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Grant Programs

The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) offers grant funding for projects that improve water quality, conserve water, and promote water stewardship. Partnerships with watershed residents, businesses, municipalities, and community groups help VLAWMO work toward its mission.

Grant reimbursement is reserved for landowners within the watershed. Funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis.



Soil Health

Small-scale projects that protect and enhance water quality and native habitat are eligible for funding under this grant program.

Eligible projects could include native plantings and pollinator gardens, downspout rain gardens, native plant buffer strips, turf replacement or pollinator-friendly yards, or erosion control projects.



Rain Barrel

This grant program reimburses watershed residents for up to 50% of the cost of two rain barrels per property, up to \$100 per rain barrel. Rain barrels help reduce stormwater runoff, save money on water bills, and conserve water.



Community Blue

Through partnerships with community groups, this grant program promotes water stewardship, leadership, and education. Eligible projects could include community programming or events about water topics, art or media centered on water issues, or development of interpretive materials that explain a water issue.



Landscape Level 1

This grant program funds Best Management Practices (BMPs) that treat stormwater and improve water quality. Eligible projects could include infiltration projects such as rain gardens or permeable pavement, filtration projects such as swales or green roofs, stormwater reuse projects, and shoreline/streambank restoration.



Landscape Level 2

Under this grant program, large-scale or highly beneficial projects that significantly improve water quality, increase flood storage, conserve groundwater, or provide regional benefits may receive reimbursement. Partnership is often central to this program, whether with municipalities, public agencies, businesses, homeowner's associations, or nonprofit organizations.

Eligible projects could include water quality treatment, stormwater rate and volume control, water reuse, smart irrigation controllers, flood storage, or stormwater retrofit or reconstruction projects that exceed permit or VLAWMO standards.



Working to protect and improve water and natural resources in the watershed.

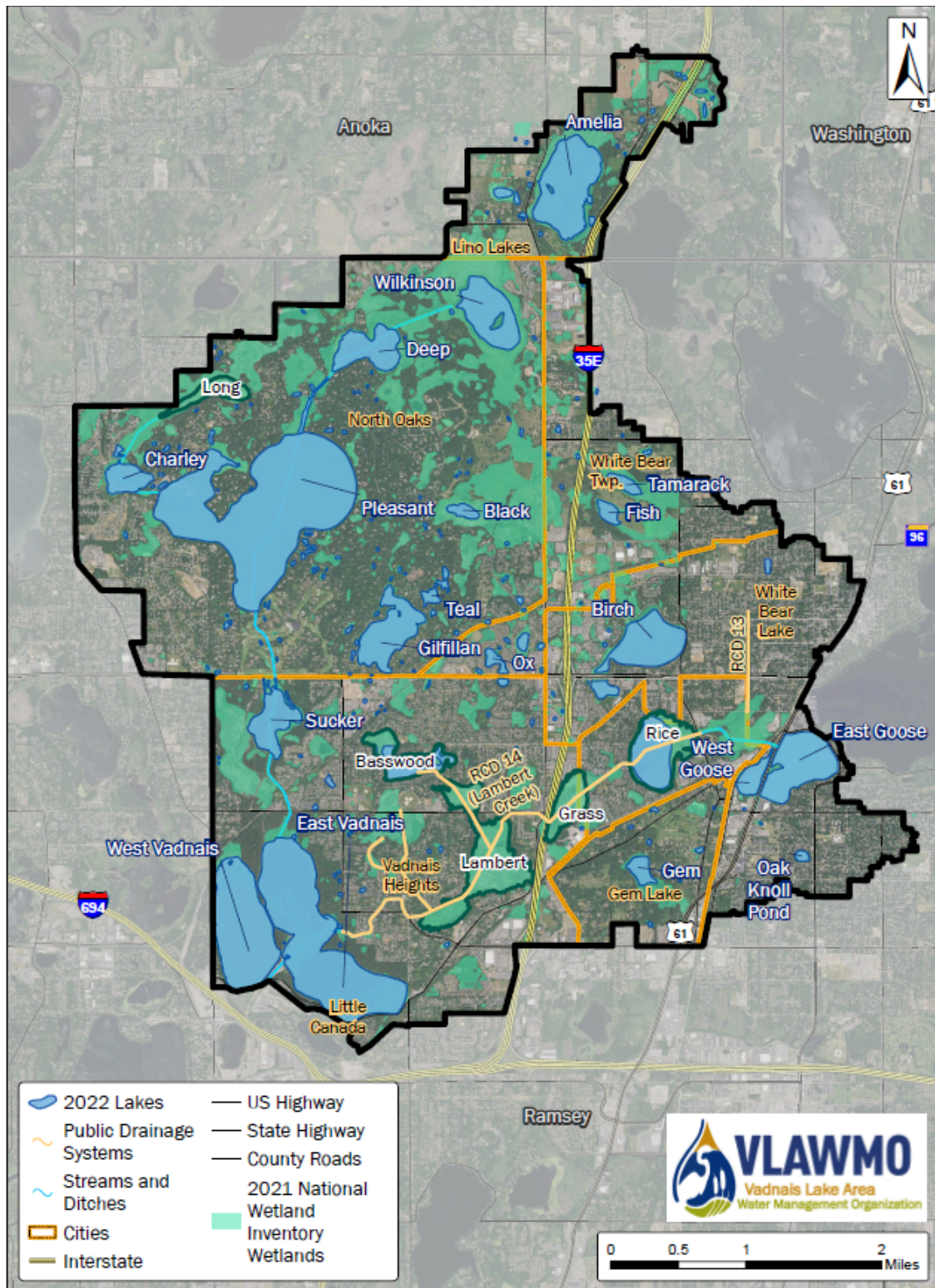
With the exception of the Rain Barrel program, all VLAWMO grants require an initial meeting with VLAWMO staff. **Visit our website or contact us below for more information or to schedule a site visit.**

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About the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO)



VLAWMO was formed in 1983 to protect the Vadnais Lake watershed, an area of approximately 24 square miles in northern Ramsey County and a small portion of Anoka County. VLAWMO is a Joint Powers Organization, with the watershed encompassing the City of North Oaks and portions of White Bear Lake, Gem Lake, Lino Lakes, White Bear Township, and Vadnais Heights.