
Scope of Services

The Rainleader Disconnect Program (RDP) is seeking assistance from MWMO to fund an outreach program for homeowners. The premise of this program is to educate and support citizens in their efforts to remove inflow from the sanitary sewer system. By doing so, the MWMO can demonstrate the connection each person has with the environment and in particular, the Mississippi River.

The RDP will work with neighborhood organizations to plan informational meetings and workshops to assist homeowners and other interested parties with their disconnection needs. Funds from the MWMO will be used to provide homeowners with materials needed to redirect their downspouts to drain to grass. A typical home would require two downspout elbows, two downspout extensions, and one tub of quick-setting cement at a cost of \$26.00. Demonstrations of proper disconnection tools and techniques will be provided along with the necessary materials.

Project Activities

The Combined Sewer Overflow Homeowner Outreach Program will be active in nine Minneapolis neighborhoods in 2004. The Rainleader Disconnect Program (RDP) will conduct informational meetings and workshops in neighborhood locations to facilitate participation of homeowners that need to separate rainwater from the sanitary sewer on their property. The RDP is currently working with a representative of the Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, Inc. to plan the first neighborhood meeting. This meeting will be held Saturday April 17, 2004 at North Commons Park and include residents of the Willard-Hay and Near North neighborhoods. The RDP plans on organizing 5-6 meetings in total, dependent upon whether meetings can be planned for one or two neighborhoods.

The RDP has inventoried each property to identify the specific materials needed to complete each disconnection. Materials to complete disconnections for individual homeowners will be available to take home from meetings. Homeowners not attending meetings will have materials delivered to their homes with instructional handouts and a phone number to call for one-on-one assistance.

Products or Deliverables

The RDP's goal is to assist homeowners in the nine targeted neighborhoods to disconnect the 434 downspouts connected to the sanitary sewer, and permanently seal the 712 standpipes connected to the sanitary sewer that we have identified. We are prepared to provide the needed information, training, materials, and individual assistance to homeowners, volunteers, and other interested parties to accomplish this task.

Schedule of Work

See Application Work plan.

Reimbursements

Reimbursements must be submitted using the MWMO Reimbursement Form. All receipts and invoices must be submitted with the form. Reimbursement requests may be submitted monthly but must correspond with a completed deliverable as detailed in this document.

Reporting Requirements

Final report must be submitted using the MWMO Report Form. Outstanding reimbursement requests and the correlating financial information must be submitted with the final report in order to receive the funding.