



Business Item 2024-282

**Joint Powers Agreement Amendment with Minnesota
Pollution Control Agency for Watershed Outlet Monitoring
Program, Contract 22G002**



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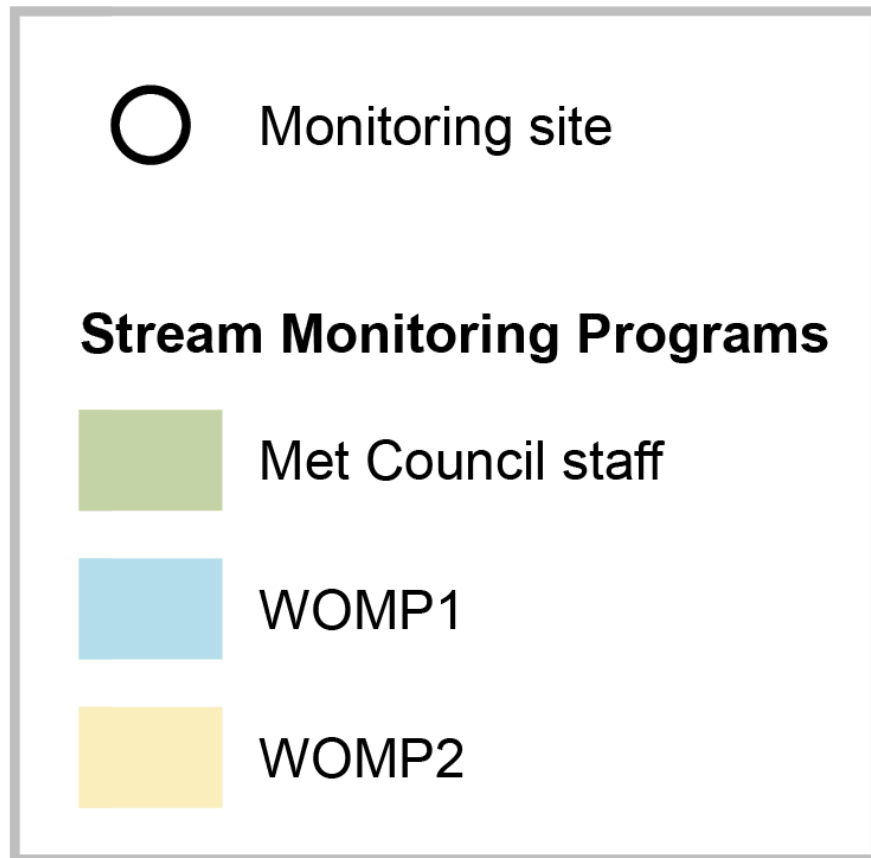
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Program History

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) funded Watershed Outlet Monitoring Program (WOMP2) started in 1998
 - Expanded existing WOMP1 program started in 1995
 - Original Council staff stream monitoring began in 1989
- Since 2007, funding has been provided by the Legislature through Clean Water Funds appropriated to the MPCA
- Data is used by the Council for regional assessments, local watershed management organizations for planning and targeted implementation, and MPCA impairment assessments and watershed pollutant load programs



Program Map



WOMP Monitoring Partners

- Ramsey Washington Metro WD
- Browns Creek WD
- Valley Branch WD
- Washington Conservation District
- Lower Minnesota WD
- Bassett Creek WMC
- Dakota County SWCD
- Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek WD
- Scott County SWCD
- Wright SWCD
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Agreement Background

- Agreement with MPCA changed to a Joint Powers Agreement in 2018 with a new JPA for 2023-2024.
- This amendment will extend 2 years (2025-2026)
- Agreement covers partial funding of 5 monitoring stations and includes payments to 3 local cooperators totaling ~\$52,000 over 2 year period
 - Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District
 - Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
 - Dakota Soil and Water Conservation District

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 22G002 Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and accept Clean Water Funds from the Minnesota Legislature via MPCA in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.