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# Public hearings for the Missouri River Watershed: Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

*Events set for April 30 on watershed-based plan*

**April 18, 2019, Worthington, Minn.** – After two years of local planning efforts, public hearings are set for April 30<sup>th</sup> to gather citizen feedback on the draft Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Management Plan.

The Missouri River Watershed One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) effort brought six counties, six Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), and two Watershed Districts together to develop a comprehensive plan for resource management in the Missouri River Watershed. Before this collaborative process, each public entity developed their own strategic water plan. This new implementation-focused plan built off existing local water management plans and aligned priorities and multiple local water planning processes on major watershed boundaries. The resulting Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan will be locally led and result in prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation efforts. This means actions and investments are made where they make the most impact to protect or improve the resources that are most important locally.

Following a two-month state review for their draft plan, Missouri River Watershed 1W1P officials will host public hearings on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Worthington and Edgerton. Each event will have an open house on the draft Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan followed by a public hearing. **The purpose of the hearings is to solicit public comments on the proposed comprehensive watershed plan document. The Edgerton meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 30 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the Fire Hall, located at 230 Mill Street, Edgerton, MN. The Worthington meeting will occur on the same day from 2:00 – 3:30 PM in the Farmers Room of the Nobles County Government Center, located at 315 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Worthington, MN.**

After the hearings, the Missouri River Watershed 1W1P's Policy Committee of elected county commissioners, SWCD board managers, and Watershed District board managers will review all state agency and public comments on the



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#### **View the Draft Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan at:**

[www.noblesswcd.org/one-watershed-one-plan](http://www.noblesswcd.org/one-watershed-one-plan)

#### **For more information on 1W1P:**

<http://bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/1W1P/index.html>

draft plan. The committee then will vote on whether to submit the plan to the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) for approval.

BWSR will have 90 days to approve the plan. It will then go back to local government units (county, SWCD, and Watershed District boards) to vote on local adoption.

The draft Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan—along with other related planning materials and information—is available on the Nobles SWCD website at: [www.noblesswcd.org/one-watershed-one-plan](http://www.noblesswcd.org/one-watershed-one-plan)

