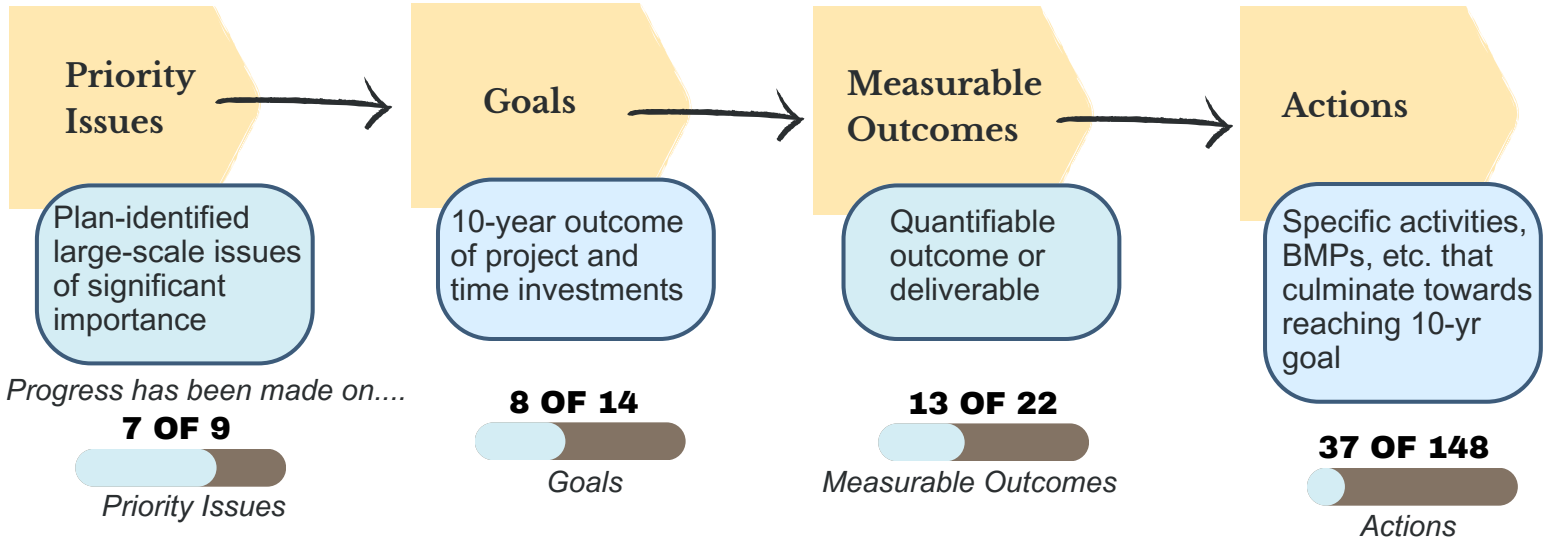


2024 Rum River Watershed Partnership Annual Report



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. Any work partners complete using WBIF or other funding sources contributes progress towards plan goals. This report details the progress made in 2024, which marks the second year of implementation.

GOAL PROGRESS



★ WE ARE ON TRACK

We are 20% into the life of the plan. We would like to see close to 20% of progress being made.

21% of Action IDs have 10% or greater progress made

10% of Action IDs are complete!

Water Storage



POLLUTANT REDUCTIONS

PHOSPHORUS	NITROGEN	SEDIMENT
2,083 lbs/yr 85%	16,082 lb/yr	9,256 tons/yr

Protected Land



To see detailed progress information, see our [online tracking tool](#):

Best viewed on a computer or large screen.



Progress by Management Zone

MILLE LACS LAKE

5 Forest Stewardship Plans

MILACA

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
24 lbs/yr	0 lb/yr	22 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Bogus Brook.

W. BRANCH RUM RIVER

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
315 lbs/yr	5,884 lb/yr	158 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Estes Brook and the West Branch of the Rum River.

PRINCETON-CAMBRIDGE

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
832 lbs/yr	8,498 lb/yr	6,189 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Blue Lake, Green Lake, and Spectacle Lake.

ST. FRANCIS

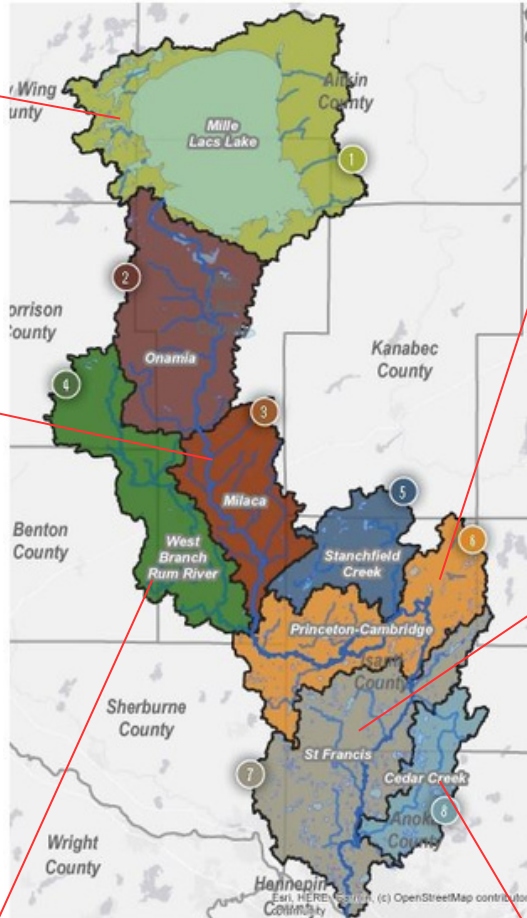
TP	TN	SEDIMENT
887 lbs/yr	1,270 lb/yr	1,631 tons/yr

Activities have been done on George Lake and Skogman Lake.

CEDAR CREEK

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
4.7 lbs/yr	182 lb/yr	3.1 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Cedar Creek.



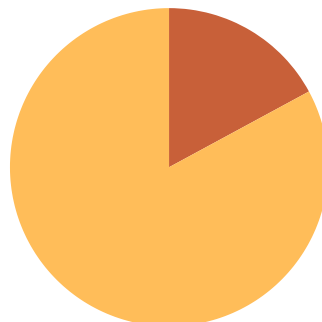
In many parts of the watershed work has been done that benefits groundwater, the Rum River, and watershed-wide resources.

Funding

Funding is sourced from Watershed-Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) and other local, state, and federal funding sources. In 2023, the RRWP received \$1.1M of Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF), sourced from the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment, to implement the plan. In late 2024, an additional \$1.3M was secured from WBIF.

Project expenses from all sources have totaled....

\$4,097,911



26 projects have been funded using WBIF

126 projects were funded from 26 other funding sources

Project Gallery

87 projects were completed in the watershed in 2024. Here are a few examples of projects that were completed to accomplish plan goals.



Wetland Restoration
near Green Lake
Isanti SWCD



Rain garden benefiting
the Rum River
Anoka CD



Cover crops shortly
after planting
Benton SWCD



Riverbank stabilization
on the Rum River
Anoka CD



Well Sealing
Mille Lacs SWCD

Watershed Wide Outreach

Outreach activities are detailed in the FY23 RRWP Outreach Plan and led by staff at Isanti SWCD and Mille Lacs SWCD. In 2024 outreach focused on improving communication, collaboration, and utilizing resources among partners.

COMPLETED
IN PROGRESS

Goal: 10 outreach efforts every biennium

Goal: 25 new groups engaged over 10 yrs



26/10



22/25

Outreach completed includes:



Hosted 9 partner events, reaching a total of 293 people



Increased partner communication by hosting technical staff meetings, including the Ag Tech Team and Land Forestry Team



Added 58 educational materials to a shared partner resources folder and created a public resources webpage

in total we have reached

1,578 people

