


CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED 60 DAY RESPONSE PRIORITIES




When a watershed starts the One Watershed One Plan program, the local planning group notifies state and local governments about their intent to start the program and invites them to provide a letter outlining their priority concerns for the watershed. The state and local governments include state agencies such as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), townships, cities, and other organizations.

The Clearwater River Watershed Planning Group invited state and local governments and organizations to submit priority concerns on March 3, 2021. The 60-Day response period ended on May 24, 2021. Responses were received from BWSR, MPCA, DNR, MDH, MDA, the Clearwater Lake Area Association and three members of the general public. Many of the responses contained similar concerns. The responses are summarized in the table below and overlapping concerns are noted in the matrix.

This response table will be used to guide the development of priority issues and resources during the planning process.

Summary of Responses

Resource Category	Priorities	3 Public Letters	CLAA	BWSR	MPCA	DNR	MDH	MDA
	• Altered hydrology			•	•			
	• Stream and ditch channel stability	•		•	•	•		
	• Wetland protection			•				
	• E. Coli impairments: feedlots, cattle in streams, septic systems	•	•	•	•			
	• Nutrient, sediment, and/or DO impairments in streams and lakes	•	•	•	•	•		
	• Chloride <i>(note – no specific problems in watershed but is priority statewide)</i>			•		•		
	• Stormwater					•		

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Land 	• Wind and water erosion	•	•	•				
	• Productivity of agricultural land			•				•
	• Overall landscape resiliency to climate change			•				
Groundwater 	• Groundwater quality		•	•			•	•
	• DWSMA protection						•	
	• Groundwater quantity/ well interference	•		•		•	•	
Habitat 	• Stream habitat quality and connectivity (biological impairments)				•	•		
	• Wild rice management/protection				•	•		
	• Invasive species (aquatic and terrestrial)	•	•	•				
	• Riparian management			•				
	• Upland fragmentation/forestland management		•	•		•		
	• Protection of high quality habitat and species: mussels, cisco, native prairie			•		•		
Other	• Increased education and outreach	•	•					

Acronyms Key:

BWSR: Board of Water and Soil Resources

MPCA: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

DNR: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

MDH: Minnesota Department of Health

MDA: Minnesota Department of Agriculture

CLAA: Clearwater Lake Area Association