



Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) 2026 Proposed Budget & Tax Levy

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Outline



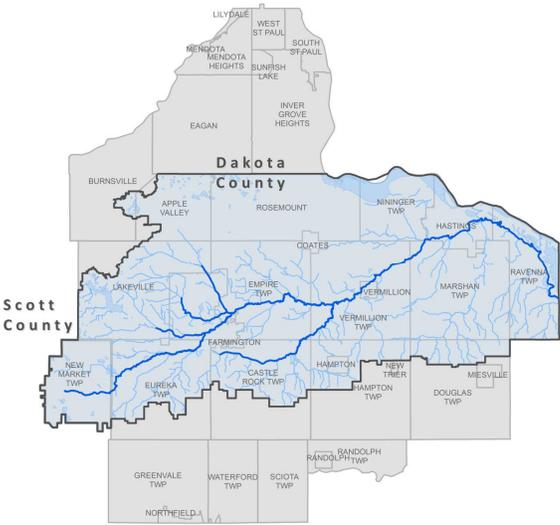
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VRWJPO 2026 Proposed Budget



- **Revenues =**
\$2,654,279
- **Expenses =**
\$2,654,279
- **Fund Balance =**
\$1,170,117

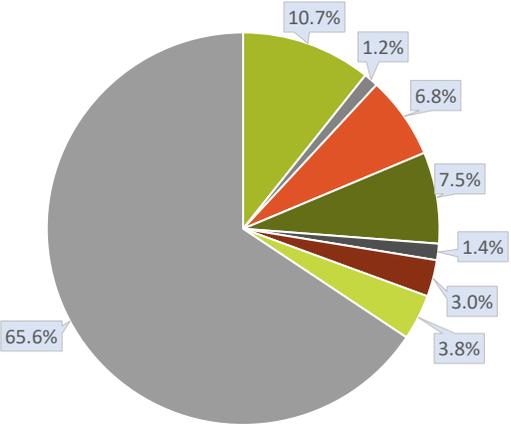


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VRWJPO 2026 Proposed Budget - Breakdown





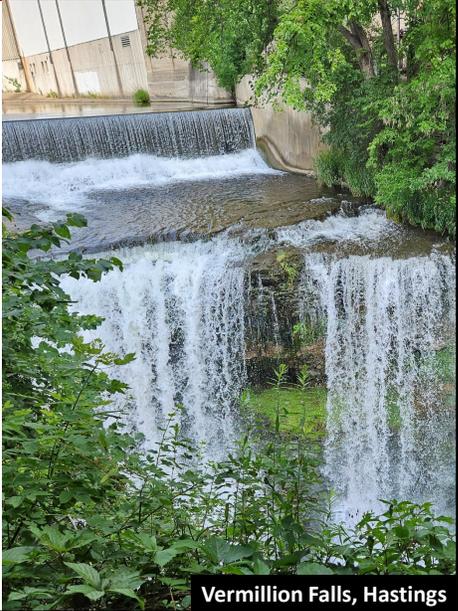
- Administration and Operations (\$284,000)
- Planning (\$31,500)
- Inventory, Assessment, & Research (\$180,500)
- Communications, Outreach, and Public Relations (\$199,900)
- Regulation (\$36,000)
- Feasibility & Preliminary Engineering (\$80,000)
- Wetland Bank Credit Sales (\$100,000)
- CIP-Including Grants (\$1,742,379)

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VRWJPO 2026 Proposed Budget - Levy

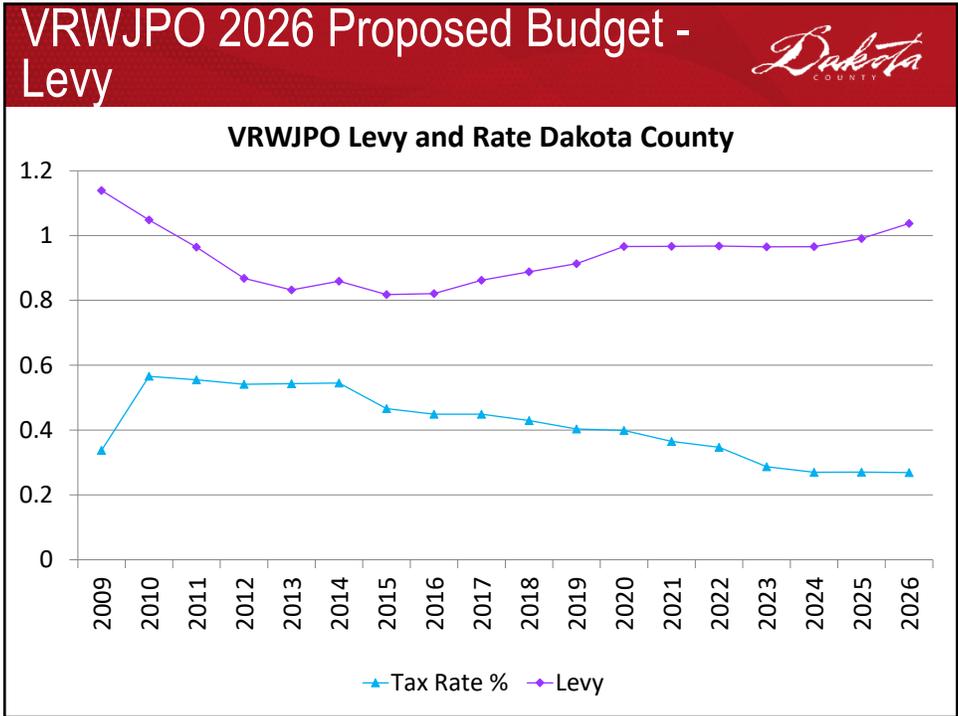
- **Estimated Net Tax Capacity = 359,977,524**
 - **Dakota County = 346,445,322 (96.2%)**
 - **Scott County = 13,532,202 (3.8%)**

- **Levy = \$1,078,225**
 - **Dakota: \$1,037,693**
 - **Scott: \$40,532**



Vermillion Falls, Hastings

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Comparison of Watershed Rates		<i>Dakota</i> COUNTY
Watershed	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Proposed 2026 Levy Amount
Lower MN Watershed District (WD)	1.03%	\$1,768,429
Prior Lake-Spring Lake WD	2.84%	\$2,156,000
South Washington WD	0.74%	\$1,800,000
VRWJPO (Dakota Co.)	0.27%	\$1,037,693

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VRWJPO 2025 Project Highlights



Alimagnet Lake Alum Treatment



East Lake Invasive Fish Removal (continued)



Grand Prairie Park Stormwater Harvest Irrigation and Splash Pad Reuse



Lakeville 205th St and Hollins Ave Hydrodynamic Separator



Rosemount Public Works/Police Campus Infiltration Basins

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Requested Action



Certify Dakota County portion of the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District proposed levy of \$1,037,693 for taxes payable in 2026

