

February 5, 2018

Tiffany Determan, District Manager
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RE: Notice of plan development and invitation to submit priority issues and plan expectations for the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan

Dear Tiffany Determan:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information to help with the process of developing the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is providing the following information as input on priority concerns.

1. We recommend incorporating and implementing the strategies and goals from the following studies and reports:
 - Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Six Lakes Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan (Feb. 2010)
 - North Branch Sunrise River Fecal Coliform Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan (Feb. 2007)
 - Brown's Creek TMDL Implementation Plan (Feb. 2012)
 - Valley Branch Watershed District Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Report (Feb. 2016)
 - Sunrise River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Report (Dec. 2014)
2. The MPCA has developed a Nutrient Reduction Strategy: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/rfcfdk> to address nitrogen and phosphorus statewide. It may be helpful to reference the report in your plan and work towards the proposed reductions over the next 10 years.
3. In these reports and strategies, the MPCA provides what is ultimately needed to reach water quality targets. The MPCA would like to see quantitative accounting (where possible and at a minimum an estimate) of efforts and reductions you hope/intend to accomplish over this 10-year plan cycle relative to these water quality targets.
4. The MPCA would like to see geographic areas prioritized, and planned implementation for the next 10-year cycle match the prioritization.

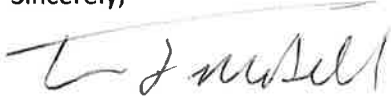
We look forward to working with you on the development of the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan. The MPCA is aware of the many efforts underway in this watershed, including the upcoming MPCA monitoring in 2019/2020 and subsequent Total Maximum Daily Load/Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Report (TMDL/WRAPS). The MPCA hopes to work with local governments in the

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watershed to determine the level of involvement they wish to make on our efforts and are cognizant of limited local capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your plan. If we may be of further assistance, please contact the supervisor of the East Central Watershed Unit, Brian Livingston at 651-757-2532 or brian.livingston@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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