysis	-593.56	593.56
			3.210 · Lake & Creek lab analysis	-1,517.34	1,517.34
			3.210 · Lake & Creek lab analysis	-593.56	593.56
			3.210 · Lake & Creek lab analysis	-94.05	94.05
			3.210 · Lake & Creek lab analysis	-79.42	79.42
			3.210 · Lake & Creek lab analysis	-1,517.34	1,517.34
			3.210 · Lake & Creek lab analysis	-94.05	94.05
TOTAL				<u>-4,489.32</u>	<u>4,489.32</u>

Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Profit & Loss
 June 11 through July 8, 2026

8:12 AM

07/02/2026

Cash Basis

Jun 11 - Jul 8, 26

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
5.1 - Income	
5.13 - Interest	1,955.61
Total 5.1 - Income	<u>1,955.61</u>
Total Income	<u>1,955.61</u>
Gross Profit	1,955.61
Expense	
3.1 - Administrative/Operations	
3.110 - Office	
Copies	81.27
Phone/Internet/Machine Overhead	335.00
Postage	22.30
Rent	1,865.00
Total 3.110 - Office	<u>2,303.57</u>
3.120 - Information Systems	
IT Support	2,200.00
Software	75.83
Total 3.120 - Information Systems	<u>2,275.83</u>
3.150 - Storm Sewer Utility	644.00
3.170 - Misc. & mileage	234.54
3.191 - Employee Payroll	
payroll	38,808.24
Total 3.191 - Employee Payroll	<u>38,808.24</u>
3.192 - Employer Liabilities	
Admin payroll processing	266.05
Administration FICA	2,838.34
Administration PERA	2,910.64
Employer PFML	194.77
Insurance Benefit	6,532.98
Total 3.192 - Employer Liabilities	<u>12,742.78</u>
Total 3.1 - Administrative/Operations	<u>57,008.96</u>
3.2 - Monitoring and Studies	
3.210 - Lake & Creek lab analysis	4,489.32
3.240 - Watershed Plan Amendment	5,948.00
Total 3.2 - Monitoring and Studies	<u>10,437.32</u>
3.3 - Education and Outreach	
3.320 - Marketing	250.68
Total 3.3 - Education and Outreach	<u>250.68</u>
3.4 - Capital Imp. Projects/Programs	

3.440 · Gilfillan Black Tamarack Wilkin	300.00
3.450 · Pleasant Charley Deep	5,680.00
3.460 · Sucker Vadnais	69.00
Total 3.4 · Capital Imp. Projects/Programs	6,049.00
3.48 · Programs	
3.480 · Soil Health Grant	1,061.17
Total 3.48 · Programs	1,061.17
Total Expense	74,807.13
Net Ordinary Income	-72,851.52
Net Income	-72,851.52

Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization
Custom Transaction Detail Report
 May 1 through July 1, 2026

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 07/01/2026
 Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
May 1 - Jul 1, 26									
Credit Card Charge	05/01/2026		Google*SVCAPPS_VLAWM		US Bank CC	√	WEB	21.00	21.00
Credit Card Charge	05/12/2026		WalMart	Rotary field day supplies	US Bank CC	√	3.310 · Public Education	55.95	76.95
Credit Card Charge	05/18/2026		Amazon.com	tent	US Bank CC	√	3.320 · Marketing	542.36	619.31
Credit Card Charge	05/26/2026		MN Department of Natural Resources	lodging Dawn	US Bank CC	√	3.160 · Training (staff/board)	189.69	809.00
Credit Card Charge	05/28/2026		ESRI	ArcGIS26-27 renewal	US Bank CC	√	IT Systems - Hardware	550.00	1,359.00
Credit Card Charge	06/01/2026		Google*SVCAPPS_VLAWM		US Bank CC	√	WEB	21.00	1,380.00
Credit Card Charge	06/12/2026		Adobe "Creative Cloud		US Bank CC	√	Software	75.83	1,455.83
Transfer	06/20/2026			Funds Transfer	US Bank CC	√	Checking - 1987	-342.56	1,113.27
								<u>1,113.27</u>	<u>1,113.27</u>
May 1 - Jul 1, 26									

TEC Staff Memo – July 8, 2026

IV. Administration & Operations

A. July Financial Report and Consider Authorization for Payment

Please find the July financial report and authorization to pay bills for consideration and approval.

V. Programs

A. Update on Neighborhood Garden Tours

VLAWMO's first neighborhood garden tour event of the summer took place on Tuesday, June 30th. Three primary projects were highlighted to showcase a variety of clean water planting projects that have received support through VLAWMO's grant programs, with the addition of a fourth project in peak bloom. At the time of packet preparation, 15 residents had signed up to attend the tours. Staff appreciate the willingness of hosts to share their projects with residents, as well as the coordination support from Ceci Shapland, MN Water Steward. Staff will provide event updates and photos at the TEC meeting.

B. Update on New General VLAWMO Resource

Staff have developed a new "About VLAWMO" resource for community sharing. This update reflects broader efforts to increase public awareness of VLAWMO's work, as well as water stewardship actions. The new resource has been shared on recent site visits and will be available at the VLAWMO office and community events moving forward. Staff will share this new resource at the TEC meeting.

VI. Projects

A. Highlights from the City of Vadnais Heights' Whole-City Resiliency Study

VLAWMO and the City of Vadnais Heights partnered on the completion of a resiliency study, that covers all of the areas within Vadnais Heights' city boundary, to build on the work that was completed under the East Vadnais Lake Subwatershed Resiliency Study. A final draft of the whole-city resiliency study was completed by SEH, Inc. and presented to the study stakeholders on June 16th. Partners on the study included the City of Vadnais Heights, VLAWMO, Ramsey County, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, and Saint Paul Regional Water Services. The City and VLAWMO will continue to partner on additional data collection work to further explore some of the resiliency study's preliminary design concepts and prepare for future implementation work.

The completed study is accessible at the following link:

https://www.vlawmo.org/download_file/be4f4787-8ff5-429b-96a0-ffe6c4989f2a/9

Highlights from the study will be presented at the July 8th TEC meeting.

B. Update on 319/Phase 2 Project: Tree Survey and Soil Sampling

HEI completed the tree survey for the proposed project on 6/26/26. Terracon was arranged by HEI to complete the soil sampling. They were also onsite on 6/26/26 and completed the soil sampling. NOC and VLAWMO coordinated for field access and on-site logistics.

HEI has continued working on the proposed project design and will be incorporating field and sampling information into the next design iteration.

C. AIS Watershed Notifications from MN DNR

VLAWMO received two AIS revisions from MN DNR this spring.

- i. **Amelia delisting for flowering rush:** VLAWMO and RCSWCD partnered in checking previously reported flowering rush infestation locations in Amelia Lake for six years. As part of these checks, RCSWCD checked the specific locations that had been previously reported and took photographs of the entire shoreline as backup verification that flowering rush was not being detected. The sixth year of checks was completed in 2025.

MN DNR initially requested five years of checking without a detection before potential consideration for delisting. After five years of no detection, MN DNR requested an additional year of field investigation as a buffer year. Surveys were completed by RCSWCD as part of VLAWMO's annual lake survey contract.

Coordination this spring between VLAWMO, RCSWCD, and MN DNR were completed to share survey data, photographs, and provide information to MN DNR for additional flow analysis and consideration for delisting. As of 6/2/26, MN DNR has approved delisting of Amelia Lake for flowering rush.

As part of the Amelia Lake Review development process, an infestation of flowering rush was detected on a wetland to the south of Amelia Lake. RCSWCD has been treating that infestation (since 2023) and has agreed to continue to check on that infestation and the shoreline of Amelia nearest the wetland to ensure that flowering rush is detected promptly if it begins to establish on Amelia in the coming years.

The partnership work to follow up on a decades-old infestation led to the current delisting. VLAWMO appreciates the partnership efforts with RCSWCD, DNR, private residents, Anoka SWCD, and others who have been involved in this successful treatment and delisting effort.

Photo: Flowering rush blooming at private wetland in 2022.



- ii. **East Vadnais listing for faucet snails:** VLAWMO, RCSWCD, SPRWS, Capitol Region Watershed District, and Ramsey-Washington Watershed District received a notification from the MN DNR on 6/2/26 that East Vadnais Lake is now listed as infested for faucet snails. An official announcement was provided. The announcement is attached in the packet for reference.

Attachment: The Faucet Snail Infestation Report (Dated 5/22/26) is available at the following link: https://www.vlawmo.org/download_file/e7eab731-5002-407d-8d07-60ef91d77da6/9

D. Carp Barrier Removal Plans

Spring carp removals have been completed. As the program continues transitioning into a maintenance phase, the temporary barrier at Chickadee Lane will be removed during summer 2026. At the time of packet preparation, Carp Solutions is working to schedule the removal and anticipates having removal completed in the next couple of weeks.

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Lauren Sampedro
TEC Meeting
7/8/2026

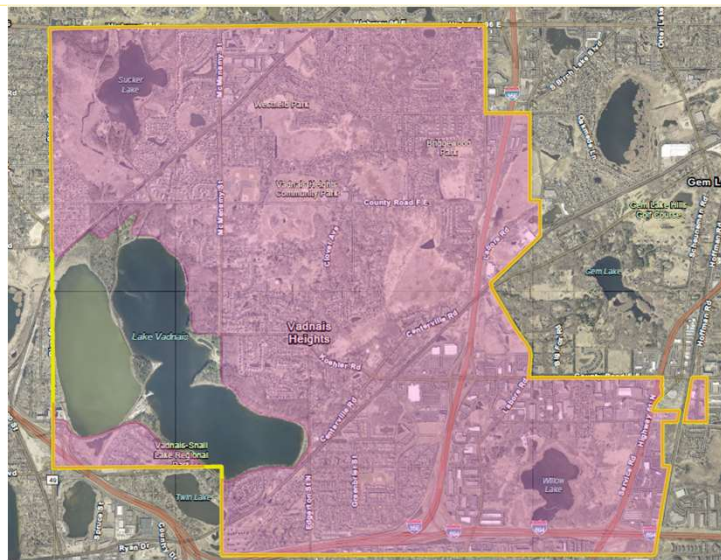


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Background



- Purpose :
 - Reduce current and future flooding risks in the City, improve resilience to climate change, improve water quality, and identify project opportunities
- Builds on East Vadnais Lake Resiliency Study
- Successful MPCA grant application



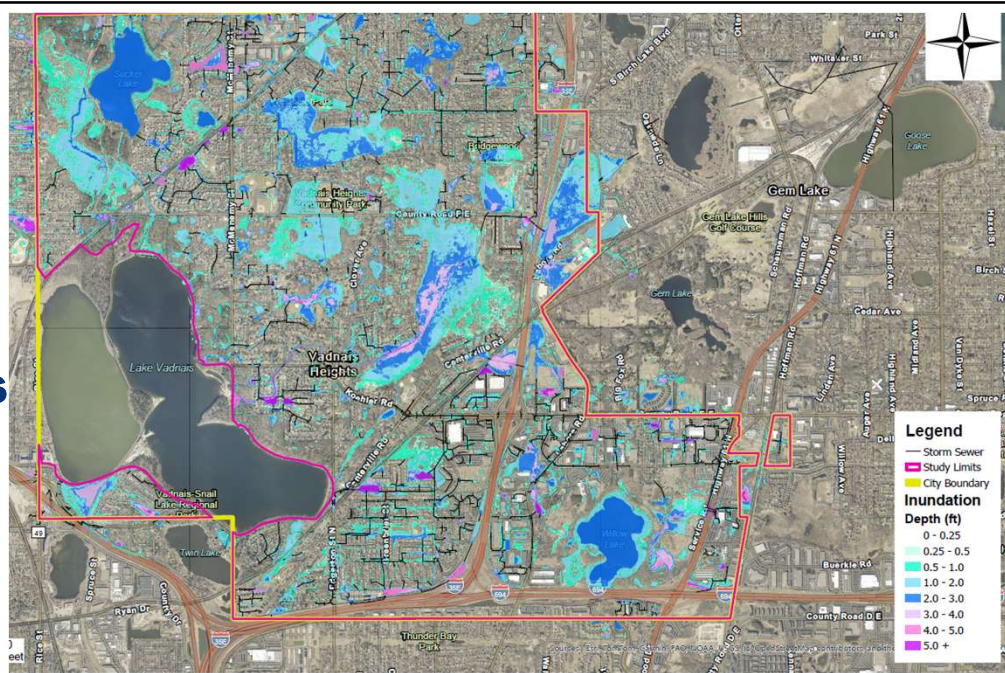
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Community Engagement Campaign



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100-year Existing Conditions



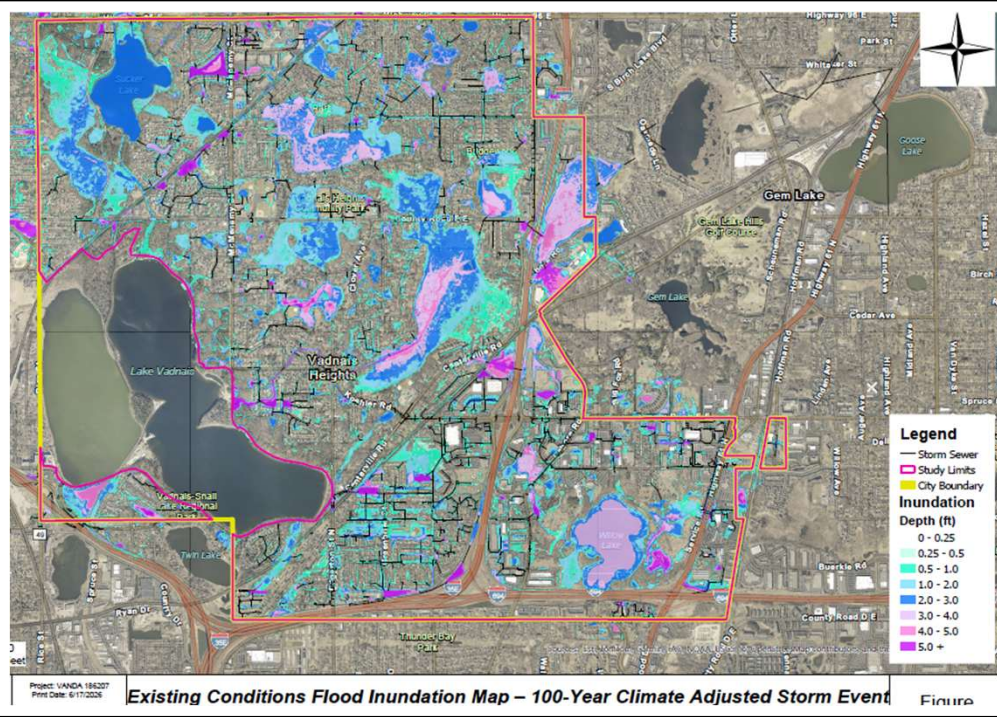
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Existing Conditions Flood Inundation Map – 100-Year Storm Event

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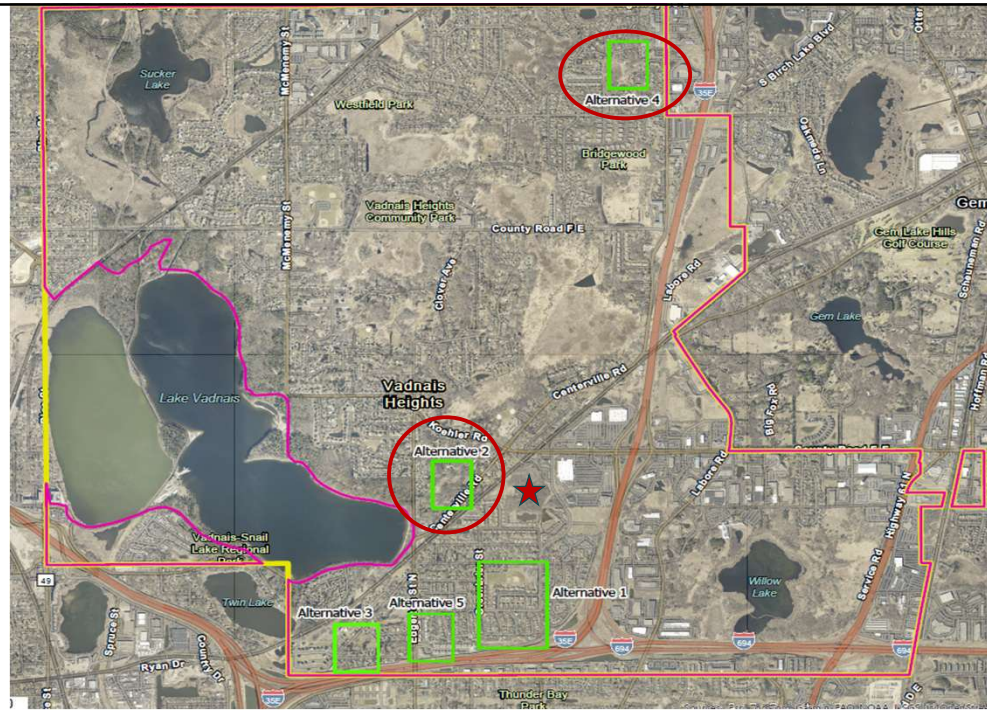
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100-year Future Conditions



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Potential Project Options



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Next Steps



1.
 - City and VLAWMO partner on additional data collection, survey work, and design work to further explore the 2 project options within VLAWMO boundary
2.
 - City and VLAWMO partner on future implementation of feasible projects in VLAWMO
3.
 - Continue work on City Hall resiliency project

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