



We need your input!

Help us understand the connection between our community and the soil and water we depend on. Your feedback will shape how these important resources are managed in the Red Lake River Watershed.

What is this about?

We are currently forming a comprehensive management plan for the Red Lake River Watershed. The plan's goal is to combine all local knowledge, plans, and data into one document called: *One Watershed, One Plan.*

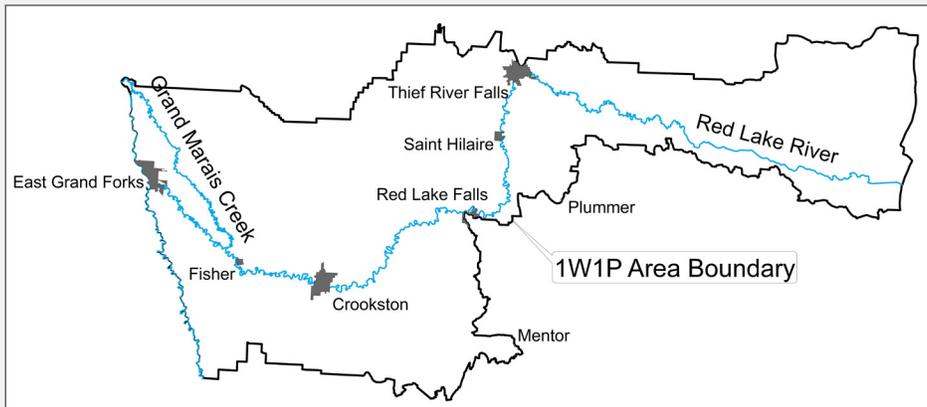
What do you need me to do?

One of the first steps is to survey the public and resource managers to identify important resources, and potential watershed problems and solutions. Please take a minute to complete this survey. Your feedback is appreciated!

About *One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P)*

What's the purpose of 1W1P? 1W1P will address the largest threats that provide the greatest environmental benefits to the Red Lake River Watershed.

Where are the boundaries of 1W1P?



The vision of 1W1P is to align planning on major watershed boundaries with prioritized, targeted, and measurable watershed plans that will be developed and implemented locally.

When will 1W1P be complete? It will be completed by 2016, and will be implemented throughout the 10-year timeframe of the plan.

How is Red Lake River Watershed involved? The Red Lake River Watershed was chosen as a pilot watershed for 1W1P. The primary local planning partners include counties (Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, and Red Lake), SWCDs (Beltrami, Pennington, East and West Polk, and Red Lake), and watershed districts (Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers and Red Lake).

Why is this survey important? This survey is part of an effort to gather stakeholder input on priority natural resources in the Red Lake River Watershed and priority issues impacting those resources. Agreement on these items will allow planning partners to align priorities where practical, and develop an implementation plan for the Red Lake River 1W1P pilot project.



Your input through the survey will help determine priority concerns regarding water quality and quantity.

Please complete the following survey and return it to the address at the right by April 30, or you can take the survey online at: www.redlakewatershed.org

Red Lake Watershed District
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Red Lake River Watershed Citizen Survey

1 Which county is your home and/or land located in? (Check all that apply)

Beltrami Clearwater Marshall Pennington Polk Red Lake

2 In your opinion, which resource is the most threatened in your area? (Rank them 1 to 5)

Groundwater (water found below ground, often a source for drinking water)
 Surface Water (water found in lakes, ponds, streams, etc.)
 Soil
 Wetlands
 Rivers and Streams

3 If there are other threatened resources we did not list in Question 2, list them below:

4 What do you feel are top 5 PROBLEMS related to watershed health in your area? (Choose up to 5, rank them 1 to 5)

Soil erosion and sedimentation
 Soil health
 Runoff into lakes, streams, etc.
 Water quality
 Irrigation water supply sustainability
 Drinking water supply sustainability
 Drinking water quality
 Wetland loss and/or impacts
 Drainage system effectiveness (e.g., ditches)
 Flood damage
 Drought
 Wildlife habitat loss
 Public understanding of watershed issues
 Contaminants and pollutants
 Effects of land use change (e.g., field to homes)
 Climate trend issues (precipitation, temperature fluctuation, etc.)
 Invasive species

5 What do you feel are top 5 SOLUTIONS to watershed health in your area? (Choose up to 5, rank them 1 to 5)

Using NRCS soil erosion and sedimentation best practices
 Nutrient management planning
 Feedlot management
 Surface water retention via ponds, wetlands, etc.
 Shoreland and riparian management
 Maintain watershed district core services
 Water supply conservation/protection
 Wetland management
 Drainage system management
 Wastewater management
 Flood risk assessment and management
 Drought mitigation planning
 Habitat, wildlife and fisheries management
 Education, outreach and civic engagement
 Contaminant and pollutant reduction
 Climate trend risk management
 Invasive species management

6 What specific natural resources in your area should be considered a priority? For example, specific lakes, rivers, stream, ditches, wetlands, groundwater, etc. (For resources without official names, describe their type and location as best you can)

7 Additional comments or suggestions:
