

Notice of availability and request for comments on draft Mississippi River - Lake Pepin Tributaries WRAPS Update 2024 **Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS)**

General information

Public comment period begins: September 3, 2024

Public comment period ends: October 3, 2024

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The draft Mississippi River - Lake Pepin Tributaries WRAPS Update 2024 is available for review on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) draft/public notice [MPCA Public Comments webpage](#), or at the MPCA office address listed under the MPCA contact person above. Following the comment period, the MPCA will revise the report(s) and post the final document on the MPCA website. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

Watershed: 07040001 Mississippi River - Lake Pepin Major Watershed

Description of the Mississippi River - Lake Pepin Tributaries WRAPS Update 2024

The WRAPS Update Report is the next iteration of the initial Mississippi River – Lake Pepin Watershed WRAPS Report (2015) required by the state Clean Water Legacy Act. This report uses watershed information to develop strategies for addressing point and nonpoint pollution sources. The objective of the WRAPS Report Update process is to provide updated information and refine strategies to restore impaired waters and protect the unimpaired waters from degradation. This report is a collaborative effort between the MPCA, other state agencies, local government partners, and other stakeholders and supports the work planned under the One Watershed, One Plan program.

Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

1. Submit written comments on the draft reports.
2. Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
3. Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

Submitting written comments

Comments may be submitted to the MPCA by the two methods below:

1. Online at www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments
2. U.S. Mail to the following address:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Kristen Dieterman
7381 Airport View Dr SW
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To submit comments or petitions online or by mail to the MPCA, you must state:

1. Your interest in the draft WRAPS Update report.
2. The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft report you believe should be changed.
3. The reason(s) supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

Public informational meeting

A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed project. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting. The MPCA staff will be present to provide information.

Contested case hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.