

CHISAGO COUNTY WATER PLAN POLICY TEAM

Since 1998, the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team has met to set county watershed priorities. The county uses these priorities to obtain and use resources to protect, improve and conserve water resources in Chisago County including lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater.

The Policy Team has nine members representing various groups and departments, including citizens, Chisago County Board of Commissioners, Departments of Environmental Services/Zoning and Public Health, and the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The five Citizen At-Large members are appointed to a three-year term by the Chisago County Board. The Policy Team also has a technical team represented by staff from the partner agencies listed in the “Partners” section, including the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID).

Since 2017, the Policy Team has provided recommendations to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners on the One Watershed, One Plan planning and implementation process for development of the Lower St. Croix River, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (LSC CWMP). The plan identifies ways to protect and restore priority natural resources in the Lower St. Croix over the next ten years.

From 2018 to 2020, the Policy Team reviewed and revised objectives of the Chisago County Local Water Management Plan (2013-2023) in order to develop and recommend to the Chisago County Board the new Appendix D: Chisago County Local Priorities of the LSC CWMP.

In 2021, the Policy Team and Subcommittee started a visioning process to restructure the Policy Team framework, as the Policy Team no longer entirely meets the current Team Purpose and Mission within the new LSC CWMP structure.

The Policy Team will continue to meet in 2022 to develop a revised Purpose, Mission and framework for the future role of the Team.

For more information on the Water Plan Policy Team, or to find out how to become a Citizen At-Large member, visit <https://www.chisagocounty.us/465/Water-Plan-Policy-Team>.

Partners:

- Chisago County Water Resources
- Chisago County Environmental Services
- Chisago Lakes LID
- Chisago County Public Health
- Chisago SWCD
- Comfort Lake—Forest Lake Watershed District
- Lake Associations located in Chisago County
- Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources
- Minnesota Department of Health and Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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