

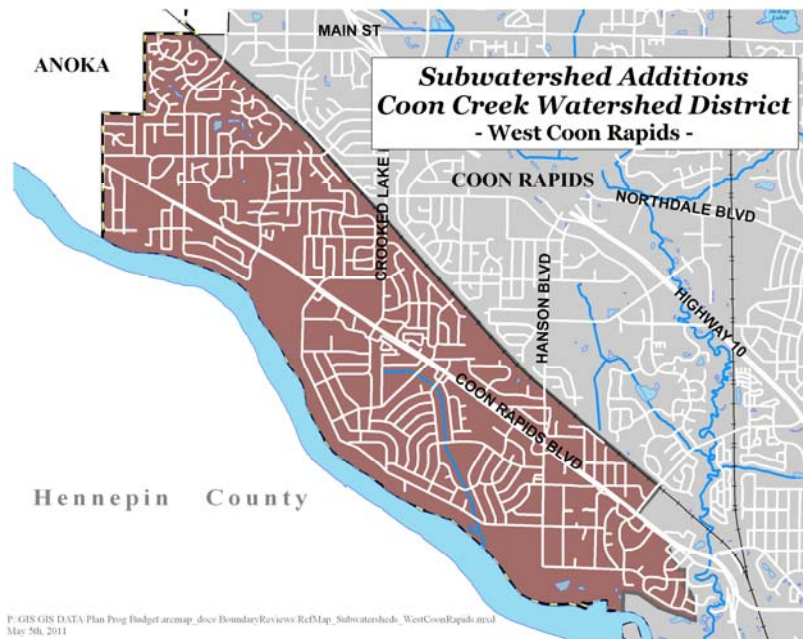
Increased water management likely to change levy for part of Coon Rapids.  
Public meeting – Tuesday, May 31st

With the dissolution of the Six Cities Watershed Management Organization (SCWMO) by four of its six city councils, the properties in the brown area shown below will be joining the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) for water management purposes. This includes issues such as flood prevention, groundwater levels, erosion and pollutants. Stream erosion on two creeks outside of Coon Rapids, in Fridley and Spring Lake Park, has already made the list of concerns for CCWD.

Budgeting concerns for the SCWMO pollution issues was one of the reasons for its dissolution. However, the area is still mandated by the Metropolitan Watershed Act of 1982 to have watershed management. It also needs to meet state and federal standards for water quality. The cities felt that CCWD would be more cost-effective than they in carrying out the activities needed to keep or bring areas into compliance with those standards.

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will make the boundary change official this June. The Board of CCWD will then make decisions on the best way to pay for the activities needed to deal with the pollution concerns. One scenario may mean an increase of about \$18 per year (\$1.50/month) to residents for the next few years.

A public meeting will be held by BWSR at the Blaine City Hall on Tuesday, May 31, at 7pm.



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