Member Services

MINNESOTA WATERSHEDS
Connecting People. Protecting Water.

What is Minnesota Watersheds?

Minnesota Watersheds (formerly MAWD) is a 501c(4) non-profit and membership based organization serving local governments that manage water on watershed boundaries rather than political boundaries. Members benefit from having an organization that **supports and advocates for leaders in watershed management** and works diligently to maximize the availability of tools and resources to **establish excellence and innovation** in member organizations.

Fortify the infrastructure to ensure reliable delivery of services.

We maintain regular communication with our members to ensure they are informed of the latest watershed news including trainings they may find useful, changes to legislation that may impact them, and information to help them stay in compliance with governmental regulations and laws. **Strategic Plan efforts:** Ensure our governance and management are aligned with the Strategic Plan, continued commitment to communication through newsletters and distributing meeting information.

Serve as a liaison to collaborate with statewide agencies and associations.

We continue to maximize relationships with state agencies and associations as the best way to advance initiatives, especially with the legislature. **Strategic Plan efforts:** continue collaborative efforts with the Minnesota Association of Watershed Administrators and the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Ensure strong legislative policies are in place for watershed management.

Members drive the organization's policies through an annual resolutions process. From these resolutions, our Board of Directors sets each year's priorities. Our lobbyist works to influence political decisions on our behalf. **Strategic Plan efforts:** develop clearly defined legislative policies that accurately state our positions and follow through with lobbyist succession plan.

Enhance the skills of watershed district and watershed management organization boards.

Every year, we provide members with opportunities to learn from other members and industry experts at our events. Training topics include watershed planning, permitting, flood control, education and outreach programs, innovative technologies, public relations, data collection and analysis, aquatic invasive species, drainage, governance, and leadership. **Strategic Plan efforts:** maintain our watershed handbook and providing training at events.

Build a watershed community that supports one another.

The Board of Directors appreciates your watershed's support through attendance at the Legislative Day at the Capitol, Summer Tour, and Annual Conference. We value the opportunity to work with board members and staff at these events. We welcome your involvement in the Board of Directors and on our committees. This is **YOUR** organization. We look forward to serving you in the coming year. **Strategic Plan efforts:** increase participation at our events and share member services information.

Coming together is a **beginning**; keeping together is **progress**; working together is **SUCCESS**.

- Henry Ford

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Our Members

Region I		
Bois de Sioux	Buffalo-Red River	Cormorant Lakes
Joe River	Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers	Pelican River
Red Lake	Roseau River	Sand Hill River
Two Rivers	Warroad	Wild Rice

Region II		
Buffalo Creek	Cedar River	Clearwater River
Crooked Creek	Heron Lake	High Island Creek
Kanaranzi-Little Rock	Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank	Middle Fork Crow River
North Fork Crow River	Okabena-Ocheda	Shell Rock River
Turtle Creek	Upper Minnesota River	Yellow Medicine River

Region III		
Bassett Creek WMC	Brown's Creek	Capitol Region
Carnelian Marine St. Croix	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake	Coon Creek
Minnehaha Creek	Mississippi WMO	Nine Mile Creek
Prior Lake Spring Lake	Ramsey-Washington Metro	Rice Creek
Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek	South Washington	Vadnais Lake Area WMO
Valley Branch		

Minnesota Watersheds offers opportunities to increase watershed management skills, build relationships, and develop partnerships with like-minded groups and organizations