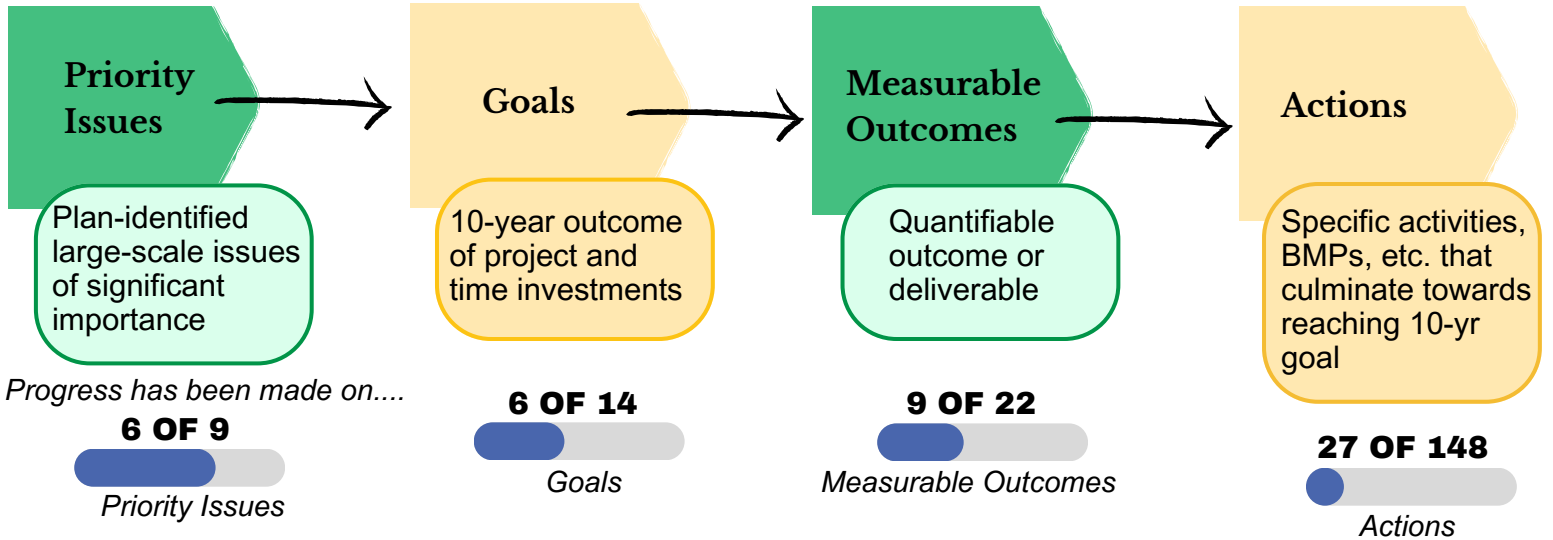


2023 Rum River Watershed Partnership Annual Report



The Rum River Watershed Partnership (RRWP) is a joint powers entity formed by 5 counties, 8 SWCDs, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. The group's purpose is to implement a state-approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Any work partners complete using WBIF or other funding sources make progress towards plan goals. This report details all the progress made in 2023, which marks the first year of implementation!

GOAL PROGRESS



★ WE ARE ON TRACK

We are 10% into the life of the plan. We would like to see close to 10% of progress being made.

15% of Action IDs have at least 10% of progress made
8.8% of Action IDs are nearly complete.

Wells Sealed



Wetland Restorations



Conservation Easements



POLLUTANT REDUCTIONS

PHOSPHORUS	NITROGEN	SEDIMENT	WATER STORAGE
817 lbs/yr	582 lb/yr	363.5 tons/yr	0.67 acre-feet
33%			1%

Progress by Management Zone

MILACA

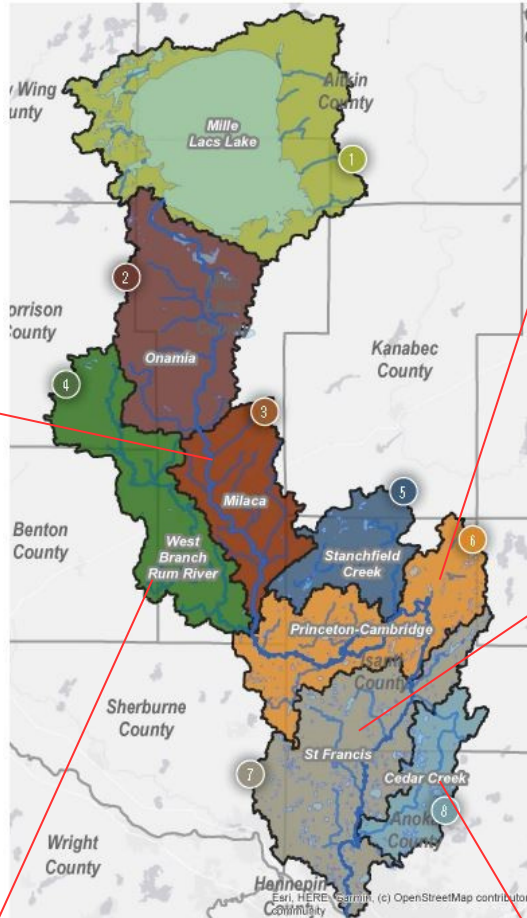
TP	TN	SEDIMENT
24 lbs/yr	0 lb/yr	22 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Bogus Brook.

W. BRANCH RUM RIVER

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
267 lbs/yr	476 lb/yr	147 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Estes Brook and the West Branch of the Rum River.



In many parts of the watershed work has been done that benefits groundwater, the Rum River, and watershed-wide resources.

PRINCETON-CAMBRIDGE

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
400 lbs/yr	0 lb/yr	60 tons/yr

Activities have been done on Blue Lake, Green Lake, and Spectacle Lake.

ST. FRANCIS

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
121 lbs/yr	8.0 lb/yr	131 tons/yr

Activities have been done on George Lake and Skogman Lake.

CEDAR CREEK

TP	TN	SEDIMENT
4.7 lbs/yr	98 lb/yr	3.0 tons/yr

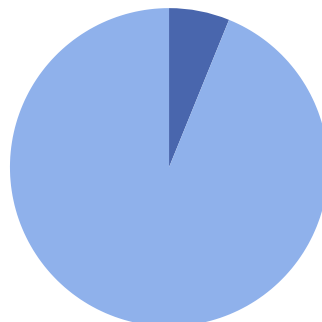
Activities have been done on Cedar Creek.

Funding

Funding is sourced from Watershed-Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) and other local, state, and federal funding sources. In 2023, the RRWP received \$1.1M of Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF), sourced from the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment, to implement the plan.

Project expenses from all sources have totaled....

\$1,299,935



4 project have been funded using WBIF

61 projects were funded form 19 other funding sources.

Project Gallery

65 projects and activities were completed in the watershed in 2023. Here are a few examples of projects that were completed to accomplish plan goals.



Shoreline Restoration
on Blue Lake
Isanti SWCD



Drone Study of Mille
Lacs Lake
Aitkin SWCD



Prairie planting south
of Princeton
Sherburne SWCD



Riverbank stabilization
on the Rum River
Anoka CD



Well Sealing
Mille Lacs SWCD

Watershed Wide Outreach



Outreach activities are detailed in the FY23 RRWP Outreach Plan and led by staff at Isanti SWCD, Anoka SWCD, and Mille Lacs SWCD. This first year had a focus on increasing communication, collaboration, and utilizing resources among partners.

COMPLETED
IN PROGRESS

Goal: 10 outreach efforts every biennium

Goal: 25 new groups engaged over 10 yrs

✔ 14/10

◇ 2/25

Outreach completed includes:



Produced 8 handouts and template letters.



Increased partner communication by hosting monthly meetings and email updates



Hired Watershed Community Organizer



Promoted 4 field days hosted by partners
A total of 220 attended



Added 31 educational materials to shared resources folder

