



January 2, 2024

Mr. Bruce Henningsgaard, PE
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-4195

Re: Submittal of 2023 Annual Report for City of Princeton Restoration Projects
Permit #MN0024538
WSB Project No. R-013992-000

Dear Mr. Henningsgaard,

Attached please find the submittal of the City of Princeton's Restoration Projects Annual Report. This report is being submitted to you in conformance with the requirements of the City of Princeton's Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit #MN0024538.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the annual report submittal contained herein, please feel free to call me at 612-209-8602 or email me at aanderson@wsbeng.com.

Sincerely,

WSB

Amy Anderson, PE
Project Engineer

Attachments

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I. INTRODUCTION

This annual report has been prepared for the City of Princeton in conformance with requirements for the operation of the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility under Permit #MN0024538. This report provides the following information in accordance with the permit:

- Description of the sites inspected.
- Photographic documentation that the trade is still in place and operating properly.
- If damage has occurred, photographic documentation of the damage.
- Photographic documentation of completed repair work.
- If all repair work has not been completed, a schedule for completion.
- Detailed description of the remaining repair work to be completed.
- Estimate of the total cost for each offset project.

II. DESCRIPTION OF SITES INSPECTED

The Site Map is attached to this report showing all five of the Rum River Bank Stabilization sites inspected in the City of Princeton. These five Rum River sites provide the offset trading for Permit #MN0024538. The five sites are referenced as:

- Site 1 – Highway 95 (2012 Construction)
- Site 2 – Princeton Middle School (2012 Construction)
- Site 3 – Golf Course (2012 Construction)
- Site 4 – Princeton Elementary School (2014 Construction)
- Site 5 – Abney Salvage Yard (2014 Construction)

III. PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION THAT THE TRADE IS STILL IN PLACE AND OPERATING PROPERLY

Pages 4 through 8 of this annual report contains the photos of each of the five offset trading sites from the site inspection conducted by City staff on June 14, 2023. The photos on these pages represent a sample of all the photos taken at the trading sites during the repair work this year and are meant to highlight the post-construction trading sites and their functionality. All photos and site reports taken during monthly site visits in 2023 will be electronically submitted to the MPCA along with this report and will also be available by contacting Amy Anderson at WSB.

IV. IF DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED, PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION OF THE DAMAGE

The five trading sites were inspected on May 5, June 14, July 12, September 13, and October 10, 2023. Damage observed at the sites in 2023 was minimal overall. The notes compiled by City staff in their inspection reports are summarized below:

Site 1 – Highway 95

Issues at the Highway 95 include the following:

- Some minor erosion at the end of the upstream end of the site.

Site 2 – Princeton Middle School

Issues at the Princeton Middle School site include the following:

- Some undercutting midway through the site.

Site 3 – Golf Course

Issues at the Golf Course site include the following:

- Some undercutting midway through the site.

Site 4 – Princeton Elementary School

- Minor damage from wildlife activity.

Site 5 – Abney Salvage Yard

Issues at the Abney Salvage Yard include the following:

- No major concerns at this time.

V. PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLETED REPAIR WORK

No major repair work was completed in 2023, but several minor repairs were completed by City of Princeton Public Works staff in May and in Mid-October. Pages 4 through 8 show documentation of the post-repair conditions at all five sites from the site inspection on June 14, 2023. The City of Princeton spent approximately \$4,000 in 2023 to complete all the activities mentioned below.

Site 1 – Highway 95

Minor repairs at this site included:

- Install approximately 150 feet of additional revetments to areas exhibiting undercutting.
- Install approximately 200 additional willow stakes.
- Apply fertilizer.

Site 2 – Princeton Middle School

Minor repairs at this site included:

- Install approximately 100 feet of additional revetments to areas exhibiting undercutting.
- Install approximately 100 additional willow stakes.
- Apply fertilizer.

Site 3 – Golf Course

Minor repairs at this site included:

- Install approximately 50 feet of additional revetments
- Install approximately 150 additional willow stakes.
- Apply fertilizer.

Site 4 – Princeton Elementary School

Minor repairs at this site included:

- Apply fertilizer.

Site 5 – Abney Salvage Yard

Minor repairs at this site included:

- Apply fertilizer.

VI. IF ALL REPAIR WORK HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, A SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION

All minor repairs deemed necessary in 2023 have been completed. City staff plan to continue to address minor repairs at all sites as needed through 2024.

VII. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE REMAINING REPAIR WORK TO BE COMPLETED

The City does not currently have major repair work scheduled for the trading sites for 2024. However, the City recognizes that additional repair work may be required due to multiple factors including, water levels on the Rum River, success of the revetments that were installed to address erosion, growth of the seed and vegetation planted in 2023, as well as the duration and intensity of future rainfall events. The City therefore proposes the following repair and inspection schedule for 2024:

Site 1 – Highway 95

The proposed repairs at the Highway 95 are as follows:

- Additional seeding as needed to fill in bare spots.
- Monthly inspection of the site to continue documenting wildlife damage and determine if additional repair work is required.
- Continue to water the trees planted in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 in order to encourage growth and establishment.

Site 2 – Princeton Middle School

The proposed repairs at the Princeton Middle School site are as follows:

- Additional seeding as needed to fill in bare spots.
- Monthly inspection of the site to continue documenting wildlife and human damage, if any, and determine if additional repair work is required.
- Continue to water the trees planted in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in order to encourage growth and establishment.

Site 3 – Golf Course

The proposed repairs at the Golf Course site are as follows:

- Additional seeding as needed to fill in bare spots.
- Monthly inspection of the site to determine if additional repair work is required.
- Continue to water the trees planted in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in order to encourage growth and establishment.

Site 4 – Princeton Elementary School

The proposed repairs at the Elementary School Site are as follows:

- Monthly inspection of the site to determine if additional repair work is required.

Site 5 – Abney Salvage Yard

The proposed repairs at the Abney Salvage Yard are as follows:

- Continue to water the trees planted in 2019, 2020 and 2021 in order to encourage growth and establishment.
- Monthly inspection of the site to determine if additional repair work is required.

VIII. ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST FOR EACH OFFSET PROJECT

The inspection and maintenance plan described above will be carried out by city staff, with assistance from WSB. Minor repairs such as seeding, staking, and fertilizing will be completed as needed. The current cost estimate for planned work in 2024 is \$5,000. This is less than the City of Princeton's annual budget of \$15,000 per year for repairs and maintenance of the trading sites. However, the City did not use the full \$15,000 budget for repairs in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 or 2018, therefore there is additional funding available should the current work plan need to be revised.

Site 1 – Highway 95 (2012 Construction)



Site 2 – Princeton Middle School (2012 Construction)



Site 3 – Golf Course (2012 Construction)



Site 4 – Princeton Elementary School (2014 Construction)



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