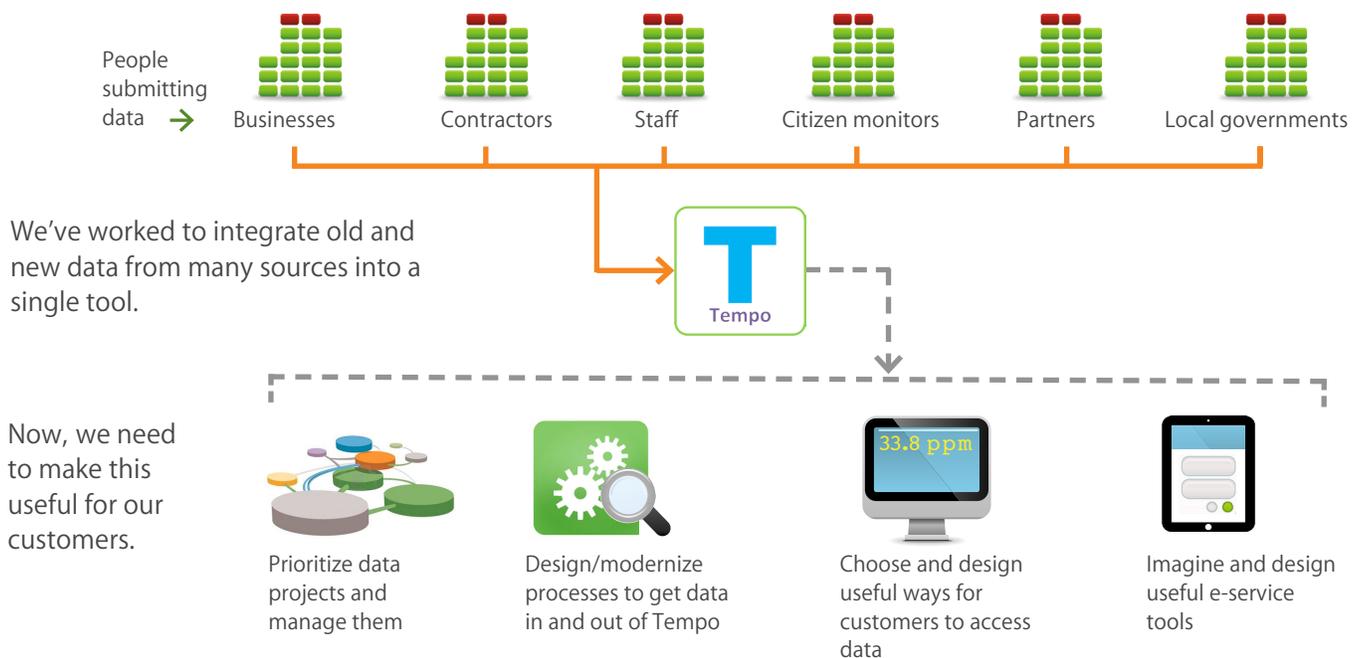




Improving our environmental data services

What's the issue?

The MPCA's data systems help us manage millions of pieces of information that regulated parties and other stakeholders submit to us each year. In the last three years, we worked to develop a new information and data management system to replace our old one, which was nearly 18 years old and at the end of its functional life. But we haven't just replaced the old system, nor have we simply replicated our current business processes. Rather, we redesigned our data systems to take advantage of our redesigned business processes.



What we propose

We need additional funding to support the ongoing integration of all sources of agency data into a single, efficient, accessible, and user-friendly system. The funding will help us enable the system to grow and evolve as needs and technology change. For example, we currently offer only 10 online services, but more than 100 are needed to provide equal access to all parties.

The funding will be used to:

- » Acquire services needed to develop additional online services
- » Hire staff to improve the online sharing of documents and data while continuing to ensure the privacy of data
- » Hire staff to maintain and improve other environmental data systems that provide critical information for staff and outside parties

How it will help

Adequately supporting and maintaining our data systems will allow us to continue to provide the information that is critical to others who use it to make informed choices about where they live, work, and play. The additional functionality will also help us issue environmentally protective permits in a timely fashion to help maintain the state's strong economy. These are some of the benefits of a fully integrated and robust data tool:

- » Better, faster customer service by creating more online services for regulated parties to submit applications, notifications, data, and reports
- » Quicker property redevelopment because of faster responses to record requests
- » Easier online access to environmental data and other public information for all Minnesotans
- » A more robust and flexible system for our staff to do daily work effectively and efficiently
- » Enhanced partnerships with local and state government partners by allowing them to use our data systems

Fiscal impact

	FY2016	FY2017
Environmental Fund	\$900,000	\$900,000

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