

2019 MAWD Program of the Year

Coon Creek Watershed - Reaching out about Contaminants of Emerging Concern

The southern and western portions of Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) are located within Priority Area A of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Drinking Water Source Management Area. Recognizing stormwater as a nexus between public health and water quality, the Minnesota Department of Health awarded CCWD with a two-year grant in 2017 to increase awareness about Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) in urban stormwater. The grant enabled them to address an information gap in less-toxic lawn care and proper pharmaceutical disposal by hiring an Outreach Specialist to develop specific outreach materials, significantly increase awareness of CECs, and expand partnerships in their “Priority Area A” communities, laying groundwork for future TMDL and IDDE education and engagement.



From left, Gerald van Amburg presents Anthony Wilder, Manager from Coon Creek Watershed District with the Program of the Year award.