

White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Update

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee

Greg Johnson | June 11, 2026

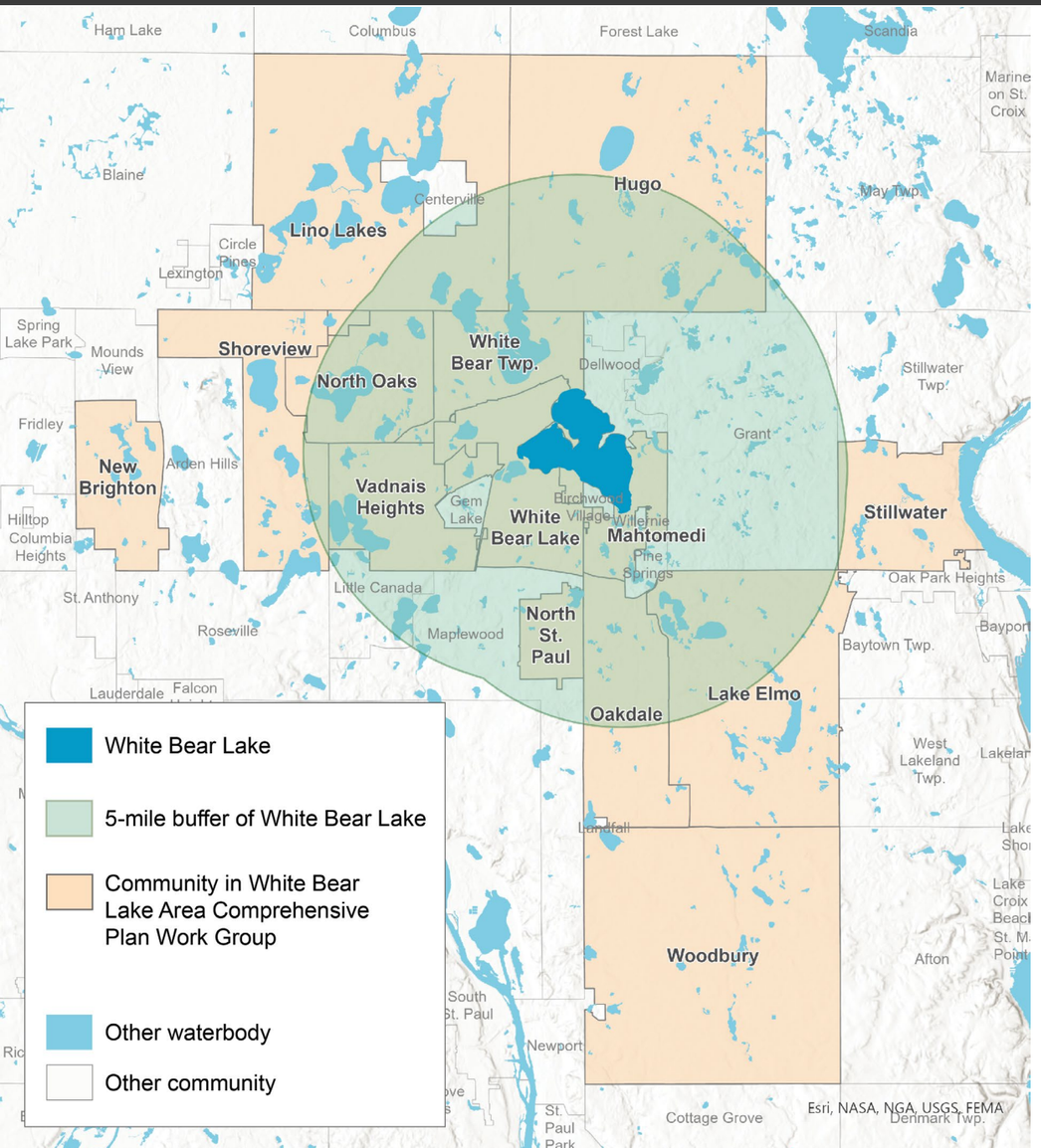
White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan legislation (1/3)



- The Minnesota legislature provided funding for the Metropolitan Council to form a work group to identify a long-term solution

- The completed plan must be submitted to the Minnesota Legislature by June 30, 2027

White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan legislation (2/3)

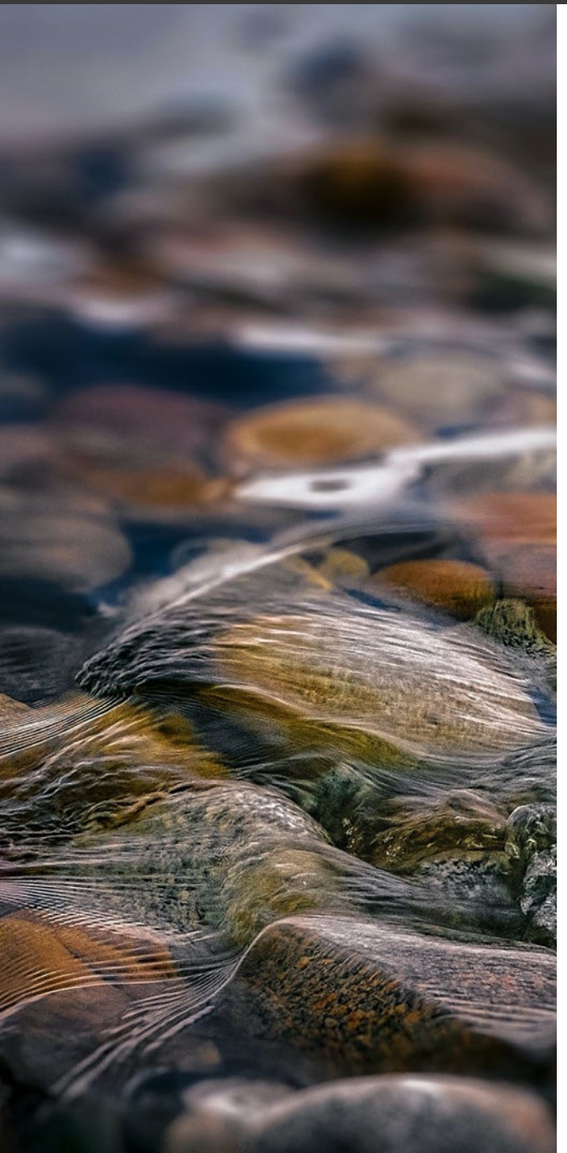


The Metropolitan Council has established a work group consisting of:

- Commissioners or designees from the DNR, MDH, and MPCA
- Representatives from Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC) and St. Paul Regional Water Services
- The communities of Stillwater, Mahtomedi, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lino Lakes, North St. Paul, Oakdale, Vadnais Heights, Shoreview, Woodbury, New Brighton, White Bear Lake, White Bear Township, and North Oaks

These communities combined have a water service population slightly overly 300,000 people or approximately 10% of the metro region's total population.

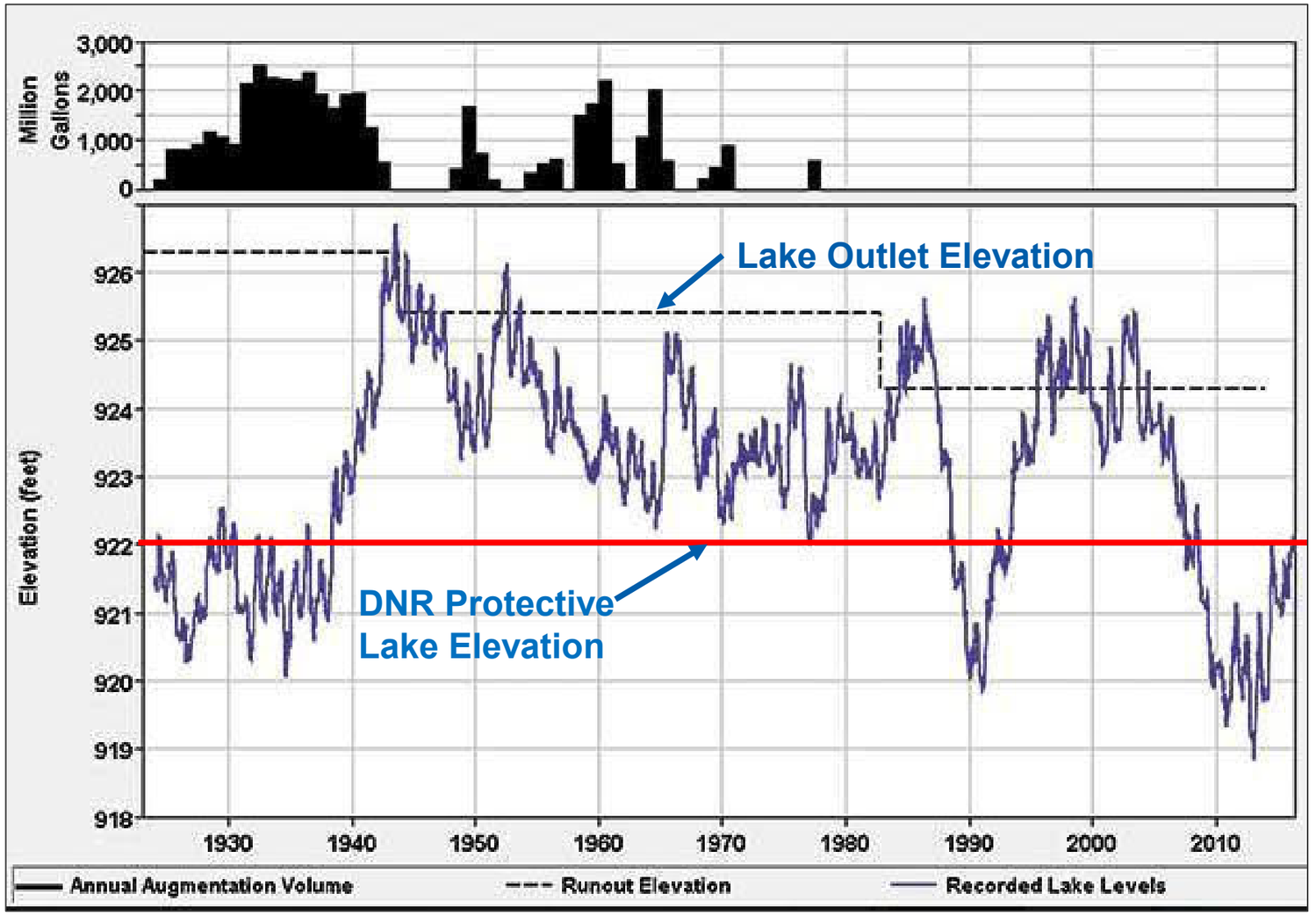
White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan legislation (3/3)



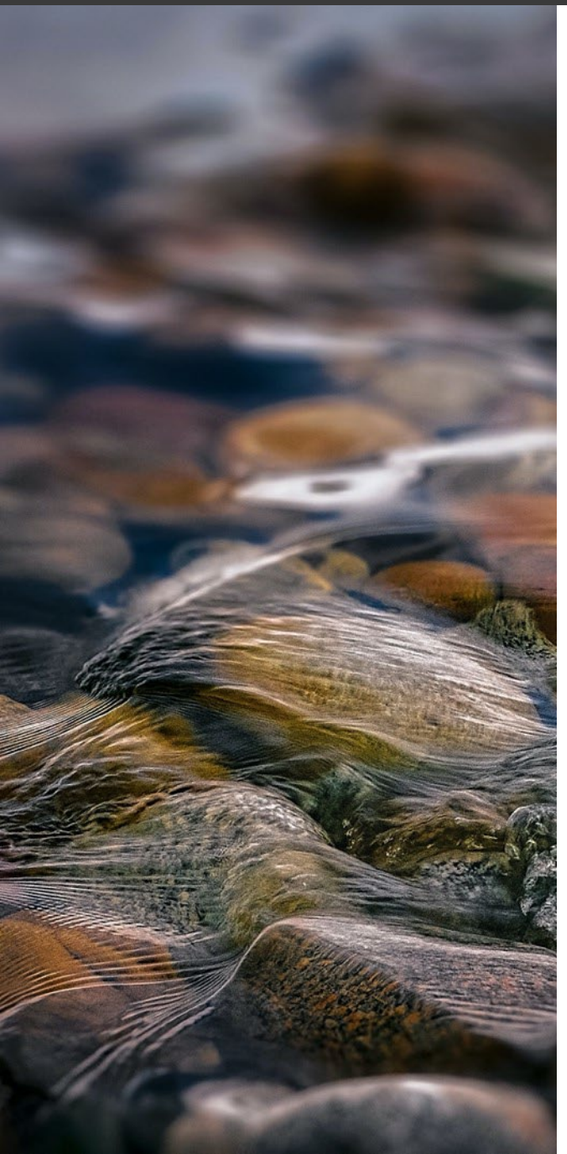
Evaluate methods to conserve and recharge groundwater include four main areas to address:

- Converting water supplies that are groundwater dependent to total or partial supplies from surface water
- Reuse water, including water discharged from contaminated wells
- Projects designed to increase groundwater recharge
- Other methods for reducing groundwater use

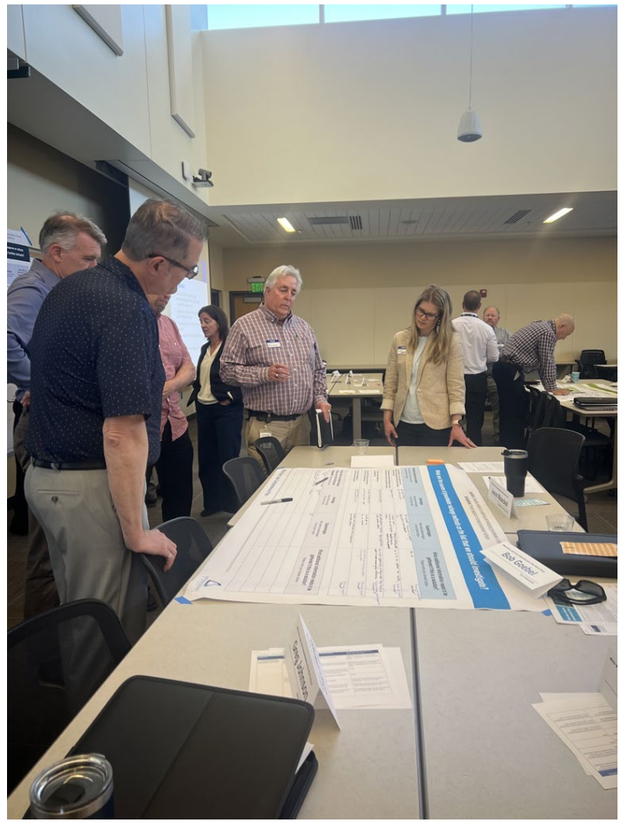
White Bear Lake surface water elevations



Potential solutions being evaluated



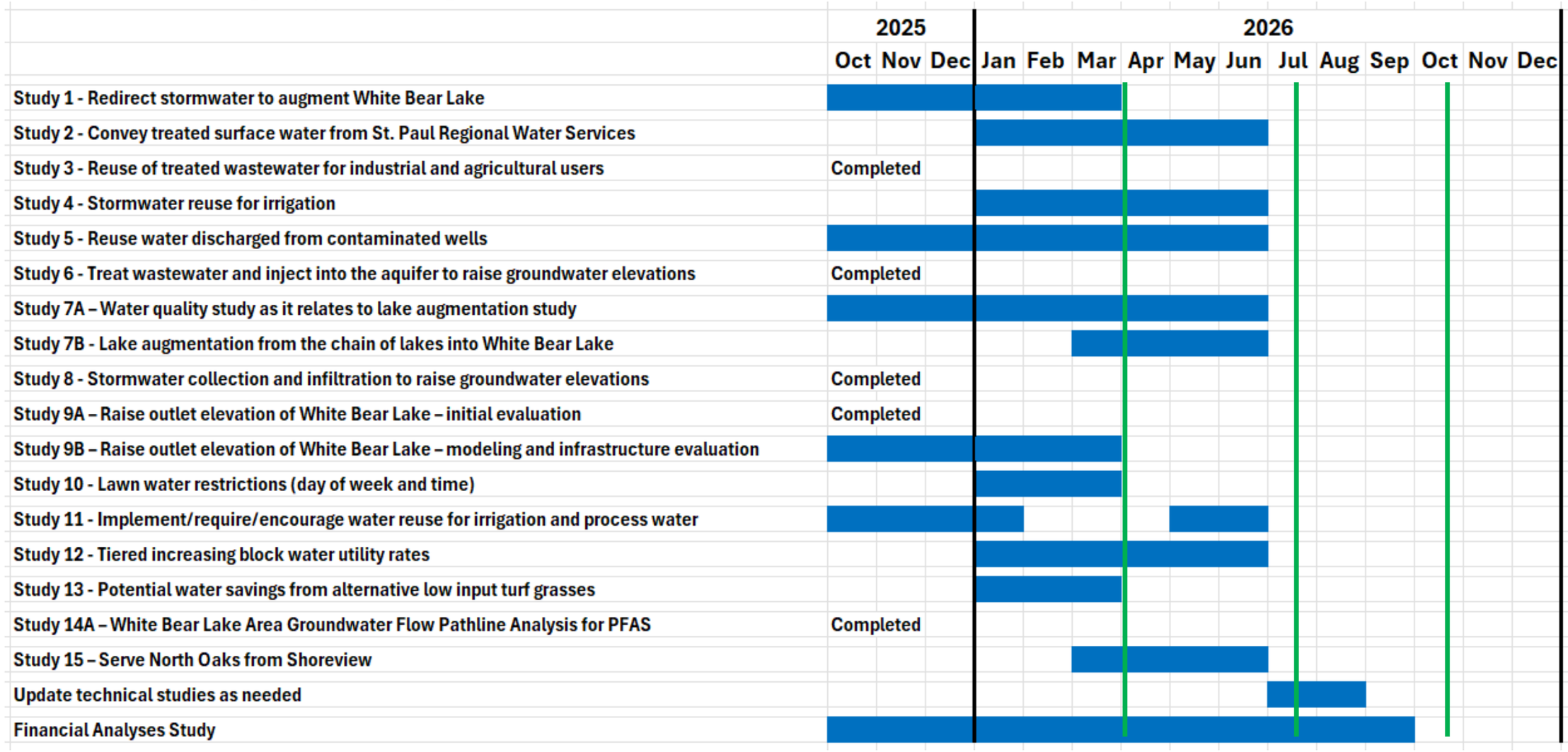
Workgroup identified potential solutions that are currently being evaluated with 18 individual studies



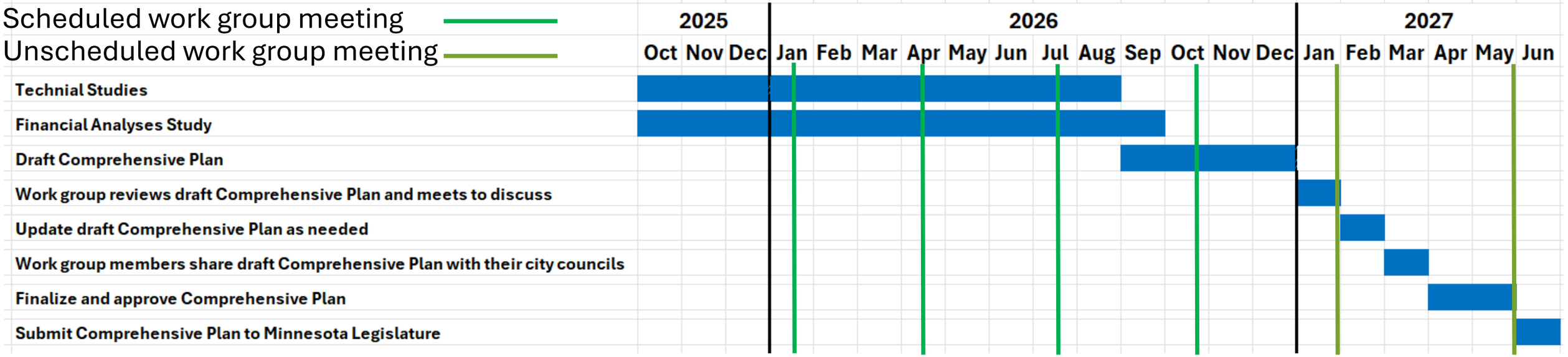


Project schedule (1/2)

Scheduled work group meeting



Project schedule (2/2)



Additional Information



Work group website for additional information:

Google search:

“White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group”

Or go to:

https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Work-Groups/White-Bear-Lake-Work-Group.aspx

Next work group meeting



Next meeting date:

July 16, 2026

12:30-4:00 pm

Rookery Activity Center

7690 Village Dr, Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Topics:

- Updates on multiple studies
- Discussion on which studies to prioritize



Thank you

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