

# Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed CWMP

## Formal Review Draft: Comments and Responses



#	Commenter	Section	Page	Comment	Material	Editorial	Note	Change Needed (Y/N)	Resolution
1	USFWS	2	N/A	Table 2-1: Are the WPA acres being counted twice: once in their category, and again as part of the USFWS lands below?	x			Y	Upon review of the GIS data, the WPAs line up with the USFWS areas that are also WPAs so they are being counted twice, and are reflected in the USFWS lands acres as well as their own line. WPA line will be removed to avoid duplication.
2	Cottonwood SWCD	4	N/A	Page 4-4 last paragraph, "Implementing agricultural and urban conservation practices" ..... later in same paragraph, "implementing agricultural and urban conservation".....		x		Y	Text revised as recommended
3	Cottonwood SWCD	4	N/A	Page 4-14 last paragraph after "rain gardens and stormwater ponds", and non structural BMPs such as urban forestry and vegetated swales.		x		Y	Text revised as recommended
4	Cottonwood SWCD	5	N/A	Page 5-7, 5-13, and 5-29 LC WU7 Stormwater management practices Add urban forestry to the list of practices. ....stormwater ponds and infrastructure, urban forestry.		x		Y	Text added as recommended so LGUs can apply to other sources of funding dealing with EAB. Added to all actions.
5	MPCA	General	N/A	The planning effort was responsive to the MPCA's priorities, concerns and comments throughout the effort. The Steering Committee incorporated all of the MPCA priorities, and successfully addressed the comments and revisions as part of the CWMP. The MPCA is appreciative that the Watershed Approach documents (Monitoring & Assessment, Stressor ID, Total Maximum Daily Loads [TMDLs] and Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy [WRAPS]) were utilized in this process.			x	N	Comment noted, with thanks!
6	MDH	LWRN	N/A	Page 2-12, third paragraph, second sentence – remove number of water suppliers. Recommend editing "Of the 31 public water suppliers in the watershed.." to "Of the community public water suppliers in the watershed..."		x		Y	Text revised as recommended
7	MDH	Goals	N/A	Page 4-9, first paragraph, second sentence - recommend editing "...or have high nitrate testing results" to "...or have nitrate testing results above the drinking water standard."		x		Y	Text revised as recommended
8	DNR	Implementation	31	Row R1 DNR is listed as the lead entity for quantifying the volume and temporal variability of stormwater runoff entering rivers. While DNR works with USGS, MPCA and other entities to maintain the Cooperative Stream Gaging network throughout the state, this action would require additional input that may be outside of our current ability. DNR will continue to assist with this effort as possible, however, please remove DNR as the lead entity for these efforts.		x		Y	DNR removed as lead and added as partner
9	DNR	Programs	Table 6-1	Row 7 Water level/flow. DNR maintains a network of groundwater monitoring wells, including 56 in the Cottonwood River watershed. Please include "GW" in this row under the "DNR" heading.	x			Y	GW added to DNR column
10	DNR	Issues, Goals	3-8, 4-12	Stream Habitat and Connectivity - lists maintenance of in-stream debris as a medium-priority issue, but no action or funding are addressed on page 5-8. Please note that woody debris plays a significant role in providing habitat for aquatic organisms, however, we also understand that significant impacts to infrastructure and stream bank stability can occur in excess debris situations. If any debris removal is proposed, please incorporate considerations for aquatic habitat into the decision-making process.	x			Y	New collaborative action item added in Education and Outreach action table: "Collaborate with DNR, MPCA, Federal partners, and cities to effectively manage debris balancing flooding and impacts of infrastructure with water quality, aquatic habitat and hydrology." Partner funding added.
11	DNR	Implementation and Programs	5-32, 6-7	Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Table on 5-32 includes several bridge replacements and a drainage improvement project. We suggest that criteria should be included within the Capital Improvements section on page 6-7 to clarify when a CIP would be eligible for funding under this plan.	x			Y	All bridge replacement projects removed (89509, 89510, 89565, L6539). Drainage improvement project description expanded to summarize the water quality components of drainage management and drainage management planning efforts. Include flood water retention / water quality enhancements with the replacements. CSAH 4 Dam will remain.

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12	BWSR	Executive Summary	Table 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding- implementation cost Table 1-3 not including other (non-state) funds appearing that all goals can be met without non-state funding.</li> <li>This should be comprehensive and not just showing what can be accomplished with potential Funding.</li> </ul>		x		Y	Title revised to "Baseline + State Funding" and Level 3 will be further expanded to include partner / federal costs.
13	BWSR	3- Priority Issues	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insure all Medium Priority Issues have an associated Measurable Goal i.e. Debris</li> </ul>	x			Y	See response to Comment #10
14	BWSR	4- Measurable Goals	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stream Habitat and Connectivity</li> <li>Maintenance of debris should have a measurable goal tied to this.</li> </ul>	x			Y	See response to Comment #10
15	BWSR	5- Implementation	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table 5-1- The use of WBIF watershed-based implementation Funding: suggest using state funding label instead of WBIF</li> <li>No source or amount of partner funds.</li> </ul>	x			Y	Title revised to "Baseline + State Funding" and Level 3 will be further expanded to include partner / federal costs.
16	BWSR	5- Implementation	N/A	Action tables not having dollar amount for partner funds for watershed wide and each planning region.	x			Y	Partner funding added to projects as able with a visual at the end of the plan communicating resource benefits of additional sources of funding.
17	BWSR	5- Implementation	N/A	Table 5-2 indicates cost to meet goals is \$24.09 Million over 10 years but is missing non-state funding.			x	Y	Correct, this summary is for "Baseline + State Funding". Title will be revised accordingly. Other sources of funding also added as column.
18	BWSR	5- Implementation	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital Improvements Page 5-32</li> <li>Project 89509, 89510, 89565, L6539 &amp; CSAH 4 Dam</li> <li>Should identify plan goals to be addressed</li> <li>Project JDI&amp;CM</li> <li>Needs to be clear on plan goals to be addressed and 103E definition of "drainage improvement".</li> </ul>	x			Y	All bridge replacement projects removed (89509, 89510, 89565, L6539). Drainage improvement project description expanded to summarize the water quality components of drainage management.
19	BWSR	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	N/A	Funding Table 7-1 suggest funding level 2 to be called Baseline + State Funding and Level 3 to have a better estimate of amount.	x			Y	Title revised to "Baseline + State Funding" and Level 3 will be further expanded to include partner / federal costs.
20	BWSR	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	N/A	Table 7-2 \$0.00 for federal? They have been doing work here what is the estimate for the future.	x			Y	Language added to emphasize that this budget estimate is looking backwards on how the "Baseline" was calculated, rather than forwards. Replace \$0 in Federal column with "partner funding with a variable annual amount"
21	BWSR	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	N/A	Page 7-5 state funding include WBIF language		x		Y	WBIF language added to "State Funding" paragraph
22	BWSR	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	N/A	Page 7-6 Suggest adding examples of collaborative partner grants pursued and funded prior to plan adoption i.e. Water Storage.		x		Y	Collaborative partner grant examples included in "Additional Funding" paragraph as suggested
23	BWSR	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	N/A	Table 7-3 include WBIF funding under BWSR		x		Y	Funding added as suggested
24	BWSR	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	N/A	Page 7-9 include paragraph on WBIF		x		Y	Paragraph about WBIF added as suggested
25	BWSR	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan Amendments page 7-11</li> <li>Suggest removal of first paragraph</li> <li>Second paragraph sentence 5 remove state statute reference.</li> <li>Make sure the use of Amendment is clear, don't interchange revision and amendment.</li> </ul>	x			Y	Amendments section simplified and clarified as suggested with statute language removed. Amendments may be proposed by member LGU. Bylaws will also clarify amendment process about what committee initiates.
26	MDA	7- Plan Administration and Coordination	Table 7-3	Section 7-Table 7-3 (pg. 120) In addition to the current MDA programs listed, please add the MDA's "Soil Health Financial Assistance Program Grant". The Soil Health Financial Assistance Grant provides cost-share for the purchase and retrofit of soil health equipment. Adopting soil health practices often requires expensive and specific pieces of equipment, creating a need for a cost-share opportunity to offset those costs.		x		Y	Funding program added to table with thanks