



MEMO

To: URRWMO Cities
From: Jamie Schurbon, Watershed Projects Manager
Date: January 3, 2024
Re: 2025 Budget and JPA Update

2025 Budget to Ratify

The Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO) board has developed its recommended 2025 budget. It must be ratified by each member community before it becomes final. Please consider ratification before **February 27**. **Notifications can be sent to jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org.**

Please know that the URRWMO board underwent a thorough process to develop a budget that includes only priorities. The budget as presented is **25% lower** than the amount for 2025 in our 10-year Watershed Management Plan.

For context, here are recent URRWMO budgets and the 2025 proposed:

2022	\$42,646.00
2023	\$44,814.00
2024	\$41,814.00
2025 DRAFT	\$45,946.00

JPA Update

The URRWMO board plans to update the URRWMO joint powers agreement in 2024. They have identified updates that they believe will be non-controversial and beneficial. This memo is to notify the cities of the planned upcoming process, but there is nothing you need to do at this time. The JPA has been mostly untouched since 1991.

The cost of the JPA update will be <\$2,500. The costs will be covered by unused funds from 2023 and previous years that would customarily go to undesignated reserve. In other words, the cities will not be invoiced any additional cost.

The URWMO board plans to keep costss low by nearly entirely copying the recently-updated agreement of the Sunrise River WMO. Until recently, the two WMO's had identical JPAs, and they operate similarly.

This JPA revision will NOT include a revision to the funding formula.

Anticipated next steps are:

1. URRWMO board will review the new SRWMO JPA and bylaws at their March and May meetings. May identify minor modifications.
2. Attorney prepares the updated URRWMO JPA and bylaws.
3. Document reviews by URRWMO board and cities.
4. Request approval by each city council.



UPPER RUM RIVER

Watershed Management Organization

2025 DRAFT Budget Detail

Notes:

Budget was developed 2020-2029 SRWMO Watershed Management Plan.

1/3/2025

	Sum of 2025 Budget
1 Non-operating	
2 Collaboration/Planning	
3 Aerial photos	\$0.00
4	
5 Education and Public Outreach	
6 Anoka Co Outreach Coordinator Position	\$1,500.00
7 Website operations/maintenance	\$1,030.00
8 Rum River biomonitoring with St. Francis High School	\$0.00
9 Website platform update	\$0.00
10 URRWMO public education and outreach	\$1,160.00
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12 Non-Operating General	
13 Watershed Coordinator - Facilitate Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	\$1,856.00
14 Watershed Coordinator - WRAPS review	\$0.00
15 Watershed Coordinator - Grant applications	\$1,300.00
16 5-year Watershed Plan Amendment per BWSR Requirement	\$0.00
17 URRWMO JPA Update	\$0.00
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19 Water Quality Improvement Projects	
20 Projects as detailed in the URRWMO 10-year Plan	\$16,971.00
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22 Water Monitoring	
23 Lake Level Monitoring	\$1,440.00
24 Lake Water Quality Monitoring	\$0.00
25 Reference Wetland Hydrology Monitoring	\$3,750.00
26 Stream Water Quality Monitoring	\$2,700.00
27 Water Monitoring Fund	-\$390.00
28	
29 Studies	
30 Subwatershed Assessment Studies (SWAs) for priority waterbodies	\$2,500.00
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32 Operating	
33 Operating Expenses	
34 Advertise Bids for Pro Services (req'd in odd yrs)	\$0.00
35 Liability Insurance	\$2,667.00
36 Recording Secretary services	\$1,225.00
37 Watershed Coordinator - Facilitate regular URRWMO mtgs	\$3,711.00
38 Watershed Coordinator - Annual Report to State Auditor	\$742.00
39 Watershed Coordinator - Annual Report to BWSR	\$1,484.00
40 Watershed Coordinator - Other - see desc.	\$2,300.00
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42 Reserve Spend Down	
43 Undesignated Reserve Spend Down	\$0.00
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45 Grand Total	\$45,946.00