

Internal Memo

Date: March 22, 2023

To: BWSR Board

From: Julie Westerlund, One Watershed, One Plan Program Coordinator

RE: One Watershed, One Plan Program Update

This memo gives an update on One Watershed, One Plan Planning efforts, including developments since the last program update for the BWSR board in August 2022.

The table below provides a summary of progress to date on the goals in BWSR’s *One Watershed, One Plan Transition Plan*.

Year	Planning Grants Awarded (cumulative)		1W1P Completed (cumulative)
	Transition Target	Grants Awarded	
2014-15	5	5	0
2016	6 (11)	7 (12)	2
2017	6 (17)	6 (18)	2 (4)
2018	7 (24)	9 (27)	1 (5)
2019	7 (31)	3 (30)	5 (10)
2020	7 (38)	8 (38)	9 (19)
2021	7 (45)	11 (49)	5 (24)
2022	7 (52)	5 (54)	6 (30)
2023	7 (59)	-	7* (37)

*includes plans recommended for Board approval at the March 22, 2023 board meeting.

I have also attached a map of participating planning boundaries and a list of the local governments that are participating in each planning effort for your information.

Please see planning websites (linked in the interactive map on the BWSR *One Watershed, One Plan – Participating Watersheds* web page) for more information about individual planning efforts.

In this memo, “plan” = comprehensive watershed management plan. “Collaborative” refers to an implementation structure in which the policy committee is advisory to the boards, who make final decisions. “Entity” refers to a new joint powers board that has been delegated authority to make decisions by the member entities. All dates are 2023 unless otherwise specified.

Approved Plans (includes plans recommended for approval at the March 22, 2023 board meeting)

The following planning partnerships have completed their plans and are now implementing them: Root River; Yellow Medicine River; Lake Superior North; Red Lake River; North Fork Crow River; Leech Lake River; Lake of the Woods; Pine River; Missouri River; Cedar Wapsipinicon; Thief River; Cannon River; Pomme de Terre River; Leaf, Wing, Redeye; Buffalo-Red River; Lower St. Croix; Nemadji; Wild Rice – Marsh River; Watonwan River; Bois de Sioux and Mustinka; Two Rivers Plus; Sauk River; Mississippi Headwaters; Greater Zumbro; Hawk Creek-Middle Minnesota; Shell Rock – Winnebago; Rum River; Middle Snake-Tamarac Rivers; Long Prairie River; Clearwater River; Snake River; Otter Tail River; St. Louis River; Lower Minnesota River West; Des Moines River; Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank; Mississippi Winona/La Crescent.

2019 Starts

Lower Minnesota River West: The group submitted a draft plan for 60-day review in September 2022. The formal 60-day review period ended on September 28, 2022. The group finalized the plan and submitted it to BWSR on December 28, 2022. The Southern Regional Committee heard the report on March 13 and recommended approval by the BWSR board on March 22.

St Louis River: The group submitted a draft plan for 60-day review in August 2022. The formal 60-day review period ended on October 26, 2022. The group finalized the plan and submitted it to BWSR on January 12. The Northern Regional Committee heard the plan on March 1 and recommended approval by the BWSR board on March 22.

2020 Starts

Des Moines River: The group completed the draft plan, conducted an internal review, and revised the draft based on feedback from all committees. The formal 60-day review period ended on September 21, 2022. The public hearing was held on October 7, 2022. The group finalized the plan and submitted it to BWSR on January 9. Agency comments consisted of congratulations and recommendations for BWSR approval from agency staff. The Southern Regional Committee heard the report on March 13 and recommended approval by the BWSR board on March 22.

Lac qui Parle- Yellow Bank: The group completed the draft plan and submitted it for formal review in September 2022. The 60-day review period ended on November 23, 2022. Following the public hearing, the partnership submitted the final plan on January 6. The Southern Regional Committee heard the report on March 13 and recommended approval by the BWSR board on March 22. The partners will implement the plan under a joint powers collaborative; all partners signed the implementation agreement and by-laws are drafted. The group has also developed an annual work plan, budget, and a cost share policy for implementation.

Le Sueur: The group completed the draft plan and submitted it for formal review in December 2022. The 60-day review period ended on February 18. The group edited the draft based on comments received and scheduled a public hearing for March 24. The partnership is planning to submit the final plan in April or May and anticipates consideration by the full BWSR Board in August.

Winona-La Crescent: The group completed the draft plan and submitted it for formal review in October 2022. The 60-day review period ended on December 5, 2022. The public hearing was held in Winona on January 26th. During the month of February, each partner approved and signed resolutions to submit the plan to BWSR. The final plan was submitted for approval on March 3rd. The Southern Regional Committee heard the report on March 13 and recommended approval by the BWSR board on March 22.

2021 Starts

Chippewa River: The group is moving through the planning process with a fair degree of speed and anticipates a completed plan for BWSR consideration in late 2023 or early 2024. They nearly finished with identifying priority locations for resources of concern. In the coming month they will begin discussing their targeted implementation schedule. This process serves as an iterative check on prioritization and goal setting, allowing them to see how actual implementation will play out.

Kettle and Upper St. Croix: The group has five resource specific topic meetings (Lakes, Forestry, River/Streams/Wetlands, Farm & Groundwater, Storm Water) in the later half of 2022. This robust process gathered information regarding issues/opportunities in the watershed from partners with expertise in each resource type. They are currently developing measurable goals which they will bring to the policy committee in April. Next they will develop their targeted implementation schedule. The group anticipates a completed plan for BWSR consideration and local adoption by the end of 2023.

Lower MN River East: The group drafted the land and water resources narrative and has nearly finished identifying priority resources. They are currently establishing measurable goals and starting discussions about their implementation strategy and the structure of targeted implementation schedule. The group is beginning discussions on organizational arrangements for implementation. They anticipate a completed plan for BWSR consideration and local adoption by early 2024.

Mississippi River Brainerd: The group has identified priority issues and the resources their focus resources. They are currently developing measurable goals. The group anticipates a full draft for review by June 2023 and a completed plan for BWSR consideration by the end of 2023.

Mississippi River St. Cloud: The group finalized their partnership, including electing officers for the policy committee, scheduling regular meetings, and confirming citizen advisory committee members. They held a public kickoff meeting on January 31, which was well attended by members of the public. This group is also hosting the [We Are Water Minnesota Exhibit](#) to enhance public participation in the planning effort. The group is proactively forming an implementation subcommittee for discussing options for organizational structures once the plan is complete.

Rainy River Headwaters-Vermillion: The group developed issues statements and identified strategies to prioritize resources. In the coming months they will develop measurable goals and the targeted implementation schedule. The coordinator of this project, with assistance from the consultant, spoke about the planning effort at the Lake of the Woods, Rainy River Watershed Forum. The presentation was well received by our international partners in Canada.

Rainy-Rapid River: The group completed the draft plan and submitted it for formal review in January. The 60-day review period ends March 24. They anticipate presenting the plan for board consideration in May.

Roseau River: The group completed the draft plan and submitted it for formal review in December 2022. The 60-day review period ended on February 14 and the policy committee held a public hearing on March 1. The group plans to present the plan to BWSR's Northern Region Committee on April 5 and anticipates consideration of the plan by BWSR on April 26.

Sand Hill River: The group is making consistent progress. They developed a list of issues with input from citizens at three different public events across the watershed. They began developing goals in January utilizing PTMApp to develop implementation scenarios. An advisory and policy joint committee is scheduled for May 9 to approve the final goals for the plan. Pending major changes to the schedule the group anticipates a completed plan for BWSR consideration October.

South Fork of the Crow River: They group has identified priority issues and made considerable progress on developing measurable goals. They will finalize priority areas and resources when they receive HSPF-SAM modeling results. They have started work on the implementation schedule. They are making steady progress and expect to have a complete first draft of the plan by mid-summer with a final plan for BWSR consideration in late 2023 or early 2024.

Upper Minnesota River: The partnership anticipated a completed plan for the policy committee to review in May. They plan to submit the plan for formal 60-day review in early summer and anticipate a final plan for BWSR consideration in late 2023. The policy committee is starting to discuss organizational structures for implementation.

2022 Starts

Cottonwood – Middle Minnesota River: Staff and elected officials from participating entities gathered on November 30, 2022 to hear a presentation from Julie Westerlund about the One Watershed, One Plan Program. All parties signed the planning agreement. The budget and work plan are approved and the planning grant is executed. A policy meeting is being planned for spring of 2023 to get a planning schedule underway.

The planning partners are Brown County, Brown SWCD, Cottonwood County, Cottonwood SWCD, Lyon County, Lyon SWCD, Murray County, Murray SWCD, Redwood County, Redwood SWCD, Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, and the City of Springfield.

Crow Wing River: All parties signed the planning agreement. The budget and work plan are approved and the planning grant is executed. The initial steering team meeting is scheduled for March 29. The group hired Houston, Engineering, Inc. as the plan consultant.

The planning partners are Becker County, Becker SWCD, Cass County, Cass SWCD, Crow Wing County, Crow Wing SWCD, Hubbard County, Hubbard SWCD, Otter Tail County, Otter Tail SWCD, Todd County, Todd SWCD, Wadena County, and Wadena SWCD.

Rainy River-Rainy Lake/Lower Rainy River: The group has drafted a planning agreement, budget, and work plan.

The planning partners are Koochiching SWCD and County, City of International Falls and the City of Ranier.

Upper and Lower Red Lake: All parties signed the planning agreement. The budget and work plan are approved and the planning grant is executed.

The planning partners are Beltrami SWCD and County, Red Lake Nation and the Red Lake Watershed District.

Upper Mississippi – Grand Rapids: All parties signed the planning agreement. The budget and work plan are approved and the planning grant is executed. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has signaled that they intend to join the planning effort, which will require amending the planning agreement and re-routing for signature by all participating entities.

The planning partners include Aitkin County and SWCD, Carlton County and SWCD, Cass County and SWCD, Itasca County and SWCD and Salo Township.

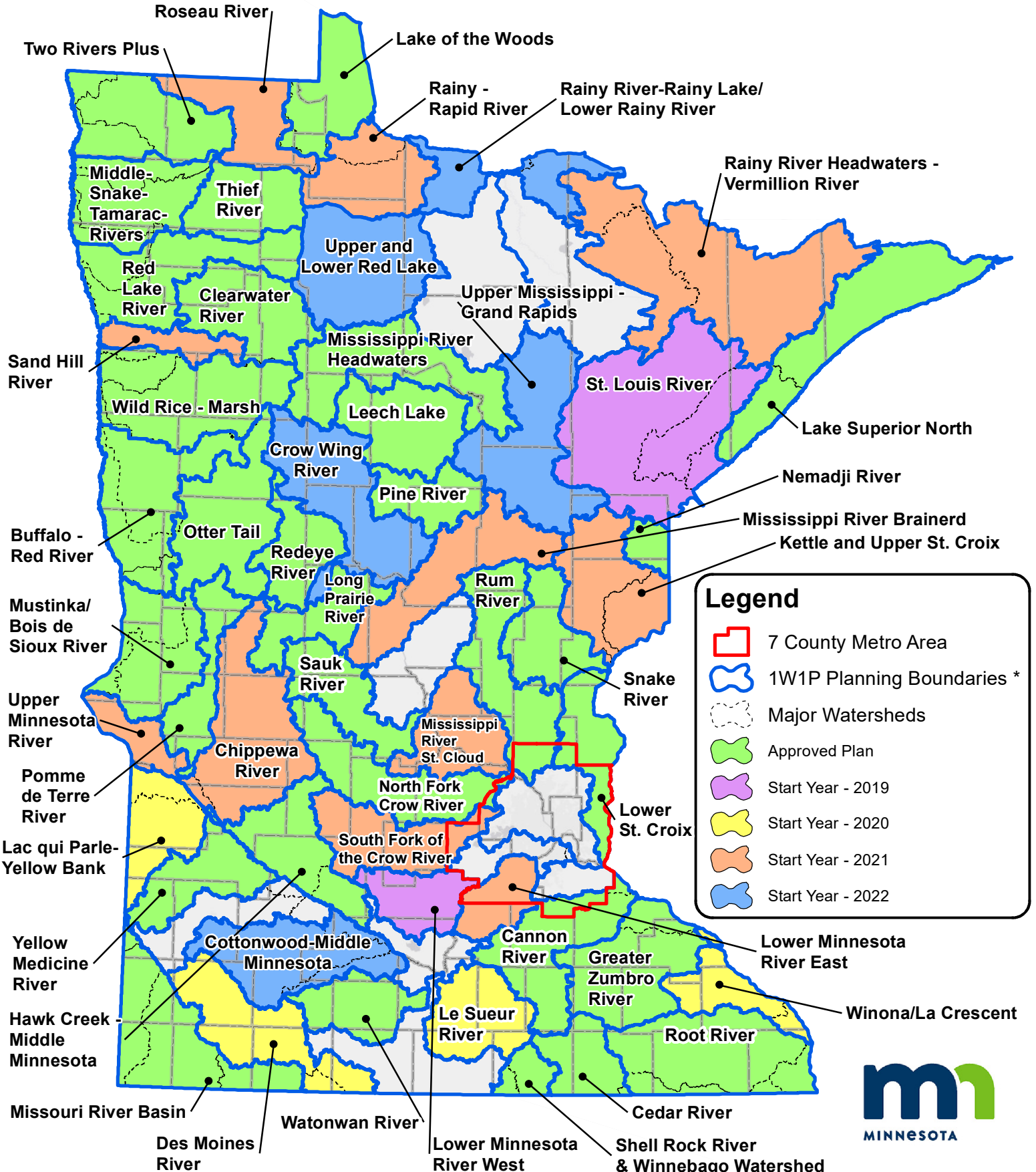
ATTACHMENTS:

Map of participating watersheds

List of participating local governments

One Watershed, One Plan

Participating Watersheds



Legend

- 7 County Metro Area
- 1W1P Planning Boundaries *
- Major Watersheds
- Approved Plan
- Start Year - 2019
- Start Year - 2020
- Start Year - 2021
- Start Year - 2022

*Not legal boundaries; intended for planning purposes through One Watershed, One Plan only.





Local and Tribal Governments Participating in the One Watershed, One Plan program. (# of partners). Some names are truncated to conserve space.

2022					
Cottonwood-Middle MN (13)	Crow Wing (14)	Rainy River-Rainy Lake/Lower	Upper and Lower Red Lake (4)	Upper Miss – Grand Rapids (9)	
Brown County	Becker County	Rainy River (4)	Beltrami County	Aitkin County	
Brown SWCD	Becker SWCD	City of International Falls	Beltrami SWCD	Aitkin SWCD	
Cottonwood County	Cass County	City of Ranier	Red Lake Nation	Carlton County	
Cottonwood SWCD	Cass SWCD	Koochiching County	Red Lake Watershed District	Carlton SWCD	
Lyon County	Crow Wing County	Koochiching SWCD		Cass County	
Lyon SWCD	Crow Wing SWCD			Cass SWCD	
Murray County	Hubbard County			Itasca County	
Murray SWCD	Hubbard SWCD			Itasca SWCD	
Redwood County	Otter Tail County			Salo Township	
Redwood SWCD	Otter Tail SWCD				
Area II Minnesota River Basin Project	Todd County				
Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control	Todd SWCD				
City of Springfield	Wadena County				
	Wadena SWCD				
2021					
Chippewa (16)	Kettle and Upper St. Croix (5)	Lower MN East (7)	Mississippi River Brained (10)	Mississippi River St. Cloud (12)	Rainy R Hdwtrs/Vermilion R (6)
Chippewa County	Carlton County	Le Sueur County	Aitkin County	Benton County	Cook County
Chippewa SWCD	Carlton SWCD	Le Sueur SWCD	Aitkin SWCD	Benton SWCD	Cook SWCD
Douglas County	Kanabec SWCD	Lower MN River Watershed District	City of Baxter	Clearwater River Watershed Dist.	Lake County
Douglas SWCD	Pine County	Rice County	City of Brainerd	Meeker County	Lake SWCD
Grant County	Pine SWCD	Rice SWCD	Crow Wing County	Meeker SWCD	North St. Louis SCWD
Grant SWCD		Scott County WMO	Crow Wing SWCD	Mille Lacs SWCD	St. Louis County
Kandiyohi County	South Fork of the Crow River (13)	Scott SWCD	Morrison County	Sherburne County	
Kandiyohi SWCD	Buffalo Creek Watershed District		Morrison SWCD	Sherburne SWCD	
Otter Tail County	Carver SWCD	Sand Hill River (8)	Todd County	Stearns County	Upper Minnesota River (7)
Pope County	City of Winsted	East Polk SWCD	Todd SWCD	Stearns SWCD	Big Stone County
Pope SWCD	Kandiyohi County	Mahnomen County		Wright County	Big Stone SWCD
Stevens County	Kandiyohi SWCD	Mahnomen SWCD	Rainy-Rapid (2)	Wright SWCD	Swift County
Stevens SWCD	McLeod County	Norman County	Lake of the Woods County		Swift SWCD
Swift County	McLeod SWCD	Norman SWCD	Lake of the Woods SWCD	Roseau River (3)	Traverse County
Swift SWCD	Meeker County	Polk County		Roseau County	Traverse SWCD
West Otter Tail SWCD	Meeker SWCD	Sand Hill River Watershed District		Roseau River Watershed District	Upper MN River Watershed Dist
	Renville County	West Polk SWCD		Roseau SWCD	
	Renville SWCD				
	Wright County				
	Wright SWCD				

2020

Clearwater (9)	Des Moines (13)	Lac qui Parle- Yellow Bank (8)	Le Sueur (8)	Long Prairie (7)	Winona-La Crescent (10)
Clearwater County	Cottonwood County	Area II Minnesota River Valley Proje	Blue Earth County	Douglas County	City of Winona
Clearwater SWCD	Cottonwood SWCD	Lac qui Parle SWCD	Blue Earth County SWCD	Douglas SWCD	Houston County
East Polk SWCD	Heron Lake Watershed District	Lac qui Parle County	Faribault County	Morrison County	Olmsted County
Pennington County	Jackson County	Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank WD	Faribault County SWCD	Morrison SWCD	Olmsted SWCD
Pennington SWCD	Jackson SWCD	Lincoln SWCD	Freeborn County	Todd County	Root River SWCD
Polk County	Lyon County	Lincoln County	Freeborn SWCD	Todd SWCD	Stockton-Rollingstone-MN City WD
Red Lake County	Lyon SWCD	Yellow Medicine SWCD	Waseca County	West Ottertail SWCD	Wabasha County
Red Lake SWCD	Martin County	Yellow Medicine County	Waseca SWCD		Wabasha SWCD
Red Lake Watershed District	Martin SWCD			Otter Tail (6)	Winona County
	Murray County			Becker SWCD	Winona SWCD
Middle-Snake Tamarac (5)	Murray SWCD			Becker County	
Marshall County	Nobles County			Cormorant Lakes Watershed District	
Marshall SWCD	Nobles SWCD			East Otter Tail SWCD	
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers WD				Otter Tail County	
Polk County				Pelican River Watershed District	
West Polk SWCD				West Otter Tail SWCD	

2019

Lower Minnesota River West (7)	Snake (8)	St. Louis (6)
High Island Creek WD	Aitkin County	Carlton County
McLeod County	Aitkin SWCD	Carlton SWCD
McLeod SWCD	Kanabec County	Fond du Lac Band of Lk Superior Chippewa
Nicollet County	Kanabec SWCD	North St. Louis SWCD
Nicollet SWCD	Mille Lacs County	St. Louis County
Sibley County	Mille Lacs SWCD	South St. Louis SWCD
Sibley SWCD	Pine County	
	Pine SWCD	

2018

Hawk Creek Middle MN (6)	Nemadji (4)	Rum (17)	Mississippi Headwaters (10)	Wild Rice and Marsh (14)	Greater Zumbro (12)
Chippewa County	Carlton County	Aitkin County	Beltrami County	Becker County	Dodge County
Chippewa SWCD	Carlton SWCD	Aitkin SWCD	Beltrami SWCD	Becker SWCD	Dodge SWCD
Kandiyohi County	Pine County	Anoka SWCD	Cass County	Clay County	City of Rochester
Kandiyohi SWCD	Pine SWCD	Benton County	Cass SWCD	Clay SWCD	Goodhue County
Renville County		Benton SWCD	Clearwater County	Clearwater County	Goodhue SWCD
Renville SWCD		Crow Wing County	Clearwater SWCD	Clearwater SWCD	Olmsted County
	Redeye (5)	Crow Wing SWCD	Hubbard County	Mahnomen County	Olmsted SWCD
	Becker SWCD	Isanti County	Hubbard SWCD	Mahnomen SWCD	Rice County
Shell Rock - Winnebago (4)	East Otter Tail SWCD	Isanti SWCD	Itasca County	Norman County	Rice SWCD
Freeborn County	Otter Tail County	Kanabec County	Itasca SWCD	Norman SWCD	Wabasha County
Freeborn SWCD	Wadena County	Kanabec SWCD		Polk County	Wabasha SWCD
City of Albert Lea	Wadena SWCD	Mille Lacs County	Two Rivers Plus (4)	East Polk SWCD	Bear Valley WD
Shell Rock River WD		Mille Lacs SWCD	Kittson County	West Polk SWCD	
		Morrison County	Kittson SWCD	Wild Rice WD	
		Morrison SWCD	Roseau County		
		Sherburne County	Roseau SWCD		
		Sherburne SWCD			

2017

Buffalo-Red River (9)	Lower St. Croix River (15)	Mustinka/Bois de Sioux Rivers (13)	Pine River (4)	Sauk River (11)	Watsonwan River (12)
Becker County	Anoka SWCD	Big Stone County	Cass County	Douglas County	Blue Earth County
Becker SWCD	Brown's Creek WD	Big Stone SWCD	Cass SWCD	Douglas SWCD	Blue Earth SWCD
Buffalo-Red River WD	Carnelian Marine St. Croix WD	Bois de Sioux WD	Crow Wing County	Meeker County	Brown County
Clay County	Chisago County	Grant County	Crow Wing SWCD	Meeker SWCD	Brown SWCD
Clay SWCD	Chisago SWCD	Grant SCWD		Pope County	Cottonwood County
Otter Tail County	Comfort Lake Forest Lake WD	Otter Tail County		Pope SWCD	Cottonwood SWCD
West Otter Tail SWCD	Isanti County	West Otter Tail SWCD		Sauk River Watershed District	Jackson County
Wilkin County	Isanti SWCD	Stevens County		Stearns County	Jackson SWCD
Wilkin SWCD	Middle St. Croix WMO	Stevens SWCD		Stearns SWCD	Martin County
	Pine County	Traverse County		Todd County	Martin SWCD
	Pine SWCD	Traverse SWCD		Todd SWCD	Watsonwan County
	South Washington WD	Wilkin County			Watsonwan SWCD
	Sunrise River WMO	Wilkin SWCD			
	Washington County				
	Washington SWCD				

2016

Cannon River (14)	Cedar River (11)	Pomme de Terre River (13)	Leech Lake River (4)	Missouri River Basin (14)	Thief River (7)
Belle Creek WD	Cedar River WD	Big Stone County	Cass County	Jackson County	Beltrami County
Dakota County	City of Austin	Big Stone SWCD	Cass SWCD	Jackson SWCD	Beltrami SWCD
Dakota SWCD	Dodge County	Douglas County	Hubbard County	Kanaranzi - Little Rock WD	Marshall County
Goodhue County	Dodge SWCD	Douglas SWCD	Hubbard SWCD	Lincoln County	Marshall SWCD
Goodhue SWCD	Freeborn County	Grant County		Lincoln SWCD	Pennington County
Le Sueur County	Freeborn SWCD	Grant SWCD		Murray County	Pennington SWCD
Le Sueur SWCD	Mower County	Otter Tail County	Lake of the Woods (5)	Murray SWCD	Red Lake WD
North Cannon WMO	Mower SWCD	West Otter Tail SWCD	Lake of the Woods County	Nobles County	
Rice County	Steele County	Stevens County	Lake of the Woods SWCD	Nobles SWCD	
Rice SWCD	Steele SWCD	Stevens SWCD	Roseau County	Okabena-Ocheda WD	
Steele County	Turtle Creek WD	Swift County	Roseau SWCD	Pipestone County	
Steele SWCD		Swift SWCD	Warroad River WD	Pipestone SWCD	
Waseca County		Pomme de Terre River Association		Rock County	
Waseca SWCD				Rock SWCD	

Pilots

Lake Superior North (4)	North Fork Crow River (14)	Red Lake River (7)	Root River (13)	Yellow Medicine River (10)
Cook County	McLeod County	Pennington County	Crooked Creek WD	Area II MN River Basin Projects, Inc.
Cook SWCD	McLeod SWCD	Pennington SWCD	Dodge County	Lac Qui Parle County
Lake County	Kandiyohi County	Polk County	Dodge SWCD	Lac Qui Parle SWCD
Lake SWCD	Kandiyohi SWCD	West Polk SWCD	Filmore County	Lincoln County
	Meeker County	Red Lake County	Filmore SWCD	Lincoln SWCD
	Meeker SWCD	Red Lake SWCD	Houston County	Lyon County
	Pope County	Red Lake WD	Root River SWCD	Lyon SWCD
	Pope SWCD		Mower County	Yellow Medicine County
	Stearns County		Mower SWCD	Yellow Medicine SWCD
	Stearns SWCD		Olmsted County	Yellow Medicine River WD
	Wright County		Olmsted SWCD	
	Wright SWCD		Winona County	
	Middle Fork Crow River WD		Winona SWCD	
	North Fork Crow River WD			
