

DOES YOUR PROJECT NEED A MCWD PERMIT?

City of Tonka Bay

This document provides an at-a-glance summary of projects that require a Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) permit. If you are unsure if your project needs a permit, please refer to the full text of the rules (available at www.minnehahacreek.org) or contact the MCWD at (952) 471-0532 or permitting@minnehahacreek.org.

Erosion Control:

- Any land disturbing activity exceeding 5,000 square feet;
- Grading, excavating, filling, storing, or moving 50 cubic yards of earth material or more;
- Erosion Control is applicable for the majority of projects proposing a new single-family home. If you have questions about your project, contact the Permitting Department for a site plan review.

Floodplain Alteration:

- Any land disturbing activity at or below the 100-year high water elevation of a waterbody;
- The 100-year high water elevation of Lake Minnetonka is 931.5 feet.

Wetland Protection:

- Any project involving the draining, filling, or excavation of a wetland;
- New home construction that increases the hard cover on the parcel;
- If you are unsure if there are wetlands on your property, or have questions on how the rule applies to your project, please contact the District's Permitting Department.

Dredging:

- Dredging in the beds, banks, or shores of any public water basin or watercourse;

Shoreline and Streambank Stabilization:

- Alteration of the shoreline or streambank, including riprap, biological stabilization, bioengineering, retaining walls, sheet piling, and boat ramps;
- Beach or sandblanket placement;

Waterbody Crossings & Structures:

- Placement or replacement of roads, highways, utilities or other structures in contact with the bed or bank of any waterbody;
- Construction of a bridge or related crossing of any waterbody;
- Alteration of a waterbody to enclose it within a pipe;

Stormwater Management:

- New development or redevelopment of residential, commercial, institutional, industrial, or public land development or redevelopment projects that will create new or replace existing hard cover.
- Any change in land contours to alter the drainage ways, increase peak runoff rates, or affect the quality of runoff flows;
- Subdividing a parcel of one acre or more in size into three or more lots;
- Please note, single-family homes are exempt from the District's Stormwater Management rule.

Appropriations Rule:

- All projects within Hennepin County that appropriate up to 10,000 gallons per day and up to 1,000,000 gallons per year of surface water for a nonessential use from:
 - A public water basin or wetland that is less than 500 acres in surface size
 - A protected watercourse that has a drainage area of less than 50 square miles

***Lake Minnetonka is not subject to the appropriations rule**