



One Watershed One Plan



Water Planning Timeline

- 1937: MN Soil Conservation Law
- 1938: MN's 1st Soil & Water Conservation District formed
- 1955: MN Watershed Act
- 1957: MN's 1st Watershed District
- 1982: MN Metro Surface Water Management Act
- 1985: MN Comprehensive Local Water Management Act (County Water Planning)
- 2012: One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) legislation passed
- 2013-2014: 1W1P Program Development
- 2015: Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning legislation passed

What is One Watershed, One Plan?

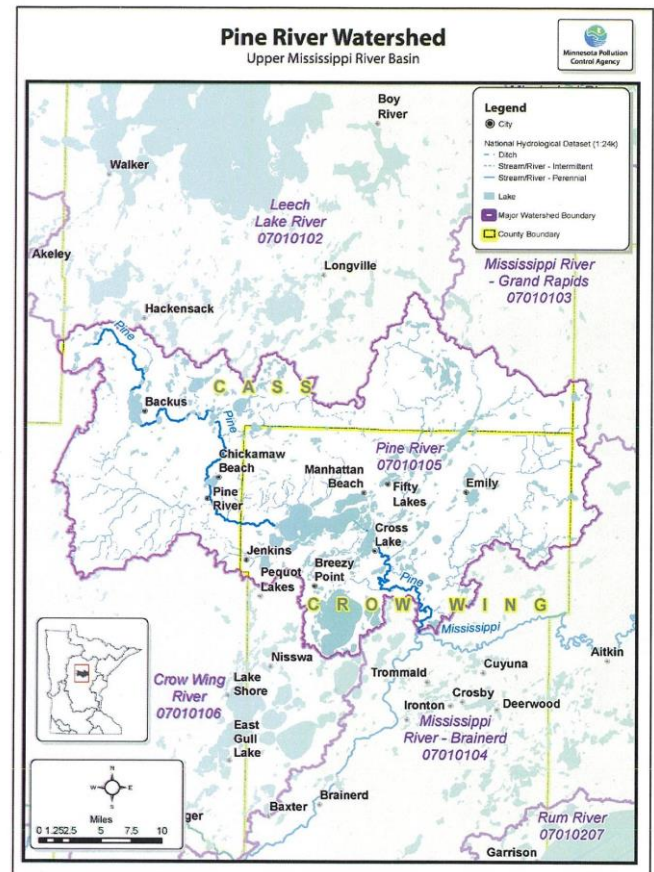
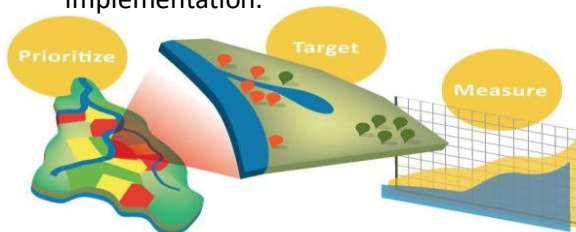
One Watershed, One Plan is rooted in this history (See sidebar) and in work initiated by the Local Government Water Roundtable (Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, and Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Roundtable members recommended that the local governments charged with water management responsibility should organize and develop focused implementation plans on a watershed scale.

The recommendation was followed by legislation that authorizes the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (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 as well as required BWSR to establish a suggested watershed boundary framework for these plans. This legislation is referred to as One Watershed, One Plan (Minnesota Statutes [§103B.101](#), Subdivision 14). Further legislation defining purposes and outlining additional structure for One Watershed, One Plan, officially known as Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program (Minnesota Statutes [§103B.801](#)) was passed in May 2015.

BWSR's vision for One Watershed, One Plan is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation plans – the next logical step in the evolution of water planning in Minnesota.

This Plan Will Create:

- A shared understanding of the concepts of prioritized, targeted, and measured;
- Agreement on the expectations, benefits, and outcomes for implementing One Watershed, One Plan;
- Implementation activities that address the largest threats and provide the greatest measurable environmental benefit;
- An understanding of the procedures for substituting or replacing all or portions of existing water plans; and
- An understanding of next steps for coordinated funding and implementation.



Policy Committee will have County Commissioner Representation and will be key in the decision making process.