



# Waconia Wavelength

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## Stormwater Ponds: The Dark and Clear Sides of Their Purpose, Part II

Last month in the Waconia Wavelength, we talked about the structure and purpose of the stormwater system and provided tips on how to reduce the impact of contaminants in ponds. This month, we review the requirements the City has to follow for the stormwater system.

Each year, the City of Waconia is required to provide the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) with a storm sewer system report, called MS4. This report focuses on Waconia's stormwater pollution prevention program. This program is designed to reduce discharge of pollutants from our storm sewer system as much as possible. This MS4 must include best management practices for stormwater and cover six minimum control measures:

- Education & Outreach
- Public Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination
- Construction Site Control
- Post-Construction Management
- Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The MS4 targets what the MPCA calls Wasteload Allocations (WLA) and total maximum daily loads (TMDL). WLAs and TMDLs both help establish the maximum pollutant standards or levels in specific water bodies. The City works on

areas currently affected by these regulations, including:

### Carver Creek Lakes/Carver Creek

This includes: Hydes, Goose, Winkler, and Miller Lakes. The creek is south of Hydes Lake, and runs through Winkler and Miller Lakes. Here work is focused on reducing nutrients and turbidity (or cloudiness).

### Carver, Bevens, and Silver Creeks

All three of these creeks are being managed for fecal coliform and flow into the Minnesota River.

### Burandt and Reitz Lakes

Burandt Lake is on the west side of Waconia, south of Waconia Parkway and east of County Road 10. Reitz Lake is on the east side, south of Airport Road. Both are being managed for nutrients.

In addition to these target areas, the City works diligently to maintain the health of **Lake Waconia**. Lake Waconia is not listed as an impaired lake, currently. To maintain this designation, the City has included several practices into our regular maintenance activities.

The City uses these targets to develop our stormwater pollution prevention program. Next month, we will provide details on efforts completed and targeted by the City to meet the WLAs established by the MPCA.

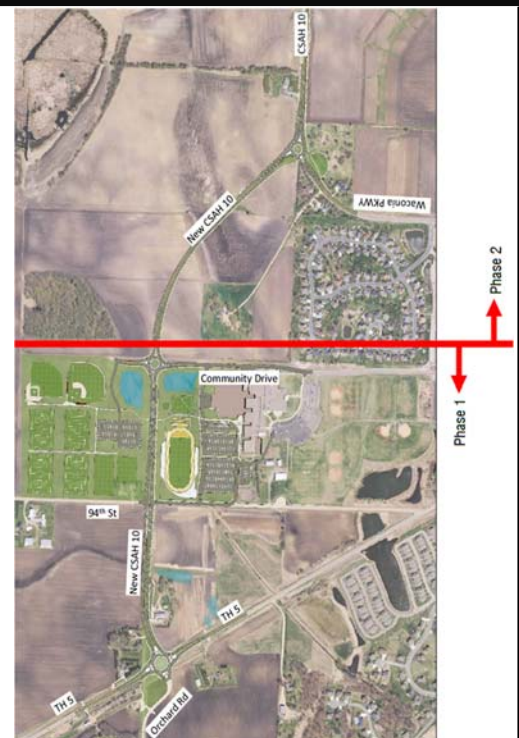
## County Road 10 Project Update

Carver County and the City of Waconia, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, will be reconstructing and extending Orchard Road from Highway 5 to Waconia Parkway, beginning in June 2017. The project includes intersection improvements at Highway 5, 94th Street, Community Drive, and Waconia Parkway. The new roadway will be extended from 94th Street to County Road 10/Waconia Parkway.

This project will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 includes reconstruction of Orchard Road from Highway 5 to Community Drive and is scheduled to be completed by September 2017. Phase 2 includes new roadway from Community Drive to County Road 10/Waconia Parkway and is scheduled to be completed by November 2018.

**A full closure of Highway 5 at the intersection of Orchard Road is necessary to complete the proposed intersection improvements. This closure is expected to last four weeks, beginning in mid-July.** The planned detour for this closure will use County Road 51, County Road 32, and County Road 10/Waconia Parkway.

More detailed information and weekly project updates can be found at [www.waconia.org/CSAH10](http://www.waconia.org/CSAH10).



**CSAH 10 Realignment Phasing Map**

## July Music in the Park Schedule

Below is the July line up for Music in the Park:

July 13 – Fab 50's Family Show

July 20 – Sidewalk Café Trio

July 27 – The Retro Soul & Westside Horns

August 3 – The Castaways

Music will start at 7:00 p.m. at City Square Park. Bring your chairs and blankets. In case of rain weather, Safari Island will host the event.



## Hot Topics!

Did you know more than 70% of all water pollutants come from those carried by stormwater run off? Rain gardens are effective at filtering 90% of nutrients & chemical pollutants and 80% of sediment from stormwater flowing into them. That's 30% more effective than lawn turf! Source: [www.epa.gov/soakuptherain](http://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain)

Follow the code for more information on this month's Hot Topic or visit the Utility Billing section of [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org)



## Moving In or Out of Waconia?

If you are moving in or out of a property in Waconia, you must notify the Utility Billing Department before the closing date. With notification, the City will send someone out to read your water meter on the closing date to take a final meter reading. This reading will be used to calculate the final bill for the previous owner and will also represent the starting read for the new owner. Visit the Utility Bill Section of [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org) to submit the Move Form online. Information the City needs is also listed below and can be sent to [utilitybill@waconia.org](mailto:utilitybill@waconia.org) or called in at (952) 442-3107.



- Service Address
- Forwarding address for the seller
- Closing date
- Buyer's name

## 2040 Comprehensive Plan

The Waconia City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff kicked off the 2040 Comprehensive Plan process in June.



The Comprehensive Plan is updated every ten years and represents Waconia's vision as to how we will grow and change over the next twenty years.

Look for more information later this summer about the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and learn how you can get involved in this process.

## Compost Collection Schedule

Residents can bring grass clippings, garden waste, shrubs and branches no larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length to Public Services at 310 East 10th Street.

**Saturday, July 15**  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 20**  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. A copy of the full schedule is available at [www.waconia.org](http://www.waconia.org).

## July Movie in the Park

Friday, July 21

**THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS**

8:30 p.m.

**City Square Park**  
101 East Main Street



Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show! In case of rain weather, Safari Island will host the event.