

Watershed Newsletter

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Plan Progress

The Otter Tail River One Watershed One Plan Partners are making steady progress and have completed the determination of Focus Issues and Focus Resources. This planning step establishes what to focus on and where.

Lakes and streams were divided into three categories based on their current water quality.

Restore	Enhance	Protect
Lakes and streams that are impaired.	Lakes and streams with declining trends or are nearly impaired.	Lakes and streams in good quality.

For example, one of the focus issues is nutrient loading to lakes and streams, and one of the focus resources is Big Pine Lake. The next steps in the plan will set a measurable goal for reducing phosphorus loading to Big Pine Lake to improve its water quality. Then actions will be developed that describe how we will reach that goal. Some examples of actions could be rain gardens to control runoff or planting cover crops in agricultural fields to reduce erosion and improve soil health.

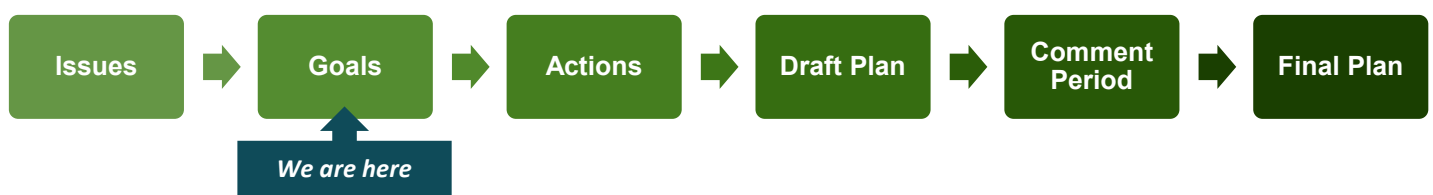
Vision Statement

In January 2022, the Citizen Advisory Committee met to give input on focus issues and develop a vision statement for the watershed. The final vision statement was revised with input from the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees and was formally approved by the Policy Committee in April 2022.

The natural beauty and diversity of water and land in the Otter Tail River Watershed is attractive to residents and tourists because of its recreational opportunities, farming, forests, and wildlife. We strive to sustain this diversity of riches for future generations to enjoy.

Plan Timeline

The planning committees are currently developing measurable goals for the next ten years. Once that step is complete they will determine actions that can be implemented to meet the goals.



Project Partners

- Becker SWCD
- Becker County
- East Otter Tail SWCD
- West Otter Tail SWCD
- Otter Tail County
- Pelican River Watershed District
- Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Accomplishments

- Public Open Houses
- Public Survey
- Land & Water Resource Narrative
- Vision Statement
- Focus Issues
- Focus Resources

Next Steps

- Goals
- Actions

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