



Minnesota Stormwater Design Team










Purpose • Goal • Vision • Tenets

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The Minnesota Stormwater Design Team sets forth the following purpose, goal, vision and tenets for a long-term statewide stormwater effort:

Purpose

Using a systems approach, design a state stormwater effort that:

-  **Recognizes that stormwater is a “people pollution problem that requires a “people solution.**
-  **Has established goals and objectives.**
-  **Have appropriate mechanisms to check effort, progress, and environmental condition/improvement.**
-  **Addresses the major stormwater elements (i.e., construction, MS4, industrial, partnership, education/outreach and monitoring).**
-  **Integrates stormwater rule development with the design of the stormwater effort.**
-  **Recognizes the interrelationship between stormwater and the state’s impaired waters’ effort.**
-  **Streamlines by integrating stormwater management into existing planning, regulatory and governance structures to the maximum extent possible.**
-  **Addresses proposals and provisions for adequate funding.**
-  **Make consensus recommendations for how to fund implementation.**

Goal

Using expertise from a wide range of stakeholders, design a long-term state effort to reduce or eliminate the adverse environmental effects of stormwater discharge to Minnesota’s lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater.

Vision

To ensure a high quality of life, Minnesotans manage stormwater in a way that conserves, enhances and restores high-quality water in our rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands and ground water.

Tenets

- 1. All Minnesotans will take personal responsibility to fully understand, protect and treasure the water that establishes our identity as Minnesotans.**
- 2. We will build an efficient and understandable implementation framework.**
- 3. Government will assist citizens and regulated parties.**
- 4. We will use a watershed approach.**
- 5. We will address quality and quantity issues.**
- 6. We will strive for healthy ecosystems.**
- 7. Minimum performance criteria will be established to guide implementation.**
- 8. Benefits, spending, financial responsibility, and funding will be evaluated and distributed equitably among public and private entities.**
- 9. Minnesota will be a leader.**