

MEDIA RELEASE

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Additional info attached: Map of SRWMO area

Note: Full and short length versions are provided below

FULL LENGTH VERSION

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The SRWMO is jointly formed by Linwood Township and the Cities of Columbus, Ham Lake and East Bethel. The organization is responsible for water management including lakes and streams, including issues that require management across municipal boundaries. The organization is governed by a board of two appointees from each community.

Recent SRWMO work has focused on improving water quality. Several area lakes do not meet State water quality standards due to excessive nutrients and algae, including Typo, Martin and Linwood Lakes. Coon Lake, the largest recreational lake in Anoka County, is also a high priority. Recent projects have included carp barriers and carp removal, rain gardens, public outreach and water monitoring.

The public meeting will include a brief presentation and facilitated discussion. The presentation will outline SRWMO duties, managed natural resources and recent work. The facilitated discussion will give the public an opportunity to help identify priorities, concerns and SRWMO work in next 10 yrs.

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