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SWIMS Project Summary

General Project Information

**Project ID:** NKE102

**Name:** Mason Creek Watershed Protection Plan

**Type:** Water Quality Planning

**Subtype:** Nine Key Element Plan

**Status:** ACTIVE

**Start Date:** 1/1/2018

**End Date:** 1/1/2028

**Purpose:** The Mason Creek watershed which is located within Washington, Waukesha, and Dodge Counties, is an 8.2-square mile sub-basin within the upper part of the Oconomowoc River watershed. Mason Creek discharges to North Lake along with the Oconomowoc and Little Oconomowoc Rivers. Several lakes (Friess, Loews, Keesus, Beaver, and Pine) also contribute flow to North Lake. Discharge from North Lake flows through Okauchee Lake, Oconomowoc Lake, Fowler Lake, and Lac La Belle before the Oconomowoc River flows into the Rock River.

The Mason Creek watershed has been identified as an important contributor of sediment and phosphorus to both the Oconomowoc and Rock Rivers. Mason Creek has been listed as an impaired waterway by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Excessive sediment and nutrient loading to North Lake have led to unnatural conditions such as increased algal blooms, deep water oxygen depletion, and water clarity issues. North Lake has been listed as impaired for high phosphorus loads.

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**Objective:** Key Management Objectives to Improve Mason Creek: ☐ ☐  
Reduce the loads of sediment and phosphorus from upland sources to improve water quality and enhance and restore stream form and function; ☐ ☐  
Reduce the volume and velocity of runoff from upland areas to streams, increase soil infiltration, and enhance groundwater recharge; ☐ ☐  
  
Maintain and expand wetland habitats and fish and wildlife habitats and populations; ☐ ☐  
  
Increase public awareness of water quality issues and participation in watershed conservation activities.

**Comments:** Due to large file size, had to split plan into four - 10 MB parts to submit into SWIMS.

**Outcome:**

**Study Design:**

**QA Measures:**

People						
Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
CRAIG, ANDREW D	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	1/1/2018	1/1/2019	Wisconsin DNR	

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### Project Statuses

Date	Reported By	Status	Comments
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### Actions

Action	Detailed Description	Start Date	End Date	Status
TMDL Monitoring	The purpose of the project is to monitor and evaluate portions of Mason Creek and its tributaries in Waukesha and Washington Counties. Mason Creek is currently 303d listed for pollutants including total phosphorus and sediment/total suspended solids, with impairments including low DO, degraded habitat and elevated Temperatures and yet it is still listed as a Class I Trout stream. It is also part of the Rock River TMDL area.	4/1/2014	12/31/2014	COMPLETE

Details: Parameter	Value/Amount	Units	Comments
Total Nitrogen			
Total Phosphorus			
Total Suspended Solids			

Nine Key Element Plan	Mason Creek Nine Key Plan	2/1/2019	1/1/2028	APPROVED
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Details: Parameter	Value/Amount	Units	Comments
Degraded Biological Community			
Degraded Habitat			
Total Nitrogen			
Total Phosphorus			
Total Suspended Solids			

### Monitoring Stations

Station ID	Name	Comments
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### Assessment Units

WBIC	Segment	Local Name	Official Name
774400	1	Beaver Lake	Beaver Lake
775200	1	Cornell Lake	Grass Lake
775800	1	Forest Lake	Forest Lake
778400	1	Moose Lake	Moose Lake
779200	1	Pine Lake	Pine Lake
780600	1	Tamarack Lake	Tamarack Lake
785100	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es13)	Unnamed
785200	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es13)	Unnamed
785400	1	Mapleton Lake (Unnamed (T08nr17es14))	Unnamed
786000	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es23)	Unnamed
786100	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es23)	Unnamed

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786200	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es23)	Unnamed
786300	1	Un Lake	Unnamed
786400	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es24)	Unnamed
786700	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es36)	Unnamed
786800	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es36)	Unnamed
786900	1	Unnamed Lake (T08nr17es36)	Unnamed
848200	1	Oconomowoc River	Oconomowoc River
850300	1	Okauchee Lake	Okauchee Lake
850400	1	Local Water	Unnamed
850500	1	Tierney Lake	Tierney Lake
850700	1	Garvin Lake	Garvin Lake
850800	1	North Lake	North Lake
851000	1	Cornell Lake	Cornell Lake
851100	1	Mason Creek	Mason Creek
851100	2	Mason Creek	Mason Creek
851200	1	Unnamed Stream	Unnamed
5034245	1	Unnamed Stream	Unnamed
5574220	1	Local Water	Unnamed
5574338	1	Local Water	Unnamed
5574433	1	Local Water	Unnamed
5574439	1	Local Water	Unnamed

Lab Account Codes

Account Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
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Forms

Form Code	Form Name
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Methods

Method Code	Method Description
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Fieldwork Events

Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
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Documents

Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
Mason Creek Watershed Protection Plan - Part 1	The Mason Creek watershed which is located within Washington, Waukesha, and Dodge Counties, is an 8.2-square mile sub-basin within the upper part of	SEWRPC	1/1/2018	

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Mason Creek Watershed  
Protection Plan - Part 4

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Budget

Combined Budgets:  
Combined WSLH:  
Combined Total: \$0.00

Funding

Organization	Source	Type	Amount	Start Date	End Date
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