
The plan will address the largest threats and provide the greatest environmental benefits to the Root River Watershed.

Next Steps for the Root's *One Watershed, One Plan*

- Continue to review and edit the written elements of the plan.
- Identify funding for the implementation stage of the plan.
- Complete the plan by 2016, and implement it throughout the 10-year timeframe of the plan.
- Provide BWSR with lessons, feedback, and experience gained from the pilot plan to help adjust and streamline the framework for statewide rollout of the program.

Tips from the Root

- **"In southeast Minnesota, local County and SWCD staff have already been networking with each other on regional and state projects; this has helped during *One Watershed, One Plan* planning. It is very important to have as much transparency as possible in the process. Updates on the *One Watershed, One Plan* process are provided on the Fillmore SWCD website. We let the public and the advisory committee know that they could access the SWCD website to review the minutes of our meetings about the plan, and to access BWSR fact sheets about the program."**

--Sheila Harmes, Winona County
Water Planner

- **"[B]e as involved as you can be. It is easy to want to tell yourself that someone else will take care of all the details. Be as engaged as you can be."**

-- Jennifer Ronnenberg, Fillmore County
Conservation Office.

- **"Slow down and take your time. Make sure that whatever you have in your plan is doable and meets your needs and priorities."**

--Donna Rasmussen, Fillmore SWCD
Administrator

One Watershed, One Plan Background

One Watershed, One Plan is rooted in Minnesota's long history of water management by local government. Planning for the program began with the Local Government Water Roundtable (Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, and Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Roundtable members recommended that local governments charged with water management should develop focused implementation plans on a watershed scale. In 2012, the Minnesota State Legislature, through the *One Watershed, One Plan* legislation, authorized BWSR to develop and implement a comprehensive watershed management plan approach. The resulting approach coordinates and consolidates water plans on a watershed basis instead of political boundaries.

How Do I Stay Informed?

For up-to-date information on the statewide rollout of *One Watershed, One Plan*, please visit the BWSR program website, available at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/1W1P/index.html. For information on the Root River pilot watershed, please contact your local County, Soil and Water Conservation District, or Watershed District office, and visit <http://www.fillmoreswcd.org/rootRiverWatershed.html>.