

SUMMARY

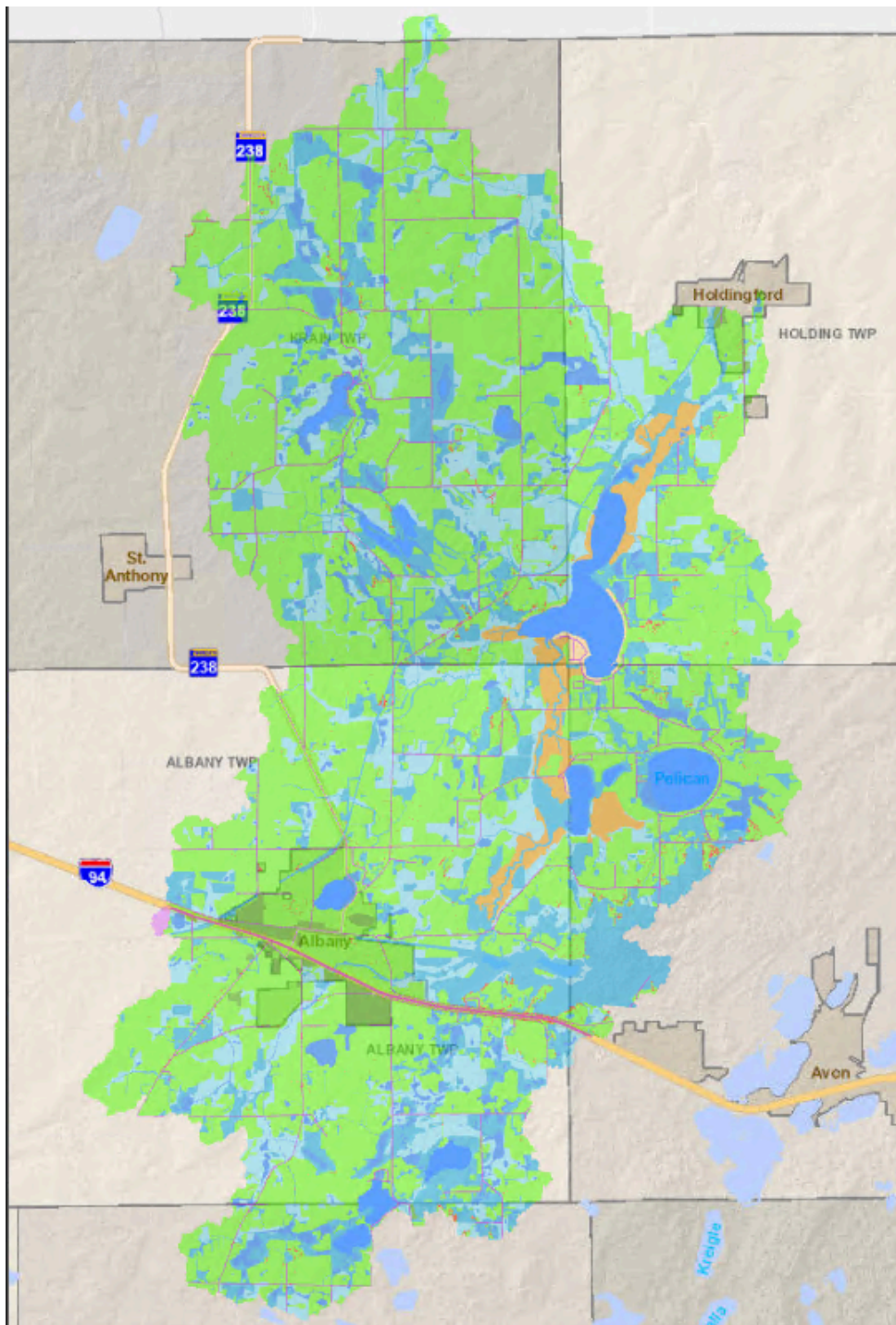
- Jan. 7, 2022 -Property owner petition for Redetermination received.
- March 22, 2022 - County Board acting as the legal drainage authority for CD 28 accepts property owner petition. State law dictates that the drainage authority shall facilitate a redetermination of benefits project. There is no discretion.
- July 19, 2022 - In accordance with MN 103E.351, the Drainage Authority appoints Viewers to carry out redetermination of benefits for CD28.
- Sep. 29, 2022 - Contract with Viewers to perform redetermination of benefits signed not to exceed \$172,000.
- March 20, 2023 - Viewers report all field review of watershed is complete.
- Oct. 7, 2024 - Viewers deliver partial draft results of viewers report. Stearns County awaits final delivery of complete draft viewers report.

WHAT IS NEXT?

- Stearns County staff continues to press the viewing team to deliver a final draft for review.
- When final draft of the viewers reports is received, staff must review data.
- Property owner reports are mailed to all impacted property owners. Report will detail how individual properties contribute water to the drainage system and what percentage of each dollar spent the property is responsible for paying.
- Informational meetings for property owners will be advertised where the viewers will explain the project and answer questions.

NEW CD 28 BOUNDARY

As expected, the properties participating in a redetermined CD 28 drainage system will increase dramatically. The natural watershed that sends water to the ditch is 43,000 acres. This map shows the new CD 28 boundary. All property within will become part of the drainage system.



BY THE NUMBERS

- The current CD 28 system was established in **1906**.
- The current CD 28 system contains about **3,089** acres.
- There are approximately **238** properties in the current CD 28 system.

- The new system is expected to contain about **43,000** acres. Modern technology allows us to understand exactly how water flows through the landscape.
- The new system is expected to contain approximately **2,200** properties including all of the City of Albany and existing drainage systems CD 6 and CD 22, which both contribute water directing to CD28.

CURRENT VERSUS NEW

- Per state law, ditch viewers determine what property contributes water to the drainage system and assigns a value (benefit) cost to the property. Stearns County has no role in this function.

CD 28 WATERSHED MAP

The watershed boundary shows the geographic area which naturally sends water to County Ditch 28. A redetermination of benefits and damages proceeding would update the system records to reflect present day use of the drainage utility. The CD 28 watershed boundary (heavy black line) is an approximation of properties which could be affected by a redetermination proceeding.

