



Executive Summary

City Council Workshop

AGENDA ITEM: 2025 Water Incentive Program
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Input and Discussion

Background

As part of the 2024 Street & Infrastructure Improvement Project, the City of Maple Plain is offering a Street Project Watering Incentive Program to assist property owners in maintaining new grass established during the reconstruction process. Similar programs have been implemented in past street projects to encourage proper lawn care and ensure successful grass growth in newly disturbed areas.

Program Details

- The program provides a water credit of up to 7,000 gallons per quarter (Q2 and Q3) over a homeowner's normal water usage.
- The City will determine normal usage based on past water consumption data, lot size, and other relevant factors.
- Eligible residents must submit an application by April 15, 2025 to receive credits.
- Approved credits will be applied to the Q4 water bill in January 2026.

Resident Responsibility

- The care and maintenance of new grass become the homeowner's responsibility as of June 1, 2025.
- Failure to properly water may result in sod damage, which will not be repaired by the City.

Implementation & Outreach

- A notification letter will be sent to all affected property owners, explaining the program and providing application details.
- City staff will manage the review and approval process, ensuring fair credit calculations based on prior water use data.
- The program aims to mitigate post-construction issues related to sod establishment while offering financial relief for residents actively maintaining their lawns.

Recommendation

Staff recommends proceeding with the program as outlined, as it provides an equitable way to support property owners impacted by construction while protecting the investment made in public infrastructure. Council approval is requested to finalize and implement the program.