

HIGH ISLAND CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
NEW AUBURN, MN

PERMIT FOR PRIVATE DRAINAGE PROJECT
GENERAL PERMIT NO. 01

On resolution unanimously adopted on December 28, 2020 at the regular monthly meeting of the High Island Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, the Board of Managers does hereby approve and issue this General Permit Number 01 and does hereby grant permission and authority for any member of the public working within the boundaries of the High Island Creek Watershed District to complete drainage projects described herein, to wit:

Scope of General Permit No. 01: This General Permit applies to ditch and creek cleaning activities for which a Public Waters Works Permit is required under the law, occurring within a watercourse designated as a Public Water on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Public Waters Inventory, which include channelized and straightened portions of High Island Creek and private ditches designated as Public Waters. This General Permit shall not apply to ditch and creek cleaning for which no Public Waters Works Permit is required, and an individual permit from the High Island Creek Watershed District Board of Managers will still be required for such ditch and creek cleaning. Ditch and creek cleaning means the excavation and removal of accumulated sediment from the bed of any such Public Water and the accompanying removal of cattails and other vegetation restricting waterflow.

Terms of General Permit No. 01: Ditch and creek cleaning work within the scope of this General Permit may be completed without obtaining an individual permit from the High Island Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, so long as the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The Permittee under this General Permit shall have applied for and received a Public Waters Works Permit and authorization from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to complete the ditch and creek cleaning work.
2. The Permittee under this General Permit shall abide by and comply with the terms of the Public Waters Works Permit and authorization from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
3. The work under this General Permit shall not include widening, straightening, altering the course of, or otherwise modifying the channel of the Public Water beyond the removal of accumulated sediment.
4. The Permittee under this General Permit shall abide by and comply with all other applicable laws, rules and regulations that may affect or apply to the project.

Enforcement of General Permit No. 01: The failure to obtain or comply with a Public Waters Works Permit or failure to comply with any term or condition of this General Permit shall be considered a violation of High Island Creek Watershed District's rules and regulations, and the Board of Managers reserves the right to take any appropriate action authorized or allowed under said rules and regulations or Minnesota law to address such violation, including ordering the stoppage of ongoing work, or imposing fines.

Duration of General Permit No. 01: The Board of Managers reserve the right to amend or revoke this General Permit at any time, and this General Permit shall remain in effect until amended or revoked by the Board of Managers. If amended or revoked, this General Permit shall no longer be valid except for projects where work is already underway at the time of such amendment or revocation.

HIGH ISLAND CREEK WATERSHED
DISTRICT

By: /s/ Kevin Miller
President of High Island Creek Board of Managers

3171921.1