Long Prairie River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

What is One Watershed, One Plan?

- Voluntary program and plan to guide watershed managers as they work to protect and restore the watershed's resources
- Aligns water planning along watershed boundaries, including all the counties and soil & water conservation districts within the watershed
- Local priorities, locally driven
- Uses existing authorities and funding mechanisms (county and SWCD boards)
- After adopted, implementation funding from the state is obtained through a non-competitive process instead of competitive
- Program website: https://bwsr.state.mn.us/one-watershed-one-plan

Watershed Highlights

- The watershed starts with the Alexandria Area Lakes. The Long Prairie River begins at Lake Carlos, flows through the City of Long Prairie, and near Motley it joins the Crow Wing River.
- Covers portions of five counties: Douglas, Otter Tail, Todd, Wadena, and Morrison.
- Primary towns include: Alexandria, Long Prairie, and Motley.
- Covers 571,712 acres (893 square miles)
- Transitions from lakes in the west to cultivated cropland in the middle, and lakes and forests in the east.

Plan Highlights

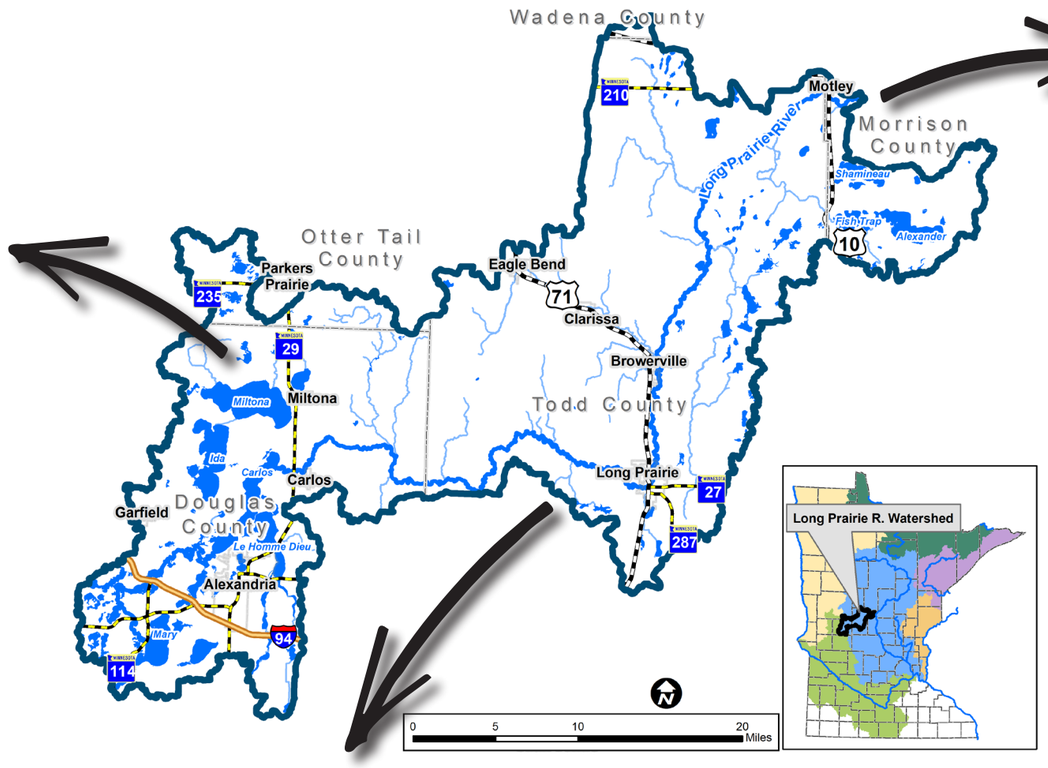
- Implementation of the Long Prairie Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan is voluntary, and outreach and incentives will be used to assist with voluntary implementation on private lands.
- Simple and straightforward presentation of plan information.
- Goals have stacked benefits such as water quality (sediment, phosphorus, nitrogen reductions), habitat (acres of protected habitat), and climate resiliency (carbon storage and water storage).

Alexandria Lakes Area
(Douglas County)

The Alexandria Lakes Planning Region is the source of the Long Prairie River, marked by its many high-value recreational lakes and the City of Alexandria.

Main Goals:
The main goals for this area are to protect and improve lake water quality by managing stormwater from the City of Alexandria and developed lakeshore property and implementing agricultural best management projects.

Outcomes:
- Lake water quality protected and improved.
- Nutrients entering streams and lakes are reduced.
- Runoff from increasing future precipitation is minimized.

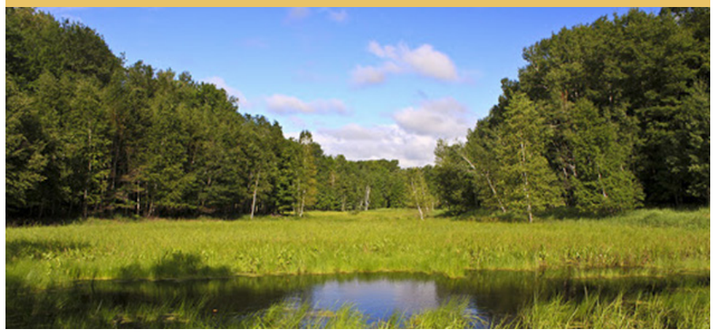


Turtle River • Shamineau • Fish Trap • Alexander • Crookneck Lakes
(Morrison County)

This Planning Region is marked by an abundance of large and small lakes and forests.

Main Goals:
The main goals for this area are to protect and manage the existing forests, which protects lake water quality and groundwater recharge. Lake improvement projects are targeted to the lakes in this area as well including rain gardens, shoreline restoration, and agricultural best management practices.

Outcomes:
- Forest habitat proctected and improved.
- Lake and stream water quality protected.
- Groundwater quality protected.



Long Prairie River • Eagle Creek • Moran Creek
(Todd County)

The Long Prairie River Planning Region follows the Long Prairie River and has shallow groundwater, sandy soils, and a mix of agricultural practices. The Eagle and Moran Creeks Planning Region has primarily agricultural land use, forests, and wetlands.

Main Goals:
The main goals for this area are to implement agricultural best management practices that will reduce nitrogen in groundwater, including nutrient management, irrigation water management, and cover crops. Other projects include bacteria reduction and forest and riparian protection.

Outcomes:
- Soil health improved.
- Nutrients and bacteria entering streams and lakes reduced.
- Drinking water protected.
- Groundwater quantity conserved.

Vision Statement

Uniting the people of the Long Prairie Watershed in balancing agriculture, recreation, tourism, and timber with the protection of the environment for the future.

Long Prairie Watershed Collaboration

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For a Full Copy of the Plan, visit:
https://www.co.todd.mn.us/1w1p/

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