

3 VLAWMO CORE ACTIVITIES

- Birch Lake shoreline restoration project: an on-going maintenance agreement where VLAWMO manages the maintenance oversight and collects a set, annual amount from the BLID and the City of White Bear Lake to assist with maintenance costs.
- Whitaker Pond: agreement states that Ramsey County will dredge built up sediment from the forebay of the pond on a periodic basis.
- Central Middle School swale: VLAWMO agreed to cover the costs associated with the first two years of maintenance by a professional company, and then provided an operations and maintenance manual to the school district groundskeepers to assist them with the subsequent 8 years of required maintenance duties.

For stormwater infrastructure installed by MS4s, such as storm retention ponds or vegetated swales, they are responsible for the inspection, operation, and maintenance. Regular communication between agencies will allow the opportunity to discuss any concerns or new issues regarding their projects.

[For Lambert Creek, VLAWMO conducts maintenance on the ditch. Ditch 13/14 public ditch drainage system pursuant to the VLAWMO Board's direction, the VLAWMO Watershed Management Plan and public ditch inspection program. The VLAWMO Board directs drainage system maintenance on an as-needed basis. The VLAWMO Board has recently approved proposed ditch maintenance on Ditch 14 on approximately 2,400 linear feet of Ditch 14, east of Edgerton Street in the City of Vadnais Heights, at an estimated cost of \\$87,000 for years 2021-2022. VLAWMO intends to implement these activities under Core Activities - Capital Projects and Programs and utilizing funding authority under MN Statute 103B.](#)

3.5 REGULATORY PROGRAM

VLAWMO does not operate a regulatory program for development review. All member cities or townships are MS4s with approved permits to discharge stormwater, and they, along with Ramsey County, Anoka County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) as MS4s will be responsible for ensuring that development, redevelopment and construction meets NPDES requirements. Each member city or township is required to operate a permitting program and have local controls consistent with VLAWMO water management policy.

VLAWMO is the LGU administering the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and has been since 1991 except in MnDOT right of way area. VLAWMO established performance and control standards for managing stormwater runoff, and management classifications, standards and procedures governing the use of wetlands as set out in the VLAWMO water management policy. The current [VLAWMO water management policy](#) was written in April 2009. The current policy is in the process of being updated to follow the most recent standard changes within the WCA, Minimum Impact Design Standards (MIDS), Atlas 14, and Minnesota Stormwater Manual, along with state groundwater and buffer rules. The updated VLAWMO water management policy will be revised as standards in these manuals are amended. The updated policy will be on the VLAWMO website and distributed directly to the appropriate partners.

Ramsey County transferred Drainage Authority for Ditches 13 and 14 to VLAWMO in 1986. These Drainage Systems are otherwise known as Lambert Creek and the Dillon or Whitaker storm sewer system (#07010206-801 & #07010206-637). Ditch Drainage System management activities are conducted under the authorities of chapters [103B and 103E, including maintaining conveyance](#), and are not specifically enumerated in this Plan

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except as they relate to protecting and improving downstream water resources. VLAWMO plans to continue its Drainage Authority role and will actively look for opportunities to use its unique abilities and authorities under 103B ~~and 103E~~ to implement water quality improvement projects concurrently with ditch maintenance and repair projects. VLAWMO acknowledges its role as a ditch authority in implementing the State buffer law and will pursue buffers consistent with requirements.