

# Lift Station L 68 in Bayport

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) is undertaking a sustainable landscape restoration project at Lift Station L 68 in Bayport. Work includes replacing high maintenance lawn and invasive plants with native plants and trees that are Minnesota nice friendly to birds, pollinators, and water quality.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) provides essential wastewater collection and treatment services and integrated planning to ensure sustainable water quality and water supply for the Twin Cities region, and to protect human health and the environment. This project helps fulfill MCES's environmental and sustainability goals and guidelines for the region.



## Need for this work:

This site was identified by MCES for native landscape restoration due to the significant amount of mowing currently required to maintain the existing lawn.

## Expected Benefits:

Native landscape restoration at this site will make the site more environmentally friendly. Additional benefits include:

- Establishment of Minnesota-native, drought tolerant flowers and grasses
- Reduce maintenance costs and staff time
- Creation of habitat for pollinators, birds, and wildlife
- Protection of water quality in the Saint Croix River and Perro Creek and improved groundwater infiltration

## Work Includes:

- Removing diseased and distressed non-native trees
- Removing invasive brush plants, like buckthorn
- Planting short grass prairie plants and shrubs
- Installation of erosion control measures
- Installation of a pollinator-friendly, low growing 'bee lawn' along edges of the site
- Long-term maintenance of site once restoration is complete

## Restoration Schedule

This project will take place over several years. Please refer to the project website for more detailed schedule information.

**For more information:**

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