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# Environmental Project of the Year

*Awarded to the City of Champlin for the Elm Creek Restoration and Dam Rehabilitation Project from the American Public Works Association (APWA).*

Champlin, Minn. — The Elm Creek Restoration and Dam Rehabilitation project, led by the City of Champlin, was honored with the Environmental Project of the Year award at the 2024 American Public Works Association (APWA) Conference.

This initiative highlights innovative approaches to restoring Elm Creek's ecosystem and rehabilitating the dam for improved flood control. The project underscores Champlin's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability, benefiting both the local community and the ecosystem.

The 2.7 mile project began with the reconstruction of the Elm Creek Dam, shifted to the restoration of Mill Pond, and concluded with the restoration of Elm Creek itself. This \$18.124 million, multiphase initiative has provided significant improvements.

"The project encompasses extensive ecological benefits, enhanced flood management, and upgraded recreational facilities, all designed to transform Elm Creek into a vibrant and thriving community asset," said Heather Nelson, Champlin City Engineer.

Spanning over 14 years and five design and construction phases, the Elm Creek Restoration and Dam Rehabilitation project saw strong community involvement. The City of Champlin championed this project, with WSB leading the design and several contractors, including C.S. McCrossan, Blackstone Contractors, Minnesota Native Landscapes, and Sunram Construction, contributing to its success.

#### Our Vision

The City of Champlin is a welcoming, safe, thriving community with great neighborhoods, a variety of natural amenities, convenient shopping, and excellent schools. #LIVChamplin

#### Our Mission

To provide for the stability and security of our community and its residents through guided quality growth, innovation, and the efficient use of resources.

**OUR PLACE  
to LIVE!**