



Welcome

Ag-Urban Partnership Forum



Agenda

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| 9 a.m. | Welcome |
| 9:15 a.m. | Keynote presentation |
| 10 a.m. | Networking/break |
| 10:15 a.m. | Successful partnership perspectives |
| 10:55 a.m. | Small group discussions |
| 11:45 a.m. | Summary of sessions |
| Noon | Adjourn |



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Welcome

MPCA Commissioner
Katrina Kessler



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MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen



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Welcome

BWSR Assistant Director
Of Regional Operations
Justin Hanson



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Keynote presentation

Coordination and collaboration for effective climate risk management in Minnesota

Heidi Roop, Ph.D., director
University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership

Return by 10:45 a.m.



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Municipal weatherproofing

Water-based infiltration and wetland restoration project

Tom Schneider, administrator/clerk/treasurer
City of Albany

A Discussion on the City of Albany's Storm Water

March 1, 2023

Albany





Agenda

1. Albany Storm Sewer Background
2. Improvement Location Map
3. Past Projects
4. Discussion & Questions

When it Rains, it Pours...



City of Albany Public Works & Wastewater Facility – May 2022

Localized Residential Flooding (Trunk Storm Sewer Overflow) – May 2022

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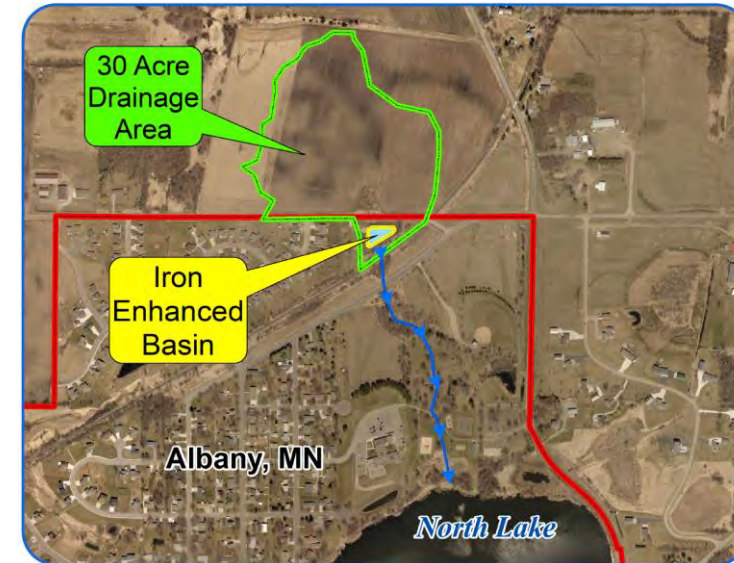
Storm Sewer Ditch Outlet
Structure Blockage during —————→
May '22 Rain Event



Albany Golf Course Flooding

(Multiple Rain Events over the years)





Drainage Area targeted for treatment

Water Quality Concerns

North Lake -2011



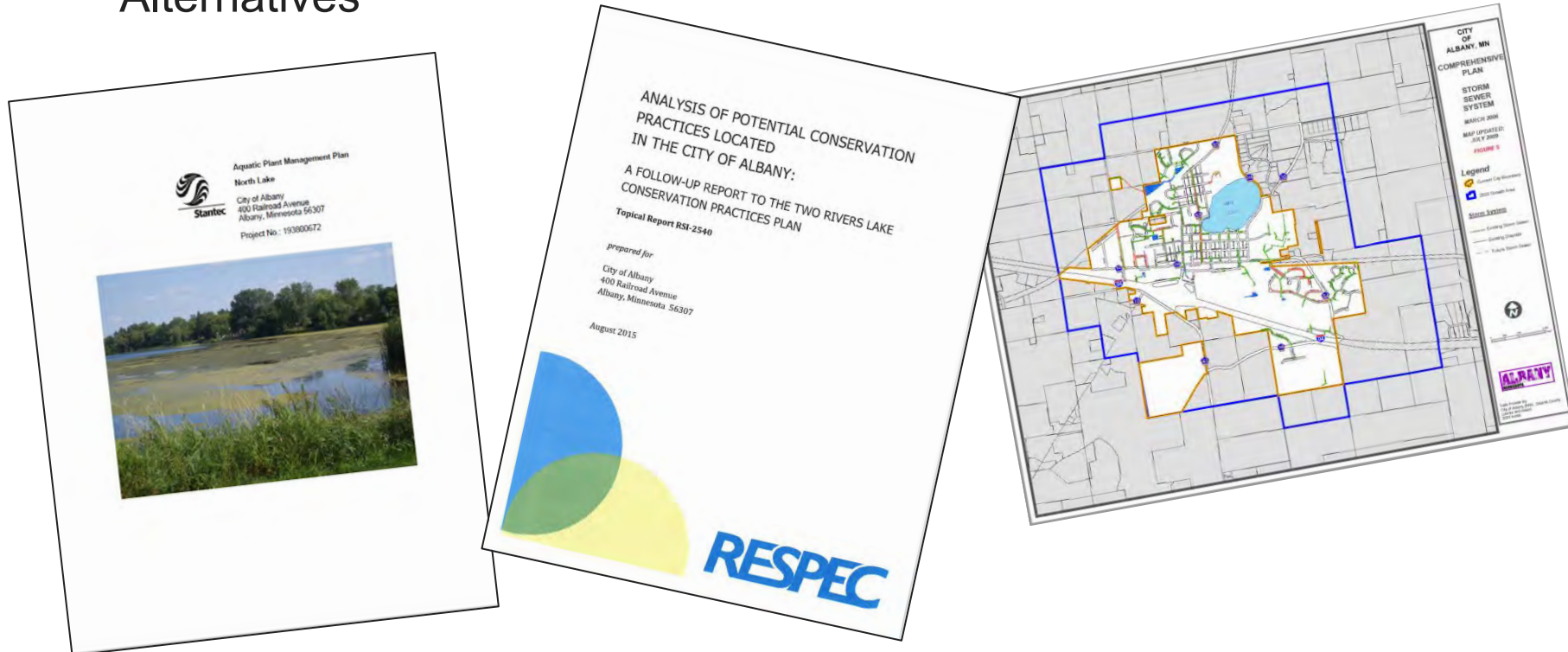
Storm Water Evaluation & Planning

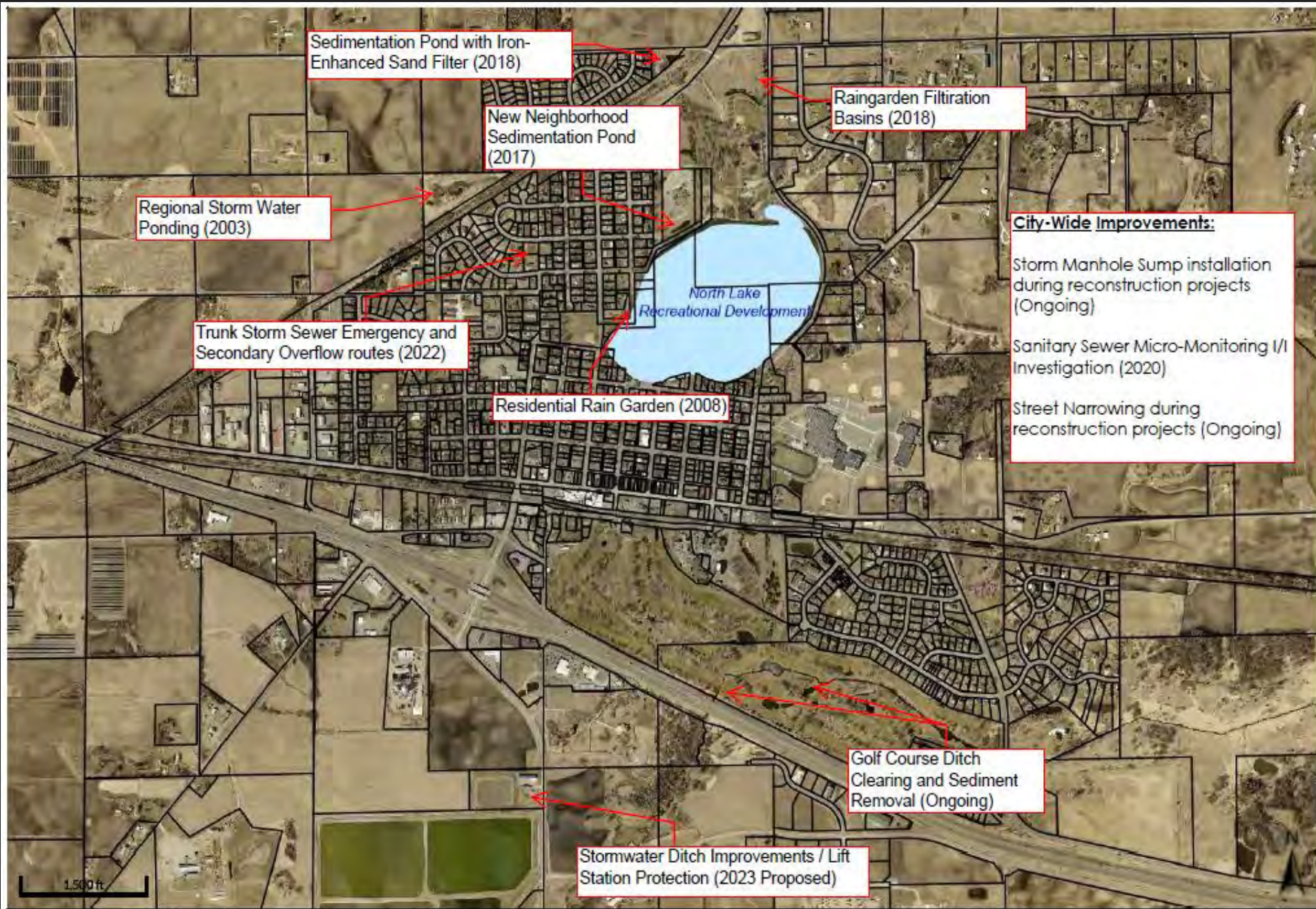
- Comprehensive Storm water mapping
- North Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan
- Albany Storm water BMP Alternatives

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Table 2-1. Water Quality Samples Taken by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

| Stearns County Lakes Monitoring Program | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Total Phosphorus (ug/L) | Chlorophyll-A (ug/L) | Secchi Depth (ft) |
| June 8, 2010 | 249 | 49 | 1.5 |
| June 29, 2010 | 344 | 245 | 1.0 |
| July 27, 2010 | 407 | 287 | 0.5 |
| August 18, 2010 | 423 | 267 | 6.0 |
| September 28, 2010 | 174 | 126 | 1.0 |
| 5-Sample Average | 319 | 195 | 2.0 |
| SHALLOW LAKE STANDARD | 60-80 | 20-30 | 2.3-3.3 |

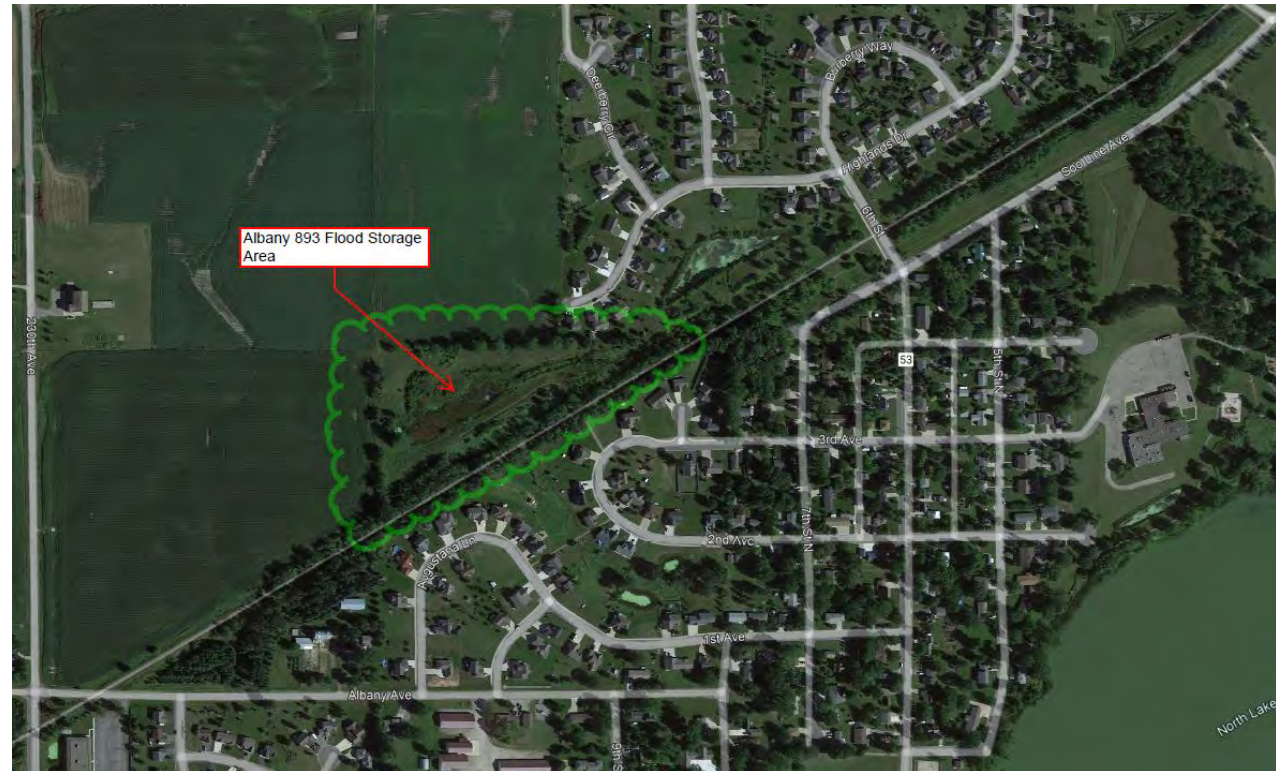
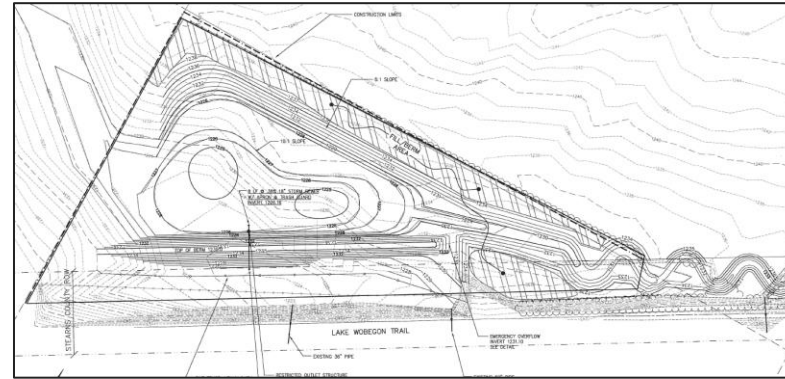




Storm Water Project Locations

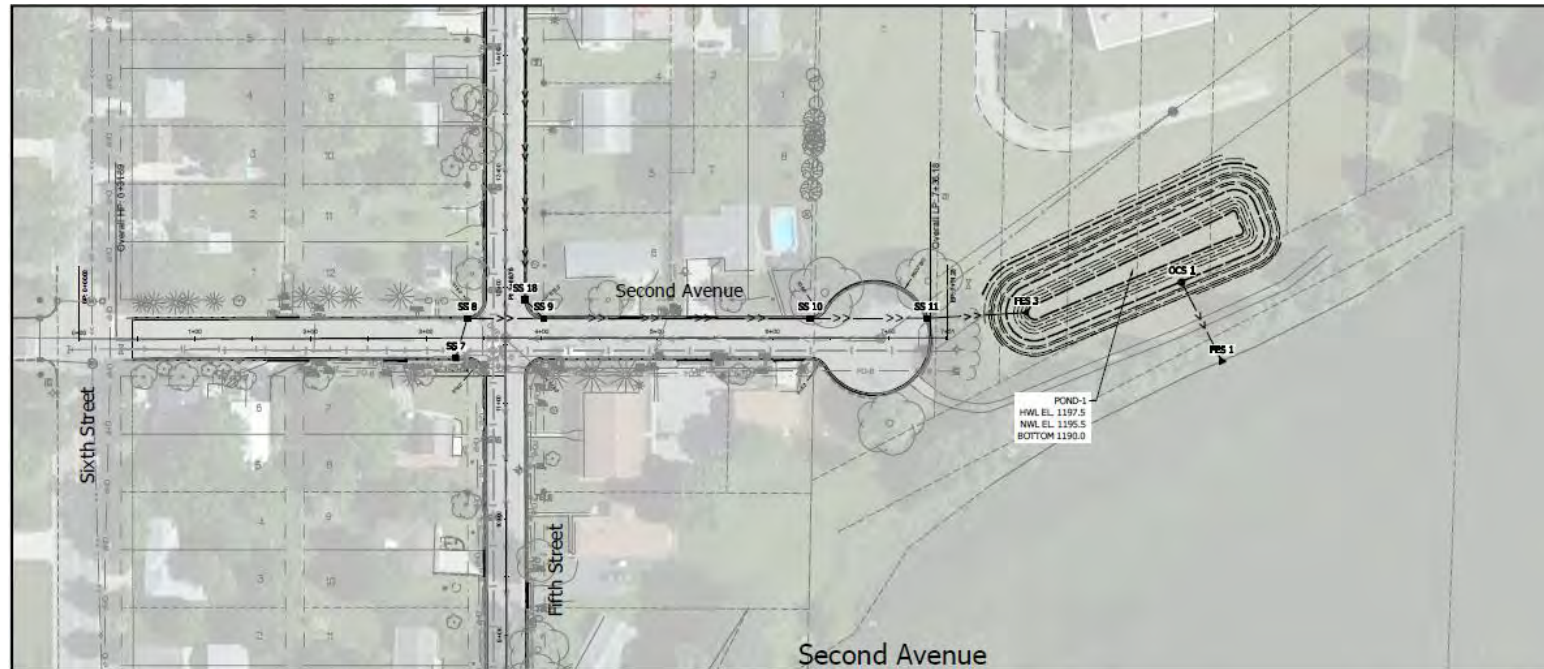
Albany 893 Storm Water Ponding Project

- 2003 trunk storm sewer ponding improvements, collecting drainage from 220 AC.
- Land acquisition - \$35,000 (6 AC)
- Total Construction & Wetland costs - \$89,400
- DNR Flood Damage Reduction Matching Grant -\$62,200
- Approx. 45 Acre-Ft of storage
- Designed for future expansion as needed



New Sedimentation Pond During Neighborhood Reconstruction (2016)

Existing neighborhood runoff flowing straight into North Lake



Storm Water Flooding Improvements

Emergency overflow swale was constructed in 2023 to route flood water away from homes



Secondary overflow storm drain outlet created to help carry the flow during large events

Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Pond – Upstream of North Lake (2018)



- Iron-enhanced sand mixture bonds with the dissolved phosphorus
- Suspended solids removed from runoff upstream of North Lake
- Extra storage slows flooding downstream



Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Pond – Upstream of North Lake (2018)



Designed Removals

- Removal of 14.2 lbs. of Phosphorus/Yr.
- Removal of 5,647 lbs. of Suspended Solids/Yr.

Filtration Basins upstream of North Lake (2018)

- Basins accept surface drainage and piped water from the adjacent TH 238 ditch.
- Basins constructed with drain tile below the basin, to balance water levels and convey treated water back to ditch.



Filtration Basins upstream of North Lake (2018)

Total Construction Costs for
filtration basins and IE Sand
Basin = \$220,000
(\$147,000 Grant)

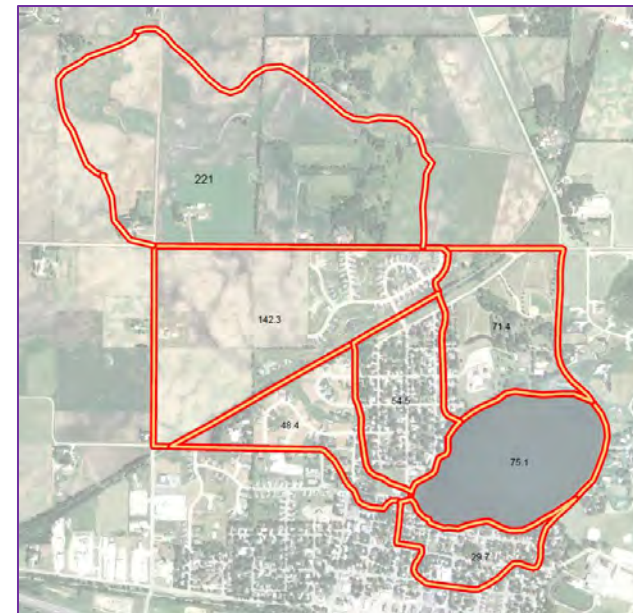
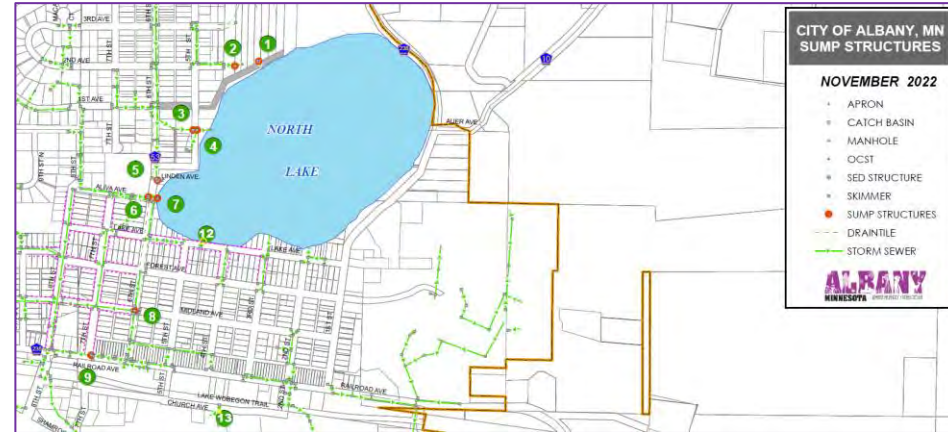


Storm Water Management Isn't Free!!

\$ Albany Utilizes a simple Storm Water Utility Fee. Collected bi-monthly with sewer and water billing, just \$2 per account, per month. Even smaller amounts can add up to healthy balances!

\$ Grant Funding through Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Clean Water Fund (Legacy) grants, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) & the DNR.

\$ Phosphorus reducing projects can be used to help offset wastewater facilities permitting limits. Return on Investments!



An aerial photograph of a suburban area in Albany, Minnesota. A red location pin is placed on a residential street, with the word "Albany" written in white text next to it. The surrounding landscape includes green fields, a large pond in the upper center, and a railway line running diagonally across the lower half of the image.

Albany

Questions?





Building resiliency through soil health

Wilkin County soil health project

Vance Johnson, producer

NRCS Monitoring Soil Properties



WILKIN SWCD SOIL HEALTH DEMO SITE

No-Tillage with Cover Crop

No-Tillage without Cover Crop

Strip-Tillage with Cover Crop

Strip-Tillage without Cover Crop

Conventional Tillage with Cover Crop

Conventional Tillage without Cover Crop

MDA Monitoring Soil Moisture



- Goal 1 (Management Systems):** Establish a minimum of six demonstration plots to compare the impacts of conventional tillage, strip-tillage and no-tillage, with and without cover crops, on soil health.

Goal 2 (Monitor & Measure): Annually monitor the physical, chemical, and biological properties of the soil, along with monitoring the soils moisture within every plot to measure soil health changes/trends.

Goal 3 (Economics): Quantify and communicate the risks and returns, for each management system, to help farmers better understand input costs and profits for each.

Goal 4 (Education): Hold a minimum of one field day annually for the public to increase adoption of soil health promoting practices.

Goal 5 (Information Gaps): Work with soil health researchers and agency partners to identify research gaps and incorporate activities/measures where practical and feasible.

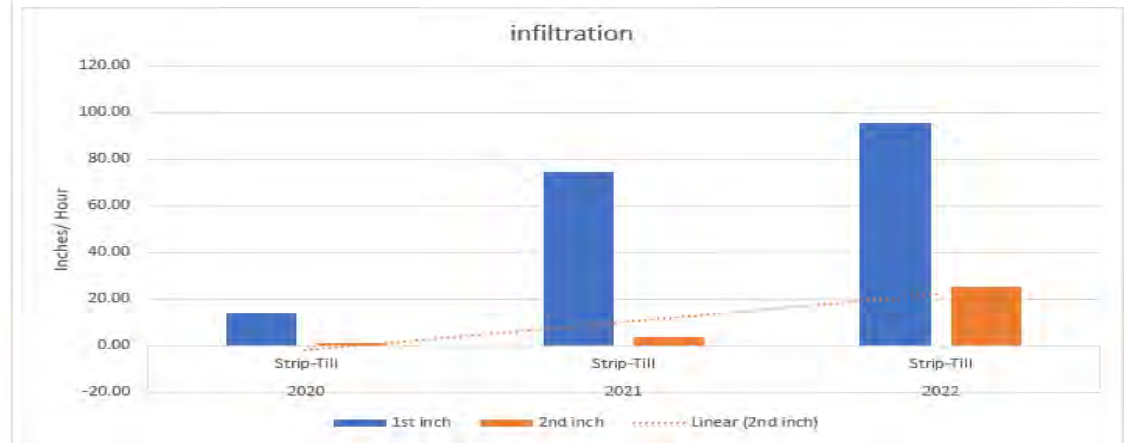
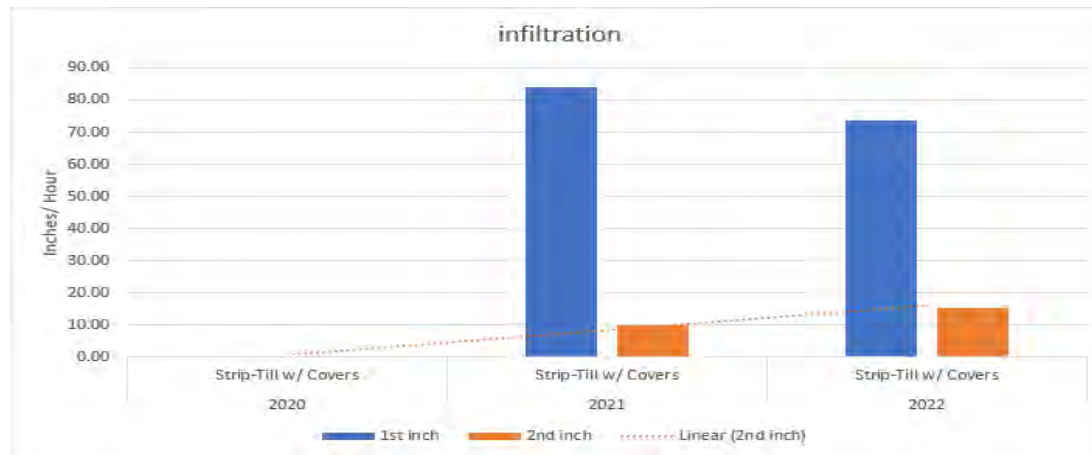
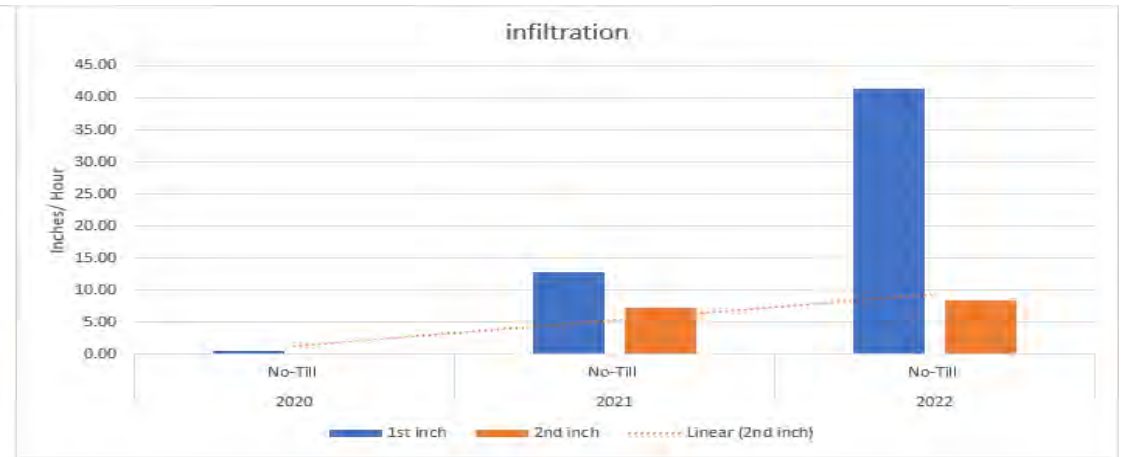
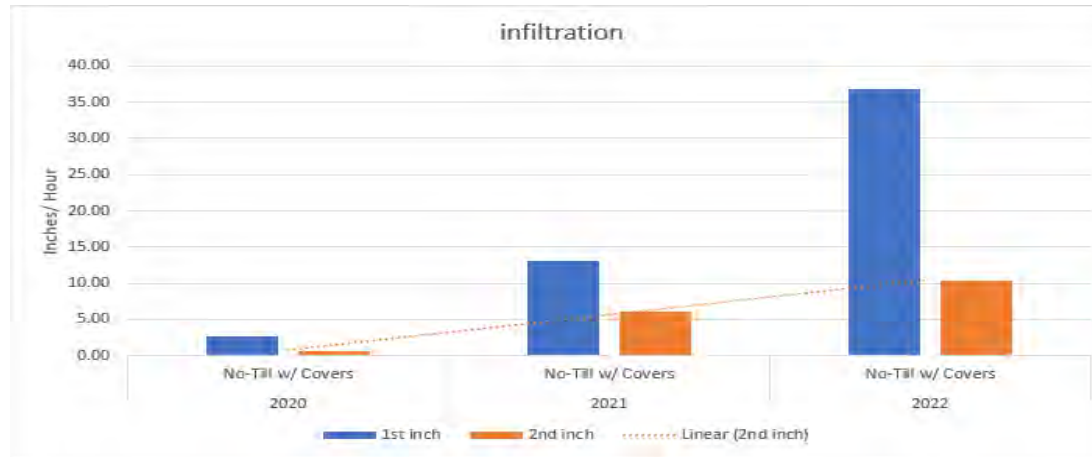


What we're tracking

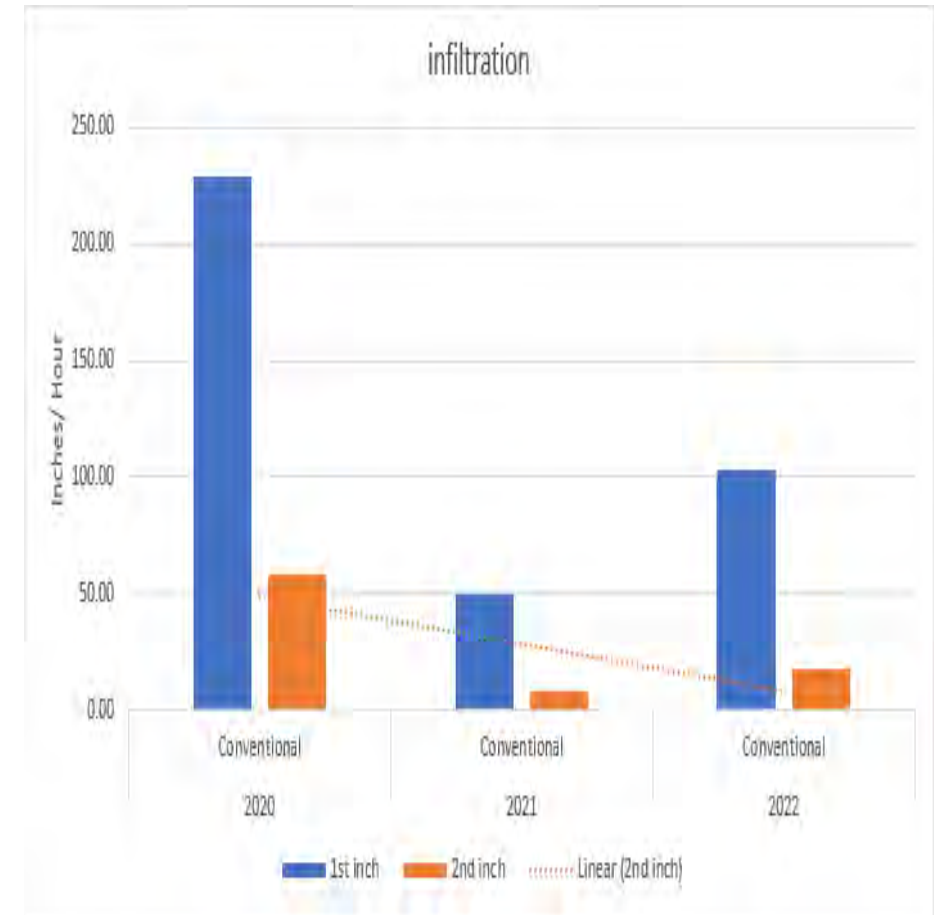
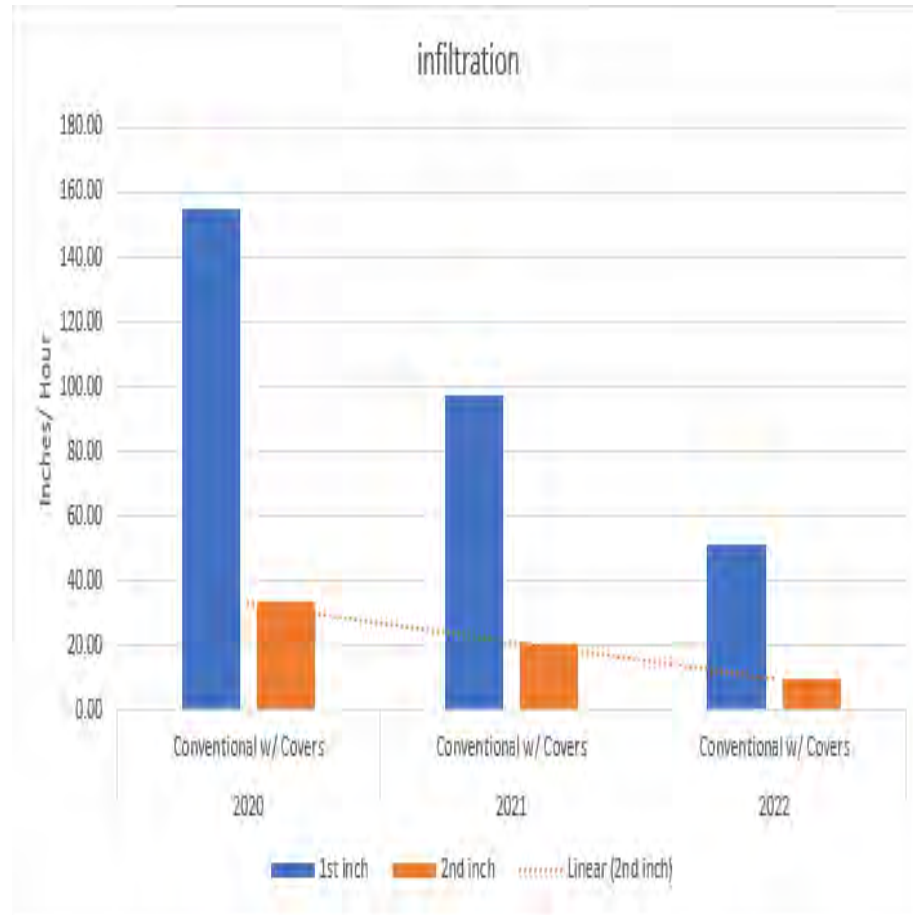
- Economics to each system (Input costs & final yields>Returns)
- Soil structure with Penetrometer readings
- Water infiltration rates
- Soil Temperature (2" & 4") and Soil Moisture (14" & 24")
- Soil fertility and Organic Matter changes (Standard & Haney soil tests)
- Biological diversity changes (PLFA test)



Water Infiltration Trends 2020 - 2022



Water Infiltration Rates 2020 - 2022



Economics of Corn 2021

Wilkin County Soil Health Demonstration Site (SWCD Tillage x Cover Crop Soil Health Study)

Year: 2021 Planted: 5/7/2021
Crop: Corn Yields: 160/180/179/185/183/151 Harvest: 10/4/2021
Harv \$: \$5.11

** Frost event on 5/26/21. No-till corn took more damage than the Strip-Till. Conventional-Till showed no damage. **

Used NDSU 2020 Custom App Rate averages

Fert applied in Fall '20: 110-80-0

Strip-till rate was a custom app rate

Sidedress N applied: 10 gpa 28% + ATS

** Strips ran 2x per first year recommendation

6 gal/ac 10-34-0 in-furrow starter

2020/2021 Plot Costs: 2021 Crop Year Inputs

| Conventional Plot | | | Strip-Till Plot | | | No-Till Plot | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Date | Input | Cost/Ac | Date | Input | Cost/Ac | Date | Input | Cost/Ac |
| 8/14/2020 | Chiselplow 1x | \$11.30 | 8/17/2020 | Cover Crop Seed | \$16.20 | 8/17/2020 | Cover Crop Seed | \$16.20 |
| 8/17/2020 | Cover crop Seed | \$16.20 | 8/17/2020 | Cover Crop App | \$10.00 | 8/17/2020 | Cover Crop App | \$10.00 |
| 8/17/2020 | Cover Crop App | \$10.00 | 10/25/2020 | Strip-till (2x) | \$50.00 | 11/6/2020 | Fert | \$64.56 |
| 9/19/2020 | Chiselplow 2ndx | \$11.30 | 10/25/2020 | fert | \$64.56 | 11/6/2020 | fert app | \$8.00 |
| 11/6/2020 | fert | \$64.56 | 5/7/2021 | planting | \$18.70 | 5/7/2021 | planting | \$18.70 |
| 11/6/2020 | fert app | \$8.00 | 5/7/2021 | PRE App | \$7.50 | 5/7/2021 | PRE App | \$7.50 |
| 11/6/2020 | Field Cultivated | \$9.27 | 5/7/2021 | PRE + RUP | \$31.95 | 5/7/2021 | PRE + RUP | \$31.95 |
| 5/6/2021 | Field Cultivated | \$9.27 | 6/7/2021 | Post Herb | \$14.52 | 6/7/2021 | Post Herb | \$14.52 |
| 5/7/2021 | planting | \$18.70 | 6/12/2021 | Sidedress | \$15.08 | 6/12/2021 | Sidedress | \$15.08 |
| 5/7/2021 | PRE App | \$7.50 | 10/4/2021 | Harvest | \$34.11 | 10/4/2021 | Harvest | \$34.11 |
| 5/7/2021 | PRE | \$27.75 | | Yield-No Covers | 179/13.6% | | Yield-No Covers | 183/14.0% |
| 6/7/2021 | Post Herb App | \$14.52 | | Yield-Covers | 185/13.3% | | Yield-Covers | 151/13.2% |
| 6/12/2021 | Sidedress App | \$15.08 | | | | | | |
| 10/4/2021 | Harvest | \$34.11 | | | | | | |
| | Yield-No Cover | 160/14.5% | | | | | | |
| | Yield-Covers | 180/14.7% | | | | | | |
| | Covers plot | \$257.56 | | Cover plot | \$262.62 | | Cover plot | \$220.62 |
| | Non Cover plot | \$231.36 | | Non Cover plot | \$236.42 | | Non Cover plot | \$194.42 |
| | | | | vs Conventional | \$5.06 | | vs Conventional | -\$36.94 |
| | | | | vs No-till | \$42.00 | | vs Strip-till | -\$42.00 |

| 2020/2021 Plot Economics with Yields | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| Conventional-Till Plot | | | Strip-Till Plot | | | No-Till Plot | | |
| No Cover | | Covers | No Cover | | Covers | No Cover | | Covers |
| 160 | Yield | 180 | 179 | Yield | 185 | 183 | Yield | 151 |
| 14.5% | Moisture | 14.7% | 13.6% | Moisture | 13.3% | 14.0% | Moisture | 13.2% |
| \$5.11 | Harvest Price | \$5.11 | \$5.11 | Harvest Price | \$5.11 | \$5.11 | Harvest Price | \$5.11 |
| \$817.60 | Gross Revenue | \$919.80 | \$914.69 | Gross Revenue | \$945.35 | \$935.13 | Gross Revenue | \$771.61 |
| \$231.36 | Expenses | \$257.56 | \$236.42 | Expenses | \$262.62 | \$194.42 | Expenses | \$220.62 |
| \$586.24 | Net | \$662.24 | \$678.27 | Net | \$682.73 | \$740.71 | Net | \$550.99 |
| 5 | | 4 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | 6 |
| | | | \$703.27 | if only 1x Stripper | \$707.73 | | | |

** Corn Severely lodged in the Conventional, slightly better with covers (but still miserable to harvest). Standability was improved in the Strip-Till, and again improved with Covers in the Strip-Till. Standability/Lodging was minimal in the No-Till plot regardless of Covers or not.

Economics of Sugarbeets 2022

Wilkin County SWCD Soil Health Demonstration Site (Tillage x Cover Crop Soil Health Study)

Year: 2022
Crop: Sugarbeets
Harv \$: \$0.15738/# sugar

Yield: 12 t/a
Fertilizer: 70-15-0 & 110-15-0

Planted: 5/28/2022
Harvest: 10/6/2022

Used NDSU 2020 Custom App Rate averages Strip-till rate was a custom app rate

2021/2022 Plot Costs:

| Conventional Plot | | | Strip-Till Plot | | | No-Till Plot | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|--|----------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Date | Input | Cost/Ac | Date | Input | Cost/Ac | Date | Input | Cost/Ac |
| 10/27/2021 | Fert: 70-15-0 | \$74.07 | 8/23/2021 | Cover Crop Seeded | \$31.15 | 8/23/2021 | Cover Crop Seeded | \$31.15 |
| 10/27/2021 | Fert App | \$8.00 | 8/23/2021 | Airplane App | \$7.50 | 8/23/2021 | Airplane App | \$7.50 |
| 11/6/2021 | Chisel Plow 1x | \$11.30 | 11/9/2021 | Fert: 110-15-0 | \$110.29 | 10/27/2021 | Fert: 110-15-0 | \$110.29 |
| 11/8/2021 | Cover Crop Seeded | \$31.15 | 11/9/2021 | Strip-Till App (1x) | \$25.00 | 10/27/2021 | Fert App | \$8.00 |
| 11/8/2021 | Coultered all 2nd pass | \$10.00 | 5/23/2022 | Roundup CC only | \$18.92 | 5/27/2022 | Roundup CC only | \$18.92 |
| 5/26/2022 | Coultered all 1x | \$10.00 | 5/28/2022 | Planting + Seed | \$224.33 | 5/28/2022 | Planting + Seed | \$224.33 |
| 5/28/2022 | Planting + Seed | \$224.33 | 6/8/2022 | Post Herb + App | \$22.02 | 6/8/2022 | Post Herb + App | \$22.02 |
| 6/8/2022 | Post Herb + App | \$22.02 | 6/23/2022 | Post Herb + App | \$33.19 | 6/23/2022 | Post Herb + App | \$33.19 |
| 6/23/2022 | Post Herb + App | \$33.19 | 6/28/2022 | Sprayed Waterhemp + App / Non CC area only | \$24.30 | 7/15/22 - 8/25/22 | Cecospera Apps (4x) | \$117.82 |
| 6/28/2022 | Sprayed Waterhemp + App/All | \$24.30 | 7/15/22 - 8/25/22 | Cecospera Apps (4x) | \$117.82 | 10/6/2022 | Harvest (Topping Lifting) | \$68.73 |
| 7/15/22 - 8/25/22 | Cecospera Apps (4x) | \$117.82 | 10/6/2022 | Harvest (Topping/Lifting) | \$68.73 | 10/6/2022 | Hauling CC | \$69.97 |
| 10/6/2022 | Harvest (Topping/Lifting) | \$68.73 | 10/6/2022 | Hauling CC | \$56.58 | | Hauling No CC | \$53.54 |
| 10/6/2022 | Hauling CC | \$66.32 | | Hauling No CC | \$57.80 | | CC Yield (Tons) | 13.8 |
| | Hauling No CC | \$60.84 | | CC Yield (Tons) | 11.16 | | CC Yield (Sugar/ac) | 4860.36 |
| | CC Yield (Tons) | 13.08 | | CC Yield (Sugar/ac) | 3930.55 | | No CC Yield (Tons) | 10.56 |
| | CC Yield (Sugar/ac) | 4649.04 | | No CC Yield (Tons) | 11.4 | | No CC Yield (Sugar/ac) | 3592.44 |
| | No CC Yield (Tons) | 12 | | No CC Yield Sugar/ac) | 3930.55 | | | |
| | No CC Yield (Sugar/ac) | 4395.45 | | | | | | |
| | Covers plot | \$701.23 | | Cover plot | \$715.53 | | Cover plot | \$711.92 |
| | Non Cover plot | \$664.60 | | Non Cover plot | \$683.48 | | Non Cover plot | \$637.92 |
| | | | | vs Conventional | \$14.31 | | vs Conventional | \$10.69 |
| | | | | vs No-till | \$3.62 | | vs Strip-till | -\$3.62 |

2021/2022 Plot Economics with Yields

| Conventional-Till Plot | | | Strip-Till Plot | | | No-Till Plot | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| No Cover | | Covers | No Cover | | Covers | No Cover | | Covers |
| 12 | Yield (Tons) | 13.08 | 11.4 | Yield (Tons) | 11.16 | 10.56 | Yield (Tons) | 13.8 |
| 20.19% | % Sugar | 20.19% | 19.40% | % Sugar | 19.79% | 19.40% | % Sugar | 19.79% |
| 4395.46 | Sugar/Ac | 4649.04 | 3930.55 | Sugar/Ac | 3930.55 | 3592.44 | Sugar/Ac | 4860.36 |
| \$0.15738 | Harvest Price | \$0.15738 | \$0.15738 | Harvest Price | \$0.15738 | \$0.15738 | Harvest Price | \$0.15738 |
| \$691.76 | Gross Revenue | \$731.67 | \$618.59 | Gross Revenue | \$618.59 | \$565.38 | Gross Revenue | \$764.92 |
| \$664.60 | Expenses | \$701.23 | \$683.48 | Expenses | \$715.53 | \$637.92 | Expenses | \$711.92 |
| \$27.16 | Net | \$30.44 | -\$64.89 | Net | -\$96.94 | -\$72.54 | Net | \$53.01 |
| 3 | | 2 | 4 | | 6 | 5 | | 1 |

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** There was considerable toppler loss due to knocking beets out of the ground ahead of the lifter, as well as, tail snapping in all plots due to the excessively dry/hard conditions. Because of this there was a large difference found between actual harvest results and the hand dug results as pulled just prior to harvest.

** No harvestability differences were observed between treatments from the tractor. Ground conditions appeared to be very similar during harvest.

** When hand sampling was done, differences in ground conditions were observed between the various treatments. The beets were easily removed by hand in the No-till plots. It got slightly tougher to pull the beets in the Strip-till plots, and in the Conventional-till plots a shovel was needed to harvest the beets. There was also a lot of breaking of the sugarbeets in the conventional plots, even with the use of a shovel.

Results as Hand dug yield samples

| Yield | | % Sugar | | % Purity | | RST | | RSA | |
|-------|------|---------|-------|----------|-------|------|-------|------|------|
| NTCC | 27.7 | CT | 20.15 | CT | 92.10 | CT | 355.6 | NTCC | 9544 |
| CTCC | 26.2 | CTCC | 20.11 | NT | 92.02 | CTCC | 347.6 | CTCC | 9108 |
| CT | 24.0 | STCC | 19.85 | STCC | 91.32 | STCC | 346.5 | CT | 8686 |
| ST | 22.8 | NTCC | 19.80 | ST | 91.20 | NTCC | 344.1 | ST | 7726 |
| STCC | 22.3 | ST | 19.45 | NTCC | 91.00 | NT | 341.8 | STCC | 7714 |
| NT | 21.0 | NT | 19.40 | CTCC | 90.61 | ST | 338.1 | NT | 7106 |

NTCC = No-till w/ Cover Crop
NT = No-till only

STCC = Strip-till w/ Cover Crop
ST = Strip-till only

CTCC = Conventional-till w/ Cover Crop
CT = Conventional-till only

Take away's so far

- Only 2 years into a 5+ year project
- Not research.
Demonstration/Observation only.
- Starting to see trends (minor at this point) towards improved water infiltration, cover crop influences, trafficability
- Every year there has been surprises. Good and Bad.
- Biggest hurdle so far is getting the help to process all the data.



Follow our Story

co.wilkin.mn.us/conservationdistrict

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Wilkin County Minnesota website. The header includes navigation links for HOME, OUR COUNTY, and DEPARTMENTS. A search bar is located in the top right. The main content area features the Wilkin County logo and a section for the Wilkin Soil & Water Conservation District. On the left, there is a sidebar with links to COUNTY BOARD, LIVING HERE, DIRECTORY, VOLUNTEERS, SITE MAP, and EMPLOYEE ACCESS. Below these links, the 'In Departments:' section lists the Agricultural Inspector, Assessor, and Attorney. The main content area includes a 'Monthly Board Meetings' section with information about the current meeting, a 'Contact Us' section with the address and phone number, and a 'Find Us On Facebook' section. A red banner at the bottom of the main content area states: 'Due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, the Wilkin SWCD office will be closed to the public. Staff will be working remotely with access to their e-mail and voicemails.'

This screenshot shows the same website but with a detailed sidebar on the left. The sidebar lists various departments and services: PUBLIC Health, We Care Coalition, Recorder, Sheriff, University of MN Extension Service, Veterans Service Officer, Wilkin Soil & Water Conservation District (with a link), Board Information, Staff, Conservation Services & Programs, Educational Programs, Conservation Links, Awards, Grant Reports, Specials Projects, Podcasts, We're In The News, Soil Health Demonstration Site, and Economic Development Authority. The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column contains a 'Stay Safe' message. The second column contains a 'Our Mission' section and a 'Who We Are' section. The third column contains a 'Contact Us' section and a 'Find Us On Facebook' section. A red banner at the bottom of the main content area states: 'Despite these changes, we will continue to work to achieve our mission and help the Wilkin County public with all of their conservation needs. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.'



Water communities tackling climate change

Water communities tackling climate change through planning

Henry Van Offelen, clean water specialist
BWSR

Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans (CWMPs)

32 approved

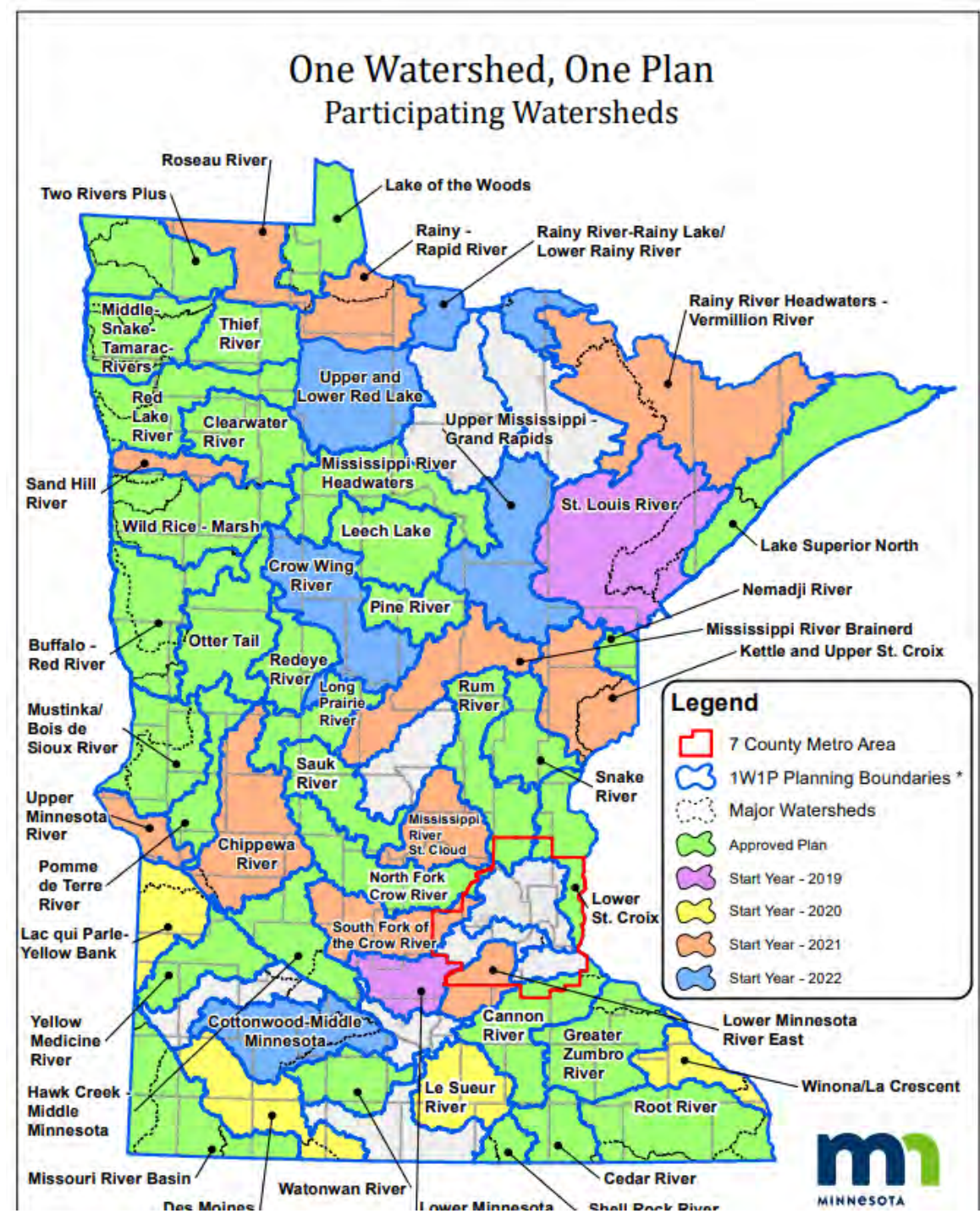
8 in review

14 in development

6 watersheds remain

(Authorized in MS 103B.801)

Implementation funded through Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grants

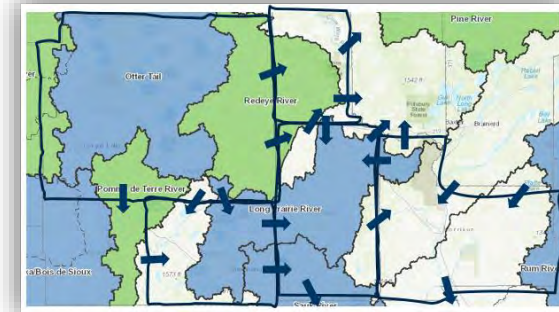
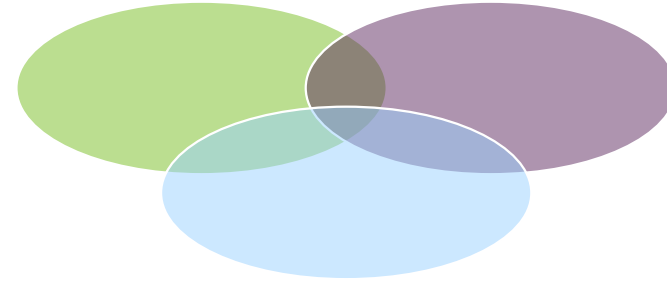


Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans – Three Big Ideas

Working together on local issues

“Going with the flow”

Make choices that show results

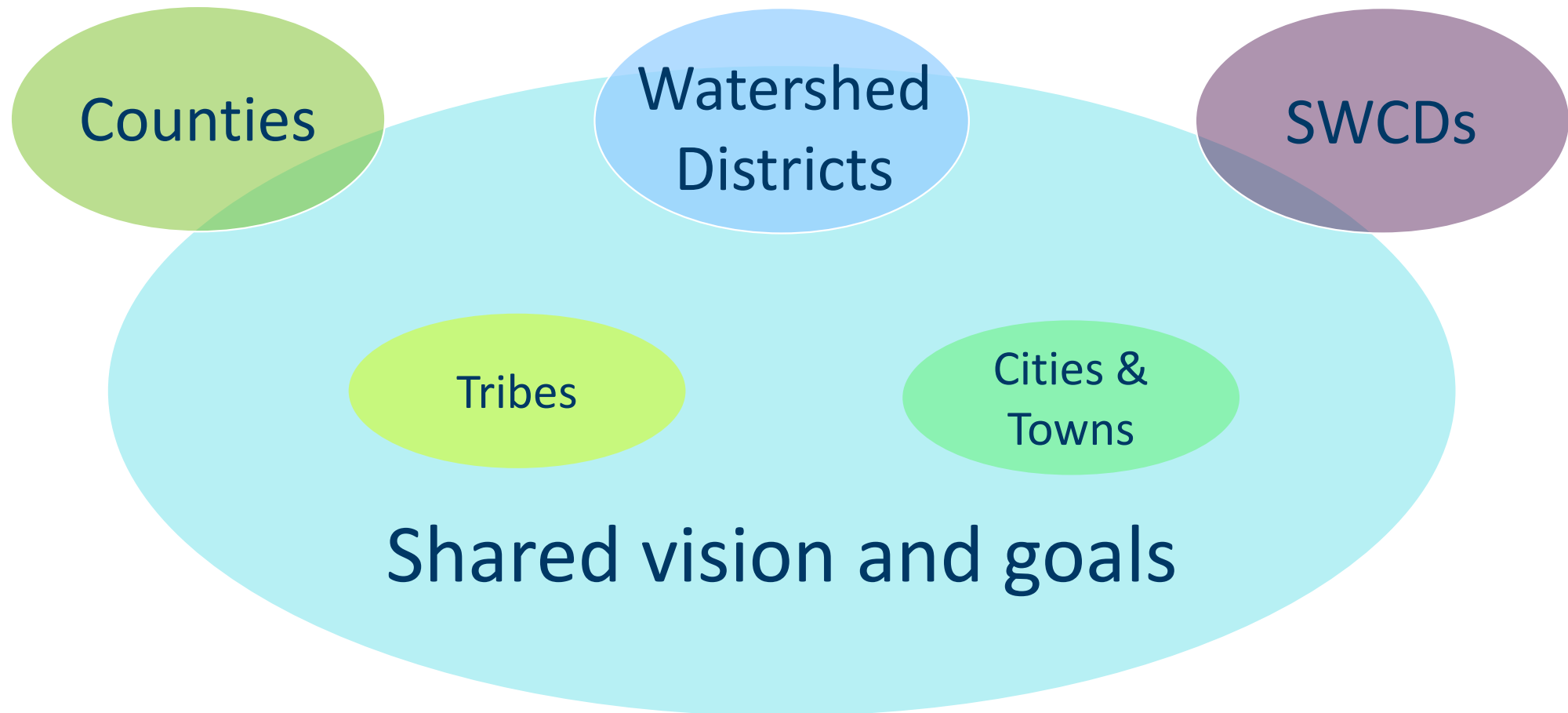


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Working Together on Local Issues





One Watershed, One Plan Plan Content Requirements

From the Board of Water and Soil Resources, State of Minnesota

Version: 2.00
Effective Date: 03/28/2018
Approval: Board Decision #18-14

Policy Statement

These are the minimum requirements for contents of a comprehensive watershed management plan developed through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' (BWSR) One Watershed, One Plan program. The One Watershed, One Plan vision is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation plans. These procedures are based on the *One Watershed, One Plan Guiding Principles* adopted by BWSR on December 18, 2013.

[Minnesota Statutes §103B.101 Subd. 14](#) permits BWSR to adopt methods to allow comprehensive plans, local water management plans, or watershed management plans to serve as substitutes for one another, or to be replaced with one comprehensive watershed management plan and requires BWSR to establish a suggested watershed boundary framework for these plans. [Minnesota Statutes §103B.801](#) outlines the purpose of and requirements for comprehensive watershed management plans and directs BWSR to establish content requirements for plans.

One Watershed, One Plan Guidebook



Purpose:

The *One Watershed, One Plan Guidebook* is a series of supporting information documents for the *One Watershed, One Plan - Plan Content Requirements*. The documents contain definitions, examples, and considerations to help stimulate discussions and provide direction as planning groups move through each phase of the planning process. The following is not program policy, but rather, is intended to serve as a resource and point of reference for developing comprehensive watershed management plans.

For program policy, please see:

- One Watershed, One Plan – Plan Content Requirements
- One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures
- One Watershed, One Plan Guiding Principles



Required plan elements

1. Executive summary
2. Land and water narrative
3. Priority resources and issues
4. Measurable goals
5. Targeted implementation schedule
6. Plan implementation programs (includes budget)
7. Plan administration and coordination

One Watershed, One Plan Plan Content Requirements

From the Board of Water and Soil Resources, State of Minnesota

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Policy Statement

These are the minimum requirements for contents of a comprehensive watershed management plan developed through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' (BWSR) One Watershed, One Plan program. The One Watershed, One Plan vision is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation plans. These procedures are based on the *Watershed, One Plan Guiding Principles* adopted by BWSR on December 18, 2013.

[Minnesota Statutes §103B.101 Subd. 14](#) permits BWSR to adopt methods to allow comprehensive plans, water management plans, or watershed management plans to serve as substitutes for one another, or to be replaced with one comprehensive watershed management plan and requires BWSR to establish a suggested watershed boundary framework for these plans. [Minnesota Statutes §103B.801](#) outlines the purpose and requirements for comprehensive watershed management plans and directs BWSR to establish content requirements for plans.



B. Other topics

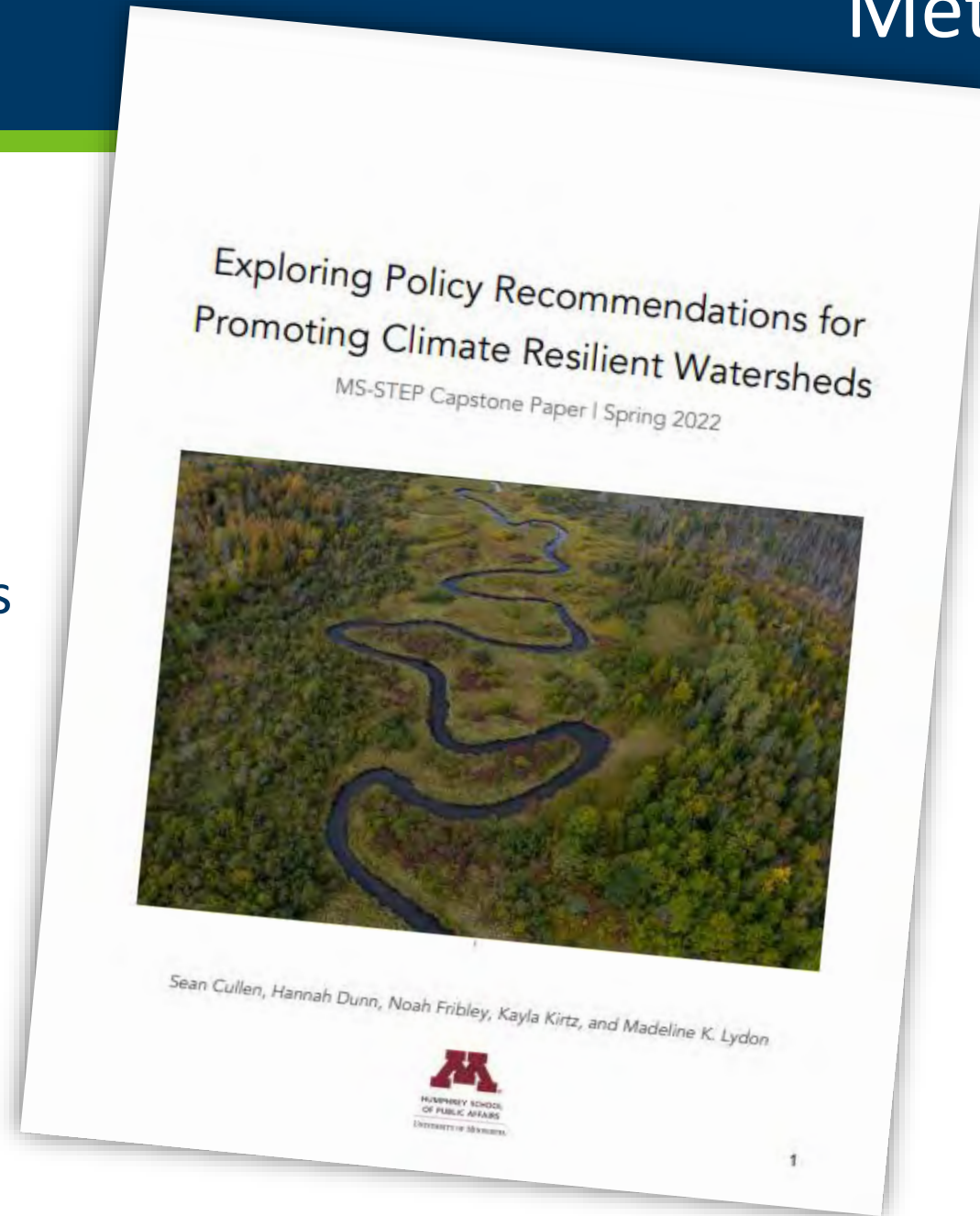
The following topics, and others identified by planning partnerships, may also be addressed in the plan.

- Soil health
- Altered hydrology
- Maintenance of core services; understanding of local capacity
- Water supply (protect, provide, and conserve)
- Drinking water supply
- Drainage system management
- Wastewater management
- Storm water management
- Drought mitigation
- Education, outreach, and civic engagement
- Contaminants of emerging concern
- Emerging issues (e.g. land cover, climate change, etc.)
- Invasive species prevention and/or management
- Chlorides
- Administrative priorities (e.g. establishment of uniform local policies and controls in the watershed)
- Fiscal challenges (e.g. minimizing public capital expenditures in resolving problems in areas such as flood control or water quality protection)

C. Special consideration: extreme weather

Planning partnerships are strongly encouraged to consider the potential for more extreme weather events and their implications for the water and land resources of the watershed in the analysis and prioritization of issues. While these events cannot be predicted with certainty as to time and occurrence, the meteorological record shows increased frequency and severity of extreme weather events, which directly affects issues in local water planning.

- **Reviewed** literature
- **Analyzed** available plans as of winter 2022 (27 plans)
- **Surveyed** 225 planning partners
- **Interviewed**
 - planning consultants
 - BWSR staff
 - climate scientist



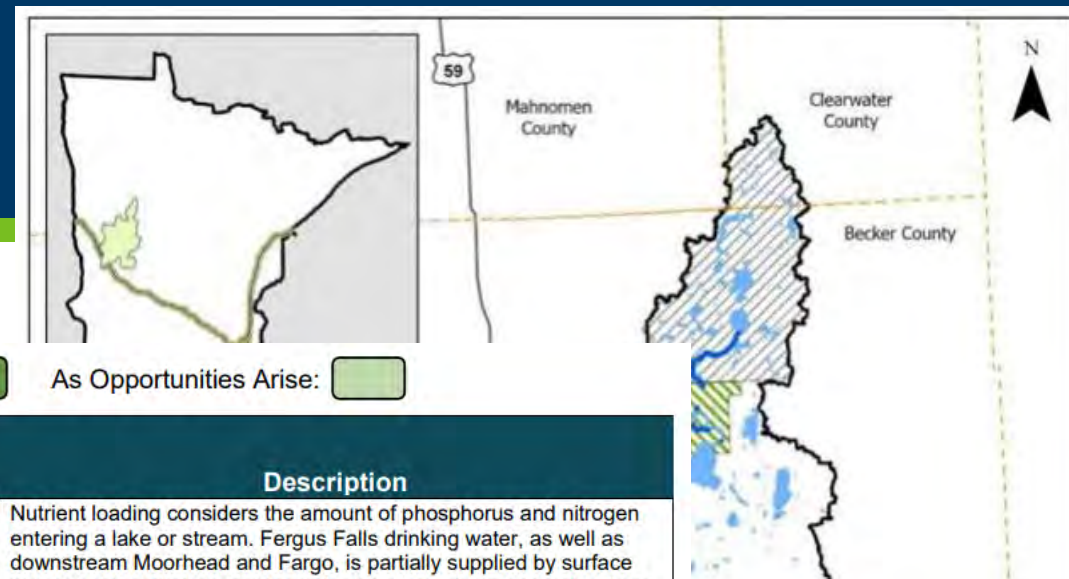
CWMP Analysis

| Watershed | Climate change | Climate change goals/action items/intent | Climate change classified as an emerging issue | Resilience | Resilience goals/action items/intent | Changing precipitation patterns and extreme weather events | Precip/weather goals/action items/intent | NOAA Atlas 14 | Future looking precipitation models |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Root River | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | |
| Yellow Medicine River | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | |
| Lake Superior North | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Red Lake River | X | | | X | | | | X | |
| North Fork Crow River | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Leech Lake River | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | |
| Lake of the Woods | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | |
| Pine River Watershed | X | | X | X | X | X | | | X |
| Missouri River Watershed | X | | | X | | X | | X | |
| Cedar - Wapsipinicon | | | | | | X | | X | X |
| Thief River | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Cannon River | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | |
| Pomme de Terre River | X | | | X | X | X | | | |
| Leaf, Wing, Redeye | X | | | X | X | X | | | |
| Buffalo-Red River | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Lower St. Croix | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | |
| Nemadji | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | |
| Wild Rice - Marsh River | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Watonwan River | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Bois de Sioux and Mustinka Watershed | X | | X | X | | X | | X | |
| Two Rivers Plus | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | |
| Sauk River | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | |
| Mississippi Headwaters Watershed | X | | | X | X | X | | X | |
| Greater Zumbro | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Hawk Creek-Middle Minnesota | X | X | | X | X | X | | | |
| Rum River | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Shell Rock - Winnebago | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | |
| Total | 26 | 10 | 14 | 26 | 20 | 26 | 11 | 20 | 2 |
| Percent | 96% | 37% | 52% | 96% | 74% | 96% | 41% | 74% | 7% |

Table 2: Consolidated CWMP Analysis

The CWMP analysis and survey results reveal:









- Discrepancies exist between discussions of climate change in CWMPs and associated priorities or goals to address climate change and climate resilience.
- Climate change remains a deeply divisive and polarizing topic amongst planning partners.
- Planning partners are using non-predictive tools for planning and there is a lack of tools and resources to address climate change and incorporate climate resilience.
- Planning partners express uncertainty about strategies to address climate change and associated impacts.



Planning Region Focus - Primary Focus: Secondary Focus: As Opportunities Arise:

Table 1.1. Primary Issues.

| Resources Affected | |
|---|-----|
| Lakes, Streams, Drinking Water | Nu |
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| Lakes, Streams, Wetlands, Forests, Prairies | Su |
| Lakes, Streams, Wetlands | Un |
| Aquifer, Drinking Water | Gr |
| Soil, Lakes, Streams, Wetlands | So |
| Forests, Prairies | Fra |
| Lakes, Streams | Aq |

| Resource Category | Resources Affected | Issue Statement | Planning Region Focus | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Lakes, Streams, Drinking Water | Nutrient loading causes algal blooms and eutrophication. |  | Nutrient loading considers the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen entering a lake or stream. Fergus Falls drinking water, as well as downstream Moorhead and Fargo, is partially supplied by surface water and is included as a focus for this issue. Internal loading from legacy phosphorus in lake sediments is also included here. NRCS Resource Concern: <i>Water Quality Degradation – Excess nutrients in surface water</i> |
|  | Lakes, Streams | Wind and water erosion impact water clarity, dissolved oxygen levels, and aquatic habitat. |  | This issue focuses on how much sediment is moving and being deposited across the landscape due to wind and water erosion. Excess sediment in waterbodies can impact water quality and also aquatic life through decreased dissolved oxygen levels and degraded aquatic habitat. NRCS Resource Concerns: <i>Soil Erosion – Wind, sheet, and rill erosion</i> <i>Water Quality Degradation – Excessive sediment in surface waters</i> |
|  | Lakes, Streams, Wetlands, Forests, Prairies | Sufficient protection is needed for outstanding resources and sensitive species to maintain water and habitat quality. |  | Sufficient protection is needed for waterbodies that are designated supporting cisco or trout, as shallow lakes, as sensitive wetlands, or as containing wild rice. Protection is also a priority for forests and prairies as described in the Land Stewardship Plan. NRCS Resource Concern: <i>Inadequate Habitat for Fish & Wildlife – Habitat Degradation & Habitat Continuity</i> |
|  | Lakes, Streams, Wetlands | Untreated stormwater , including chloride, impacts water quality. |  | Untreated stormwater impacts are most prevalent near main roads and highways, in urban areas, on lakeshore, and within the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit boundaries in Detroit Lakes and Fergus Falls.. NRCS Resource Concerns: <i>Water Quality Degradation – Excessive salts in surface waters</i> <i>Excess Water – Ponding, flooding</i> |

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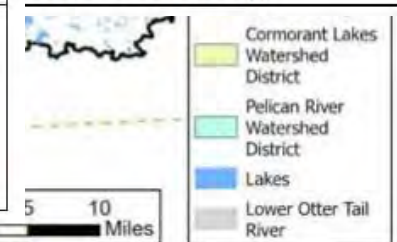
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and loss of recharge.



Measurable Goals

Phosphorus Reduction

- 5% reduction in focus lakes and streams through agricultural practices, stormwater management, and shoreline stabilization

Sediment Reduction

- 4% reduction in focus streams through agricultural practices, stormwater

Soil Health

- 1,500 acres/year of soil health practices such as cover crops, no till, pasture management, and conservation cover (15,000 acres)

Groundwater Protection

- 690 acres/year groundwater protection practices such as nutrient management, irrigation water management

Aquatic Connectivity











- Modify 4 dams on the Pelican River to reconnect 81 river miles, and modify 4 dams on the Otter Tail River to reconnect 88 river miles.

Water Retention

- 0% change in watershed discharge while building resilience through agricultural practices, forest protection, stormwater retention, and wetland restoration.



Otter Tail River Subwatershed Implementation Table

| Actions | Targeting and Measuring | | | Measurable Goals | | | | | | | | | | Responsibility | Timeline | | | | | Estimated Costs | |
|---|---|--|--|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| | Program | Focus Resources | 10-Year Output <i>Water quality benefits are reported at field edge</i> | Phosphorus Reduction | Sediment Reduction | Soil Health | Groundwater Protection | Land Protection | Bacteria Reduction | Aquatic Connectivity | Stream Stability | Water Retention | AIS Prevention and Mgmt | Responsibility/Partners (Bold = Lead) | 2023-2024 | 2025-2026 | 2027-2028 | 2029-2030 | 2031-2032 | Funding Level | Estimated Total 10-Year Cost |
| Soil Health Practices (cover crops, reduced tillage, perennial crops, conservation crop rotation, prescribed grazing) |  | Critical Soil Loss Acres | 8,885 acres 8,770 lbs/yr phosphorus 14,218 tons/yr sediment 28,081 lbs/yr nitrogen | ● | ● | ● | ○ | | ○ | | | ○ | | SWCDs, NRCS, BWSR, MDA | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$1,332,750 |
| Groundwater Agricultural Practices (nutrient management, irrigation water management, precision irrigation technology) |  | Nitrogen Infiltration Risk, DWSMAs | 5,323 acres 426 lbs/yr phosphorus 4,471 tons/yr sediment 5,536 lbs/yr nitrogen | ● | ● | ○ | ● | | ○ | | | ○ | | SWCDs, NRCS, BWSR, RCPP, MDA | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$798,450 |
| Drinking Water Protection Practices (Fergus Falls surface water intake protection activities, including nutrient reductions and spill response) |  | Hoot & Wright Lakes, Spill Response Area | Included in phosphorus and sediment reduction practices | ● | ● | | | | ○ | | | | | City of Fergus Falls, MDH, SWCD | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | Costs not available |
| Structural Agricultural Practices (sediment basins; grade stabilizations, filter strips) |  | Focus Lakes & Streams | 1,530 lbs/yr phosphorus 1,745 tons/yr sediment (For resource goals, see pages 71, 72, 74). | ● | ● | | | | ○ | | ○ | ● | | SWCDs, NRCS, BWSR | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$570,000 |
| Bacteria Reduction Projects (waste pit closures, manure storage, livestock fencing and crossing, agricultural waste systems, retention basins) |  | Impaired Streams | 10 projects (1/year pace) | ○ | ○ | | ○ | | ● | | | | | NRCS, SWCDs, MPCA, Counties, cities | | | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$500,000 |
| Forest Stewardship Plans |  | Focus Lakes & Streams, LSP | 3,306 acres, 27 plans | ○ | ○ | | ○ | ● | | | | | | SWCDs, DNR, BWSR, Private Foresters | | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$16,200 |
| Forest, Prairie, and Land Protection (SFIA, 2c, Easements, Acquisition) |  | Focus Lakes & Streams, LSP | 3,306 acres | ○ | ○ | | ○ | ● | | | | ○ | | SWCDs, BWSR, DNR, cities, counties, MDH, MPCA, BWSR (RIM), Tamarac NWR, USFWS | | ● | ● | ● | ● | 3 | \$1,256,000 |
| Stormwater Management (storm sewer maintenance, street cleaning, construction stormwater treatment, rain gardens, green infrastructure) |  | Focus Lakes & Streams, Fergus Falls | 439 lbs phosphorus/yr (For resource goals, see page 71) | ● | ● | | ○ | | ○ | | ○ | ○ | | Cities, SWCDs, Counties, COLA, Lake Associations, LIDs | | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$4,390,000 |
| Buffer and Shoreline Management (shoreline restoration, riparian buffers, riparian enhancement) |  | Focus Lakes & Streams | 20 projects (2/year pace) | ● | ● | | | | ○ | | ● | ○ | | SWCDs, Counties, DNR, COLA, Lake Associations, LIDs | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$80,000 |
| Stream and Ditch Stabilization |  | Focus Areas | 1.4 miles | ○ | ● | | | | ○ | | ● | | | SWCDs, Counties, BWSR, DNR | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2* | \$130,000 |



7. Resiliency

This plan includes actions and programs that build social, economic, and ecological resilience.

- Social resilience programs and actions:
 - Regulatory program
 - Outreach and education program
 - Partnerships between planning partners, lake associations, Lake Improvement Districts, and other government agencies and organizations
- Economic resilience programs and actions:
 - Cost share incentives for practices
 - New state funding for local projects, which also supports local staff capacity, local contractors, and local consultants.
- Ecological resilience programs and actions:
 - Forest management and protection
 - Cover crops
 - Wetland restoration
 - Stormwater management

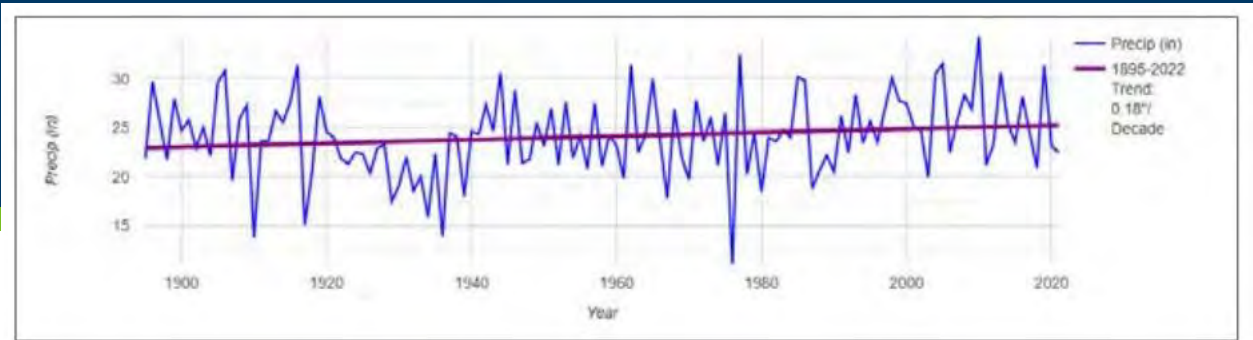


Figure 7.1. Precipitation trend in the Otter Tail Watershed.



Watershed.

New developments since the 1W1P policy was created

Minnesota Climate A



South Washington Watershed District Climate Resiliency Plan



Climate Change Trends and Action Plan

September 2022

- would extend more opportunities for collaboration to partners outside of BWSR's traditional clientele of local governments.
- **Wetland banking policy updates:** Proposed policy changes would refine and improve the state's valuable wetland banking program, which generates mitigation credits to offset negative impacts to wetlands.

Lac tribal nations represent collaboration with the
Bottom: Wetland restoration
Frederick County offers
improved pollinator on
infiltration, water storage
Photo credit: BWSR



Proposed Fiscal Changes

- **Funding for FTE Tribal Liaison (\$265,000 from the general fund):** This action aligns with recent laws enacted that codify government-to-government relations and consultation between Minnesota state agencies and Tribal Nations.
- **Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) funding increase (\$2.5 million from the general fund):** These grants are available to Minnesota local governments designed to protect and improve water resources via conservation practice restoration and wetland mitigation and enhancement. To be eligible for the NRBG locally adopted and Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved comprehensive management plan.

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Take Home Messages

- “Climate change” and “Resiliency” are being mentioned and discussed to varying extents in all plans *
- “Climate change” and to a lesser extent, “Resiliency” can be very divisive terms in the watershed planning process.
- Implementation schedules (the most important part of these plans) include actions to achieve multiple goals that directly and indirectly relate to climate change and make the landscape more resilient.

Questions

Small group discussions

Facilitators

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Participation looks like . . .

- Receiving each response **equally** regardless of position or title.
- Allowing for **diverse perspectives**.
- Making a respectful and **positive contribution**.



Focus on/focus off

- **Inquiry...** rather than advocacy
- **Dialogue...** rather than debate
- **Conversation...** rather than argument
- **Understanding...** rather than defending



Small group discussion

Select one person to be the spokesperson for the table.

1. What is your name and what is **one word** that describes you outside of work? Why did you select that word?
2. What is **one thing** you heard today that piqued your curiosity?
3. What do you wish people knew about your experience when extreme weather events occur? How do they affect you?
4. What are proactive ways that we could partner with each other when it comes to these extreme weather events? *Use the sheets of paper and sharpies to write 2-3 ideas at each table. One idea per sheet.*

Summary



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Thank you

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