



2026 RCLLG Collective Action Committee (CLAW) Work Plan

1. **Host a Community Leaders Workshop** on chloride given by MPCA’s GreenCorps member on why reducing chloride waste is a good idea. The audience would include elected officials, city managers, and public works directors, homeowners’ associations, and city environmental/sustainability committees. We should offer it before September when the GreenCorps member’s term is up. The training is free.
2. **Request that RCLLG’s membership share their chloride management policies and practices.** The Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) has sent a survey to public entities in its jurisdiction on the topic, and the same survey could go to communities in the rest of the county.
3. **Organize a “Clean Sweep” event.** This event would show the technology and equipment available for efficient use of chloride. (We may not need to do this if most public entities the county already use these practices.) The person who organized this event in the past has moved on, so this might have to wait until 2027.
4. **Produce a model ordinance for cities.** The MPCA has a [model ordinance](#) to reduce chloride pollution at the municipal level. The document is from 2019 and would need some customizing for Ramsey County. It includes the following.
 - a. **Occupational licensure for winter maintenance professionals.** This would show how the private sector can benefit financially from what the public sector has done and have consistent training standards countywide.
 - b. **Deicer bulk storage facility regulations.** (These are like the state’s MS4 permit requirements.) This includes training and information sharing requirements.
 - c. **Parking lot, sidewalk and private road sweeping requirements.** These would apply when salt is left on pavement after the winter season.
5. **Give public comments to the Minnesota Clean Water Council.** The Council recommends funding for chloride reduction strategies, including grants, for the 2027 legislative session. This funding comes from the Clean Water Fund that is derived from the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment. The Council is seeking public comments, and cities should make the case for additional funding.