

Watershed-based Funding: Pilot program

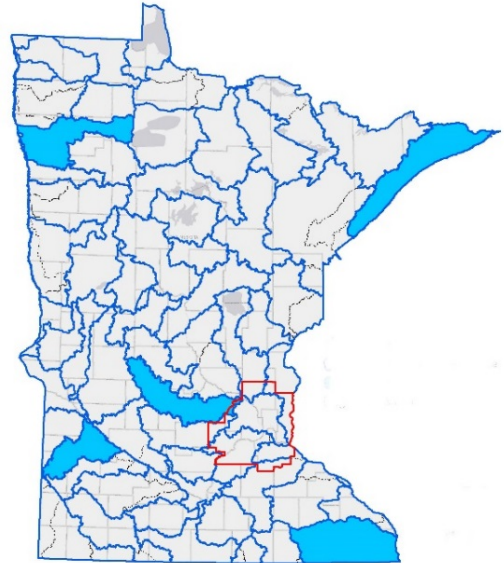
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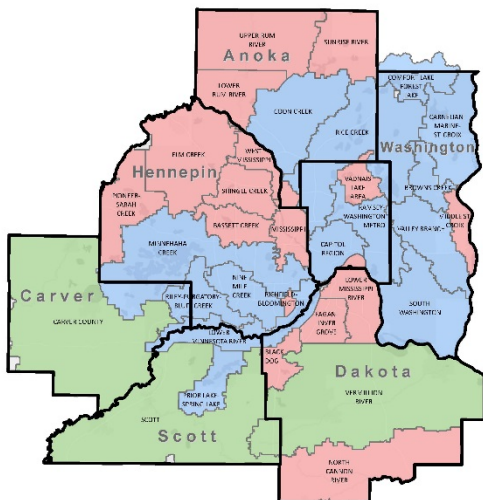
In 2017, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), in partnership with the Local Government Water Round Table, began working with local governments across the state to develop a watershed-based funding pilot program.

In this pilot phase, funding is being distributed to watershed areas that have completed watershed management plans under the One Watershed, One Plan Program, the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act or the Metropolitan Groundwater Management Act to implement activities identified in these plans.

The pilot areas include: Yellow Medicine, Root River, Red Lake River, Lake Superior North, the North Fork Crow River and the Seven County Metropolitan Area.



Watershed-based funding pilot area in blue. metro area in red.



Metro water management authorities.

For this program to be successful, both the state and local governments must be proactive in ensuring that watershed-based pilot funding is used as effectively and efficiently as possible to achieve measurable outcomes identified in watershed management plans.

Assurance measures

A component of the pilot program is evaluating a set of preliminary assurance measures in partnership with participating local governments to understand the results of watershed-based funding.

The information gathered through the pilot will be used by BWSR to further define how assurance measures will be applied in future program decisions.

What's next?

The pilot program started December 2017 and will continue through December 2021. During this time BWSR will work closely with the local government units participating in the pilot program to develop a long term coordinated funding approach and address challenges with preliminary assurance measures.

What will we measure?

- Did the effort leverage outside funds?
- Is the grant work plan being implemented as written?
- Are priority programs being implemented?
- Are practices being implemented in the priority areas identified in the plan?
- Are watershed goals and outcomes being achieved?

If you have questions about how watershed-based funding affects your organization, please contact

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