



ENHANCED STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

LOWER ST. CROIX WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership has funding for communities interested in enhancing their sweeping operations to help reduce lake and river pollution.

Natural debris such as leaves, sediment, and grass clippings can act as significant sources of phosphorus to our lakes, rivers, and streams. Many communities have street sweeping operations that reduce the amount of debris from streets, removing that pollution threat from making its way to our waterways.

The Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCWP) has allocated funds to enhance street sweeping operations for interested communities, including increased sweeping in late spring, early summer, and fall in areas with medium to high tree canopy that direct connect and flow to priority water bodies. Participating communities will be responsible for implementing their customized enhanced sweeping plan over three years that will include annual incentive payments adding up to (but not to exceeding) \$5,000 per year.

Reimbursement rates will be as follows:

- Tier 1: \$100/curb-mile/year (complete the MPCA credit calculator based on curb miles swept and provide the report)
- Tier 2: \$125/curb-mile/year (complete the MPCA credit calculator based on the tracking of weights, dates, and provide the report)

To qualify for a grant, interested communities must have an approved enhanced street sweeping plan completed by the LSCWP. Plan development will include an evaluation to understand existing sweeping operations, assessing canopy cover in key locations, and developing recommendations of sweeping locations, frequency, and timing. The LSCWP has allocated up to \$40,000 to help develop these plans with communities.

We want to hear from you!

Let us know whether your community would be interested in this program and let us know what resources you already have available to you. Please take a short survey by using the QR code to the right or visiting tinyurl.com/LSCstreetsweep

