



Cannon River

One Watershed, One Plan

“Aligning local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans”

Date: February 2, 2017

To: State Review Agencies
Metropolitan Council
Cities within the Planning Area
Adjacent Counties
Adjacent Watershed Management Organizations and Watershed Districts
Prairie Island Tribal Council
Cannon River Watershed Partnership

From: Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) acting on behalf of the Cannon River One Watershed, One Plan Work Group

Re: Invitation to Submit Priority Concerns for the Cannon River One Watershed, One Plan

Participating local government units (LGUs) within the Cannon River Watershed have been awarded a planning grant from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for the One Watershed, One Plan program. This program allows LGUs to transition from county-based water management planning to watershed-based planning. The planning area for the Cannon River One Watershed, One Plan includes a total drainage area of 952,933 acres (see map attached).

The County and SWCD Boards in each of the six counties predominantly located within in the watershed, along with the Belle Creek Watershed District in Goodhue County, and the North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization in Dakota County, have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of developing a watershed plan to restore and protect water resources in the Cannon River Watershed planning area.

This notice serves to:

- 1) Invite all recipients of this notice to submit within 60-days water management issues they feel the process and resulting plan should address (e.g. land use plans or special ordinances, special projects/plans like wastewater facilities, well head protection plans, etc. that could use or need a plan connection).
- 2) Invite anyone interested to serve on an Advisory Committee. This committee will provide plan recommendations to the Policy Committee which will be comprised of a county commissioner, SWCD supervisor, watershed district manager, or watershed management organization manager from each of the 14 local units of governments within the planning area. The Advisory Committee will meet approximately 3-4 times during the plan development process (July 2017 to July 2018). The Advisory Committee will have representation from as many stakeholders as possible in the watershed, such as agriculture and producer groups, conservation and environmental organizations, and urban and rural interests to ensure those that depend on our water resources are represented.

Please submit the requested information by April 5, 2017, or direct inquiries, to:

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A public information kick-off meeting sponsored by the Cannon River One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee is tentatively being planned for May. Additional information will be distributed when the schedule is finalized.