

**DNR's Watershed District of the Year Award  
December 2, 2022**

The 2022 Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) annual Watershed District of the Year award went to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD).

Thank you, Dan Lais, from the DNR, for presenting the award at our Annual Conference in Alexandria last week. Here is what Dan had to say: "The MCWD is a great partner with managing water levels and assessing the impacts of a changing climate along with implementing comprehensive water resource permitting and education programs. The MCWD employs a comprehensive staff of researchers, planners, monitoring teams, water quality experts and educators who work in a 178-square mile watershed that includes 27 cities, two townships, and significant natural resources such as Lake Minnetonka, the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha Creek and Minnehaha Falls. The DNR appreciates the work of all Watershed Districts in conjunction with celebrating this year's District of the year honors with MCWD. Congratulations."

