

Rum River

One Watershed, One Plan

Date: March 8, 2019

To: State Review Agencies
Metropolitan Council
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
The Nature Conservancy
MN Forest Resource Council

From: Isanti County acting on behalf of the Rum River One Watershed, One Plan Work Group.

RE: Notification of plan development and invitation to submit priority issues and plan expectations for the Rum River One Watershed One Plan.

The local government units (LGUs) within the Rum River Watershed have been awarded a planning grant from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for the One Watershed, One Plan program (1W1P). This program allows LGUs to transition from county-based water management planning to watershed-based planning.

The Rum River watershed planning area includes a drainage area of 1,013,760 acres, (see attached map). The watershed is unique in that it encompasses portions of one metro, several non-metro counties, and two Watershed Management Organizations. As such, the plan goals are to:

- 1) Provide the most detail for non-metro areas most likely to replace their local plan with 1W1P, and where current plans are less detailed.
- 2) Focus on work that is most effectively implemented across the boundaries of local water planning entities, most effectively accomplished through cooperation, or local issues of regional significance.

LGU's have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of developing the watershed plan. **This notice serves to invite all recipients of this 60-day notice to submit basin-level and/or local water management issues they feel the process and the resulting plan should address (e.g. land use plans or special ordinances, special projects/plans like wastewater facilities, well head protection plans, etc. that could use or need a plan connection, and any expectations for the plan).**

The Rum River Watershed partners are excited to begin this process of watershed-based planning. If you have any questions related to this effort, please contact Darrick Wotachek (Notifications Coordinator) using the contact information below.

Please submit the requested information by May 15, 2019 to:

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Also, be aware that multiple opportunities to participate in the process will be provided in the near future. Information will be distributed when the details are finalized.

Rum River 1W1P Boundaries

