

# Comprehensive Watershed **Management Plan**

Proceedings of the Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting held on December 5, 2024. Vice Chair, Shelly Binsfeld called the meeting torder at 11:00am.

| Date / Time:                           | December 5, 2024 11:00am - 1:00pm  |
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| Location:                              | In-Person: Sherburne History Center<br>10775 27th Ave SE, Becker, MN 55308<br>Remote option available, use MS Teams Calendar Invite link   |
| Note Taker:                            | Stephanie Hatzenbihler,Stearns SWCD  |
| 1w1p Website:                          | https://www.millelacsswcd.org/1w1p/mississippi -river-st-cloud-<br>watershed-plan/   |
| Voting Members Present:                | Benton County– Scott Johnson, Benton SWCD Wade Bastian,<br>Sherburne SWCD- Shelly Binsfeld, Stearns Count <del>y</del> Tarryl Clark*,<br>Stearns SWCD- Tom Gregory, Mille Lacs SWCDDan Campbell, Wright<br>County- Tina Diedrick, Sherburne Count <del>y</del> Andrew Hulse*, Meeker<br>SWCD- John Haffley, Bill Daluge Wright SWCD  |
| Non-voting Members<br>Present:         |  |
| Alternate Voting<br>Members Present:   |  |
| Alternative Nonvoting members present: | Meeker SWCD- Bob Schiefelbein,   |
| Voting Members Absent:                 | Meeker County– Danny Schiefelbein  |
| Partners and Staff<br>Present:         | Stephanie Hatzenbihler– Stearns SWCD staff, Gerry Maciej Benton<br>SWCD staff,Emily Forbord-Benton SWCD staff, Dan Cibulka Sherburne<br>SWCD staff, Becky SchlorfStearns County, Angela BeckmanStearns<br>County, Alicia O'Hare- Wright SWCD staff, Zach GuttormsonBWSR<br>staff, *Francine Larson– Sherburne SWCD staff, *Matt Danzł Sherburne<br>County Staff, *Miranda Wagner, Sherburne SWCD staff, Paul Marsten<br>ISG* |
| Members of the Public                  | 6 members of the public attended the meeting   |

\*Individuals joined via Zoom virtually.

# Welcome and Introductions (Chair).

- 1. Attendance was taken by Hatzenbihler.
- 2. Policy Committee Members introduced themselves

# Review and Approve Agenda (Chair).

 Approve Meeting agenda. Motion by Johnsor<u>to approve meeting agenda</u>; second by Diedrick. Affirmative by roll call: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, Diedrick, Haffley, Daluge, Hulse. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

# <u>Conduct Public Hearing for the MRSC CWMP Draft Plan (Chair)</u>

Binsfeld requested that staff begin by providing an overview of the reason for the public hearing. Cibulka provided an overview and shared that the draft Mississippi River St. Cloud Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was available for a 60 Day public review and comment period from July 8 through September 6. Following this comment period, the steering committee reviewed comments, made changes to the plan, and responded to the comments received. The Public Hearing is being held to review the draft plan prior to submission to the BWSR Board for review and approval. The Public Hearing is a requirement per BWSR One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures.

Motion by Bastion<u>to open the public hearing</u> second by ClarkAffirmative by roll call: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, Diedrick, Haffley, Daluge, Hulse. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

There was one person from the public that signed up to speak during the public hearing. The person presented the following information to the Policy Committee:

Name and Address: Karen Durant, 15777 Forsythe Ave NW, Clearwater, MN 55320

Primary concern: Durant reported that Fish Lake in Wright County is experiencing water quality issues that are being influenced by the outlet of the lake into Fish Creek and then the Mississippi River. There is a wetland area located downstream from the lake outlet that has been impacted by construction of a railroad, Interstate 94, and County Highway 75. There was a Fish Lake Management Plan developed in 2009, but a TMDL study has not occurred yet. Durant has observed water from the Mississippi River flowing upstream through the Fish Creek Tributary back into the lake. A pipe was installed that connects the tributary to the lake. Durant believes that the water quality is being negatively impacted due to the wetland being crossed by the road and rail infrastructure. Durant would like to see this area be identified in the plan for projects to address the water quality concerns she has observed.

Following Durant's report, Binsfeld asked three times if there was anyone else present to speak. No additional speakers stepped forward.

**Motion by Johsor<u>to close the public hearing</u> second by Gregory**Affirmative by roll call: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, Diedrick, Haffley, Daluge, Hulse. Opposed: None. **Motion carried.** 

#### Review Public Hearing Comments (Chair)

Binsfeld requested that Cibulka review the plan and report if the area of concern shared by Durant is identified. Cibulka shared the following pages in the plan that shows that Fish Lake is a priority resource, and the downstream area is within the 1000 fet high priority buffer around the lake, the further downstream area is in a priority area to the Mississippi River. Cibulka provided an explanation of the high priority, priority, and opportunity areas. Cibulka reported that since the area of concern isurrently identified as a high priority and priority area that it would be an eligible location to target for projects to address the resource concerns. Cibulka requested that ISG review the map on page3 to ensure that the delineation between high priority and priority areas is accurately reflected with the 1000 feet buffer around the lake.

Motion by Delugeto maintain and reflect a 1000 feet high priority buffer around Fish Lake second by JohnsonAffirmative by roll call: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, Diedrick, Haffley, Daluge, Huls@pposed: NoneMotion carried.

# Consider Submittal of MRSC Draft CWMP (Chair)

## Motion by Johnsor<u>to approve the submission of the draft Mississippi River St. Clo</u>ud <u>Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resour</u>ces (BWSR) for final review and approvasecond by Diedrick.

Discussion:

- Binsfeld shared that she recalls being at box one in the timeline and recognized the hard work and dedication of the collaborative partners' staff.
- Clark sends a thank you to the citizen advisory committee, Binsfeld agreed.

Affirmative by roll call: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, Diedrick, Haffley, Daluge, Hulse. Opposed: None. **Motion carried.** 

#### Review and approve 0708-2024 meeting minutes (Chair).

Approve meeting minutes. Motion by Gregory to approve meeting minutes as presented second by Campbell Affirmative by roll call: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, Diedrick, Haffley, Daluge, Hulse. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

#### Project Update (Cibulka and Maciej)

Timeline and Activities

- Cibulka provided an update on the project timeline and next steps.
- Plan to keep 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 11am on everyone's calendar for informal meetings in early 2025

Financial Report

- Maciej provided a Fiscal Agent report and shared that we are on track to spend funds. ISG requested additional funds due to additional work that occurred. The request falls within the existing grant budget utilizing reallocation from underspent areas and contingency funds. The authorization to use the contingency funds is a decision by the Fiscal Agent, Benton SWCD; however, they asked for direction and input from the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee was supportive.
- Binsfeld identified a calculation error in the fiscal report, Maciej will have that

corrected.

# Update on plan implementation process (Cibulka & Hatzenbihler)

Cibulka and Hatzenbihler presented an overview of the JPA language and forming the JPE Board, as well as the recommended implementation operation structure and approach as discussed by the Steering Committee and partner attorneys.

- Binsfeld recommended exploring adding language to address reallocation within contracts between JPE Board and Partner LGUs.
- Hulse recommended exploring moving reallocations to a central fund, then make new allocations to projects that need funds.
- Binsfeld also recommended discussion plans to prevent a slow burn rate of the grant funds.

# Binsfeld adjourned the meeting at 12:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Stearns County SWCD, Water Plan Coordinator on behalf of Tina Diedrick, Wright County, County Commissioner.

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|                   |           |             |                            |  | Added the following narr     |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | increasing precipitation t   |
|                   |           |             |                            | Extreme weather/Climate resiliency should be discussed/included in the                 | in added stresses to the v   |
|                   |           |             |                            | narrative. You have goals or issue statements that were created or developed           | attention to annual weat     |
| 1                 | BWSR      | 53          | Climate                    | with extreme weather/climate resiliency in mind(storage/erosion/etc).                  | adequately address extre     |
|                   |           |             |                            | Goal 3 – is there an assumption as to the average volume reductions associated         | Goal 1 is a watershed wid    |
|                   |           |             |                            | with the 96 BMPs, and is that separate from the 5,200 acre-feet indicated in Goal      | landscape by all BMPs co     |
| 2                 | BWSR      | 85          |                            | 1?   | BMPs focused on stormw       |
|                   |           |             |                            |  |                              |
|                   |           |             |                            | It is great that the targeting criteria is mentioned for each priority issue - can you |                              |
|                   |           |             |                            | somehow reference the multiple benefits analysis/tie it to the section where the       |                              |
|                   |           |             |                            | targeting is discussed? This will assist in plan readability by the general public.    | the exception of internal    |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | mulitple benefit analysis    |
| 3                 | BWSR      |             | Measurable Goals           |  | chapter 4.                   |
|                   |           |             |                            | Which 11 waterbodies? Targeting included but no additional info. Would they            | Added the following narr     |
| 4                 | BWSR      | 86          |                            | overlap w/goal 2 waterbodies? How do these two goals interact?                         | waterbodies may include      |
|                   |           |             |                            |  |                              |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | Criteria and layers were i   |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | the issue framework. Lay     |
|                   |           |             |                            | Some explanation of why targeting criteria/layers was chosen would be                  | areas to target for restor   |
|                   |           |             |                            | beneficial. Specifically for map layers included in the MBA. Plan readability for      | the priority issues. Areas   |
|                   |           |             |                            | the general public.  | impacts of sources and st    |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | higher ecological function   |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | protection. Narrative was    |
| _                 |           | 0.5         |                            |  | section on pages 103 - 10    |
| 5                 | BWSR      | 95          | Measurable Goals           |  | on this process.             |
|                   |           |             |                            | Cost Estimating – calling out WBIF specifically may be problematic hereAs you          | Added language to the Co     |
| 6                 | BWSR      | 102         |                            | know, WBIF will not be your only source of funding for carrying out the plan.          | clarify that WBIF will not   |
|                   |           | 100         | <b>_</b>                   | It's understood that the partnership will use a variety of targeting tools to get to   | Added a row to Watershe      |
| /                 | BWSR      | 102         | Targeting                  | the field scale depending on the situation. However, it is unclear which tools         | "Utilitizing targeting tools |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | Added the following narr     |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | the targeting efforts desc   |
|                   |           |             |                            |  | the Partners will focus or   |
|                   |           |             |                            | As we have discussed during plan development, timing of addressing priority            | Priority areas will be cons  |
|                   |           |             |                            | resources is a critical factor with targeting. Please clearly distinguish in the plan  | with Plan goals, and effor   |
|                   |           |             |                            | between high priority and priority areas as it relates to timing of focused            | or are still in progress. Op |
|                   |           |             |                            | outreach efforts and implementation and the use of the multiple benefits               | situations where implem      |
| 8                 | BWSR      | 103         | Multiple Benefits Analysis | analysis. How do partners know where to work first?                                    | areas have been unsucce      |

arrative after paragraph 1 on page 53: This in trend is expected to continue, which will result e water resources in the Watershed, "making eather and long-term climate patterns critical to treme weather. By allocating attention and wide target of reducing runoff from the considered, while Goal 3 is specific to urban nwater implementation. No change made to

g criteria on each priority issue in chapter 3 (with al loading), referenced the location of the is information and corresponding maps in

arrative as a footnote under goal 1: "The 11 de some or all of the following: Indian Lake, Fish

e identified by the SC and TAC during review of ayers were selected that best represent critical coration and protection strategies that addressed as identified for restoration focused on potential d stressors, whereas areas of higher quality and cion were selected to identify areas suitable for vas added to the "Multiple Benefits Analysis" 104 of the 60-day review draft to provide clarity

Cost Estimating paragraph on page 102 to ot be the only source of funding for technical shed Wide Data, Studies, and Monitoring table ols to target within select HUC12

arrative to page 103: "Using a combination of escribed above and the multiple benefit analysis, on implementation in High Priority areas first. onsidered when key project components align forts in High Priority areas have hit a roadblock Opportunity areas may be considered in unique ementation efforts in High Priority and Priority ccessful, or when the Opportunity area project

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|                   |              |             |                              |   |   |
| 9                 | BWSR         |             | Implementation Schedule      | It would be appropriate to include maps of all the data layers involved with the MBA within the appendix. (Useful for 5 year assessment/evaluation)   | Individual maps for each<br>Appendix F of the plan d  |
| <b>10</b>         | BWSR<br>BWSR |             | Implementation Schedule      | Users of the plan may follow better if the planning region map preceded the implementation schedule for each planning region.<br>How do the Timeline Priority "exclamation points" in tables/timeline relate to working in high priority and priority areas? Do they relate to a level of effort?   | Agreed, thank you for po<br>region map for each reg<br>region.<br>Updated the narrative o<br>Timeline to match tables   |
| 11                | BWSR         | 179         | Land use Management controls | The first two land use management controls recommendations don't indicate opportunities to actually strengthen land use controls for environmental protection. See next comment:  | Removed "Implementat<br>Restoring native habitat<br>recommendations for La<br>Changed the last senten   |
| 13                | BWSR         | 179         | Land use Management controls | How can this CWMP be more easily utilized by local zoning authorities to make<br>more informed land use decisions (i.e CUP's/IUP's/Variances/zoning) based on<br>local Comprehensive Land Use Plans? Add language to the plan now to<br>accomplish this. In addition, consider adding an action to work on improving the<br>connection between land use and watershed management plans. | Added the following nar<br>watershed-wide Data, Si<br>coordinating with zoning<br>controls. Additionally, th<br>comprehensive plan upo<br>management plans with<br>the adoption of specific<br>management plans." |

ach of the MBA layers will be made and added to n document.

pointing this out! We've added the planning egion prior to the implementation tables for that

e on page 115 under Timeframe (changed to les), "The timeline indicates the relative level of cation of restored wetlands in targeted areas and cat in floodplain areas" from the Land Use Management Controls on page 179. ence of the preceeding paragraph to: "An arrative to page 179: "The Partners also have a Studies, and Monitoring table row dedicated to ing staff regarding various land use management the Partners recommend that county and city updates incorporate comprehensive watershed ithin their jurisdiction by reference or through fic goals from the comprehensive watershed

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|                   |           |             |                 |   | Added the following narr                                |
|                   |           |             |                 |   | used to evaluate progres                                |
|                   |           |             |                 |   | term water quality trend                                |
|                   |           |             |                 |   | The MPCA WPLMN progr                                    |
|                   |           |             |                 |   | the Watershed and data                                  |
|                   |           |             |                 |   | used to improve model c                                 |
|                   |           |             |                 | It does not appear that plan content requirements for describing current  | long term water quality t                               |
|                   |           |             |                 | monitoring programs has been met (see item F. 5a of the 1W1P plan content   |   |
|                   |           |             |                 | requirements). It is also unclear if current and future baseline monitoring   | Monitoring conducted by                                 |
|                   |           |             |                 | provides the ability to assess trends in the priority resources(See F. 5b). Please  | captures portions of Stea                               |
|                   |           |             |                 | describe this in the plan and identify any monitoring gaps. If monitoring does not  | includes 13 lake sites and                              |
| 14                | BWSR      | 186         | 5.6             | cover the priority waters, explain why.   | total phosphorus, orthop                                |
|                   |           |             |                 | The terminology used in the personal and flow chart is confusing. Places  | Added clarification to gra<br>will be developing a bien |
| 45                |           | 100         |                 | The terminology used in the paragraph and flow chart is confusing. Please   | biennial funding request.                               |
| 15                | BWSR      | 196         | 6.2             | distinguish between biennial plan, work plan, and grant workplan.   | plan on an annual basis a                               |
|                   |           | 100         |                 | Consider adding language to address the partnership's grant workplan  | Updated narrative on page                               |
| 16                | BWSR      | 196         | 6.2             | creation/review process and submittal to BWSR.  | plans will be used to dev                               |
| 17                | BWSR      | 197         | Plan Amendments | The plan should describe an amendment process that BWSR will determine.<br>Consider eliminating the paragraph starting with "any proposed amendment…"<br>and replace it with something like "if the Board determines that an amendment<br>should proceed, the MRSCWP will follow the BWSR process for state approval of<br>the plan amendment." | Updated as requested.                                   |
| 1/                | DWSh      | 197         |                 | •   | opualeu as requesteu.                                   |
|                   |           |             |                 | Stating revision requests that will not warrant an amendment process may be problematic - specifically the last two bullet points. It sounds like the partnership   |   |
|                   |           |             |                 | problematic - specifically the last two bullet points. It sounds like the partnership   |   |
|                   |           |             |                 | can make plan amendments on their own. We would recommend that  | Romoved the contenes a                                  |
|                   |           |             |                 | discussions around the plan should be routed to BWSR first before the   | Removed the sentence a                                  |
| 10                | DWCD      | 107         | Dian Amondmosts | partnership makes any decisions on their own. An unapproved amendment   | with the corresponding b                                |
| 18                | BWSR      | 197         | Plan Amendments | could create serious challenges for grant reconciliation. These two bullet points   | confusion regarding ame                                 |

arrative to page 186, "Data collected will also be ress towards water quality goals by tracking longnds, particularly at the five year plan evaluation. ogram has three monitoring sites located within ta from these sites, as well as others, may be el calibration in addition to tracking short and by trends.

by the Clearwater River Watershed District tearns and Wright Counties and as of 2024 and 10 stream sites. Parameters captured include ophosphorus, total suspended solids, and

graphic and narrative indicating that the Partners ennial work plan that will be used to develop the est. The Partners will review the biennial work s and refine as needed.

page 196 to read: "These approved biennial work levelop the biennial funding requests to BWSR.

e about not warranting plan amendments, along g bullet points to eliminate potential for nendments.

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|                   |           |             |                 | First sentence: 10 years starts after BWSR Board approval(state approval) - not<br>after locally adopted.   |                        |
| 19                | BWSR      | 197         | Plan Amendments |   | Removed "and local add |
|                   | BWSR      | 198         |                 | Under this section, please list likely items the partnership will commit to evaluate<br>at the 5 year evaluation, particularly issues with insufficient data during plan<br>development that address priority issues and resources, such as but not limited<br>to eColi data and strategies, water storage/altered hydrology strategies,<br>identification of CIPs, refining targeting approaches, staffing/technical assistance<br>and engineering bottlenecks, coordination of projects with drainage and road<br>authorities, and the social science of conservation to understand the barriers to<br>voluntary conservation, to name a few. |                        |

# adoption" from the first sentence on page 197.

narrative under Five Year Evaluation on page 198, will evalute during the five year evaluation are not limited to E.*coli* data and strategies, water ology strategies, CIP identification, refining s, staffing/technical assistance and engineering ation of projects with drainage and road social science of conservation, particularly arriers to voluntary conservation."

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|                   |           |             |                        |   | The Steering Committee      |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | concluded that the curre    |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | sufficient. Added the foll  |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | Partnership Assessment:     |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | information from the Tra    |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | starting point and will ex  |
|                   |           |             |                        | These types of assessments will take some staff/consultant time to complete.        | and cost assessments to     |
| 21                | BWSR      | 198         | Partnership Assessment | Are these performance assessments built in to the plan/implementation budget?       | performance with implei     |
|                   |           |             |                        | WBIF should not be included as a line item. If you want to roll it into the "state" | Merged WBIF into the St     |
| 22                | BWSR      | 199         | Funding                | line, that would be more appropriate- but unless you are planning to call out       | amount to reflect that ch   |
|                   |           |             |                        | Please add brief descriptions in the narrative as to what is included in the state  | Added the following des     |
| 23                | BWSR      | 199         | Funding                | and local funding source amounts.   | Delivery, SWCD Aid, BWS     |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | Known cost estimates fo     |
|                   |           |             |                        | Is there a budget/cost estimate included in the plan to begin pursuing noted        | tables, as well as the fun  |
| 24                | BWSR      |             | General Comment        | CIPs?   | footnote on page 199 ide    |
|                   |           |             |                        |   |                             |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | Added the following nari    |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | "The Watershed varies ir    |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | circumstances where wa      |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | topographic relief and w    |
|                   |           |             |                        | We understand that soil health is a large component and priority of the plan.       | open landscapes. Impro-     |
|                   |           |             |                        | Wind erosion is a significant resource concern within the watershed(HEL layer       | technique to reduce bot     |
|                   |           |             |                        | was used to prioritize work areas). Consider adding language to the plan that will  | -                           |
|                   |           |             |                        | address wind erosion. Remember, this is a CWMP and not including wind               | critiera: "The inclusion of |
|                   |           |             |                        | erosion within the plan may inhibit partners from obtaining funding from other      | flexibility for the Partner |
| 25                | BWSR      |             | General Comment        | grant sources.  | concerns, in addition to    |
|                   |           |             |                        |   |                             |
|                   |           |             |                        |   |                             |
|                   |           |             |                        | Please ensure the priority areas going to be available digitally (GIS or other) for |                             |
|                   |           |             |                        | the partnership to use during implementation to ensure projects are within          |                             |
|                   |           |             |                        | prioritized areas.  | Yes, the GIS data for prio  |
|                   |           |             |                        |   | as a part of the final proj |
| 26                | BWSR      |             | General Comment        |   | content.                    |

ee discussed the various assessment types and rrent funding allocations within the Plan are ollowing narrative to page 198 under nt: "Partnership Assessment efforts will use the Tracking and Accomplishment Assessments as a expand from the detailed implementation action to the broader assessments of overall lementation and progress towards Plan goals." State row in Table 6.1 and updated dollar change. escriptions to Table 6.1: "State: Conservation

WSR, MAWQCP, etc." and "Local: Conservation for CIPs are included in the implementation unding table (Table 6.2) on page 199.The identifies the rows within the implementation

arrative to page 94, Landscape Resiliency issue: s in topography and soil types, creating water erosion is prominent in areas with high wind erosion a challenge for vast areas of flat, roving soil health and structure is an important oth wind and water erosion." Added the the bottom of page 95 under the HEL targeting of wind and water HEL is intended provide ers to pursue funding to address wind erosion o water erosion concerns, as needed".

riority areas will be provided to the partnership roject deliverable. No changes made to plan

|             |             |          |          | The City of Monticello is currently reviewing and evaluating streambank erosion within. These projects were included in our original outputs. However, since the   |   |
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|             |             |          |          |  |   |
|             |             |          |          | city could adopt the plan and apply for competitive grants themselves, we suggest adding the City of Monticello as an additional lead LGU for these projects   | Added City of Monticello<br>projects within the Otseg   |
|             |             |          |          | updated to specify the Mississippi River in both management zones. The Silver  | management zones since<br>should be listed as Lead I<br>intend to adopt the Plan,   |
| 27 W        | Vright SWCD | 131, 151 |          | implementation areas should remain as locations for both management zones.   | incorporated as requeste  |
|             |             |          |          | An additional capital improvement project came to our attention from the<br>Minnesota DNR. This project is different than others listed as examples. We<br>suggest adding "Dam removal" to the list of capital improvement examples on   |   |
| <b>28</b> W | Vright SWCD | 118, 171 |          | page 171, section 5.2. Additionally, we suggest adding a section to Clearwater<br>River Implementation Schedule on page 118. This section would be streams   | Added this information t  |
|             |             |          |          |  |   |
| 29 N        | /IN DNR     |          | Outreach | The plan addresses many of our stated priorities, particularly in the "Surface<br>Water" and "Habitat and Natural Resources" sections. While the plan effectively<br>targets public outreach and education regarding its implementation, we believe<br>there may be an opportunity to further enhance it by addressing recreational<br>opportunities. Increased public access to natural resources can foster greater<br>public support and stewardship. We encourage the inclusion of additional<br>strategies or language to promote recreational activities, as outlined in our | Added the following narr<br>Resources: "The Partners<br>partners, such as the DN<br>acquire additional easem<br>partnering on efforts to e<br>parks and natural areas i<br>enhancing recreational b<br>Engagement added the f<br>recreation in the Waters |

ello as a Supporting Entity for the streambank sego Creek and Silver Creek-Otter Creek nce only entities committed to adopting the Plan ad Entities. If the City has indicated that they an, this can be updated. All other changes were ested.

to page 118, ID CWR-07.

arrative to page 92, Habitat and Natural ers will work with local parks departments; state DNR; and federal partners such as USFWS, to ements that protects habitat, as well as to encourage sustainable use practices within as in the Watershed and to restore resources al benefits." and on page 175 under Community e following bullet point, "Promote outdoor ershed's natural resources".

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| 30                | Sherburne SWCD   | 78          | 3                  | Table 3.2: Lake Julia has a 2015 TMDL with a long-term TMDL TP reduction estimate, can this be added to Table 3.2?  | Added 2015 TMDL, 37.65<br>Term TMDL TP Reduction  |
|                   |                  |             |                    |   |   |
|                   |                  |             |                    |   |   |
|                   |                  |             |                    | Appreciate the addition of language in Appendix D that describes how water<br>storage was calculated. Is it possible to produce a list of all practices that SAM<br>derived water storage amounts from? The partnership needs to develop a way<br>to track storage in order to meet this goal so needs to be aware of what<br>practices we need to compute this metric for. SAM might be the best way to<br>calculate our storage totals, but if other calculators are used we need to make | SAM BMP reduction effic<br>added to the end of the l<br>use during implementation<br>any given water storage<br>versus SAM values during<br>flow reductions for it is u |
| 31                | Sherburne SWCD   | 85          | SW Issue 2, Goal 1 | sure we are calculating storage for all applicable practice types.  | SAM values provided by  |
|                   |                  |             |                    | What are "96 stormwater BMPs". This term shows up twice in the document and   | -   |
| 32                | Sherburne County | 23          | Stormwater BMPs    | it is not clear what this is referencing.   | "Urban BMPs" from the i   |
|                   |                  |             |                    |   |   |
| 33                | Sherburne County | 27          |                    | Please explain why the ownership of the watershed is considered unique.   | The distribution of owne<br>and 94.6% locally owned<br>unique as a description t  |
| 33                |                  | 57          |                    | Sherburne County is a designated MS4. It is unclear how future MS4s were  | MPCA has an internal list   |
| 34                | Sherburne County | 40          | MS4s               | identified. Please clarify where the information is coming from.  | the 5,000 population thr  |

7.65 lbs per year to Table 3.2 under the Longtion Pounds per Year column.

fficiencies, which includes flow reductions, was ne Isssue Framework Document in Appendiz D for ation. It is recommended that site designs for ge BMP be used to track actual storage amounts ring implementation. However, accounting for is understood that if there are descprencies the by ISG can be referenced.

o this narrative to state that this is a count of the ne implementation tables.

nership being 2.6% federal land, 2.8% state land, ed makes the watershed unique. Removed n to avoid confusion.

list of MS4s that exceeded or have approached threshold in the latest Decennial Census

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| ~-                |                  |             |         |  | Per MPCA, Haven Towns                                |
| 35                | Sherburne County | 40          | MS4s    | classified as an MS4.  | change was not made.                                 |
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|                   |                  |             |         |  | The MPCA MS4 program<br>MS4s, and will be sendin     |
|                   |                  |             |         |  | will also be provided that                           |
|                   |                  |             |         |  | MS4s to reply to those le                            |
|                   |                  |             |         |  | conveyance system in re                              |
|                   |                  |             |         |  | waters will be formally b<br>the next MS4 General Pe |
| 36                | Sherburne County | 40          | MS4s    | Figure 1.4 should include a timeframe for anticipated change.  | 2025). General language                              |
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| 37                | Sherburne County | 40          | MS4s    | Should "Baldwin Township" be changed to "Future City of Baldwin"   | Changed Baldwin Towns                                |
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| 38                | Sherburne County | 45          |         | Why is Rusty Crayfish featured? It is an invasive species.   | Removed Rusty Crayfish                               |
|                   | ,                |             |         | Curious about rationale behind using EPA ecoregion classification vs the DNR's   |  |
|                   |                  |             |         | ecological classification system? The EPA's version was completed at the national  |  |
|                   |                  |             |         | scale vs more local. The DNR's appears to have more accurate boundaries, is more accurate and more familiar for local ecologists. "Ecoregions were digitized | Updated Figure 1.8 to us                             |
| 39                | Sherburne County | 50          |         | at 1:250,000 scale and are intented for large geographic extents (i.e. states,   | updated narrative to ma                              |

Inship is not currently a regulated MS4, so this

am staff coordinate directly with the future ding them a letter by the end of 2024. A webinar hat will explain the process to follow for future e letters. Future MS4s that confirm they have regulated areas or discharges to impaired y brought into the program with the issuance of Permit (anticipated to be issued in November of ge was added to page 40 regarding this process.

nship to Future City of Baldwin.

sh image, this was an error.

use DNR's ecological classification system and natch.

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| 40                | Sherburne County | 57          |               | References DNR's ecological classification system. In Table 1.12 "Protected<br>Species by County" the categories are unclear if both federally and state<br>endangered species and threatened species were reviewed as it only<br>states/defines END as federal, whereas, the state has endangered species<br>categories as well. | This was a mistake on ou<br>state law. Updated END   |
| 41                | Sherburne County | 92          |               | Please explain the methodology used for the habitat part. If a "1" was assigned<br>for part of the Wildlife Action Network and a "0" if it is not. Presumably the<br>higher priority areas need less protection than the areas that have less of the<br>existing habitat/wildlife areas?  | The methodology is base<br>corridors, so the subwate<br>areas (WAN) will be prior<br>available. Additionally, en<br>habitats are considered f<br>the threat of invasives ar<br>areas with existing habite<br>candidates for zoning lan<br>Addition of text to addre<br>to Plan narritive for this of |
| 42                | Sherburne County | 111         |               |   | The small area between<br>MBA layers overlapping   |
|                   |                  |             |               | Table 4.20 Data, Studies, and Monitoring: St Francis River - SFR-15 may want to<br>list Baldwin City as they oversee the Shoreland rules for the majority of Little Elk   |  |
| 43                | Sherburne County | 159         |               | Lake.<br>Fee Discounts - in theory this is a good idea, however, the Planning and Zoning  | Added City of Baldwin as<br>To our knowledge, there  |
| 44                | Sherburne County | 170         | Fee Discounts | Department is dependent on fees collected to support the office and provide staff to permit and monitor projects. The Planning and Zoning Department is a   | policy. Added the followi<br>narrative under Fee Disco   |

our end, all information reviewed was based on D to state.

ased on building, expanding, and protecting vatersheds with more Wildife Action Network rioritized due to greater opportunity being , enhancements and active management of ed forms of protecting, so activities to manage and similar activities would also be directed to bitat corridors. These areas would also be language changes to protect existing resources. dress comment #5 also addresses adding clarity is comment.

en Rush Lake and Elk Lake had between 3 - 5 ng this area. Specifically, this included the "Anoka n Sensitivity", "Township Nitrate Results", a small ction Network", "Landscape Stewardship Plan",

# as a supporting entity.

re are not grant programs availabe to offset this wing narrative to the end of the existing scounts: "An existing example of fee discounts

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|                   |                  |             |                       |  | Added the following sent<br>have shoreland manager<br>individually listed throug<br>highlight entities within t |
| 45                | Sherburne County | 181         | Shoreland Management  | aside from counties.   | more general.   |
| 46                | Sherburne County | 199         |                       | There is a large deficit between funding and cost of implementation of this plan.<br>A statement should be made that if adequate funding is not obtained through<br>grants the ability for the entities to meet goals may be severly impacted. | Added the following narr<br>on page 198, "Plan imple<br>be impacted by the amo<br>through state and federa      |
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| 47                | ISG - Paul       | 116         | Implementation Tables | Review internal IT spreadsheet for all formulas that aggregate efforts and reductions for errors and to be consistent with pdf report  | Will be completed follow  |
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| 48                | ISG              | 93          |                       | Add Wildlife Action Network to map.  | Added the Wildlife Actio  |

entence, "Some cities within the Watershed also gement ordinances". Since cities are not bughout the rest of this section, and the goal is to in the Partnership, we kept the reference here

arrative to the bottom of the second paragraph plementation and achievment of Plan goals may nount of funding the Partners are able to obtain eral grants and local contributions."

owing SC meeting and approval of any changes.

tion Network to the map on page 93 (Figure 3.4).

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| 49                | ISG       | 120         | Supporting Programs Tables | Remove exclamation point descriptions | programs tables where |

n point priority descriptions from supporting re this system was not used.