**PROJECT MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS**

Maggie Karschnia, Water Resources Project Manager

Maggie Karschnia has been the project manager at the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District for the past four years and has implemented phosphorus reduction projects in lakes which includes the utilization of state grants to help aid in accelerating the programs. Maggie has a strong project management background from her work protecting critical shoreline and wetlands across the state as the Wetlands & Grasslands Program Manager for the Minnesota Land Trust. She is equally comfortable managing projects and supervising contractors herself as she is working with a variety of partners to get projects competed. Maggie has a B.S. in Conservation from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls and an M.A. in Natural Science and Environmental Education from Hamline University.

Diane Lynch, District Administrator

Diane Lynch has been the district administrator at the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District for nearly five years. She is an environmental manager with over 20 years of public and private sector experience in: initiating and managing water and natural resource projects; mediating conflicts; facilitating large public meetings and hearings; developing and researching policies, drafting legislation and lobbying at local, regional and state levels of government and managing all aspects of development and fundraising. Diane has a M.S. in Conservation Biology from the University of Minnesota.

Carl Almer, LEED AP, Water Practice Lead at EOR, Inc.

Carl Almer has 23 years of experience as a water resources engineer. He currently serves as the District Engineer for 2 watershed districts in the Twin Cities metro area. Carl excels in stormwater BMP identification, feasibility assessment & prioritization, LID design, stream assessment, monitoring, stream restoration, hydraulic/hydrologic and water quality modeling. He also has expertise in watershed rule development, and watershed district planning. Carl has a B.S. in Geological Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

**ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION**

The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) was established on March 4, 1970 by order of the Minnesota Water Resources Board (MWRB) under the authority of the Minnesota Watershed Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 112). The order was in response to a petition filed by resident landowners within the watershed on June 24, 1969. This citizen petition sought establishment of the District for the purposes of wisely managing and conserving the waters and natural resources of the watershed.

The PLSLWD is approximately 42 square miles in size and is located in north central Scott County, Minnesota, encompassing parts of the cities of Prior Lake, Shakopee, and Savage and parts of Sand Creek and Spring Lake Townships. In addition, a portion of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community tribal lands are located within the District.

The PLSLWD is administered by a five-person Board of Managers (Board) appointed by the Scott County Commissioners. All of the District’s policies, goals, and accomplishments are directed by the citizens who serve on the Board.

**Our Mission Statement:**

*Our mission is to manage and preserve the water resources of the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District to the best of our ability using input from our communities, sound engineering practices, and our ability to efficiently fund beneficial projects which transcend political jurisdictions.*