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2023 Legislative Session

FUNDING:

COUNTY FEEDLOT PROGRAM
NATURAL RESOURCES BLOCK GRANT
COUNTY SSTS BASE FUNDING
SCORE INCREASE

POLICY:

100% CARBON-FREE ENERGY
CANNABIS – RECREATIONAL USE
FISH KILL REPORTING AND
PROTOCOLS

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Cumulative air pollution impacts.
- Air permit hearings.
- Air emissions toxins reporting

COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS

HOA SOLAR RESTRICTIONS

SACRED SETTLEMENTS



2023 Interim Work

RULEMAKINGS

- Odor regulation
- Cumulative Impacts
- Air Toxics – Reporting and regulations
- PFAS – WQS, HRL, Ban, Fees, Reporting
- Cannabis
- Construction and Demolition Landfills
- Certificate of Need – waste

POST-CLOSURE CARE GUIDANCE

PUC SOLAR PERMITTING

DRAINAGE WORK GROUP

DRAINAGE AUTHORITY POWERS – ABANDONMENT

- Drainage Authority Powers Document

OUTLET ADEQUACY

- Technical Work Group established.

DRAINAGE NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRY PORTAL

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2024 legislative Session

SESSION STARTS FEBRUARY 12, 2024

End by May 20 – maybe before.

POLICY/BONDING YEAR

Expectations for another busy year.
Optimism for a bonding bill.

BUDGET – SUPPLEMENTAL

Revenues for FY23 were estimated to be \$600 million over forecast.
FY2024, year to date receipts are \$400 million more than forecast.

ELECTION YEAR POLITICS

All member of the State House of Representatives



2024 Legislative Session

WOTUS: Waters of the U.S.

New rule took effect September 8.

- Eliminates references to the “significant nexus standard.”
- Defines “adjacent” as “having a continuous surface connection.”
- No longer defines interstate wetlands as WOTUS.

Tyler V. Hennepin

- Maintain Minnesota’s redemption opportunities, protect counties from future litigation, cover costs of the program.
- Lands managed for Recreation, Timber and Minerals.
- Resources to address sites with blight and contamination.



2024 Legislative Session

Solid Waste Issues

- E-WASTE – Two Proposals
- Extended Producer Responsibility – Packaging
- Container Deposit Refund Program

Water and Lands Management

- Drainage Information Registry Portal & Adequate Outlet
- 404 Assumption
- Removing County Approval Of State Land Acquisitions
- Abandoned Manure Storage Inventory

2024 AMC Environment Committee Priorities

Drainage

AMC supports adhering to the current requirements for public notice of drainage work and hearings according to Minn. Stat. 103E and the Minnesota Drainage Manual.

Updates or modernization of these requirements should not create additional reporting, add to county or system costs, or impact timely maintenance and repairs.

TFP

AMC supports state statute reforms to address the impacts of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Tyler V. Hennepin that protect and prioritize our memorial lands that provide recreation, environmental benefits and management of timber and mineral resources. The state should also provide support to deal with properties that require public investment to deal with blight, troubled structures, excessive waste and/or contamination.

SCORE

AMC supports allocating 100% of the revenue generated by the Solid Waste Management Tax (SWMT) to state and county waste management activities, including increased funding for SCORE grants to counties.

How Can You Help?

Your engagement is essential to effective advocacy on P&Z issues.

Communicate with MACPZA's Officers, Legislative Committee, and staff.

- Let us know your interests and how you can help.
- Let us know who you know.

Follow Weekly Session Updates and Provide Feedback.

Talk to Your Local Legislators.

Let Us Know When You Call or Email Your Legislators on Issues.





Questions? Comments?

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