

# Clean Water Council



**Established in 2006 to advise the Legislature and Governor on the administration and implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act, MN Statutes 114D**

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**During 2013-14, the Clean Water Council developed:**

- **Guiding Principles and Funding Priorities**
- **Policy recommendations to accelerate water quality**
- **FY16-17 Clean Water Fund Recommendations**
- **Resolutions important to achieve clean water**

# Council Guiding Principles

## Guiding Principles for FY16-17 Clean Water Fund Recommendations

- Focus on achieving outcomes and improvements in water quality and resources in accordance with state and federal laws.
- Achieve a balance between short-term progress and long-term achievement of sustainable water quality improvement with a bias towards on-the-ground projects that have measurable outcomes.
- Promote programs where it can be demonstrated that the funding will achieve significant new progress towards attaining the goal of clean water and supplementing and accelerating the process.
- Reflect Constitutional mandates regarding expenditures on drinking water and supplementing (but not substituting for) traditional funding sources.
- Increase agency coordination and collaboration to efficiently utilize Clean Water Fund dollars.

# Council Funding Priorities

## Funding Priorities for FY16-17 Clean Water Fund Recommendations

- Programs that address point and nonpoint pollution source issues and have measurable outcomes.
- Implementation activities from completed Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS), Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plans, or Comprehensive Local Water Management Plans.
- Continued implementation of the State's Watershed Approach that contributes new, significant progress to achieve water quality goals.
- Surface water and groundwater monitoring activities that contribute to the ability to conduct and target near term work to improve water quality and quantity and influence the long-term sustainability of those improvements.
- Continued progress on the completion of County Geologic Atlases.
- Strengthen local capacity to support nonpoint source implementation activities.
- New enforcement of existing regulations that would achieve measurable clean water outcomes.
- Recommend funding programs that can leverage other available funds to achieve outcomes and increase the overall impact of Clean Water Fund dollars.

# Council Policy Recommendations

## Riparian Buffer Policy Statement:

- The Clean Water Council recommends that the State require maintained vegetative buffers along public waters and public ditches, including private ditches that drain to public ditches to protect water quality.
- Buffer width should be determined based on conditions on the ground and the differences in the type of water body.
- There should be one state agency that develops model ordinances for local governments to apply, oversees local implementation, and requires reporting.
- We recommend the state fund both local implementation and enforcement.



# Council Policy Recommendations

## **Water Retention, Storage, and Infiltration:**

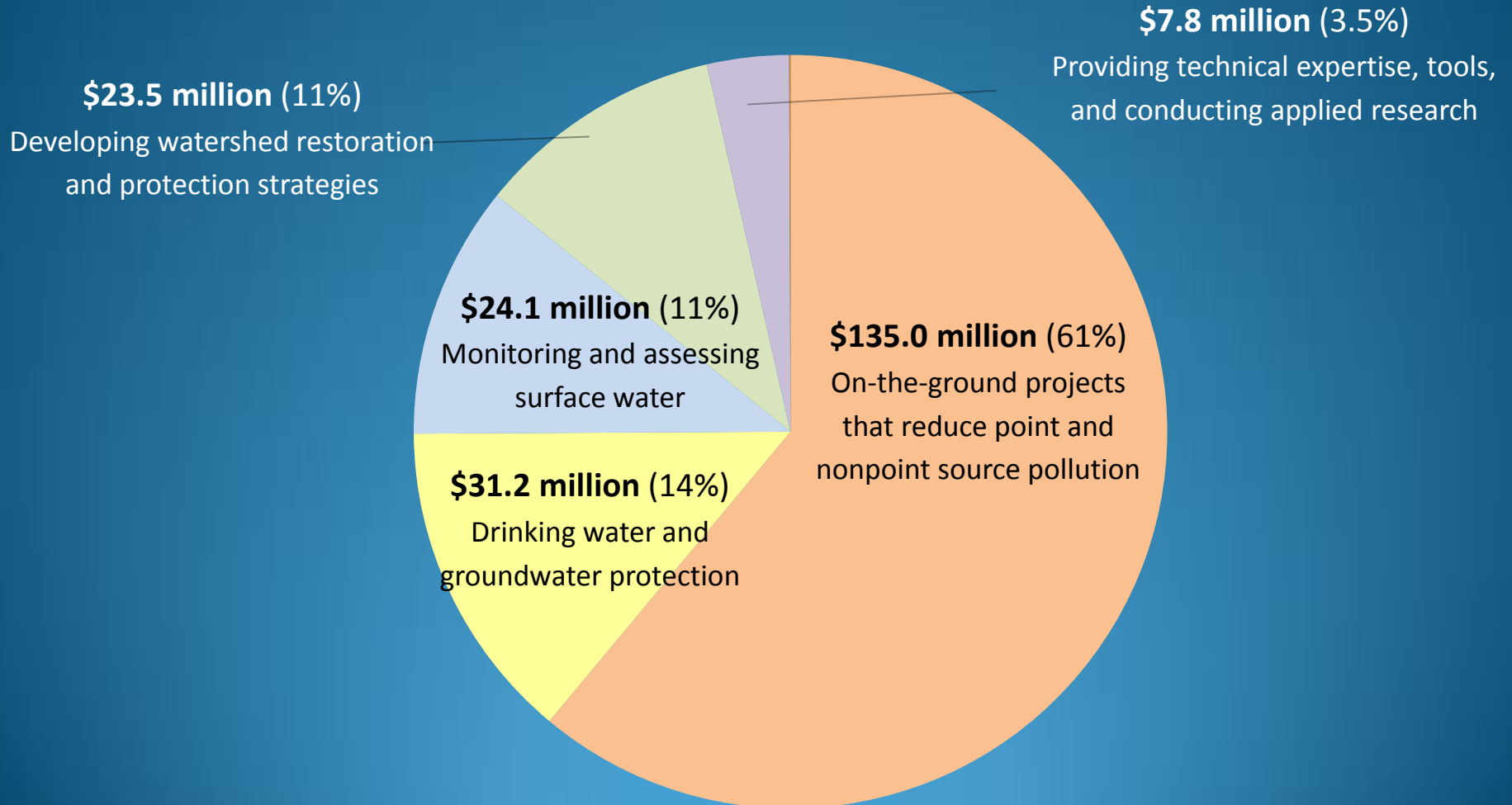
The Clean Water Council recommends the State require all major watersheds outside the Seven-County Twin Cities Metro Area of the state to develop local comprehensive watershed management plans.

These plans must establish water storage goals, expressed in acre-feet, and standards for water storage, retention, and infiltration.



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## FY16-17 Clean Water Fund Recommendations





# Clean Water Council Resolutions

- Endorse the “One Watershed, One Plan” Framework for Water Resources Planning
- Adopted Clean Water Fund “Guidelines for Aquatic Invasive Species Activities”



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