



March 31, 2025

Rice Creek Watershed District
Attn: Mr. Nicholas Tomezik
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 611
Blaine, MN 55449

Re: Letter of Support I-35 Corridor Flood Mitigation Project

Dear Mr. Tomezik:

The City of Roseville supports the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) efforts to secure bonding money to support water quality improvements, address regional flooding, and to re-establish aquatic habitats in Jones Lake.

The \$7.8 million Jones Lake project is phase four of a multi-year/multi-phase plan that needs to be completed in process to have a successful outcome. While all phases of the project could have small incremental benefits over time for Roseville, the improvements made in phase four with the Jones Lake project will make a substantial improvement to the overall drainage and reduce flooding issues within the City.

The Jones Lake project will help New Brighton, Roseville, and St. Anthony achieve goals identified in a 2013 RCWD petition. There are no known projects within the City of Roseville that could have this level of regional impact to address the drainage issues in this corridor. Given Roseville's location and available projects, any project constructed in our City would make more of a localized improvement and not have a regional impact for all the cities included in the petition.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at jesse.freihammer@cityofroseville.com or 651-792-401.

Sincerely,

Jesse Freihammer
Public Works Director

Enclosure: Roseville Resolution 12140

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**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota was duly held on the 17th day of March, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Bauer, Schroeder, and Acting Mayor Groff.
and the following were absent: Strahan and Mayor Roe.

Member Bauer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION No. 12140

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT STATE
BONDING REQUEST FOR JONES LAKE**

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City of New Brighton and the City of St. Anthony Village petitioned the Rice Creek Watershed District to address stormwater management and flooding within our cities; and

WHEREAS, Roseville petitioned the Rice Creek Watershed District in 2014 to be a co-petitioner with New Brighton and St. Anthony Village; and

WHEREAS, the Rice Creek Watershed District amended the 2013 petition and approved the inclusion of the City of Roseville in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Rice Creek Watershed District has implemented project improvements in Hansen Park and Mirror Lake to meet primary project objectives that were completed in 2018; and

WHEREAS, New Brighton has acquired property in and around Jones Lake to facilitate a large stormwater project that mitigates flooding risk in the petition communities; and

WHEREAS, the Jones Lake Project is phase four of a multi-phase/multi-year collaborative effort between the Rice Creek Watershed District, City of New Brighton, City of St. Anthony, and the City of Roseville; and

WHEREAS, the Jones Lake Project is estimated to be \$7.8 million for design and construction, and the project would not be possible without the assistance of State bonding given the scope and cost of the entire project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Roseville, that the City supports the Rice Creek Watershed District's request for State bonding in the amount of \$7,800,000 for the design and construction of the Jones Lake Project.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Schroeder, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bauer, Schroeder, and Acting Mayor Groff.
and the following voted against the same: none.

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution - Supporting Rice Creek Watershed District State Bonding Request for Jones Lake

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Manager of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 17th day of March, 2025, with the original thereof on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Manager this 17th day of March, 2025.



Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager