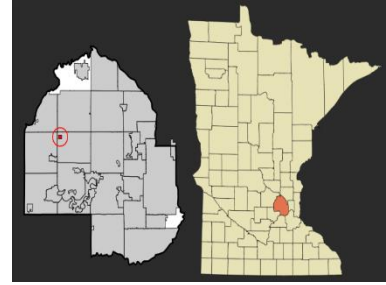




Legislative Priorities City of Loretto Hennepin County 2025 Proposed Bill



HF2788 - \$500,000 – Storm Water Pond Improvements – Predesign, Design, Engineering, Dredging and removal of sediment from storm water ponds that have exceeded their useful life.

Project Summary: The city completed a capital improvement plan in 2019, and this project was identified as high priority. An assessment was completed to review the amount of sediment present in ponds throughout the city. Measurements were taken through the ice in the winter of 2019 using a probe with locations identified by GPS coordinates. The sediment depth can be considered an estimate and further detailed surveying would be necessary if each pond is to be evaluated for dredging. In addition to evaluation of sediment, the drainage area to each pond, the characteristics of the drainage area, and pond size were evaluated. Sediment needs to be periodically cleaned out, typically in the 20-to-30-year range, and many city ponds are at this age. Contaminant testing is necessary due to use of asphalt chemicals and if found, increases the cost associated with the disposal of soils. The city has completed 2 of the 13 ponds, one in 2020 for \$30,010 and one in 2024 for \$119,000.

Why State Bonding: Local funding for drinking water, storm water, sanitary sewer, and street infrastructure projects has reached its maximum capacity. Since 2021, \$3.4 million has been allocated through bonding and debt levies while operating within a general fund budget less than \$1 million. Our bonded indebtedness has reached 23% of the total levy per year for the next 15 years. 2024 Net tax capacity is 57.07%. State funding is essential to bridge these gaps and ensure equitable infrastructure development. This collaborative approach ensures that small communities, regardless of their financial constraints, can meet their infrastructure needs and continue to serve our residents without putting undue burden on them.