

The logo for the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization features a blue brushstroke background. The words "UPPER RUM RIVER" are written in a large, black, sans-serif font across the top. Below this, the words "Watershed Management Organization" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

UPPER RUM RIVER

Watershed Management
Organization

MEMO

To: URRWMO Member Cities
From: Jamie Schurbon, Watershed Projects Manager
Date: January 30, 2026
Re: URRWMO 2027 Draft Budget

2027 Draft Budget to Ratify

The Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO) board has developed its recommended 2027 budget of \$59,640. It must be ratified by each member community before it becomes final. Please have your city council consider ratification **before February 20**. **Notifications can be sent to jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org.**

The 2027 budget is an overall 6.5% (\$3,634) increase from 2026. The increase is due to the state-required update of the 10-year URRWMO Watershed Management Plan update to occur in 2027-2028. That task is estimated to cost \$55,000 and the board is budgeting the expense over several years. The board was able to substantially reduce other regular budget items to offset most of the temporary increase for the plan update.

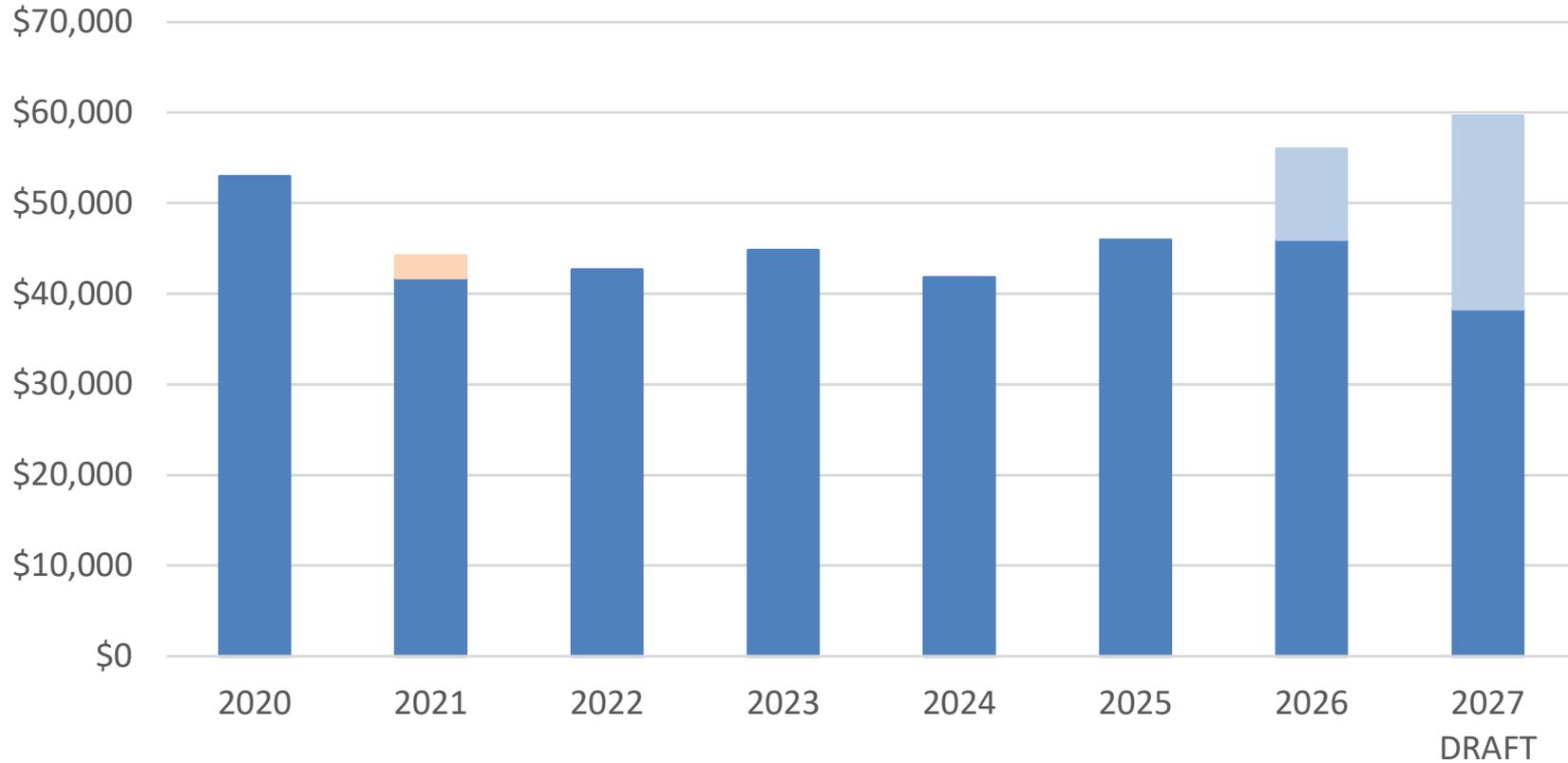
If you have any questions about the budget please contact me (jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org) or your one of your city representatives on the URRWMO board.

Summary of 2025 Activities

Enclosed is a mini-report of URRWMO 2025 accomplishments. This item is informational only.

UPPER RUM RIVER WMO BUDGETS

■ Traditional Budget Items ■ Toward 2027-2028 Plan Update ■ Reserves Spend Down





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Watershed Management Organization

COSTS BY CITY

2027 DRAFT Budget Summary

Notes:

Budget was developed 2019-2028 URRWMO Watershed Management Plan.

Community contributions are based on land area and market valuations, per the current Upper Rum River WMO joint powers agreement.

The community contributions were updated with the most recent market valuations in 2021. This update is done every five years.

1/30/2026

	Bethel	East Bethel	Ham Lake	Nowthen	Oak Grove	St. Francis	TOTAL
% non-operating costs -->	1.04%	23.85%	1.68%	22.81%	30.48%	20.14%	100.00%
% operating costs -->	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	100.00%

Row Labels	Sum of 2027 Budget							
Non-operating	\$46,241.00	\$480.91	\$11,028.48	\$776.85	\$10,547.57	\$14,094.26	\$9,312.94	\$46,241.00
Education and Public Outreach	\$5,198.00	\$54.06	\$1,239.72	\$87.33	\$1,185.66	\$1,584.35	\$1,046.88	\$5,198.00
Non-Operating General	\$24,779.00	\$257.70	\$5,909.79	\$416.29	\$5,652.09	\$7,552.64	\$4,990.49	\$24,779.00
Water Quality Improvement Projects	\$11,074.00	\$115.17	\$2,641.15	\$186.04	\$2,525.98	\$3,375.36	\$2,230.30	\$11,074.00
Water Monitoring	\$5,190.00	\$53.98	\$1,237.82	\$87.19	\$1,183.84	\$1,581.91	\$1,045.27	\$5,190.00
Studies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operating	\$13,399.00	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$13,399.00
Operating Expenses	\$13,399.00	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$2,233.17	\$13,399.00
Reserve Spend Down	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$59,640.00	\$2,714.07	\$13,261.65	\$3,010.02	\$12,780.74	\$16,327.42	\$11,546.10	\$59,640.00



2027 DRAFT Budget Detail

Notes:

Budget was developed 2020-2029 SRWMO Watershed Management Plan.

1/30/2026

	Sum of 2025 Budget	Sum of 2026 Budget	Sum of 2027 Watershed Plan	Sum of 2027 Budget
1 Non-operating				
2 Education and Public Outreach				
3 Anoka Co Outreach Coordinator Position	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
4 Website operations/maintenance	\$1,030.00	\$1,080.00	\$975.00	\$1,230.00
5 Rum River biomonitoring with St. Francis High School	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
6 URRWMO public education and outreach	\$1,160.00	\$1,189.00	\$1,218.00	\$1,218.00
7				
8 Non-Operating General				
9 Watershed Coordinator - Facilitate Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	\$1,856.00	\$500.00	\$1,949.00	\$1,949.00
10 Watershed Coordinator - Grant applications	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,386.00	\$1,500.00
11 Watershed Plan Update 2027-2028	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,330.00
12				
13 Water Quality Improvement Projects				
14 Projects as detailed in the URRWMO 10-year Plan	\$16,971.00	\$17,395.00	\$17,830.00	\$11,074.00
15				
16 Water Monitoring				
17 Lake Level Monitoring	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,632.84	\$1,440.00
18 Lake Water Quality Monitoring	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$0.00
19 Reference Wetland Hydrology Monitoring	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$4,279.65	\$3,750.00
20 Stream Water Quality Monitoring	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$4,691.13	\$0.00
21 Water Monitoring Fund	-\$390.00	\$0.00	-\$5,507.00	\$0.00
22				
23 Studies				
24 Subwatershed Assessment Studies (SWAs) for priority waterbodies	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,830.00	\$0.00
25				
26 Operating				
27 Operating Expenses				
28 Advertise Bids for Pro Services (req'd in odd yrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
29 Liability Insurance	\$2,667.00	\$2,734.00	\$2,802.00	\$2,802.00
30 Recording Secretary services	\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,462.00	\$2,409.00
31 Watershed Coordinator - Facilitate regular URRWMO mtgs	\$3,711.00	\$3,804.00	\$3,899.00	\$3,899.00
32 Watershed Coordinator - Annual Report to State Auditor	\$742.00	\$761.00	\$780.00	\$780.00
33 Watershed Coordinator - Annual Report to BWSR	\$1,484.00	\$1,522.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00
34 Watershed Coordinator - Other - see desc.	\$2,300.00	\$3,656.00	\$1,949.00	\$1,949.00
35				
36 Reserve Spend Down				
37 Undesignated Reserve Spend Down	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
38				
39 Grand Total	\$45,946.00	\$56,006.00	\$64,436.62	\$59,640.00