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## Memorandum

DATE: March 28, 2022  
TO: Watershed District Administrators  
FROM: Emily Javens, Executive Director  
CC: Treasurer Sherry Davis White  
MAWD Accountant Angie Obremski  
RE: **2022 MAWD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

As a non-profit organization that represents local governments that focus on water management on watershed boundaries, MAWD greatly appreciates your membership in our organization. Membership benefits include, but not limited to, education and training opportunities at workshops, a summer tour, and an annual convention and trade show; and legislative and state agency lobbying for resources that enhance your ability to preserve and protect Minnesota's water resources. Progress on this work is communicated to you through regular newsletters, social media, and our website.

Please find attached the 2022 MAWD Membership Dues spreadsheet that shows the amounts due from each watershed district (WD) or watershed management organization (WMO) for membership in the organization. The dues formula remains the same as last year, but your dues amount may go up or down based on the updated estimated market values for your watershed. The current dues payment for WDs is equal to 0.5% of each WD's maximum general levy as defined in statute (before applying the \$250,000 levy limit), not to exceed \$7,500. Dues for WMOs will be \$500 for their first year of membership, 50% of full dues the second year, and full dues (using the same formula as WDs) the third year.

2022 WD Dues = 2020 Estimated Market Values x 0.00048 x 0.005, not to exceed \$7,500  
2022 WMO Dues = \$500 (1<sup>st</sup> year), 50% WD dues (2<sup>nd</sup> year), 100% WD Dues (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

Please submit payment by May 31, 2022 to:

**MN Association of Watershed Districts  
c/o Obremski Ltd.  
1005 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT THE MAWD OFFICE.  
PLEASE SEND TO MAWD'S ACCOUNTANT DIRECTLY.**

Please contact me if you have any questions at (320) 979-0084 or [emily@mnwatershed.org](mailto:emily@mnwatershed.org). MAWD Board members and I are available to discuss membership with your boards. If interested, please give me a call and we can get that scheduled. Thanks again!

Enclosures: 2022 MAWD Membership Dues Spreadsheet  
BWSR Memo dated June 28, 2021 re: 2021 WD Estimated Market Values  
MAWD Member Benefits  
Watershed Maps  
2022 MAWD Board of Directors  
2021 MAWD Strategic Plan Progress Summary

## 2022 MAWD Membership Dues

| WATERSHED DISTRICT                                     | 2021 Estimated Market Values (EMV) | .048% EMV          | x 0.005        | 2022 MAWD Dues |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| BEAR VALLEY  | 224,975,300                        | 107,988            | 540            | 540            |
| BELLE CREEK  | 424,118,500                        | 203,577            | 1,018          | 1,018          |
| BOIS DE SIOUX  | 4,606,146,500                      | 2,210,950          | 11,055         | 7,500          |
| BROWN'S CREEK  | 2,137,451,400                      | 1,025,977          | 5,130          | 5,130          |
| BUFFALO CREEK  | 2,444,687,900                      | 1,173,450          | 5,867          | 5,867          |
| BUFFALO-RED RIVER                                      | 9,317,905,900                      | 4,472,595          | 22,363         | 7,500          |
| CAPITOL REGION   | 25,899,519,900                     | 12,431,770         | 62,159         | 7,500          |
| CARNELIAN MARINE ST. CROIX                             | 1,925,444,400                      | 924,213            | 4,621          | 4,621          |
| CEDAR RIVER  | 3,168,693,200                      | 1,520,973          | 7,605          | 7,500          |
| CLEARWATER RIVER                                       | 1,813,016,700                      | 870,248            | 4,351          | 4,351          |
| COMFORT LAKE - FOREST LAKE                             | 2,294,312,700                      | 1,101,270          | 5,506          | 5,506          |
| COON CREEK   | 18,333,796,600                     | 8,800,222          | 44,001         | 7,500          |
| CORMORANT LAKES  | 631,570,700                        | 303,154            | 1,516          | 1,516          |
| CROOKED CREEK  | 406,323,000                        | 195,035            | 975            | 975            |
| HERON LAKE   | 2,495,004,200                      | 1,197,602          | 5,988          | 5,988          |
| HIGH ISLAND  | 1,210,914,200                      | 581,239            | 2,906          | 2,906          |
| JOE RIVER  | 234,768,400                        | 112,689            | 563            | 563            |
| KANARANZI-LITTLE ROCK                                  | 1,770,101,400                      | 849,649            | 4,248          | 4,248          |
| LAC QUI PARLE-YELLOW BANK                              | 2,817,445,000                      | 1,352,374          | 6,762          | 6,762          |
| LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER                                  | 11,890,535,300                     | 5,707,457          | 28,537         | 7,500          |
| MIDDLE FORK CROW RIVER                                 | 1,918,921,400                      | 921,082            | 4,605          | 4,605          |
| MIDDLE SNAKE TAMARAC RIVERS                            | 2,704,993,000                      | 1,298,397          | 6,492          | 6,492          |
| MINNEHAHA CREEK  | 60,337,920,800                     | 28,962,202         | 144,811        | 7,500          |
| NINE MILE CREEK  | 22,871,435,900                     | 10,978,289         | 54,891         | 7,500          |
| NORTH FORK CROW RIVER                                  | 1,547,178,500                      | 742,646            | 3,713          | 3,713          |
| OKABENA-CHEDA  | 1,009,825,800                      | 484,716            | 2,424          | 2,424          |
| PELICAN RIVER  | 2,435,242,600                      | 1,168,916          | 5,845          | 5,845          |
| PRIOR LAKE-SPRING LAKE                                 | 4,777,961,100                      | 2,293,421          | 11,467         | 7,500          |
| RAMSEY-WASHINGTON METRO                                | 19,159,680,800                     | 9,196,647          | 45,983         | 7,500          |
| RED LAKE   | 8,576,861,300                      | 4,116,893          | 20,584         | 7,500          |
| RICE CREEK   | 26,212,348,400                     | 12,581,927         | 62,910         | 7,500          |
| RILEY-PURGATORY-BLUFF CREEK                            | 16,210,441,400                     | 7,781,012          | 38,905         | 7,500          |
| ROSEAU RIVER   | 810,243,400                        | 388,917            | 1,945          | 1,945          |
| SAND HILL RIVER  | 1,211,427,700                      | 581,485            | 2,907          | 2,907          |
| SAUK RIVER   | 9,506,470,000                      | 4,563,106          | 22,816         | 7,500          |
| SHELL ROCK RIVER                                       | 2,173,136,300                      | 1,043,105          | 5,216          | 5,216          |
| SOUTH WASHINGTON                                       | 14,692,742,500                     | 7,052,516          | 35,263         | 7,500          |
| STOCKTON-ROLLINGSTONE WS                               | 549,673,300                        | 263,843            | 1,319          | 1,319          |
| TURTLE CREEK   | 1,295,615,600                      | 621,895            | 3,109          | 3,109          |
| TWO RIVERS   | 1,577,158,000                      | 757,036            | 3,785          | 3,785          |
| UPPER MINNESOTA RIVER                                  | 1,425,780,300                      | 684,375            | 3,422          | 3,422          |
| VALLEY BRANCH  | 5,445,217,600                      | 2,613,704          | 13,069         | 7,500          |
| WARROAD  | 428,011,100                        | 205,445            | 1,027          | 1,027          |
| WILD RICE  | 3,876,943,600                      | 1,860,933          | 9,305          | 7,500          |
| YELLOW MEDICINE RIVER                                  | 2,477,437,300                      | 1,189,170          | 5,946          | 5,946          |
| <b>Metro Watershed Management Organizations (WMOs)</b> |                                    |                    |                |                |
| Bassett Creek WMC - 3rd year                           | 14,681,551,100                     | 7,047,145          | 35,236         | 7,500          |
| Mississippi WMO - 3rd year                             | 35,435,169,900                     | 17,008,882         | 85,044         | 7,500          |
| Upper Rum River WMO - 2nd year                         | 3,408,635,200                      | 1,636,145          | 8,181          | 3,750          |
| Vadnais Lakes Area Lakes WMO - 3rd year                | 4,875,538,300                      | 2,340,258          | 11,701         | 7,500          |
| New MWO members - 1st year                             |                                    |                    |                | 500            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>365,680,293,400</b>             | <b>175,526,541</b> | <b>877,633</b> | <b>255,497</b> |

### Notes:

Dues Calculation = Estimated Market Values x 0.00048 x 0.005, capped at \$7,500

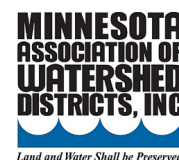
Source of 2021 WD Estimated Market Values: See included BWSR Memorandum, June 28, 2021

Source of 2021 WMO Estimated Market Values - same values used for 2021 dues calculation

For more information, contact Executive Director Emily Javens at (320) 979-0084 or emily@mnwatershed.org.

To retain all membership benefits, please submit payment by May 31, 2022. Thank you!

MAWD Dues 3020:  
\$7,500



## Memo

**Date:** June 28, 2021

**To:** Watershed District Administrators and Managers

**From:** Annie Felix-Gerth, Water Programs Coordinator

**Cc:** Emily Javens, MAWD

Rob Sip, RRWMB

BWSR: John Jaschke, Angie Becker Kudelka, Kevin Bigalke, Dave Weirens, Jeremy Olson,  
Regional Operations Staff

### **RE: 2021 Estimated Market Values**

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Please find attached a table containing the recently released total estimate market values (EMV) for 2021 from the Minnesota Department of Revenue. The 2020 abstract of tax lists was used as the basis for calculating the table.

In order to determine the annual maximum General Fund levy for a watershed district, the EMV listed in the table must be multiplied by 0.048 percent (0.00048) and then compared to the maximum General Fund levy limit of \$250,000. Use whichever value is less. See Minn. Stat. § 103D.905, Subd. 3 for reference.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Annie Felix-Gerth

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Attachment: Taxes Payable 2021 Estimated Market Values for Watershed Districts in Minnesota

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**TAXES PAYABLE 2021****ESTIMATED & TAXABLE MARKET VALUES FOR WATERSHEDS IN MINNESOTA**

| <b>Watershed Name</b>                                   | <b>Total EMV (\$)</b> | <b>Watershed Code</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bear Valley Watershed District                          | 224,975,300           | 001                   |
| Belle Creek Watershed District                          | 424,118,500           | 003                   |
| Bois De Sioux Watershed District                        | 4,606,146,500         | 031                   |
| Browns Creek Watershed District                         | 2,137,451,400         | 069                   |
| Buffalo Creek Watershed District                        | 2,444,687,900         | 005                   |
| Buffalo-Red River Watershed District                    | 9,317,905,900         | 007                   |
| Capitol Region Watershed District                       | 25,899,519,900        | 070                   |
| Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District           | 1,925,444,400         | 010                   |
| Cedar River Watershed District                          | 3,168,693,200         | 002                   |
| Clearwater River Watershed District                     | 1,813,016,700         | 009                   |
| Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District             | 2,294,312,700         | 071                   |
| Coon Creek Watershed District                           | 18,333,796,600        | 013                   |
| Cormorant Lakes Watershed District                      | 631,570,700           | 015                   |
| Crooked Creek Watershed District                        | 406,323,000           | 016                   |
| Heron Lake Watershed District                           | 2,495,004,200         | 024                   |
| High Island Watershed District                          | 1,210,914,200         | 018                   |
| Joe River Watershed District                            | 234,768,400           | 020                   |
| Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District                | 1,770,101,400         | 021                   |
| Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District            | 2,817,445,000         | 022                   |
| Lower Minnesota River Watershed District                | 11,890,535,300        | 060                   |
| Middle Fork-Crow River Watershed District               | 1,918,921,400         | 074                   |
| Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District          | 2,704,993,000         | 026                   |
| Minnehaha Creek Watershed District                      | 60,337,920,800        | 062                   |
| Nine Mile Creek Watershed District                      | 22,871,435,900        | 058                   |
| North Fork Crow River Watershed District                | 1,547,178,500         | 008                   |
| Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District                       | 1,009,825,800         | 028                   |
| Pelican River Watershed District                        | 2,435,242,600         | 030                   |
| Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District               | 4,777,961,100         | 032                   |
| Ramsey-Washington Metropolitan Watershed District       | 19,159,680,800        | 034                   |
| Red Lake Watershed District                             | 8,576,861,300         | 036                   |
| Rice Creek Watershed District                           | 26,212,348,400        | 038                   |
| Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District          | 16,210,441,400        | 064                   |
| Roseau River Watershed District                         | 810,243,400           | 040                   |
| Sand Hill Watershed District                            | 1,211,427,700         | 042                   |
| Sauk River Watershed District                           | 9,506,470,000         | 043                   |
| Shell Rock River Watershed District                     | 2,173,136,300         | 073                   |
| South Washington Watershed District                     | 14,692,742,500        | 014                   |
| Stockton-Rollingstone-Minnesota City Watershed District | 549,673,300           | 044                   |
| The Two Rivers Watershed District                       | 1,577,158,000         | 050                   |
| Turtle Creek Watershed District                         | 1,295,615,600         | 048                   |
| Upper Minnesota River Watershed District                | 1,425,780,300         | 052                   |
| Valley Branch Watershed District                        | 5,445,217,600         | 054                   |
| Warroad Watershed District                              | 428,011,100           | 056                   |
| Wild Rice Watershed District                            | 3,876,943,600         | 066                   |
| Yellow Medicine River Watershed District                | 2,477,437,300         | 068                   |

SOURCE: Mn Dept. of Revenue 2021 PRISM SUBMISSION #3 - FINAL ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

# MEMBER SERVICES

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## What is the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD)?

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, Inc. (MAWD) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit and membership-based organization serving local governments that manage water on watershed boundaries rather than political boundaries such as those of cities and counties. Members benefit from having an organization that provides **a unified voice for watershed management** and works diligently to maximize the availability of tools and resources to allow members to most effectively and efficiently meet their watershed management goals. Areas of service include providing lobbying and advocacy services, education and training opportunities, and direct support to members.

### Lobbying and Advocacy



MAWD lobbies for funding and programs that enhance the restoration and protection of Minnesota's water resources. Members drive the organization's policy issues through an annual resolutions process and the MAWD Board of Directors sets each year's priorities. Although legislative solutions are often needed to maximize resources, sometimes MAWD will find the best solutions by working directly with state agencies and other non-profits such as wildlife groups, lake associations, environmental groups, and farm organizations.

### Education and Training



Every year, MAWD provides members with opportunities to learn from other members, as well as industry experts, at a variety of workshops, a summer tour, and an annual convention and trade show. Training topics typically include the following: watershed planning, permitting, flood control, education and outreach programs, innovative technologies, effective administration, public relations, data collection and assessment, aquatic invasive species, urban and rural best management practices, governance, and leadership.

### Member Support

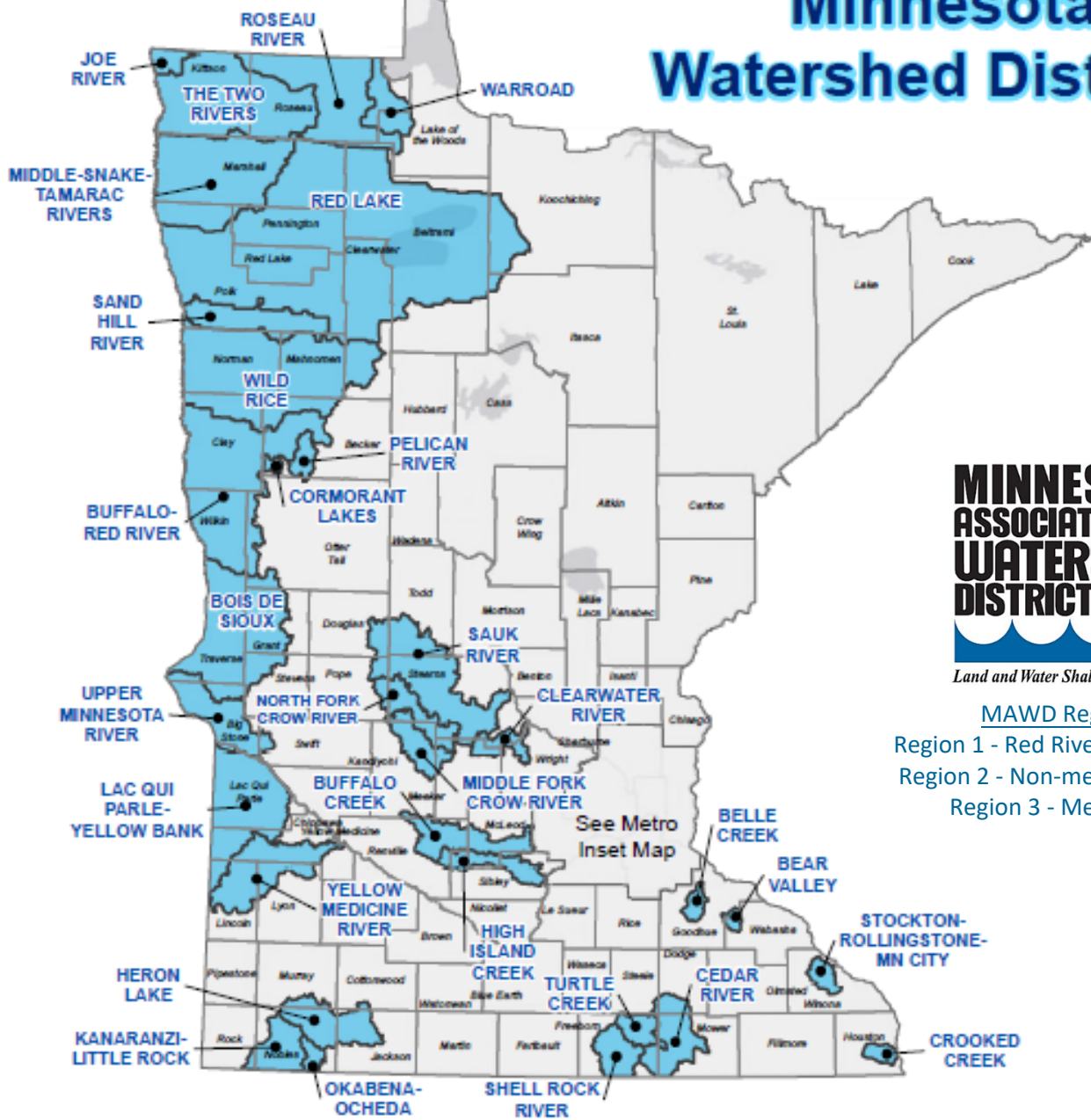


MAWD maintains regular communication with its members to ensure they are kept informed on the latest watershed news including trainings they may find useful, changes to legislation that may impact them, and information to help them stay in compliance with governmental regulations and laws. Formats used to distribute information include newsletters, social media (Facebook and Twitter), email updates and alerts, fact sheets, press releases, and the organization's website: [www.mnwatershed.org](http://www.mnwatershed.org). Check us out today!

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# Minnesota Watershed Districts



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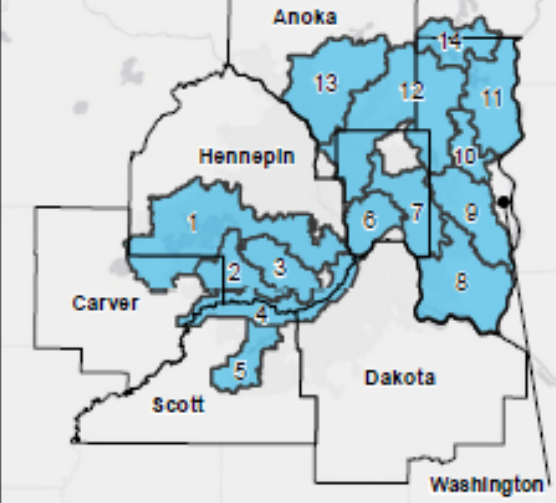
MAWD Regions

Region 1 - Red River Valley (RRV)

Region 2 - Non-metro, Non-RRV

Region 3 - Metro Area

## Metro Area



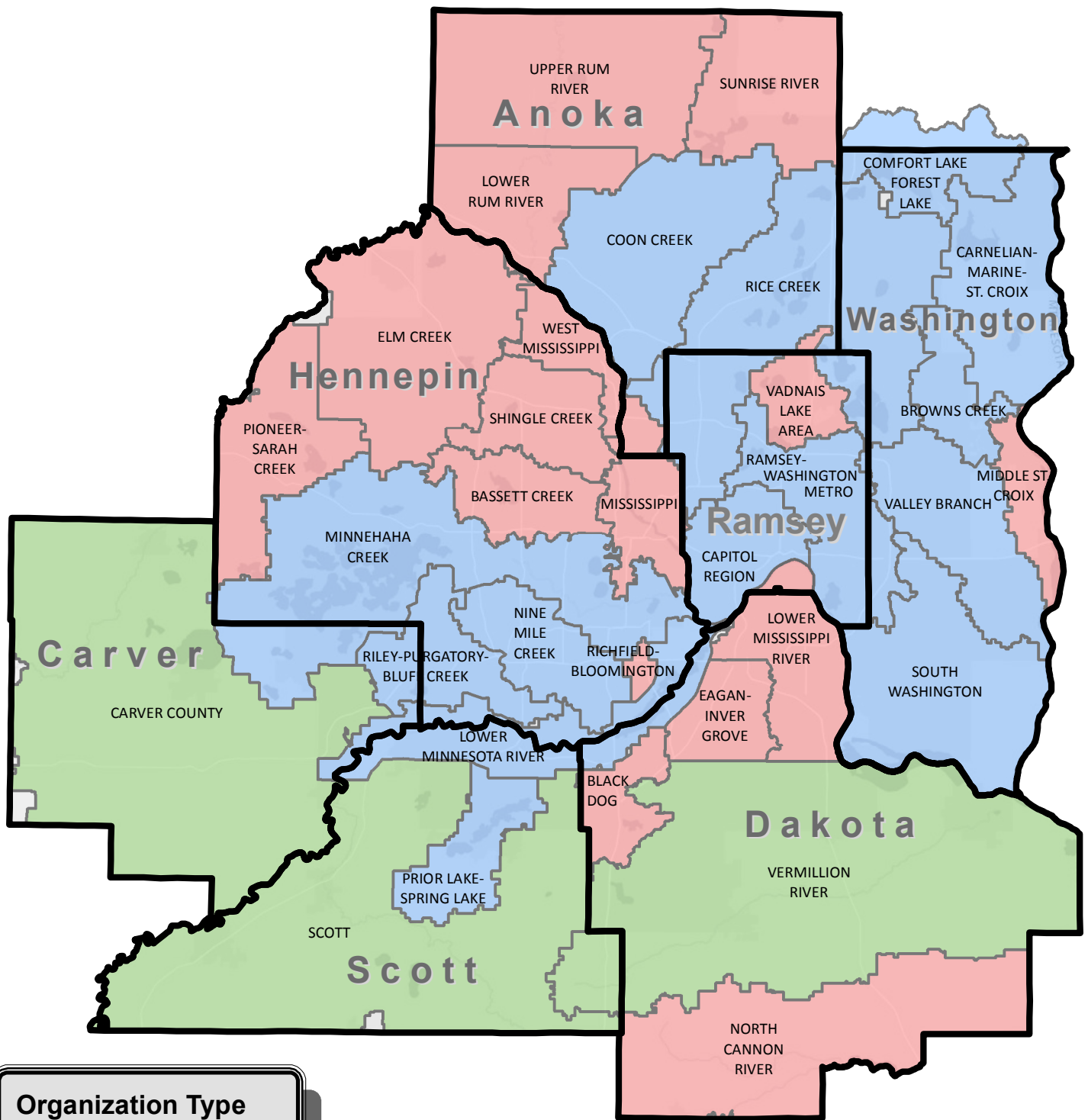
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- 1, MINNEHAHA CREEK
- 2, RILEY-PURGATORY-BLUFF CREEK
- 3, NINE MILE CREEK
- 4, LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER
- 5, PRIOR LAKE-SPRING LAKE
- 6, CAPITOL REGION
- 7, RAMSEY-WASHINGTON METRO
- 8, SOUTH WASHINGTON
- 9, VALLEY BRANCH
- 10, BROWNS CREEK
- 11, CARNELIAN-MARINE-ST. CROIX
- 12, RICE CREEK
- 13, COON CREEK
- 14, COMFORT LAKE FOREST LAKE



Updated Nov. 2016

# Metro Watershed Management Organizations (Metro WMOs)



**Organization Type**

- + Watershed District
- + Joint Powers WMO
- + County WMO
- County Boundary



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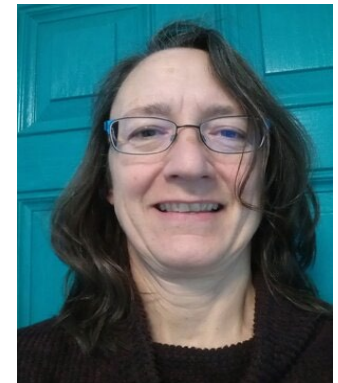


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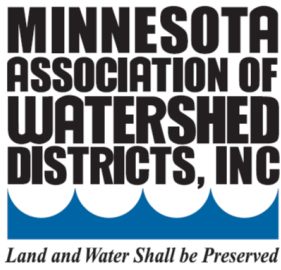
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# 2021 MAWD Summary Progress Report

## Strategic Plan Goals (2020-2022)

Based on input from the MAWD membership via a membership survey taken in December 2018, goals need to focus in three areas: (1) Education and Training, (2) Communication and Collaboration, and (3) Lobbying and Advocacy. MAWD resources are invested in these focus areas.

### Education and Training

Activities in this area address the education and training needs of board managers, administrators, and staff. MAWD will partner with such agencies and organizations as the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the University of Minnesota to offer timely and affordable educational opportunities.

- ONGOING** Continue to provide educational and training opportunities at MAWD events.
- ONGOING** Continue to partner with other agencies and organizations to offer timely and affordable educational opportunities.
- ONGOING** NEW - Expand training to MAWD members to engage with their elected local, state, and federal officials.
- ONGOING** NEW - Identify and advertise online/eLearning courses and training opportunities.

### Communication and Collaboration

Activities in this area focus on keeping MAWD membership informed of developments with water issues and collaboration between MAWD and other agencies and groups.

- ONGOING** Continue to expand MAWD’s social media presence to increase visibility and impact.
- ONGOING** Continue to improve communications to MAWD members regarding MAWD’s legislative efforts and general advocacy. This is done prior to, during, and after the legislative session.
- ONGOING** Continue weekly video and written updates during the legislative session and periodically off session.
- ONGOING** NEW - Post official MAWD documents in such a way as to increase accessibility by MAWD members.
- ONGOING** NEW - Post reports from individuals representing MAWD on various state boards on the MAWD website after each meeting including, but not limited to the (1) BWSR Board, (2) Clean Water Council, (3) Local Government Water Roundtable, and (4) Drainage Work Group.
- STARTED** NEW - Establish regional chapters in Regions I and II to promote more local information sharing and education.
- STARTED** NEW - Develop brochures and handouts in the following areas:
  - ONGOING** Annual Legislative Agenda
  - TO DO** Benefits of Watershed Management
  - TO DO** How to Form a Watershed District
- TO DO** NEW - Expand MAWD’s presence in the press with the goal of educating the public about water organizations and their activities.
- TO DO** NEW - Post the Watershed Handbook online in a more searchable format that is easier to update and reference.
- TO DO** NEW - Publish quarterly financial reports to promote financial transparency between MAWD and its membership.

### Lobbying and Advocacy

Activities in this area focus on lobbying on issues the membership identifies in their legislative agenda and advocating for MAWD and water organizations. These activities take place year-round and not just during the legislative session.

- ONGOING** Continue work to establish MAWD as a leadership organization – the experts regarding water management.
- ONGOING** Continue to improve and increase the effectiveness of the MAWD legislative agenda preparation and lobbying activities.
- ONGOING** Continue to actively collaborate with state agencies and other organizations as appropriate on legislative issues.
- ONGOING** Continue to actively support watershed management and the formation of new watershed organizations.
- ONGOING** NEW - Implement MAWD’s Sunset Policy for resolutions.
- ONGOING** NEW - Ensure that legislative positions are in alignment with the MAWD mission, vision, and core values.
- TO DO** NEW - Develop state and federal policy statements that reflect MAWD’s legislative positions and post online.