



Cannon River One Watershed, One Plan

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One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) is making its way across the State of Minnesota, and local efforts within the Cannon River Watershed are now underway. The initiative was launched in 2014 with five pilot watersheds across the State. In 2016, the program was opened up to all watersheds, and the Local Government Units (LGU) within the Cannon River Watershed applied for and received a planning grant.

The vision of 1W1P is to “align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans.” In order to accomplish this task for the Cannon River Watershed, six Counties, six Soil and Water Conservation Districts, one Watershed District and one Watershed Management Organization have come together to facilitate the writing of a plan. The process will be led by a Policy Committee comprised of a representative from each local unit of governments governing boards. At the end of the planning process, a completed and approved plan will provide more opportunities for obtaining state funding for local water quality projects.

One of the most important aspects of watershed planning is the involvement of those that live, work, and play within the watershed. The Cannon River 1W1P Planning Group and Policy Committee would like to invite citizens to an open house. This event will be an opportunity to learn about the Cannon River Watershed and provide input on priority concerns. It is also an opportunity to meet local government staff that work within the watershed and the Policy Committee members that represent the fourteen local units of government.

The Cannon River 1W1P Open House will take place on Wednesday, May 31st, from 4pm-7pm at South Central College in Faribault, 1225 Third St SW, Faribault, MN 55021. Arrive at any time during the event to visit with those that work within the watershed. A short presentation will be given at 5pm and again at 6pm. Information will be posted to the Cannon River 1W1P website at: <http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/1w1p.html>.

