

# CANNON RIVER ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN

## Participation and Public Awareness Survey

### I. Please provide your thoughts on the following water resource-related questions:

1. Do you live near a stream, lake, river or wetland? If so, please identify which body of water.

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2. How important is the quality of the water and the health of the ecosystems within this waterbody?

Very important	Somewhat important	Slightly important	Not at all important

3. What have you noticed about this body of water in the last five to ten years? Please explain.

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4. How important are the following water resources to your quality of life?  
Please place an X or ✓ in the appropriate box.

	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important
<b>Surface Waters:</b>				
<i>streams</i>				
<i>lakes</i>				
<i>rivers</i>				
<i>wetlands</i>				
<b>Drainage Ditches</b>				
<b>Flood Control</b> (impoundments, dams, levies, etc)				
<b>Groundwater Resources:</b>				
<i>drinking water</i>				
<i>irrigation water</i>				
<i>industrial use waters</i>				

5. How important are the following functions provided by water courses that drain into the Cannon River, Straight River and the Mississippi River? Please place an X or ✓ in the appropriate box.

	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Not applicable
Agricultural Drainage					
Flood Water Conveyance					
Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping					
Boating, Canoeing, and Kayaking					
Swimming					
Fish and wildlife habitat					

6. Please rate the severity of the following concerns in your community during the next 5 to 10 years? Please place an X or ✓ in the appropriate box.

	Very severe	Moderately severe	Slightly severe	Not at all severe	Not applicable
High nutrient levels in streams, rivers and lakes that cause water quality problems					
Sediment levels in streams, rivers, and lakes that affect flow capacity and in-stream habitat					
Failing septic systems that release pollutants to surface waters					
Eroding banks on streams and rivers					
Groundwater quality and supply					
Soil loss from agricultural fields					
Health & sustainability of soil resources					
Frequency of flooding					
Economic losses due to flooding					
Impacts of land development					

*Other issues, please define below:*

7. Please rate the following water resource management practices according to its importance to supporting healthy water resources in the Cannon River Watershed. Please place an X or ✓ in the appropriate box.

	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Not applicable
Farming practices including no till, strip till, cover crops, rotational grazing, etc.					
Construction of water quality improvement practices (grassed waterways, grade stabilization structures, etc.)					
Natural areas preservation and restoration including wetlands, forest, prairie, etc.					
In-channel activities such as bank stabilization, two stage ditches, river restorations, etc.					
Tile Drainage					
Controlled Tile Drainage					
Existing regulatory controls (buffer requirements on public ditches, road ROWs, shoreland setbacks, local permit conditions, etc.)					
Controls on regulated facilities discharging to water resources (waste water treatment plants and industry)					
Stormwater management requirements for new development or redevelopment activity in the watershed.					

**II. Let us know how we can make your involvement in this project more convenient and engaging.**

8. How do you prefer to participate in community or natural resource planning activities?  
Please rank the following choices; with **1 being your most preferred**, and **8 being least preferred**.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Direct Mail								
Email								
Website								
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Blogs)								
Public workshops or trainings								
Public meetings/hearings								
Federal Agencies or Extension								
None								
<i>Other (please describe below):</i>								

9. How do you prefer to obtain information about your community and watershed?

Please rank the following choices; with **1 being your most preferred**, and **12 being least preferred**.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Direct Mail												
Email												
Website												
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Blogs)												
Local group meetings												
Local TV Station												
Local Radio												
Local Newspaper												
Personal communication												
Public meetings												
FSA, NRCS, or Extension												
None												
<i>Other, please describe below:</i>												

10. When would it be most convenient for you to attend future meetings about the Cannon River One Watershed, One Plan? Please rank the following choices; with **1 being your most preferred**, and **5 being least preferred**.

	1	2	3	4	5
Weekday Morning					
Weekday Mid-day					
Weekday Afternoon					
Weekday Evening					
Weekends					

11. Please pick the options that best describe you. Please select all that apply.

Landowner-Farmer	
Tenant-Farmer	
Absentee Landowner	
Urban homeowner	
Lakeshore homeowner	
Rural homeowner	
City/township staff	
County/Local government staff	
State Agency Employee	
Federal Agency Employee	
Student - college	
Student – high school	
Outdoors-person (hunting, fishing, hiking, etc)	
<i>Other, please describe below:</i>	

12. In which county do you live?

Dakota	
Goodhue	
Le Sueur	
Rice	
Steele	
Waseca	

13. What is your gender?

Male	Female

14. What is your age?

Under 18	18 to 25	26 to 35	36 to 45	46 to 55	56 to 70	71 or older

15. How familiar are you with the One Watershed One Plan planning process?

Very Familiar	Somewhat Familiar	A little Familiar	Not Familiar at all

16. Have you participated in other watershed planning processes?

Yes	No

*If yes, please list the planning processes in which you've participated:*

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III. Please provide any other comments you may have below:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!  
Please submit any additional comments or questions  
via e-mail to either:

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