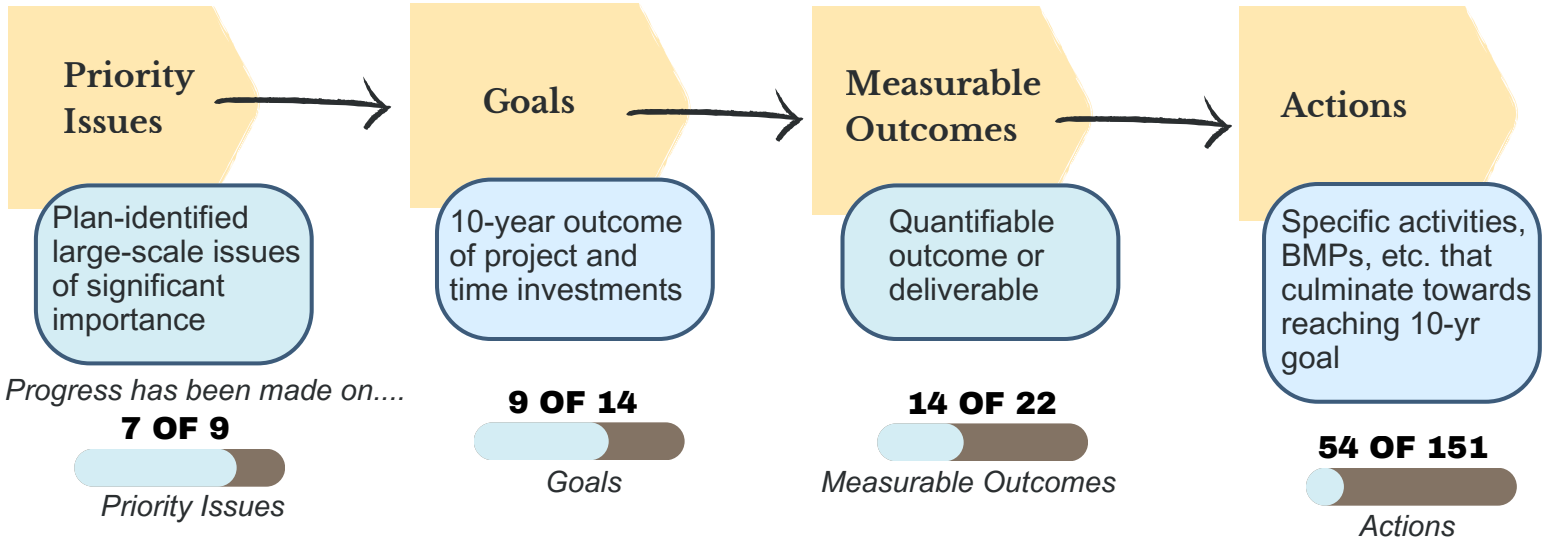


2025 Rum River Watershed Partnership Annual Report



The Rum River Watershed Partnership (RRWP) is a joint powers entity formed by 6 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 2025, which marks the third year of implementation.

GOAL PROGRESS



★ WE ARE ON TRACK
 We are 39% into the life of the plan. We would like to see close to 39% of progress being made.

36% of Action IDs have some level of activity
32% of Action IDs have greater than 10% progress made
23% have greater than 50% progress made
17% of Action IDs are complete

Water Storage



Protected Land



POLLUTANT REDUCTIONS

PHOSPHORUS	NITROGEN	SEDIMENT
2,537 lbs/yr	16,666 lb/yr	9,591 tons/yr

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

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
30 lbs/yr	0 lb/yr	35 tons/yr

MILACA

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

W. BRANCH RUM RIVER

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
362 lbs/yr	6,572 lb/yr	178 tons/yr

ST. FRANCIS

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
1,068 lbs/yr	1,327 lb/yr	1,805 tons/yr

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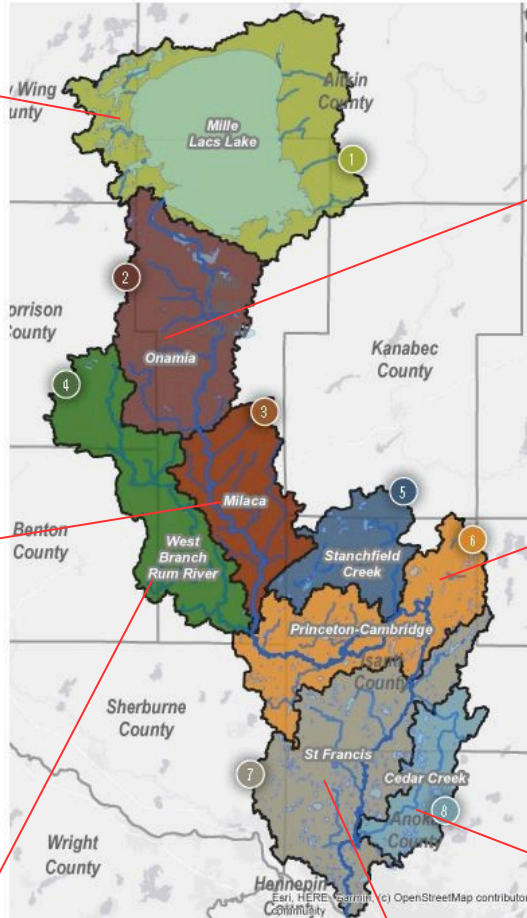
TERRESTRIAL HABITAT	TOTAL BMPS
17 acres	5

PRINCETON-CAMBRIDGE

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
1041 lbs/yr	8,498 lb/yr	7,543 tons/yr

CEDAR CREEK

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
11 lbs/yr	269 lb/yr	6 tons/yr

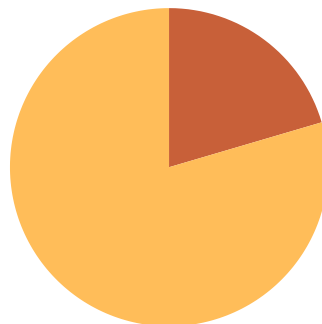


Funding

Funding for implementation comes from Watershed-Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) along with other local, state, and federal sources. To date, the Rum River Watershed Partnership has secured \$4.3 million in grant funding, leveraged with \$1.7 million in match for a total investment of over \$6 million in conservation across the watershed. These funds have supported 300+ projects with landowners providing match on more than half of projects.

Project expenses from all sources have totaled....

\$4,332,620



64 projects have been funded using WBIF

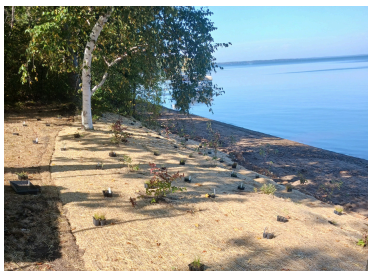
249 projects were funded from 26 other funding sources

Project Gallery

109 activities were completed in the watershed in 2025. Here are a few examples of some on-the-ground projects that were completed to accomplish plan goals.



Cartwright Phase 2
Wetland Restoration
Isanti SWCD



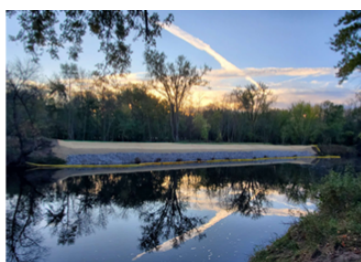
Shoreline Project on
Mille Lacs Lake
Mille Lacs SWCD



Shoreline Restoration
on Spectacle Lake
Isanti SWCD



Tree Planting Project
in West Branch
Morrison SWCD



Shoreline Restoration
on the Rum River
Anoka CD



Cover Crop near Bogus
Brook
Mille Lacs SWCD



Critical Area Planting
on the Rum
Anoka CD



Stormwater Project on
Lake Sandy
Sherburne SWCD

Watershed Wide Outreach

Outreach activities are detailed in the FY25 RRWP Outreach Plan and led by staff at Isanti SWCD and Mille Lacs SWCD. In 2025, outreach focused on improving communication, collaboration, and utilizing resources among partners.

COMPLETED Goal: 10 outreach efforts every biennium

✔ 70/50

COMPLETED Goal: 25 new groups engaged over 10 yrs

✔ 26/25

Outreach completed includes:



18 partner activities, including workshops, mailings, webinars, and more!



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



Created informational hand-outs on safe wakes and continued to add materials to the public-facing resources page

in 2025 we reached

1,023 people

