



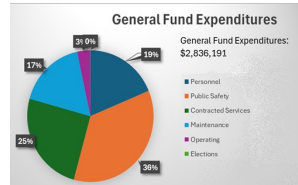
City Council Approves Final 2025 Budget & Levy

The Credit River City Council held its annual Truth In Taxation hearing on 12/16/2024 to enable residents to engage with the details of the proposed 2025 budget and offer their questions and input. Tessa Beuning from ABDO Financial Consulting gave a presentation explaining the outcome of the efforts put forth by the City Council and Staff at several workshops to refine these costs and revenues. Following the hearing, the Council voted to approve the 2025 Final Budget and Levy.

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

For 2025 the City estimated a Preliminary General Fund Budget of \$3,092,441 for which 74% is funded by local property taxes. The City expends over \$1.7 million related to costs for fire protection, enhanced Sheriff services and road maintenance including snowplowing. Ultimately the Final General Fund Budget as

adopted was slightly lower than estimated and is \$2,836,191. The PIE CHART outlines how these funds are utilized.



GENERAL FUND REVENUE

At this time, the City anticipates property tax revenues of \$2,100,347 to fund these costs, with the remaining balance derived from other sources such as permit fees, interest and intergovernmental revenues.

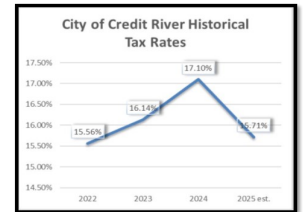
OTHER FUNDS – DEBT AND CAPITAL

The City additionally has costs associated with current Debt Services and certain Capital Improvements. This totals \$643,000 with \$450,000 for capital costs associated with planned

street improvements and other equipment and \$193,000 for debt service on past projects.

TOTAL FINAL LEVY & TAX IMPACTS

Given these estimates and discussions by the City Council to find additional cost savings the City's total Final Levy is \$2,743,347 and is below the Preliminary Levy estimate, \$2,981,798. Based on this Final Levy amount the City must adopt a Tax Rate that is then applied to all homes and properties in the City that generates this amount. For 2025 this tax rate is 15.71%, slightly lower compared to 2024.



City Administrator and Finance Director Update

Due to some unexpected challenges in 2024, the City is currently in the process of hiring two key positions that were recently vacated; a regularly appointed (non-interim) City Administrator and a Finance Director. In coordination with the City Council and many other public entities, these positions are responsible to guide the use of City resources, develop policies, manage planning matters, and ensure the City's financial capacities remain strong. As with any professional hiring process, the City seeks employees with solid experience, appropriate certifications, and some background in public service. However most importantly, the Council hopes to secure affable and approachable people. Upcoming editions of the Credit River Flow will seek to introduce these people as they may be found and brought onboard.



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Community Events



Another Minnesota winter has arrived! A favorite season for some hardy residents, our state's unique winters offer activities that can't be enjoyed at any other time of year: winter sports like skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and *hockey*! For the more indoorsy sorts, there's a chance to luxuriate in a hot drink and a fuzzy blanket, admiring the frosty winter beauty outside from a cozy house. But what to do when cabin fever hits? Check The Credit River Flow for a fun local event that will get you out and about and having a good time! Email any events you'd like to see in future issues to: clerk@creditriver-mn.gov.

January 2025:

1/17—Glow & Skate Party, Savage
1/22-25—MN Hockey Day, Shakopee

February 2025:

2/10—Cosmic Sledding, Belle Plaine
2/15—Prior Lake Polar Plunge

March 2025:

3/1—Spring Living Showcase, Elko New Market
3/22—Lakeville Home & Landscape Expo

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm:

Guided tours, *Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake*—Hočokata Ti, Shakopee

School Events:

Prior Lake/Savage Area School District, plsas.org

Lakeville Public School District, isd194.org

Regional Park Events:

2/22—Winter Play Day at all Three Rivers Parks

Minnesota Winter Records



Feeling truly Minnesotan often includes a strange pride in being able to withstand the extremes of our winter weather. Since your friendly City Clerk rode out the Blizzard of 1991 in Duluth (pictured at left), her curiosity was piqued in regard to other record-breaking winters:

Coldest Ambient Temp:

-60° F, February 2, 1996 - Tower MN

Coldest Windchill:

-71° F (-100° F, pre-2001 formula), January 9-10, 1982 - Duluth/Iron Range

Minnesota Was Colder than Surface of Mars:

-40° F, Embarrass & Int'l Falls MN vs. -24° F, Mars

Rover - January 2, 2014

Most Snow in 24 Hours:

36" (3 feet!), January 7, 1994 - Finland MN

Most Snow in 1 Winter:

170.5" (14 feet!), 1949-50 - Grand Portage MN. Their record snowpack was 6+ feet deep March 28, 1950.

Only Month It Has Not Snowed in MN: July.

Let's Keep Our Snow Off The Road

With the advent of the recent snowfall, we want to assure that all are educated on the law pertaining to pushing snow across a roadway in Credit River. Minnesota Statute 160.2715 (a) (1) expressly forbids obstructing any highway or depositing snow or ice thereon. Items are also not allowed in the road right of way, including items intended to mark the edge of the road (for example, orange fiberglass poles). These can inhibit the ability of our snowplow operator to effectively clear the road edge to edge.

Unsafe conditions for both drivers and Credit River Snowplow Opera-

tors attempting to clear roads as well as extra time and unnecessary expense are created by such actions. Depositing snow or ice in a road also increases snowplowing costs, creates a potential public safety hazard, and could damage equipment. Any removal costs incurred by the City will be billed to the responsible homeowner.

Please refrain from plowing snow across any roadways in Credit River and instead find a location for snow within the property being cleared. Your neighbors and plow operators will thank you!



City Seeks Planning Commission Members

The City of Credit River’s Planning Commission will have two vacancies as of 2/28/2025, when two of its current members reach the end of their terms. If you are a Credit River resident interested in a rewarding opportunity to serve your community as a member of the Commission, please consider applying!

The Planning Commission serves as the City’s planning agency and conducts public hearings on matters affecting zoning, subdivision and building regulations, land use, development, and comprehensive planning. Other matters are referred to the Planning Commission by the City Council.

The Commission consists of five members who each serve two-year terms. It typically meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Credit River Government Center, 18985 Meadow View Blvd, Prior Lake, with additional special meetings or workshops occasionally. For the upcoming two vacancies, the Council would like to have new members appointed in time for the March meeting on 3/20/2025.



If you would like to apply for one of the soon-to-be-vacant positions on the Planning Commission, please print and sign the application form on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter and submit it to the City Clerk at City Hall, or use this [link](#) to submit online, by 1/31/2025 for consideration by the Council.

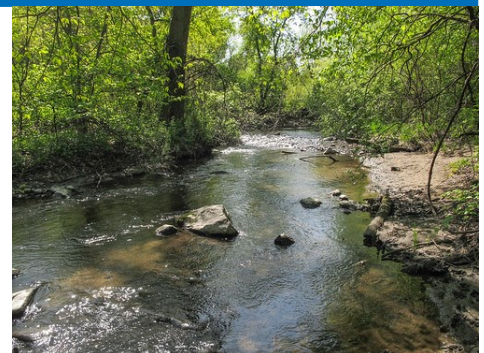
Credit River Parks & Trails Assessment Kicks Off

The Credit River City Council recently authorized the creation of a Parks Assessment by MSA to document the quality of the City’s existing parks, trails, and recreational spaces, as well as generate recommendations for improvements. Additionally, City staff recognized that Credit River’s parkland dedication fees are significantly lower than neighboring communities (see chart below); in order to amend them, MN Stat. 462.358 subd. 2b (Official Controls: Subdivision Regulation; Dedication) requires the adoption of a Parks and Recreation Plan or comparable component of a Comprehensive Plan.

As Credit River continues to develop, increasing parkland dedication fees will be crucial for several reasons:

1. Funding for Public Spaces
2. Community Health and Well-being
3. Urban Planning and Development
4. Environmental Benefits
5. Property Value
6. Equitable Access.

Requiring new developments to contribute to the city with these fees benefits residents with access to parks that they can enjoy together, preserving more of the city’s green spaces and raising property values.



The assessment will be accomplished in three phases: Phase 1—Project Kickoff and Existing Conditions Analysis; Phase 2—Community Engagement; and Phase 3—Parks and Trail System Needs Assessment. The Planning Commission will act as the main Steering Committee for the project and play a role in communicating with and receiving input from residents. Credit River’s current 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes high-level goals for parks and recreation development, so to ensure alignment and consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, the project team will regularly refer back to these goals and strategies. Please email planner@creditriver-mn.gov if you have any questions.

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City of Credit River	City of Prior Lake	City of Lakeville	City of Savage
Residential: \$1,500 per housing unit	Residential: \$3,750 per housing unit	Residential: \$3,012–\$5,774 per dwelling unit (depending on density)	Residential: \$3,842 per dwelling unit
Commercial/Industrial: \$500 for each gross acre of land	Commercial/Industrial: \$9,000 for each gross acre of land	Commercial \$9,383 per acre Industrial: \$5,559 per acre	Commercial/Industrial: \$8,937 for each gross acre of land



The Credit River Flow

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Office Hours

Monday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Tuesday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Thursday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
 (Closed Wed., Fri.-Sun., and Holidays)

First Online Only Edition!

If you noticed that the latest issue of The Credit River Flow is out but has not yet appeared in your mailbox, do not be alarmed! The postal worker did not skip your house. Going forward, the newsletter will be published quarterly, but the Spring and Fall editions will be *online AND mailed out* to residents, while the Winter and Summer editions will be *strictly online*. This way, resident outreach can be maximized while still enabling printing and postage savings by reducing the number of physical mailings each year from four to two. You can also [click here](#) to sign up to have all quarterly issues sent to your email.



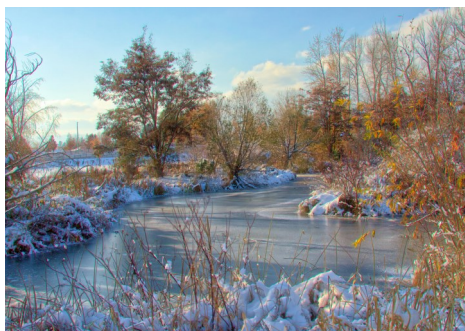
We're on the Web!
creditrivernm.gov

Mission/Vision Statement Survey

There's still time to complete your City Mission/Vision Statement Survey! [Click here](#) to fill out and submit the survey form online by 1/10/25 and make your voice heard today!

City Calendar—Winter 2025

January 2025						
Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- City Council Meeting
- Planning Commission Meeting
- Holiday—City Hall Closed
- City Vision Advisory Committee
- City Hall Advisory Committee

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

APPLICANT NAME _____

In order that the Mayor and Council Members have a better understanding of your background and interests, please provide the following information: (Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

Home Address: _____ Phone (H): _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone (Cell) _____

How long have you lived in the City of Credit River? _____ years _____ months

Employment (Firm and Occupation): _____

Educational Background: _____

Please indicate which Board/Commission you are applying for. Meeting dates and times are listed.

_____ Planning Commission (3rd Thursday, 6:00 pm)

Prior experience on City Boards/Commissions:

Provide a short paragraph summarizing why you are seeking an appointment to a Board or Commission in the City of Credit River.

Briefly describe your background, skills, experience, interests and any other information not previously given which you believe should be considered regarding the appointment you are seeking.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to:

Amy Jones, City Clerk
18985 Meadow View Boulevard
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Telephone: (952) 440-5514
Email: Clerk@CreditRiver-MN.gov

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS

In accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the City of Credit River is required to inform you of your rights as they pertain to private information collected from you. Private data is that information, which is available to you, City of Credit River Administration but not to the public. The purpose of the collected information is to determine your eligibility to participate on an advisory board/commission. Furnishing the requested information is voluntary, although refusal to supply the information may make you ineligible for an appointment.

The following information regarding a potential applicant is available to the public: name, city of residence, education and training, employment history, volunteer work, awards and honors, prior government service, veteran status, and rank on eligibility list. Minn. Stat. § 13.601, Subd. 3(a).

Once appointed, the following additional items of information are public: residential address, either a telephone number or email address where the appointee can be reached, or both at the request of the appointee, first and last dates of service on the advisory board/commission, the existence and status of any complaints or charges against and appointee, and upon completion of an investigation of a complaint or charge against an appointee, the final investigative report is public. Minn. Stat. § 13.601, Subd. 3(b).