

Project Update

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Plan Progress

The Mississippi River – Brainerd One Watershed One Plan effort began in June 2022 with a Public Kickoff event at Camp Ripley followed by a Citizen Advisory Committee meeting. At these meetings, participants learned about the watershed and planning process and had a chance to offer input by discussing potential issues and opportunities for the plan to address.

Issues gathered from the public were compiled and compared to priorities from state agencies and existing county water plans, resulting in a watershed issues list. These issues were prioritized by the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee in August and September.

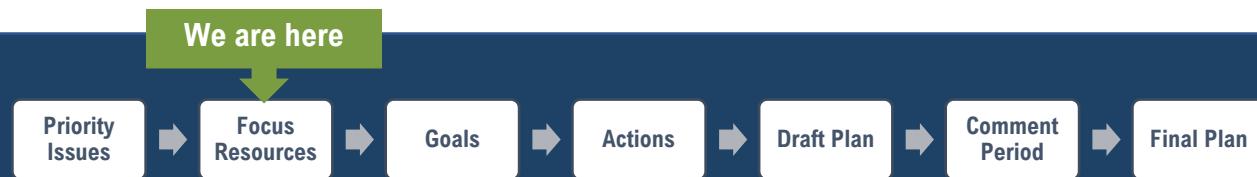
Priority Issues include runoff (stormwater, agriculture, and chloride), soil health, drinking water contamination, altered

hydrology, forest and habitat protection, forest health, wetland protection, lakeshore development impacts, and aquatic invasive species.

The next step in the process will be to prioritize resources such as lakes and streams for different management strategies such as which resources are high quality and will have a protection focus and which resources are degraded and will have a restoration focus. These management strategies will then be considered as they work on drafting measurable goals for the plan.



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