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Performance Review and Assistance Program

2011 Level II Review: Le Sueur County Local Water Management (*Le Sueur County*)

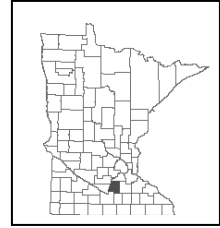
Why BWSR did this review

BWSR conducts Level II performance reviews to help local government water management entities to be the best they can be in plan implementation and overall operational effectiveness. In 2011 BWSR is conducting Level II performance reviews of seven different local water management entities.

BWSR has conducted a routine Level II performance review of the **Le Sueur County Local Water Management** program because they are at the midpoint in implementing their plan and have recently completed a plan update.

This document includes findings and recommendations to enhance the overall operation and effectiveness of the county's local water management. The county commissioners and staff are responsible for taking any actions they deem necessary in response to the findings and recommendations in this report.

Le Sueur County Local Water Management Summary of Performance Review Results



What BWSR Found

The Le Sueur County local water management program is both ambitious in the planned objectives and successful in a wide range of accomplishments related to that plan. The county has many of the pieces in place to become a trend setter in this challenging arena. The county local water plan tackles a wide range of water management issues in a county that has a diverse mix of lake, stream and groundwater management demands. This review confirmed that, while more could be done with more resources in staff and funding, the county is making progress in implementing broad-spectrum, local water management.

The county program meets all of BWSR's basic performance standards and a majority of the high performance standards, which reflect statewide organizational best management practices. This reflects a well-balanced application of local water management administration and project implementation.

The county is well-served by a diverse membership on its water plan task force and a competent, water plan administrator.

Action Items (need immediate attention)

There are no action items.

Commendations (show exemplary performance)

The Le Sueur County local water management program is commended for meeting these high performance standards.

- ★ LWM implementation plan completed within 5 yrs of plan adoption
- ★ Annual plan priorities based on water quality trend data for key water resources
- ★ Data collected to track outcomes for each priority concern
- ★ Water quality trends tracked for priority water bodies
- ★ Obtain stakeholder input: within last 5 yrs
- ★ Partnerships: liaison with SWCDs/WDs and cooperative projects/tasks done
- ★ County local water plan on county website
- ★ Water management ordinances on county website.