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To: State Review Agencies
Counties within the Sauk River Watershed
Cities within the Sauk River Watershed
Stakeholder Groups

From: Sauk River One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee

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

The Sauk River Watershed (SRW) has been selected by the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources for the One Watershed, One Plan program. This program aims to shift water management planning from a county-based planning effort to a watershed-based planning effort. The planning area for the SRW encompasses approximately 667,200 acres (see attached map). The Policy Committee, made up of representatives from Douglas, Pope, Stearns and Todd Counties and those counties' respective Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Sauk River Watershed District, have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for developing a watershed plan to restore and protect the water resources in the SRW.

This notice serves to invite all recipients of this notice to submit, within 60 days, any water management issues they feel the process and resulting plan should address. To aid in this process and to ensure that all issues are captured and discussed, the following, common language should be utilized when formulating your response. These terms have been utilized in other One Watershed, One Plan processes.

Resource: A natural, economic, educational, biotic, aesthetic or similar asset. Resources are generally considered something that can be "managed" and are generally broad, such as surface water, groundwater, or education and outreach.

Resource Concern: A physical, biological, chemical, or geological subset or component of a resource. Resource concerns are typically a refinement of a resource. For example, the resource "surface water" can be further refined into several resource concerns, including streams and rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

Issue Affecting a Resource Concern: A factor, stressor or difficulty resulting in an adverse consequence for a resource concern. A resource concern can have one or many issues. For instance, elevated levels of total phosphorus could be a priority issue affecting a resource concern (i.e. lakes).

Targeted implementation of projects and/or programs to improve an issue affecting a priority resource concern will be the focus of the SRW 1W1P.

An example of this process would be Surface Water; Big Sauk Lake; algal blooms in late summer due to excess nutrients in the lake.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chuck Uphoff, Jerry Rapp, Randy Neumann, Ken Rutten, Gary Reents,
Cody Rogahn, Tyler Carlson, Steve Notch, Tom Williamson

Please provide information about planning priority resource concerns and issues using the above definitions. This will ensure that the process can incorporate and understand areas that you, as stakeholders, feel are an integral part of the planning effort. Please submit the requested information by July 31, 2018, and/or direct inquiries to:

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Public informational kick-off meetings will be held throughout the SRW planning area in late summer.

