



WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

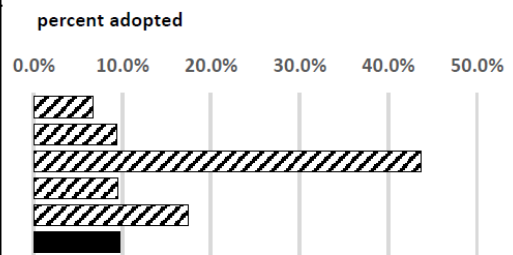
2022 ADOPT-A-DRAIN CHALLENGE!

Why adopt a drain? Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash, salt, and organic pollutants. The Adopt-a-Drain program gives residents the opportunity to improve water quality by adopting a storm drain in their neighborhood and keeping it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. Volunteer fifteen minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities!

How do I volunteer? Go to mn.adopt-a-drain.org. There you will find instructions, and when you click on "Adopt a Drain," a map of known drain locations will be displayed. Not all drains are shown on the map, but you can add missing drains.

How are we doing? We could do a lot better. The program has been around for several years, but in the five communities surrounding White Bear Lake, less than ten percent of known drains have been adopted. We can do more to protect White Bear Lake and local watersheds!

Baseline Adopt-a-Drain data as of 3/11/2022				
Community	participating households	adopted drains	total known drains*	percent adopted
City of White Bear Lake	77	120	1805	6.6%
White Bear Township	26	49	526	9.3%
Birchwood	5	7	16	43.8%
Dellwood	2	2	21	9.5%
Mahtomedi	69	120	690	17.4%
TOTAL WBLCD COMMUNITIES	179	298	3058	9.7%



* **known drains:** Number of drains known to the Adopt-a-Drain program, based on data from the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. On web page mn.adopt-a-drain.org/map, there's a link below the map that says, "Don't see your drain? Add one here."

The challenge: The White Bear Lake Conservation District challenges its five member communities to more than double the number adopted drains by the end of October 2022. No prizes will be given, but our shared reward will be cleaner water and improved drainage on our streets. Results of our challenge will be announced at the WBLCD board meeting on November 15, 2022.

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