



Minnesota Stormwater Steering Committee

Vision • Goal • Principles

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The Stormwater Design Team, Minnesota's previous advisory committee on stormwater created a set of guiding and defining statements for its work: a vision statement, a goal statement, purpose statements, and tenets. The Stormwater Steering Committee (SSC) reviewed the Design Team statements as part of the process to develop the ***Stormwater Management Roadmap for Minnesota, November 2008***. The SSC reviewed the Vision statement, reaffirmed most of the Vision, and made small changes recognizing the current stormwater environment and relationship to the State's water quality goals. The SSC reorganized the goal, purpose statements, and tenets into a new guiding framework.

The Vision describes the endpoint that the SSC wishes to arrive at, the future conditions that are to be achieved through the actions identified in the Roadmap. The Goal describes the general purpose of the SSC, and the Principles guide the specifics on how the SSC will take action and make recommendations on stormwater issues.

Vision

“To ensure a high quality of life, Minnesotans will view stormwater as a resource and will manage stormwater to protect or restore our rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands and groundwater.”

Goal

“Design a long-term statewide effort to manage stormwater using expertise from a diverse group of stakeholders.”

Principles

We will take decisive action to protect our 92,000 miles of rivers and streams, 14,000 lakes, over 9.2 million acres of wetlands, and groundwater from multiple threats and growing resource demands by:

- 1. Promoting efforts to help all Minnesotans take responsibility to understand, protect, and treasure the water that establishes our identity.**
- 2. Building an efficient, understandable, and equitable implementation framework.**
- 3. Using a watershed approach that recognizes regional variability.**
- 4. Addressing water quality and quantity issues.**
- 5. Striving for healthy and sustainable ecosystems.**
- 6. Establishing monitoring and measurement criteria and protocols to evaluate the effectiveness of implementation efforts.**
- 7. Ensuring equitable distribution of funding responsibilities and benefits.**
- 8. Managing stormwater as a vital resource.**