



One Watershed
One Plan

North Fork Crow River

Pilot Watershed Profile

Fall 2015

Planning Partners

Counties:

- Kandiyohi
- Meeker
- Pope
- Stearns
- Wright

Soil and Water Conservation Districts:

- Kandiyohi
- Meeker
- Pope
- Stearns
- Wright

Watershed Districts:

- Middle Fork of the Crow River
- North Fork of the Crow River

Other Water Mgmt. Orgs.:

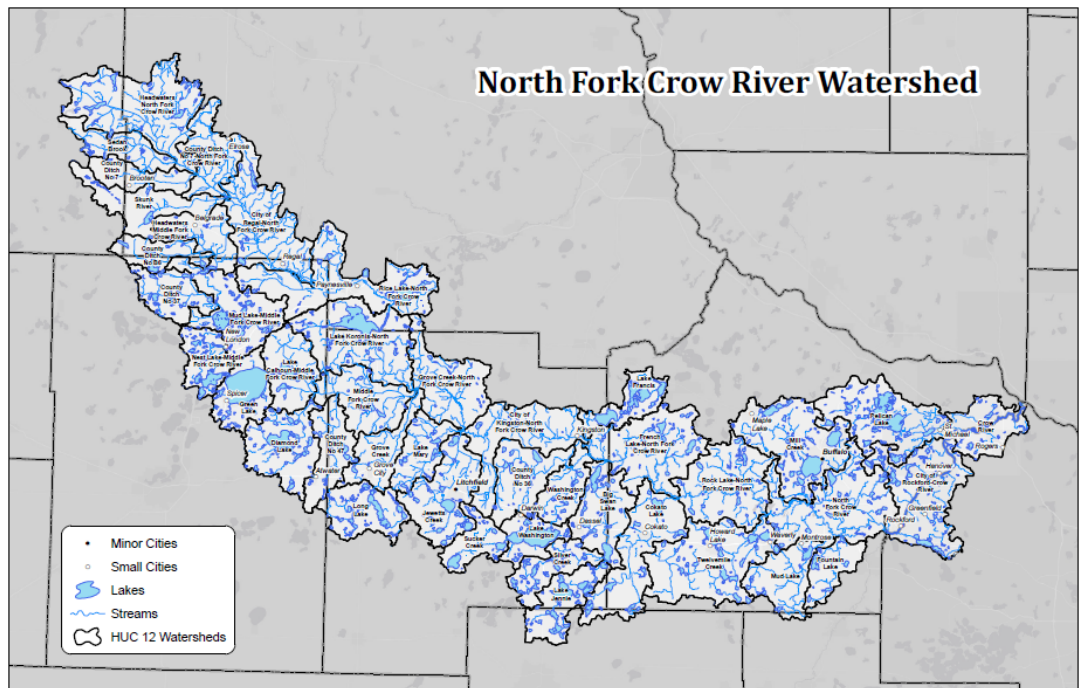
- Crow River Organization of Water

What is *One Watershed, One Plan*?

The vision of *One Watershed, One Plan* is to align planning on major watershed boundaries with prioritized, targeted, and measurable watershed plans developed and implemented locally. These plans build on existing efforts, including current local water plans, state and local knowledge, and a systematic, science-based approach to watershed management.

The North Fork Crow River Pilot Watershed

The *One Watershed, One Plan* boundary for the North Fork Crow is the area's major watershed boundary. The resulting five-county watershed planning area includes portions of Kandiyohi, Meeker, Pope, Stearns, and Wright Counties.



In early 2014, planning partners in this watershed joined together to submit a nomination to pilot *One Watershed, One Plan*. After their selection, partners started the plan development process in early 2015. Stakeholders include local governments, state agencies, and community members as partners in the planning process. The plan will identify the priority resources and the issues affecting them and describe projects and programs to address those issues in a targeted, measurable way.



Next Steps for the North Fork Crow's *One Watershed, One Plan*

- Continue to meet and develop the draft plan.
- Complete the plan by 2016, and implement it throughout the 10-year timeframe of the plan.
- Provide BWSR with lessons, feedback, and experience gained from the pilot plan to help adjust and streamline the framework for statewide rollout of the program.

One Watershed, One Plan Background

One Watershed, One Plan is rooted in Minnesota's long history of water management by local government. Planning for the program began with 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 local governments charged with water management should develop focused implementation plans on a watershed scale. In 2012, the Minnesota State Legislature, through the *One Watershed, One Plan* legislation, authorized BWSR to develop and implement a comprehensive watershed management plan approach. The resulting approach coordinates and consolidates water plans on a watershed basis instead of political boundaries.

How Do I Stay Informed?

For up-to-date information on the statewide rollout of *One Watershed, One Plan*, please visit the BWSR program website, available at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/1W1P/index.html. For information on the North Fork Crow pilot watershed, please contact your local County, Soil and Water Conservation District, or Watershed District office, or the Crow River Organization of Water (C.R.O.W.)