

# Business Item: 2017-47 2017 Regional Stormwater Innovation Grant Program

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# Overview of 2017 Program

- Fund innovative, high visibility demonstration projects to treat stormwater that could be replicated in the region
- \$1 Million Available - \$200,000 maximum grant amount
- 6 week application period
- Proposals reviewed and ranked by Council staff
- Rankings reviewed by Metro Cities partner and MCES management
- Grant award recommendations to Environment Committee and full Council in early May

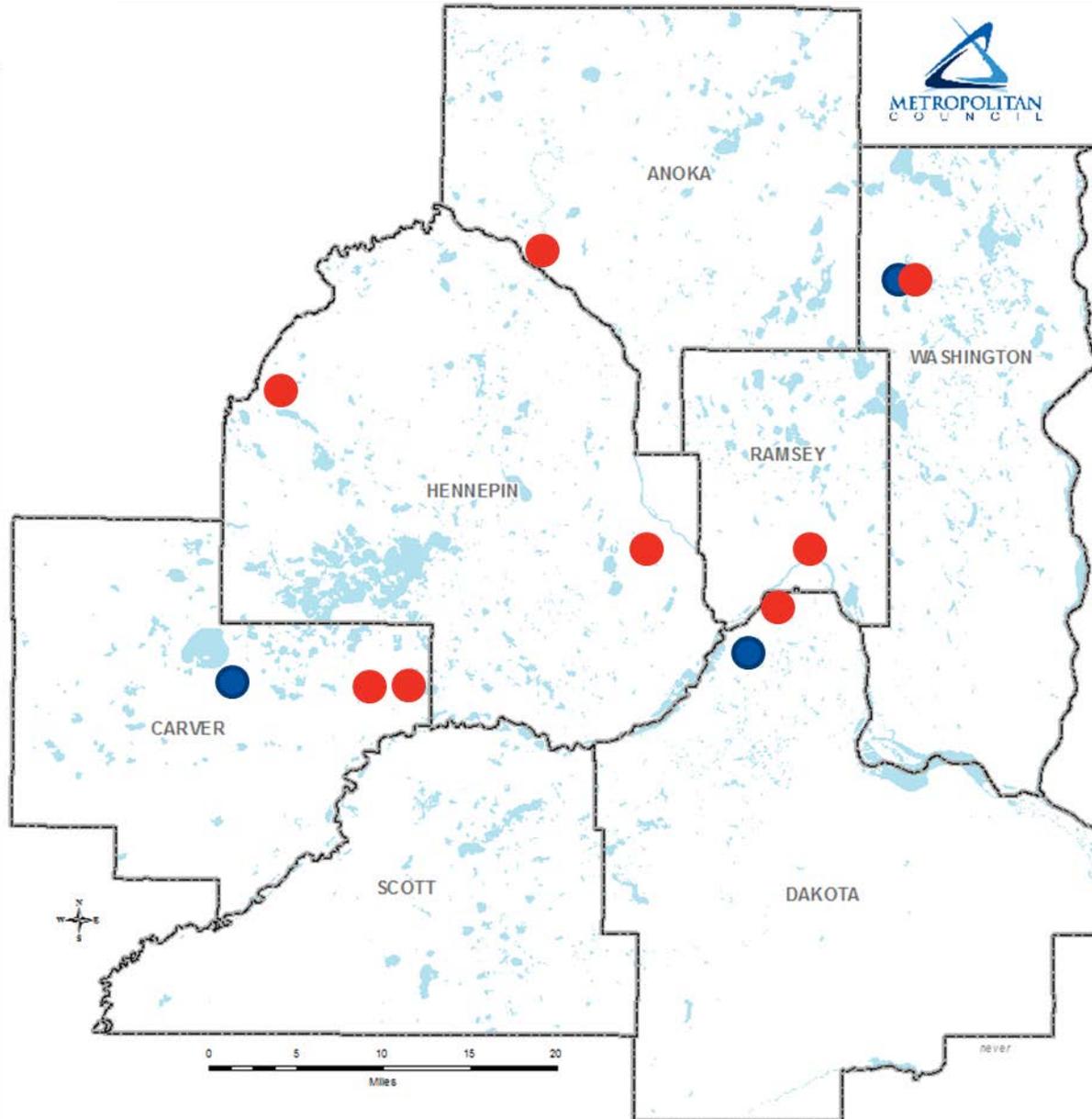
# 2016 Grants

- Received 23 applications requesting \$2.9 million
- Awarded 9 grants totaling \$1 million

# 2017 Process Changes

- Soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) eligible to apply
- New Primary Selection Criteria:
  - Innovative methods or practices to treat stormwater

# Stormwater Grant Locations



2015 Awards:  
\$800,000

2016 Awards:  
\$1,000,000

# 2017 Process Changes

- Organizations prioritize applications by merit if submitting more than one
- Project location added as additional selection criteria to improve geographic distribution

# Thrive Lens Analysis

- Stewardship
- Sustainability
  - Protects and improve water quality in the region's lakes, streams, and rivers
  - Addresses water sustainability goal of the Water Resources Policy Plan

# Tentative Schedule

- February 27, 2017 – Notify local governments of grant availability
- April 14, 2017 – Final deadline for grant applications
- May 9, 2017 – Recommendations to Environment Committee
- May 24, 2017 – Recommendations to full Council
- May 30, 2017 – Notify applicants of grant awards



# Questions

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