CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL

1616 HUMBOLDT AVENUE, WEST ST. PAUL, MN 55118

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 5:30PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1616 HUMBOLDT AVE

1. Roll Call

2. Adopt Minutes

2.A. Approve September 8, 2020 Minutes

Documents:

SEP 8.PDF

3. New Business

3.A. Park Inventory - WSP Pool And Orme

Documents:

PARKS OCT 2020.PDF

3.B. City Ponds And Wetlands

Documents:

POND AND WETLAND LIST.PDF
POND AND WETLAND ID MAP.PDF
WEST ST PAUL POND AND WETLAND MAP.PDF

4. Old Business

4.A. Halloween 2020 Update

Documents:

HALLOWEEN 2020.PDF

4.B. Art Park Subcommittee Update

5. Other

5.A. City Council Updates

5.B. Staff Updates

6. Citizen Comments

7. Adjourn

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WEST ST. PAUL PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2020

Parks & Rec. Members Present: Bonnie Bellows, Jay DeLaRosby, Bob Gausman, Dave Lynch, Kirsten Mulraney

Non-voting Members Present: Sharon G. Hartfield, Parks and Public Works Administrative Specialist; Dave Schletty, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Wendy Berry, Council Liaison

1. ROLL CALL

2. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

Co-chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Lynch remarked it was exciting to have minutes that were only a month old. Member Bellows made a motion to adopt the July 14, 2020 minutes. Member DeLaRosby seconded the motion. The motion carried. All Ayes.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pond and Wetland Discussion

Lynch said at the last Open Council Work Session, Council talked about ways to improve the ponds in West St. Paul, specifically Mud Lake. Lynch invited residents to speak about Mud Lake. Tom Foeke of 1254 Galvin Ave came before the committee. He said that Mud Lake was a pristine lake 32 years ago. There used to be 300-400 ducks that would visit the lake and about 50-75 geese as well. Now there is open water for only the first 2 weeks of spring. The lake quickly gets taken over by a lot of algae, pond scum and lily pads. He has seen many more people (40-50) a day walking around the lake during the COVID-19 time. During winter, there are many children skating on the lake; they use a snow blower to blow off snow; a nearby resident allows children to spray water on the lake to make the ice more skate-able. Two summers ago, Dave Schletty and a woman from the DNR talked about what could be done. They said that is what a prairie lake looked like; there was not much to do. There was a guy that was sent out that killed some algae. It was all they did. Foeke is just looking for something to make the lake more presentable. Dave Napier talked about funding to do this. Council did discuss having the pond reclassified as a recreational area. Lynch asked Schletty to expound. Schletty said that there were plans for an observational deck in 2000. It would cut across the southwest corner on the low area. Sue Foecke asked about having a fountain put into the lake.

Schletty said that the committee will look at the system as a whole and then segue way to Mud Lake. There are seven DNR Public Waters in West St. Paul. Mud Lake is one of them. There are 35 wetlands. Council wants a universal plan to address their management. The committee will talk more about this in October, after more information is gathered. There are some misconceptions that need to be cleared up. Mud Lake is a wetland, and technically, it is classified as a fresh water pond. Every body of water in West St. Paul is a wetland. The DNR has to sign off on any treatment. The DNR does look at recommendations to make improvements. The City would have to submit the plan to the DNR. The City works with the County directly (the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District) for these plans. The City would like to add Mud Lake to future improvement plans. The DNR does not spend any money for treatment. It is always the City's "dime."

Schletty continued. The City can look into a fishing pier for the lake. There is usually DNR grant money for this type of facility. The City Engineer has talked about an access point; however, the City did not qualify for the grant for the access ramp. The City applied for a permit to treat the cattails this year; only a certain percentage can be treated. Other ponds have been treated for algae and duckweed. The City can look into this as well for Mud Lake. There are ponds in other parks: Marthaler, Garlough, and Weschcke. Member Gausman asked if there is a storm sewer that drains Mud Lake. Schletty said yes there is. Gausman asked about a possible sediment pond for Mud Lake like the one in Thompson Lake; Schletty said that that had been a $1M project. Gausman remarked that the putrefaction of the lake was natural. Lawn fertilizers speed this up. Schletty

said the information regarding fertilizers would be part of the educational piece. Gausman said guidelines from the State would be helpful. Schletty said that he would have more information for the committee in October. Member DeLaRosby said that the Environmental Committee was already engaged in this topic. Schletty said that the Environmental Committee will focus more on the educational piece, not on recreational use.

Lynch thanked the Fockes for coming in.

b. <u>Garlough and Kennedy Park Update</u>

Lynch talked about the parks. Garlough Park has a 9-hole disc golf course. Kennedy Park is one of the smaller parks. Drew Fadden of 1247 Ottawa spoke about Garlough Park. There have been many more people using the park since the COVID-19 pandemic. He would like to improve the course by having alternative tee pads and pin locations. This has been done in Brockway Park in the City of Rosemount. It keeps the course interesting by having a different course. He talked about a sign board and trimming to create new fairways. Lynch said that the course was built from volunteer labor in 2006. Schletty talked about the new County trail. Fadden asked about getting a bike rack and a bench at the first hole. He remarked that there are more players now and it would be a nice amenity. Lynch said that the park looks good; there has not been a lot of trash or vandalism. Gausman asked about having a trail on the wetlands border. Schletty said it was possible. The West St. Paul Greenway group has adopted the park.

Kennedy Park is a small park with some unique features. It is "almost located in St. Paul." Member Bellows said that the equipment is in good shape. The tables and the benches are in good shape. She wondered where the half-court basketball court would be located. The guess is at the bottom of the hill. Technically this part is not park property. Belvidere Street has been used for sledding. Gausman said that it was a nice neighborhood park. He did not see a sign for the park and maybe it should be left that way. DeLaRosby said there was a suggestion to repurpose the park and it had been rejected by the nearby residents. DeLaRosby said the committee must consider the price, amenity-need and resident approval in recommendations for this park. Clpn. Berry asked if there were room for pickleball at the bottom of the hill. Schletty said that it was possible but the area would need to be asphalted first. Lynch asked about the possibility of having the playground equipment upgraded. Schletty said that it was possible if the playground were relocated. Gausman said that new equipment could make it more of a destination playground.

c. <u>Halloween 2020 Event Planning</u>

Schletty said that the City is putting together the newsletter and is making a decision on how to have the Halloween event. The Parks and Recreation Coordinator may stage Harmon Park as a trick-or treat spot. The Neighborhood Center would be decorated and treats would be given out. The City will still have the coloring contest; participants could drop off their entries at the event. The City cannot do the hot dog giveaway because of the COVID-19 precautions. Schletty said some cities are doing reverse parades. However, West St. Paul has had some trouble getting sponsorship for the event. Schletty asked the committee if they had any ideas for the event. Lynch asked if the fire pits were still possible. Schletty said that they could not be done this year because they would not allow social distancing. Berry suggested having a yard decorating map where residents could visit people's homes and see their decorations. DeLaRosby suggested having a costume contest; participants could submit photos of their costumes. Schletty said that staff members could vote on their favorite costumes.

4. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

a. <u>Art Park Subcommittee Update-</u>

Kevin Hendricks gave an update on the Art Park project. The first painting event is this Saturday. With the COVID-19 precautions, the meeting is limited to 15 people. The second painting event is next Wednesday. Saturday, September 19 is the tiling event. The event is

open to everybody; people will be cycled through, 10 people at a time. The artist will create the work after the tiling event. One hundred and twenty people responded to the video survey in August. "Community" was the most popular theme generated from the survey. The theme will direct the work for subcommittee and the artist. The subcommittee needs to raise $1,000 for the project; with business donations and the GoFundMe page, they are about two-thirds of the way there. The GoFundMe address is Facebook.com/weststpaulart. People can also give donations directly to the City of West St. Paul. The West St. Paul Green Thumbs group is helping with plantings at the park. Schletty said that the group would like help with getting the plantings in; the ground is very hard and there is some tilling work to be done. Gausman said that the planting could be improved by bringing in some black dirt. Lynch said that he noticed some chalk art in the park. Hendricks said that he absolutely welcomes chalk art in the park. The subcommittee hosted a chalk art event there a couple weeks ago to kick off the project. It is great to see people doing this type of thing. Lynch thanked Hendricks for the subcommittee work.

5. OTHER

a. Park Trash and Vandalism Update- Schletty reported that there has been a decrease in the trash/litter and vandalism. It can be attributed to the weather and the "winding up of summer." Summer is the worst time and the problem goes away during the fall and winter. This was expected and the police department has been doing some more patrolling, especially at Marthaler in the evenings when there are large groups. The police have talked to the groups making sure that they are respecting the space. It has helped. The City has put up additional "No Parking" signs in that part of the park. Curb parking is no longer allowed. Police are able to tag cars that are illegally parked now. Laura Vaughn, the police department, and the neighborhood group have also met. Their first event is this Saturday. There will also be a cleanup event and a buckthorn removal at the same time. Schletty said that the neighborhood group will not only do cleanup but will also be a "watchdog" for the park and alert the City of any kind of problem activity. Gausman said that he has a lot of experience with this type of problem. Littering needs a lot of strategic management. It involves setting a mood in the park. It sends a message to people that they are valued. Trimming the trees and getting the buckthorn off the lake would help. Opening up the lake would be a better experience for people. Take out the staples and the ribbons and balloons in the shelter. People will give you their best if the park is pristine. Mulraney said that she and her son and his friends have adopted Harmon Park and have picked up trash in the park. She noticed that now her son and his friends are now picking up trash everywhere, even at Oxendales. [The volunteering] is contagious. Bellows asked about sending the coloring contest page to the schools and making an anti-littering theme for the coloring contest. Schletty said that it might even be a better idea for Arbor Day or Earth Day in the spring. He can bring the idea to the Environmental Committee. It is a great idea.

b. City Council Update- NA

c. Staff Update-NA

d. Bullfrogs in the lakes- Gausman has been investigating introducing bullfrogs in the park with the DNR. He said that in Victorian times they were used for bait and for frog legs and for scientific supply. The sound of the bullfrogs is quite an experience. It would be a good experience for people to have in the parks.

e. Park Inventory- The committee decided to inventory Orme Park and the park at the pool for their meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The committee members adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next Park and Recreation Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon G. Hatfield

SWIMMING POOL

Classification: Community Park
Location: Moreland Avenue east of Charlton
Size: 2.7 Acres

Park Description: This community park offers recreational swimming on a seasonal basis for the entire community.

Facilities:
- Outdoor swimming pool

Possible Improvements: A small grassy area behind the pool could be developed with play equipment or as a volleyball court. Plans are in process.

2000 – $40,000 (need replacement w/in 5 years)

IMPROVEMENTS	YEAR	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
Playground Benches	2001	$ 500	New
Landscaping/Replace ~~Rock~~ Mulch	~~2001~~ 2005	$ 1,500	Replacement
New Park I.D. Sign	~~2001~~ 2003	$ 1,500	Replacement
Trash Enclosures	2001	$ 400	New
TOTAL	**2001**	**$ 3,900**	
Picnic Shelter	~~2003~~	~~$ 8,000~~	New
TOTAL	**2003**	**$ 8,000**	
Fencing (all private)	~~2005~~	~~$ 2,700~~	Replacement
TOTAL	**2005**	**$ 2,700**	

SWIMMING POOL GRAND TOTAL	**$ 14,600**

Picnic tables installed w/pads 2010 $6,000

ORME PARK

Classification: Mini Park
Location: Orme Street east of Smith Avenue
Size: 1.3 Acres

Park Description: This mini park is used solely as an ice skating area with access along an alley. This park is linear in shape and approximately 200' wide.

Facilities:
- One hockey rink
- One warming house
- One pleasure skating/grass area

Possible Improvements: Play equipment and/or hard court area.

IMPROVEMENTS		YEAR	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
New Park I.D. Sign		~~2001~~ 2003	$ 1,500	Replacement
Trash Enclosures		2001	$ 400	New
	TOTAL	**2001**	**$ 1,900**	
Unit Heater		2002 2015	$ 1,000 $1250	Replacement
	TOTAL	**2002**	**$ 1,000**	
New Rink (Boards)		~~2005~~ 2016	$ ~~10,000~~ $8,000	Replacement
	TOTAL	**2005**	**$ 10,000**	
ORME PARK GRAND TOTAL			**$ 12,900**	

APPENDIX D
PONDNET MODEL SUMMARY

Pond	Mean Depth (Feet)	Surface Area at Normal Level (Acres)	Wet Pond Volume (Ac-Ft)	Direct Watershed T.P. Removal (%)
Riverview Tunnel				
RW7P- Mud Lake	1.5	4.4	6.6	48
RW24P- Lily Lake	3.0	6.4	19.2	61
Ivy Falls Creek				
IF1AP	1.5	4.4	6.6	43
IF1BP	0.0	1.3	0.0	0
Simons Ravine				
SR1P	3.0	1.5	4.6	59
SR4P- Marthaler Pond	3.0	4.5	13.4	52
SR6AP	1.5	0.9	1.3	41
SR6BP	1.5	0.1	0.2	32
SR7P	2.5	0.3	0.6	52
SR9P	3.0	0.8	2.4	62
SR10P	3.0	0.6	1.8	62
SR13P- Wentworth Pond	2.0	6.2	12.5	32
SR15P	1.5	2.6	4.0	50
SR19P- Thompson Lake	3.0	7.3	22.0	52
SR18AP- S. Emerson Pond	3.0	2.8	8.3	18
SR18BP- N. Emerson Pond	3.2	0.8	2.5	6
SR23P	1.5	0.6	0.9	48
Valley Creek (Marie)				
MR2P	3.0	5.2	15.7	50
MR3P	1.5	4.7	7.0	36
MR4P	1.5	1.6	2.4	29
MR11P	1.5	2.1	3.1	36
MR9P	0.0	10.1	0.0	0
MR8P	3.0	2.9	8.7	45
Valley Creek (Delaware/110)				
D10-7P	2.5	0.4	1.1	57
D10-10P	1.5	0.7	1.1	42
D10-19P	0.8	2.5	1.9	24
D10-27P	1.5	1.1	1.7	52

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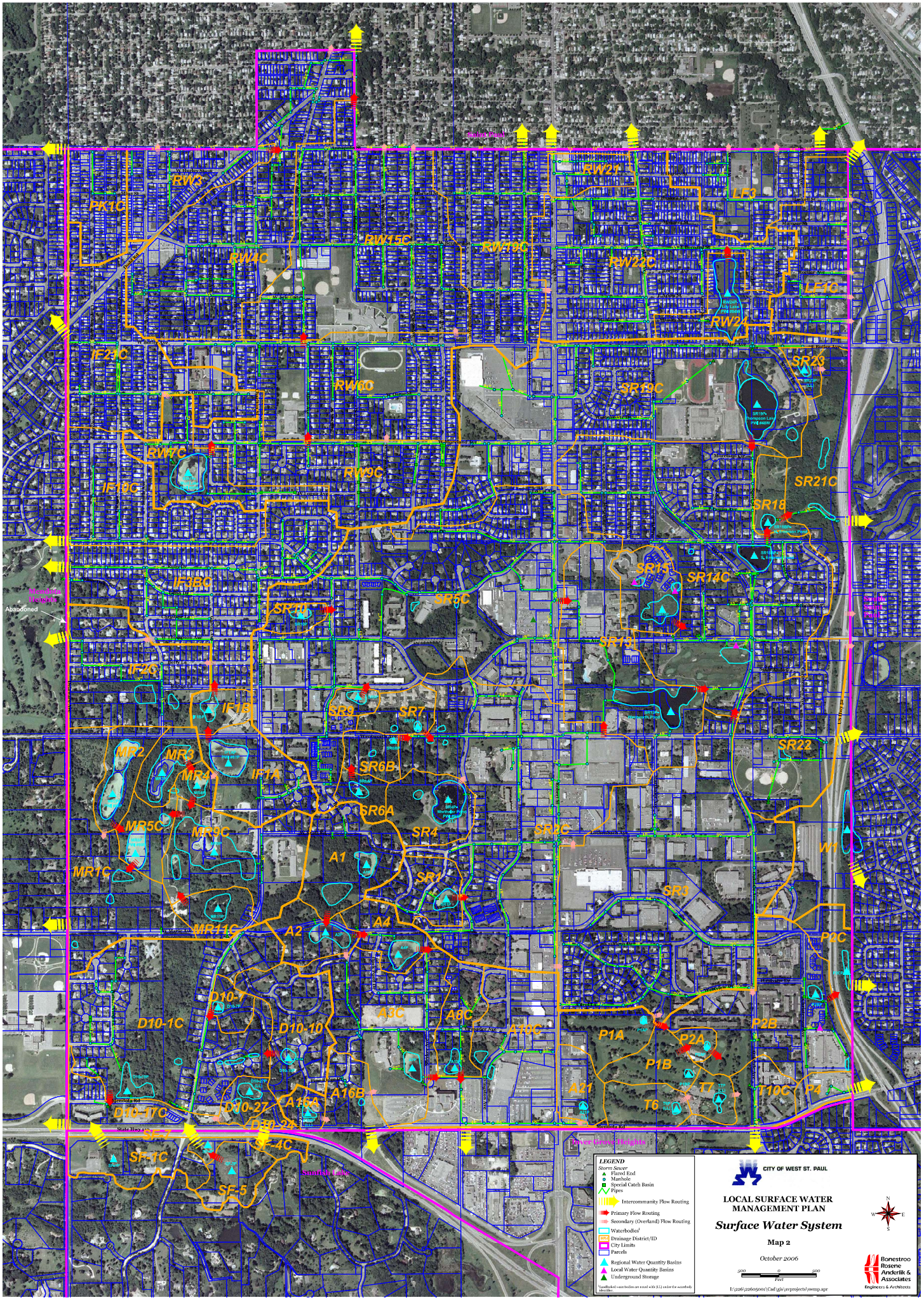
Highway 110-494				
A13P	1.5	1.1	1.6	21
A16AP	1.5	0.5	0.8	48
A1P	0.0	1.6	0.0	0
A2P	2.5	2.5	6.3	50
A4P	3.0	2.5	7.4	48
A7P	3.0	1.7	5.0	44
A21P	2.5	0.2	0.5	36
P1AP	3.0	0.2	0.5	44
P1BP	3.0	0.2	0.7	50
P2AP	3.0	0.2	0.5	30
P2BP	0.8	0.7	0.5	17
2PCP	3.0	0.8	2.3	31
T6P	3.0	0.3	1.0	51
T7P	3.0	0.6	1.7	44
Wentworth Street				
W1P	2.5	2.0	4.9	47



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City Limits
Parcels
Regional Water Quantity Basins
Local Water Quantity Basins
Underground Storage
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CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
LOCAL SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
Surface Water System
Map 2
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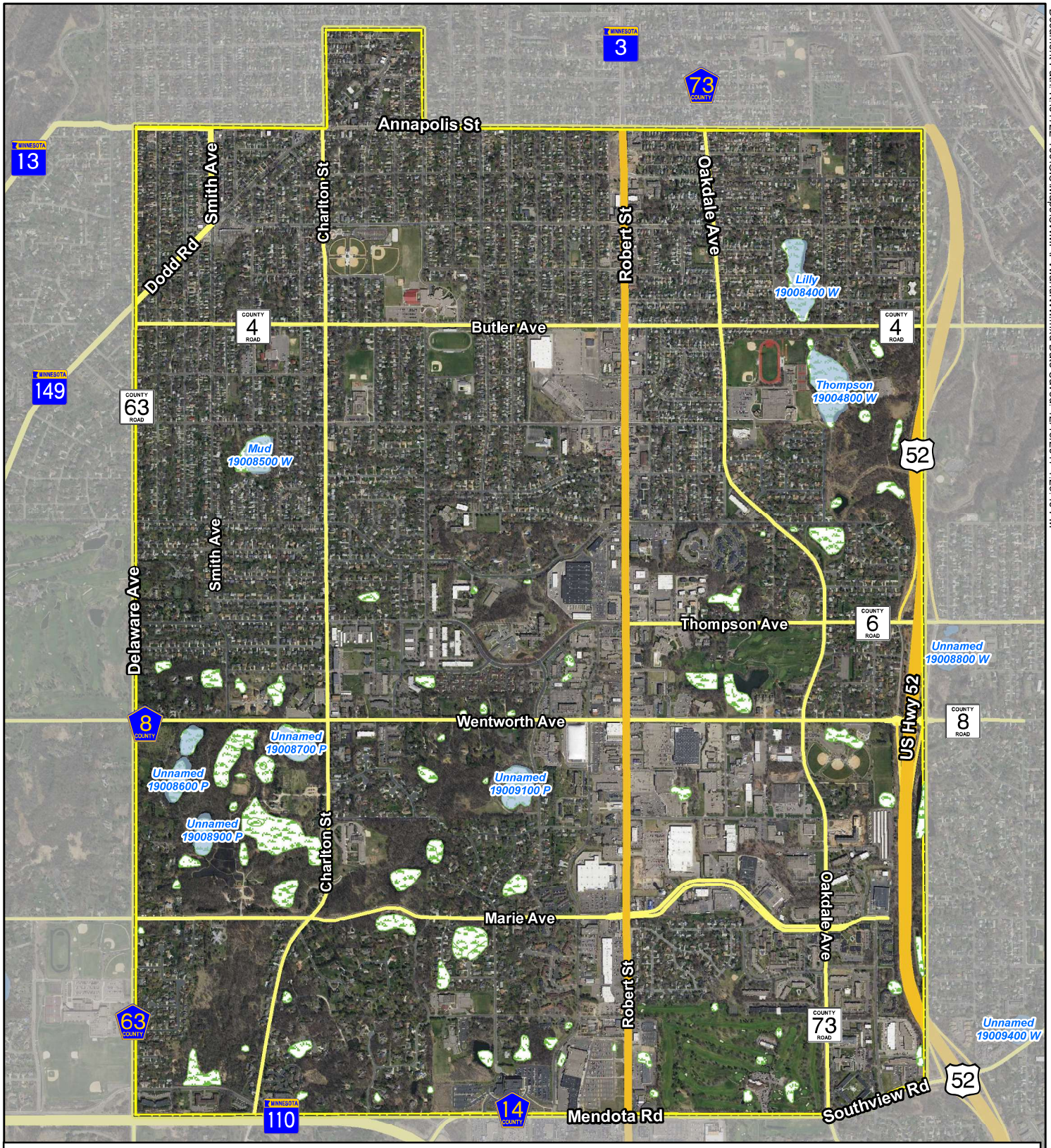

West St. Paul Boundary

MnDNR Public Waters

NWI Wetlands

West St. Paul Surface Water Management Plan
Figure 7
National Wetlands Inventory
MNDNR Public Waters Inventory

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1 inch = 1,800 feet

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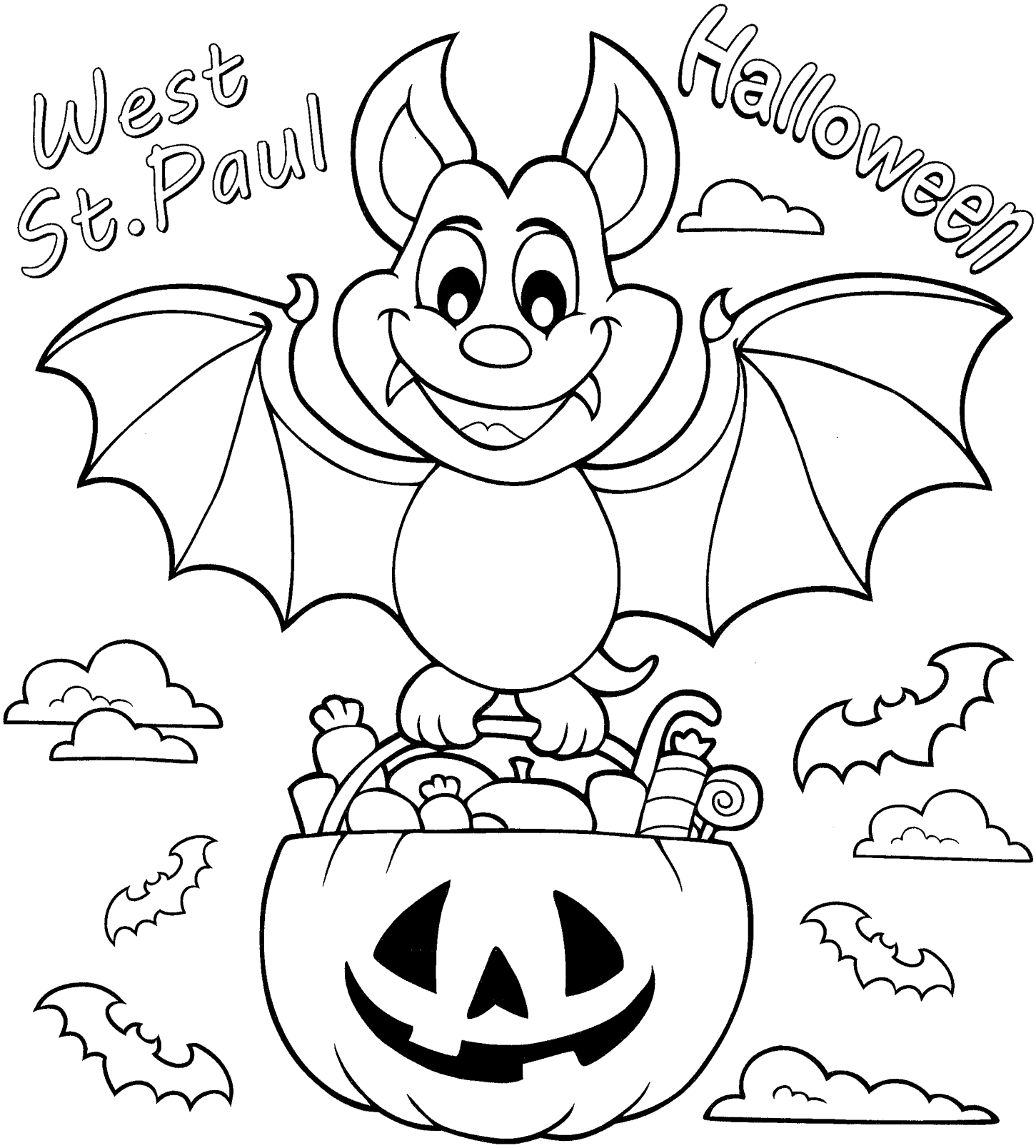

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