

Building a Clean Water Legacy

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Presentation Overview

- Agency Mission
- Clean Water Focus
- Watershed Approach
- SSTS Legislation & Next Steps
- Preparing for the Future



MPCA Mission

- Working with Minnesotans to protect, conserve and improve our environment and enhance our quality of life.



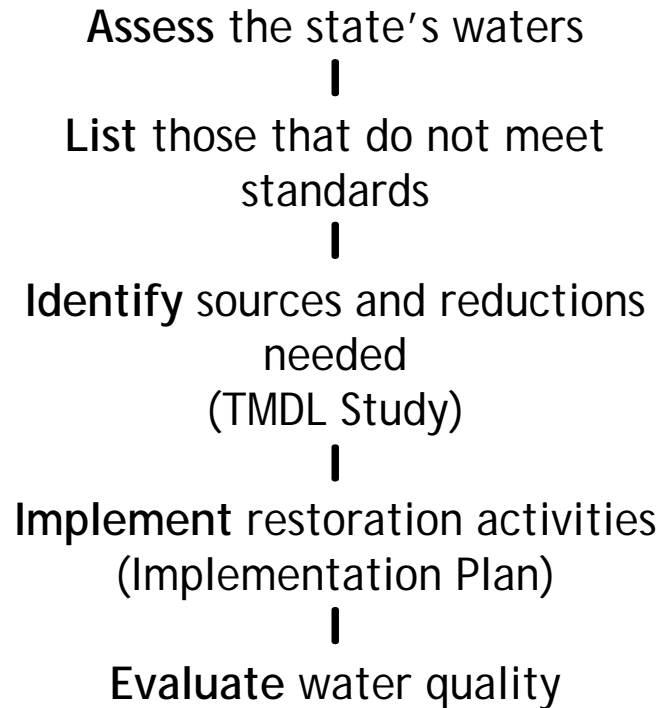
Clean Water Focus

- Assess the condition of Minnesota's ground water systems, prevent and reduce degradation of ground water, and support ground water conservation.
- Protect and improve the chemical, physical and biological integrity of Minnesota's lakes, streams and wetlands.
- Interagency partnership to implement Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment funding.



Clean Water: Background

The TMDL Process

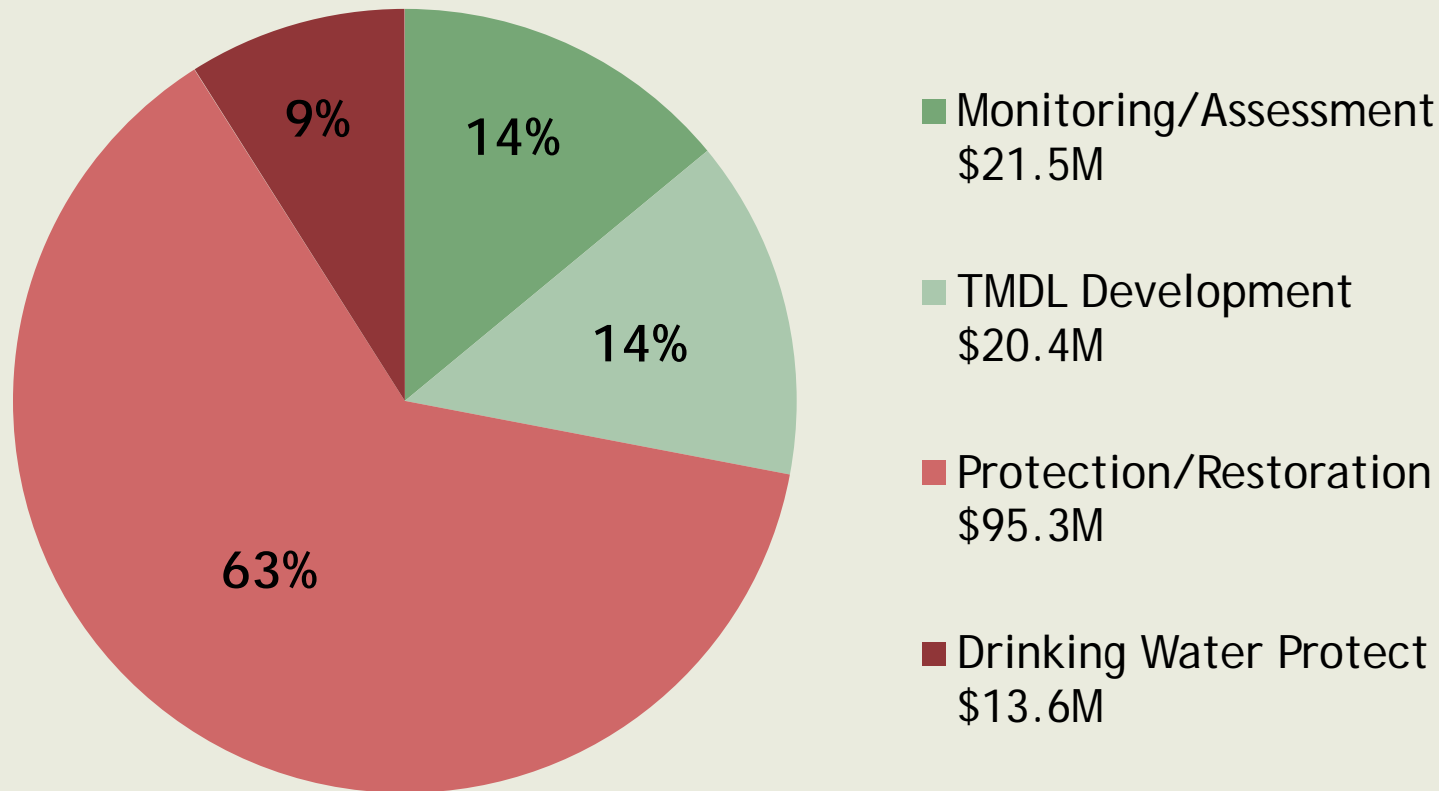


- Clean Water Legacy Act
- Provides authority and direction
- Clean Water Council created
- Constitutional Amendment Funding



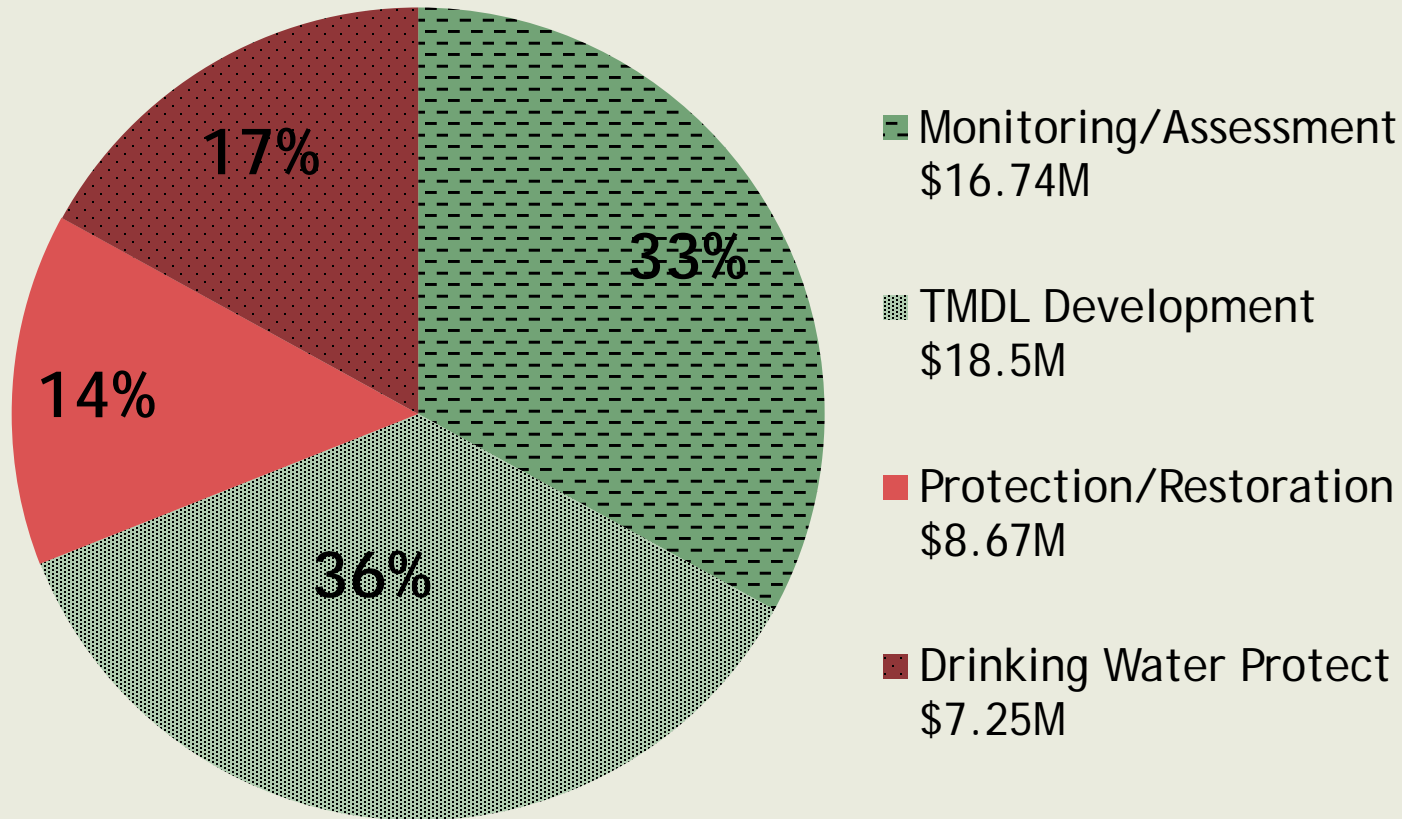
Clean Water Fund

Total for All Agencies: \$150.8 million for FY 2010-11

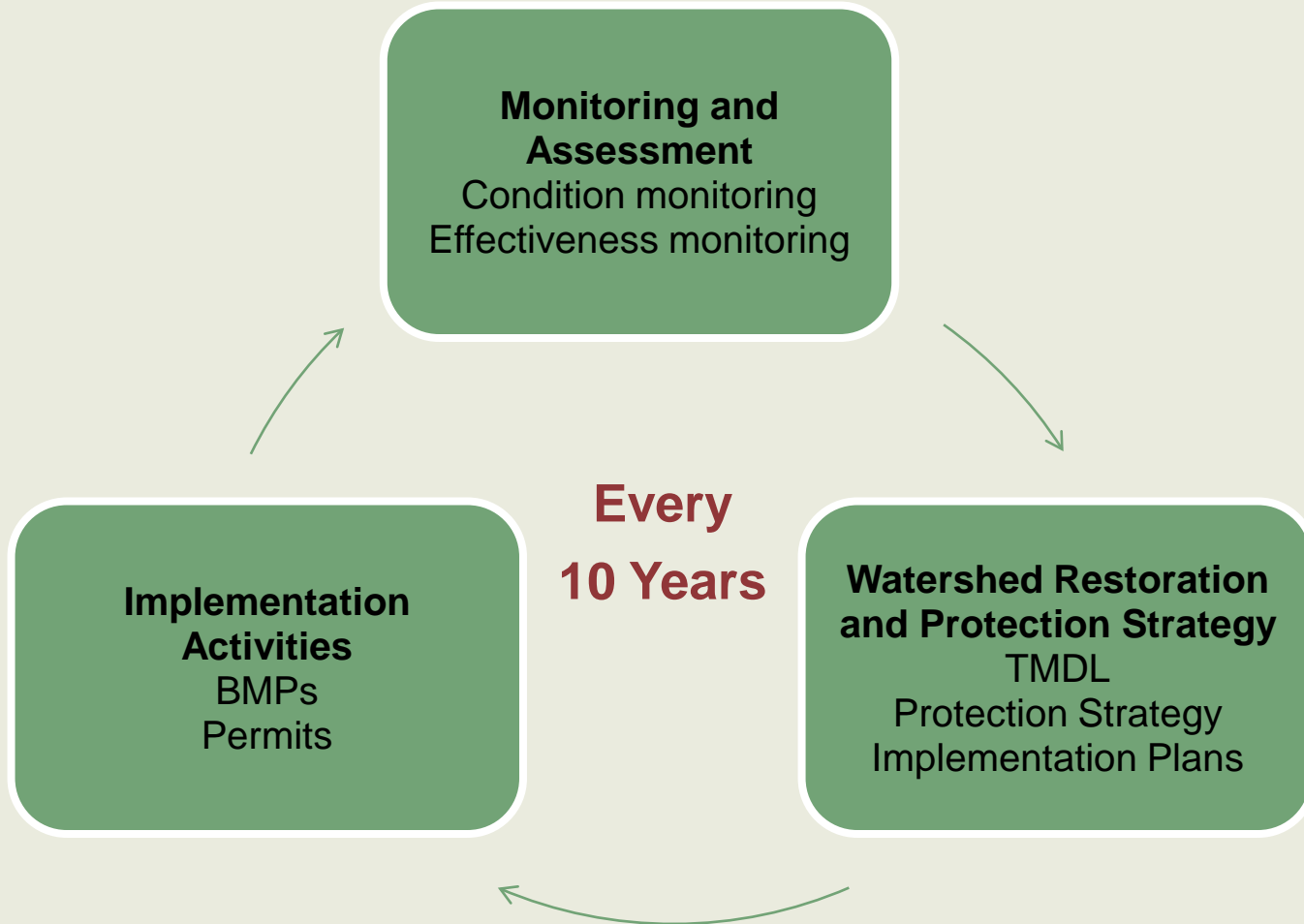


Clean Water Amendment

MPCA: \$51.16 million total in FY2010-11



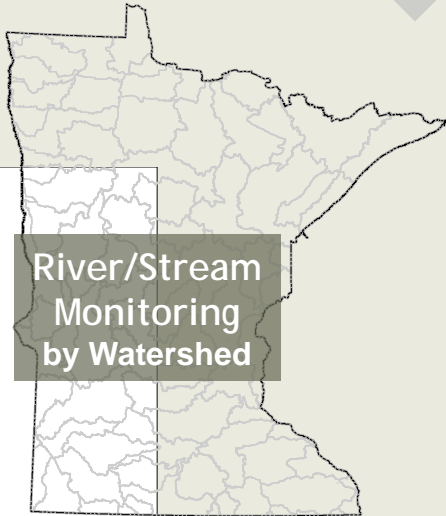
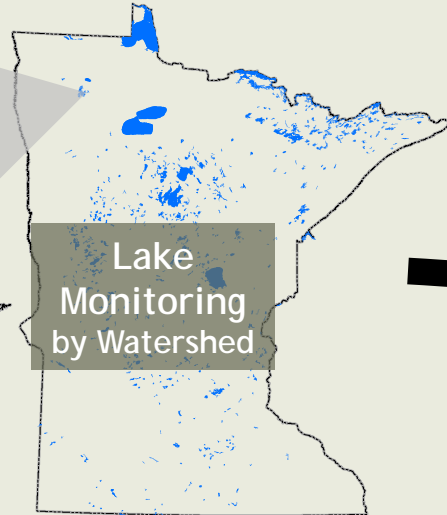
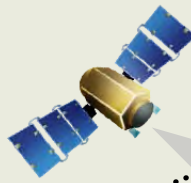
Watershed Approach: Ten-Year Rotation



Local / Citizen Monitoring



Remote Sensing



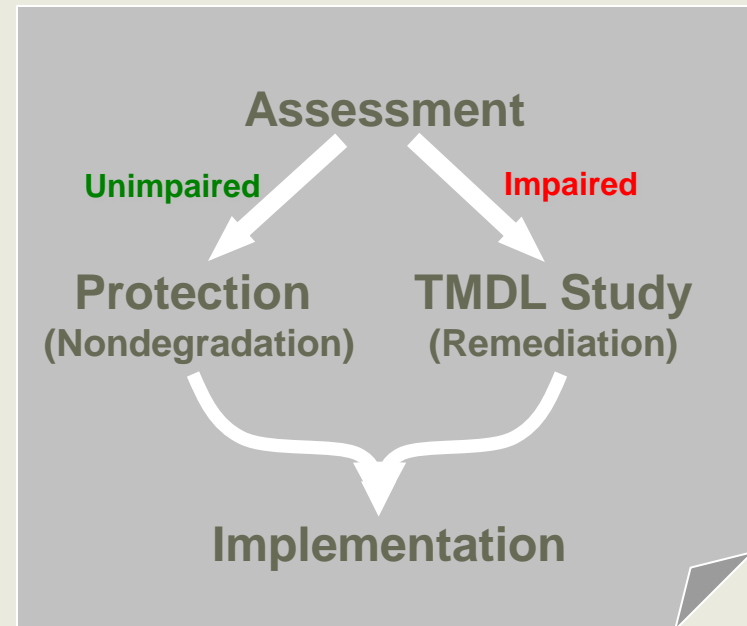
Condition Monitoring



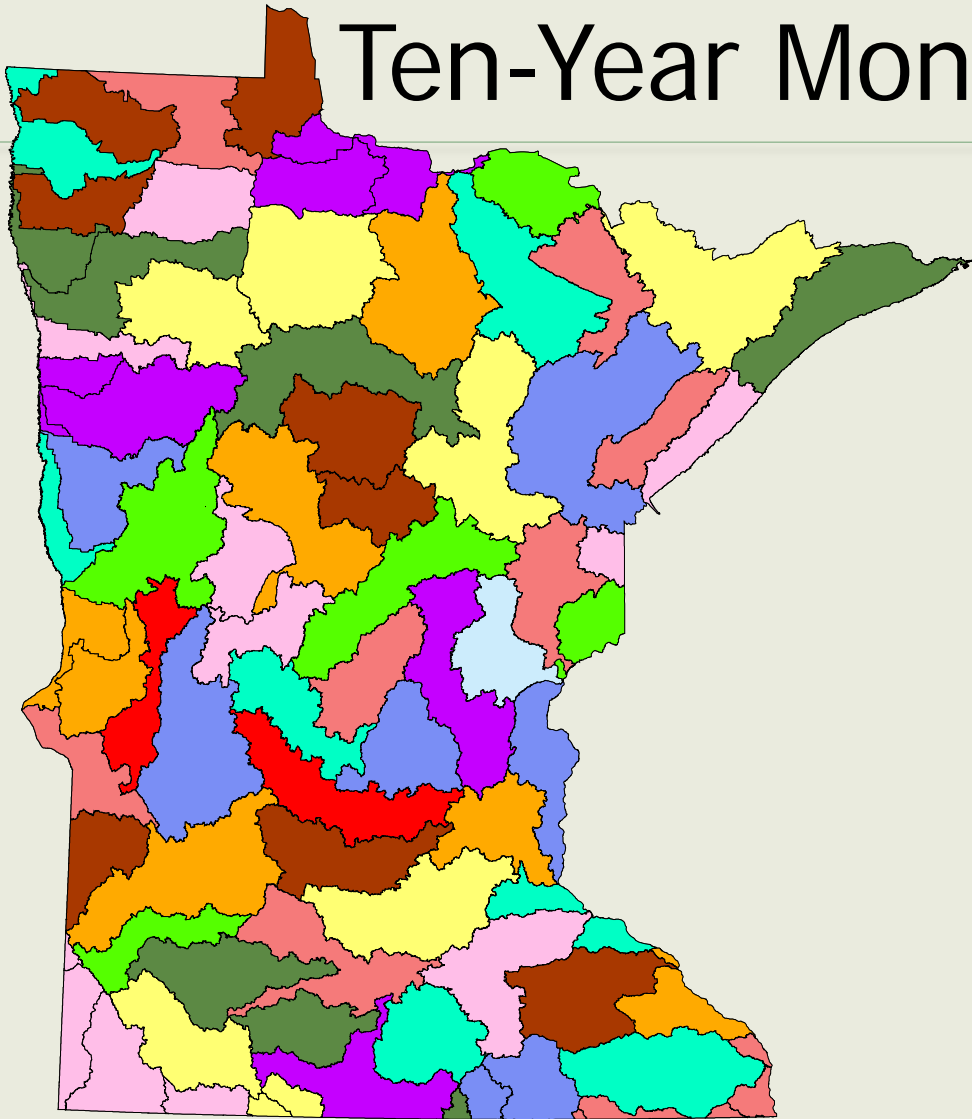
Agency Monitoring

Load Monitoring Network

Effectiveness Monitoring



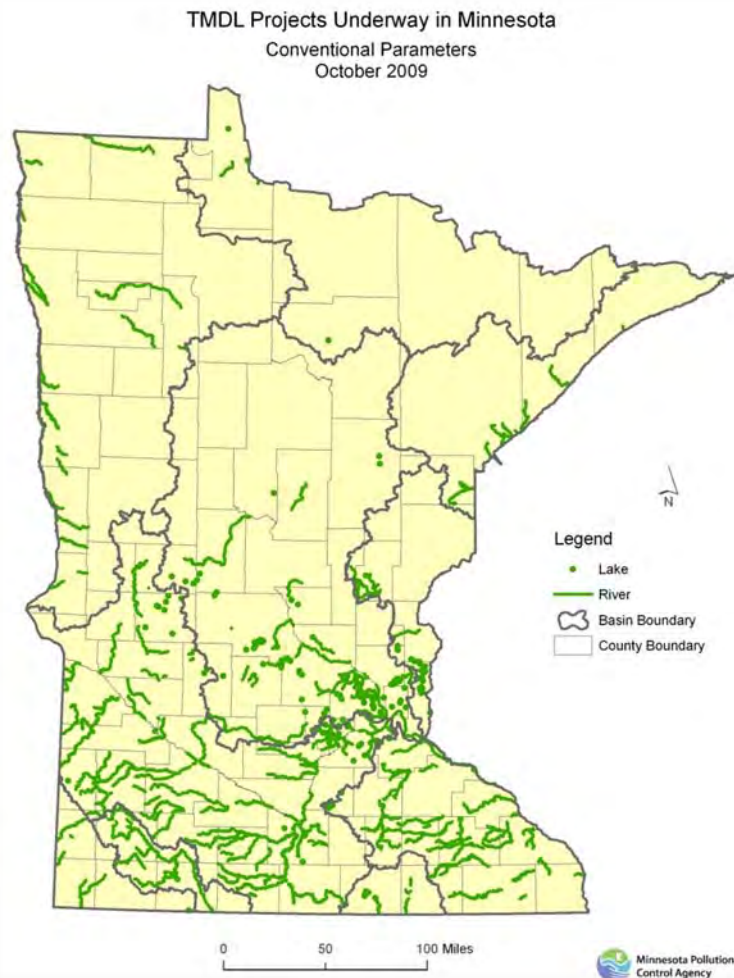
Watershed Approach: Ten-Year Monitoring Schedule



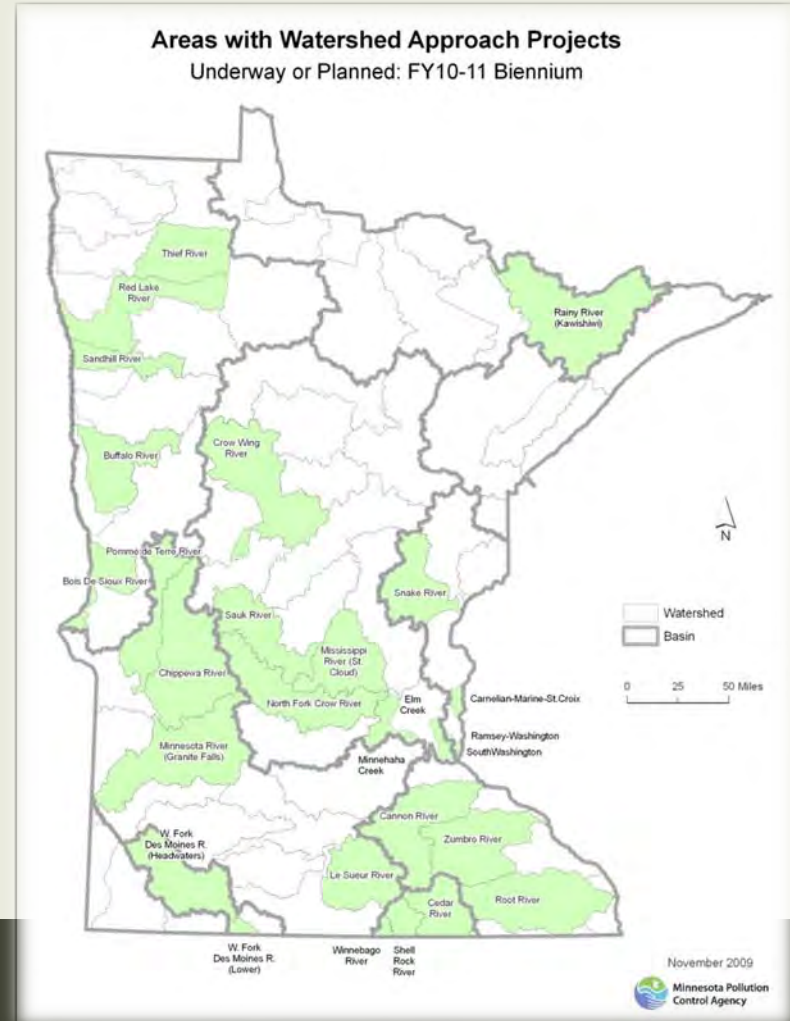
**The 10 year schedule runs from 2008 to 2017. In 2018, the Snake, North Fork Crow and Pomme de Terre watersheds will be revisited; the first intensive watershed surveys on these watersheds were completed in 2006 and 2007.*

Watershed Approach: Restoration and Protection

Where we have been



Where we are now



SSTS: Update on Recent Legislation

- Rule revisions and County ordinances
- Enforcement task force
- Enforcement protocols and checklists
- Progress report



Rule Revisions/County Ordinances

- Rule revisions: April 4, 2011
 - ▣ Public Comment Period: June 21-July 21, 2010
 - ▣ Limited to proposed areas of change

- County ordinances: February 4, 2012



SSTS: Enforcement Task Force

- Reduce SSTS-related public health threats
- Enforce SSTS rules
- Membership
 - Association of MN Counties
 - MN Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators
 - MN Onsite Wastewater Association
 - MN Association of Realtors



SSTS: Enforcement Protocols/Checklists

- Update and assemble information for use during inspections and to support potential enforcement actions
- Potential collaborators
 - ▣ MPCA
 - ▣ Attorney General's Office
 - ▣ County Attorneys
 - ▣ SSTS Task Force



SSTS: Progress Report

- Minnesota Legislature: January 2011
 - ▣ Rule-making
 - ▣ Local ordinance adoption
 - ▣ Protection of state's water resources from SSTS pollution



Preparing for the Future

Sustainable Agency

- Deliver and manage operations and services efficiently.
- Focus on what the MPCA is uniquely positioned to do—and do that work well.
- Align prevention and assistance activities with other agency efforts to protect environment and human health.
- Be prepared to respond to emerging issues
- Partner with government, businesses, and citizens to support healthy ecosystems
- MPCA leads the way to minimize its environmental footprint and assist other public entities to do the same.



Preparing for the Future

- Commissioner's Office Changes
- Integrated Solid Waste Management
- Redistribution of staff to Watershed Units
- Strategic Project Sector
- Budget Reduction Exercise



Preparing for the Future

- The upcoming fiscal year will be “the most difficult to date” according to a survey by the National Governor’s Association.
- Two-thirds of consumer spending is now related to services, which is not captured by...state tax structures.

Council of State Governments, April 2010



Preparing for the Future

- FY 2010-2011
 - ▣ 6% cut in General and Special Revenue Funds (≈ \$2.3million)
 - ▣ Stormwater compliance grants ELIMINATED
 - ▣ Feedlot grants REDUCED
 - ▣ Clean Water Partnership grants REDUCED

- Anticipated FY2012-2013
 - ▣ 6% cut in General and Special Revenue Funds (≈ \$2.3million)
 - ▣ Other changes likely on the horizon





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