Urban Water Quality Grants

- Offers cost-sharing grants to municipalities for sediment and phosphorus reduction practices.
- Projects in existing urban areas
- Program began in 2007
- 50% cost share up to \$100K
- Top Ten list developed in 2013
- 75% cost share with no cap for "Top Ten"



Sediment Delivered to Lake Mendota

Agriculture & Woodland 58%

Existing Urban 11%

Transitional 23%

Streambank 8%







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Program Achievements

- 65 Projects 50 Completed/15 Ongoing or Pending
- \$23 million total project costs (\$7 million in cost share)
- Annual trap nearly 1 million pounds of sediment
 Over 50 dump trucks of sediment per year
- Annual trap more than 3,700 pounds of Phosphorus
 Every pound of P can produce 500 pounds of algae

Moving Forward (2019)...

- Approximately \$1.6 million in 2019
- Add volume control (infiltration) projects to eligibility
- 50% Cost share up to \$500K
- Replace "Top Ten" with performance-based prioritization.
- Remove application deadline accept applications throughout the year

Alum Treatment of Natural Waterways

- Alum is used to describe several chemicals
 Aluminum Sulfate
 Aluminum Chlorohydrate
- Aluminum binds to phosphorus and settles to the bottom.
- Research has shown that if pH is managed there are no toxic effects to aquatic biota.
- If not removed, the flocculent crystalizes into gibbsite, an inert natural mineral.

Alum is not a "New" Practice

- Has been used across the country for decades for lake treatment.
- Several private ponds have been treated in Dane County
- Used to purify water for public supplies



Home Profiles

Projects/Grants Research Units Equipment

Research Output

Press/Media

Effects of alum treatment on water quality and sediment in the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, Minnesota, USA

Brian Huser, Patrick Brezonik, Raymond Newman

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology

Research output: Contribution to journal > Article





Longevity and effectiveness of aluminum addition to reduce sediment phosphorus release and restore lake water quality

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In-lake measures for phosphorus control: The most feasible and cost-effective solution for longterm management of water quality in urban lakes.

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UWQG Alum Projects

- Offline storm dosing of Starkweather Creek
- Ultra low dose stormwater pond treatment between storms
- Stormwater pond whole pond treatment