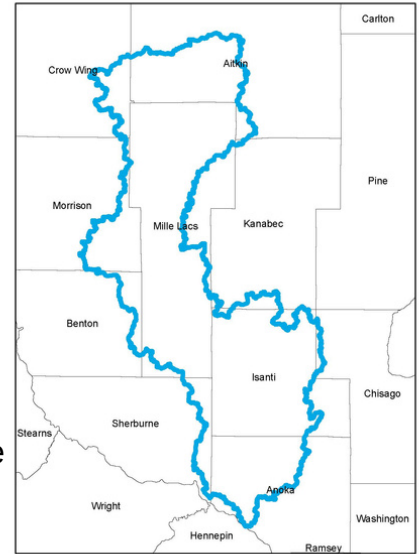


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WHAT IS THE RUM RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP?

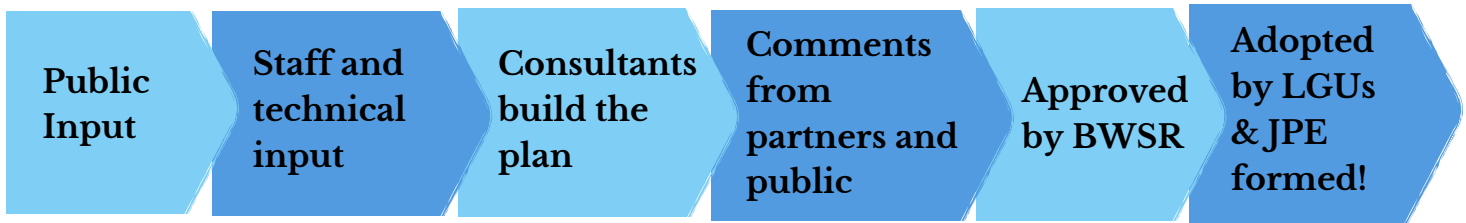
The Rum River Watershed Partnership (RRWP) is a joint powers entity formed by 5 counties, 8 SWCDs, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. The group's purpose is to implement a state-approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The RRWP is funded primarily by grants and does not charge dues to its members. Grant funding exceeds \$500K/yr. Work is primarily accomplished by passing funds to members coordinating approved projects.



WHAT IS THE COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN?

Minnesota is shifting from county-level to watershed-scale water planning, or “one watershed, one plan”. Water doesn’t stop at county lines, so this makes the plan more complete and consistent. Using local and state input, we created a plan for the Rum River Watershed. The Comprehensive Management Plan is the document from this process.

HOW WAS THE PLAN MADE?

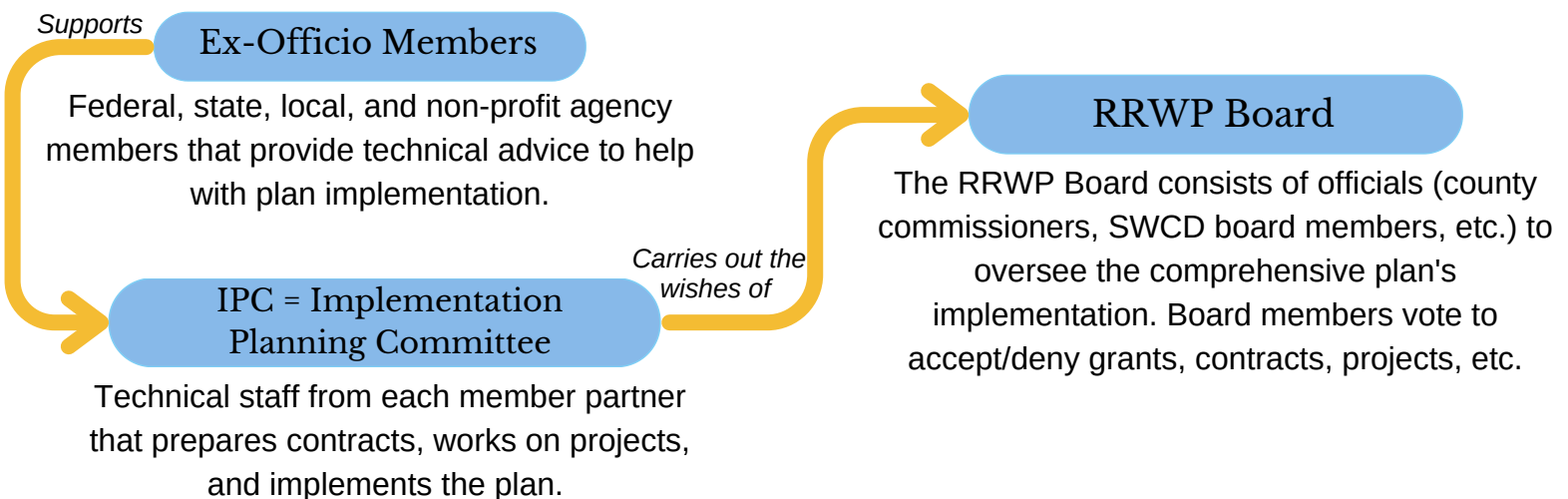


WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES?

- A** ♦ Restore surface water
- B** ♦ Surface water quantity
- C** ♦ Invasive species
- ♦ Protect surface water
- ♦ Groundwater and drinking water quality
- ♦ Groundwater knowledge and data
- ♦ Outreach and engagement
- ♦ Restore, manage, and protect upland habitat
- ♦ Restore and protect aquatic habitat

Priority waterbodies for each goal are also identified in the plan.

WHAT ARE ALL OF THE COMMITTEES?



HOW IS THIS WORK GETTING PLANNED?

Comprehensive Plan

- Ten-year plan.
- Identifies priority issues and waterbodies within the watershed, long-term goals, and implementation strategies.

Annual Work Plan

- Describes activities the Partnership plans to implement to achieve implementation goals defined in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Bi-annual WBIF work plan
- Annual plan describes work to be done with other sources of funding
- Includes a detailed budget

HOW DO PROJECTS GET SELECTED?

Members submit funding requests for projects



IPC members discuss and vote to make recommendations to the board.



JPE board approves projects for funding.

Watershed policies, the work plan, and a ranking sheet act as guiding documents for approving projects. If a project is not selected to fund, there is an appeal process members can do.

WHERE IS THE FUNDING COMING FROM?



1

Watershed Based Implementation Funds

Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) are sourced from the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment. The MN Board of Water and Soil Resources administers the grant. Every other year the RRWP is expected to receive about \$1 M WBIF. WBIF grants expire after three years.

2

Match

WBIF requires a 10% match. This match is sourced from a variety of non-state grants and landowner cost-share. Partners may also pursue various grants to expedite the plan's implementation.

WBIF = Water Based Implementation Funds

1W1P = One Watershed One Plan

CWMP = Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

RRWP = Rum River Watershed Partnership

JPA = Joint Powers Agreement

JPE = Joint Powers Entity

IPC = Implementation Planning Committee

BWSR = Board of Water and Soil Resources