

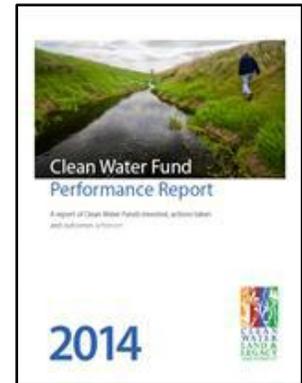


Clean Water Fund Performance Report

January 2014 Snapshots

The Clean Water Legacy Amendment funds began being collected in July of 2009, and Minnesotans are ready to learn how their tax dollars are being appropriated from 2010-2013 for water management activities such as monitoring, planning and on-the-ground restoration and protection activities. To help Minnesotans understand the connections between Clean Water Funds invested, actions taken and outcomes achieved, Minnesota state agencies will be releasing the 2nd Clean Water Performance Report in the winter of 2014.

The report will use 25 measures (such as: number of non-point best management practices implemented with Clean Water Fund and changes over time in source water quality used for community water supplies) to provide a snapshot of how Clean Water Fund dollars are being spent as well as the progress made. These measures will serve as an early benchmark to consistently track and report clean water outcomes over the next twenty years. Two new measure categories – Social and External Drivers will also be introduced as part of the report.



Performance Report to be released in 2014

The Performance Report is a tremendous piece of interagency collaboration and the Interagency Clean Water Fund Performance Team (ICWFPT), comprised of six state agencies (including BWSR) and the University of Minnesota received the Governor's Continuous Improvement Award in 2012 in recognition of this effort. The report is featured in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new vision for the 303(d) program and has been referred to by the EPA as an example of how states can improve public engagement and accountability. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency was asked to present the report to state water directors, state agency water staff from all 50 states, and to EPA water program officials. In addition, Suzanne Hanson, chair of the ICWFPT, was asked to present the report to 200 high level resource managers and researchers from Canada and the U.S. as part of the International Joint Commission's work to develop key performance indicators for the Great Lakes.

The report is slated for release in the winter of 2014 and will be available on BWSR's website at www.bwsr.state.mn.us.

