



Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

IMPROVING QUALITY OF WATER, QUALITY OF LIFE

WELCOME TO THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

MANAGING WATER RESOURCES ACROSS 29 COMMUNITIES:

CHANHASSEN
DEEPHAVEN
EDINA
EXCELSIOR
GOLDEN VALLEY
GREENWOOD
HOPKINS
INDEPENDENCE
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
LONG LAKE
MAPLE PLAIN
MEDINA
MINNEAPOLIS
MINNETONKA
MINNETONKA BEACH
MINNETRISTA
MOUND
ORONO
PLYMOUTH
RICHFIELD
ST. BONIFACIUS
ST. LOUIS PARK
SHOREWOOD
SPRING PARK
TONKA BAY
VICTORIA
WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP
WAYZATA
WOODLAND

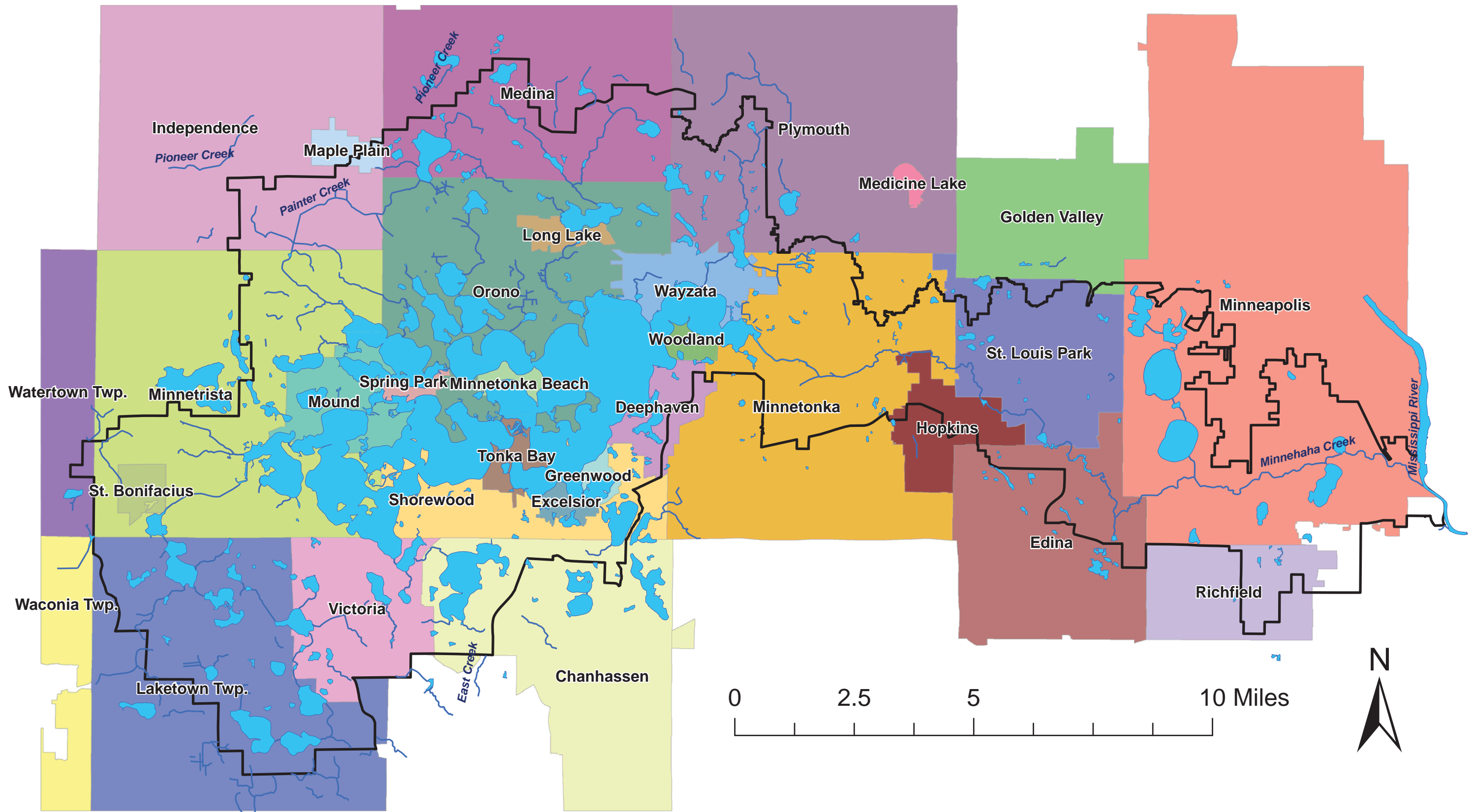
THE WATERSHED

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed is a 181 square mile area of land that drains to Lake Minnetonka and Minnehaha Creek. Located in Hennepin and Carver Counties, the watershed includes all or portions of 27 cities and 2 townships. In total there are 129 lakes, 8 major creeks, and thousands of wetlands. The watershed features the iconic Minnehaha Falls, and popular lakes like Lake Minnetonka and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

OUR MISSION

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is committed to a leadership role in protecting, improving and managing the surface waters and affiliated groundwater resources within the district, including their relationships to the ecosystems of which they are an integral part. We achieve our mission through regulation, capital projects, education, cooperative endeavors, and other programs based on sound science, innovative thinking, an informed and engaged constituency, and the cost effective use of public funds.

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WATERSHED MANAGEMENT IN MINNESOTA

A watershed district is a unit of government based on the geographical boundary of a watershed. Watershed districts can include part or all of a number of cities, townships, and counties. They are charged by statute with the responsibility "to conserve the natural resources of the state by land use planning, flood control, and other conservation practices using sound scientific principles for the protection of the public health and welfare and provident use of the natural resource."

Watershed Districts are special purpose government units established by citizen petition. **Watershed Management Organizations and Commissions** are established by statute in the 7-county metropolitan area and are operated under joint powers agreements.

[Learn More](#) about watershed management:

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts

www.bwsr.state.mn.us
www.mnwatershed.org

ABOUT MCWD

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is governed by a 7-member board of managers who are appointed by the Hennepin and Carver County Boards of Commissioners.

MCWD PROGRAM AREAS

A full time staff of 15, plus about 5 interns, manage a \$7 million budget and 7 program areas:

- Administration
- Planning
- Land Conservation
- Permitting
- Monitoring and Research
- Education and Communications
- Project Operations and Maintenance

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The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is a local unit of government located in Minnesota's Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The District covers 181 square miles in Hennepin and Carver Counties.