

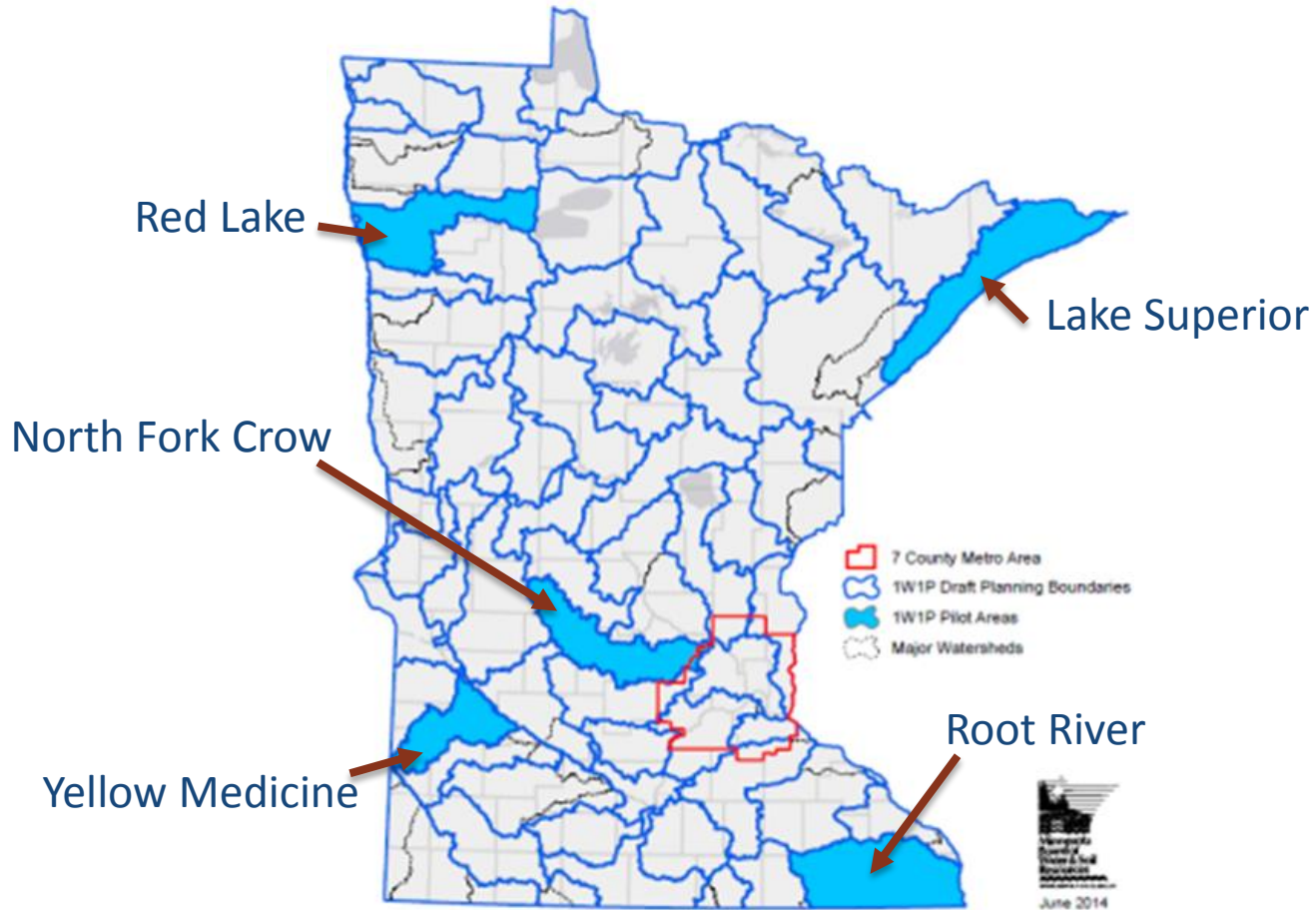


One Watershed One Plan

Vision:

Alignment of **local water planning** with **state strategies** on **major watershed boundaries** towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans.

Pilot Watersheds

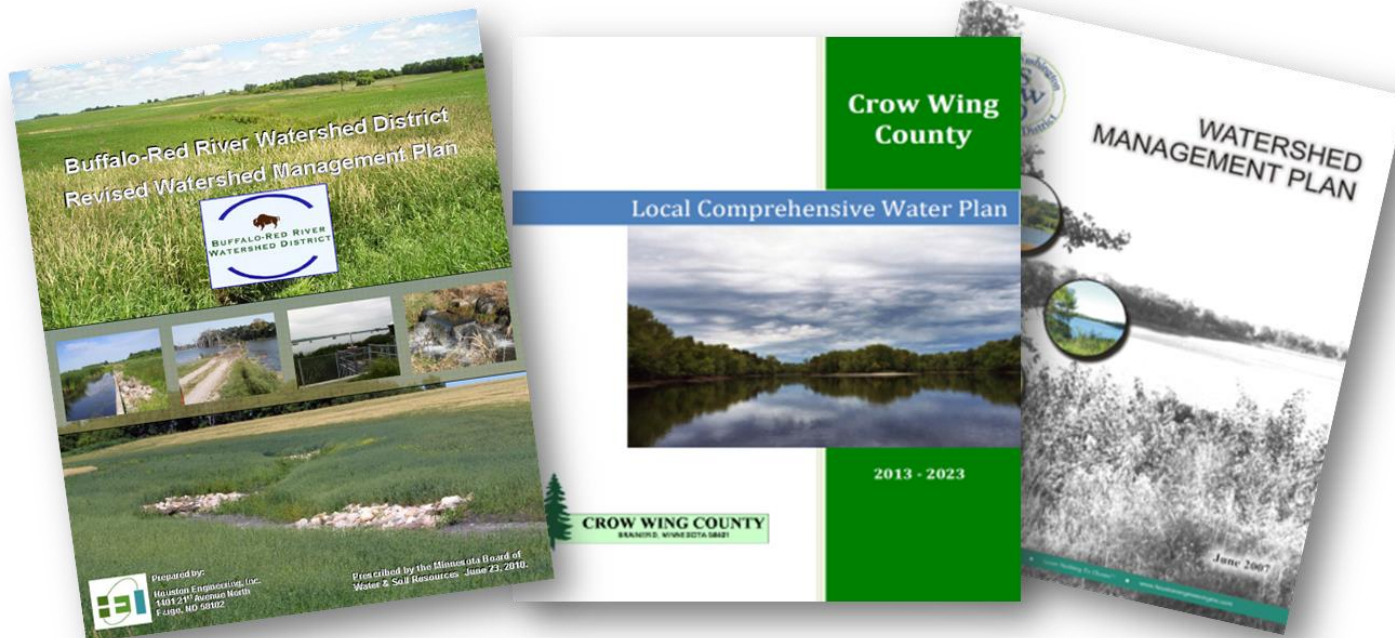


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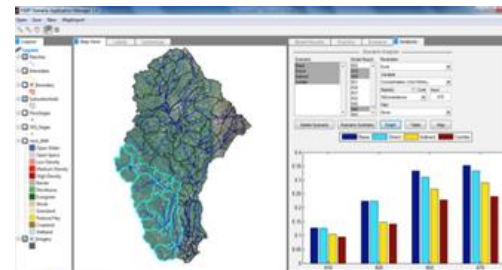
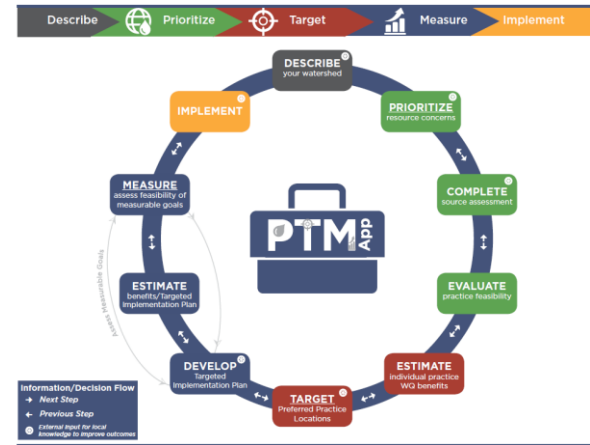
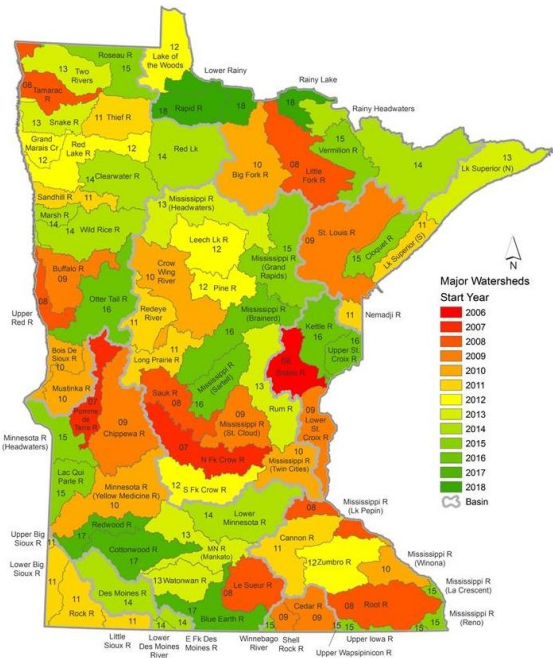
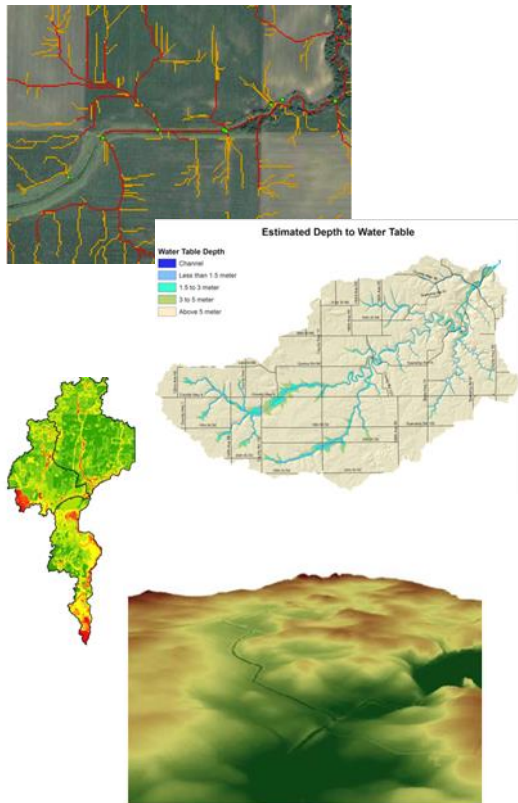
We know technically how to put a comprehensive watershed management plan together





What lessons are we learning?

We have better and more accessible resource data & information than ever





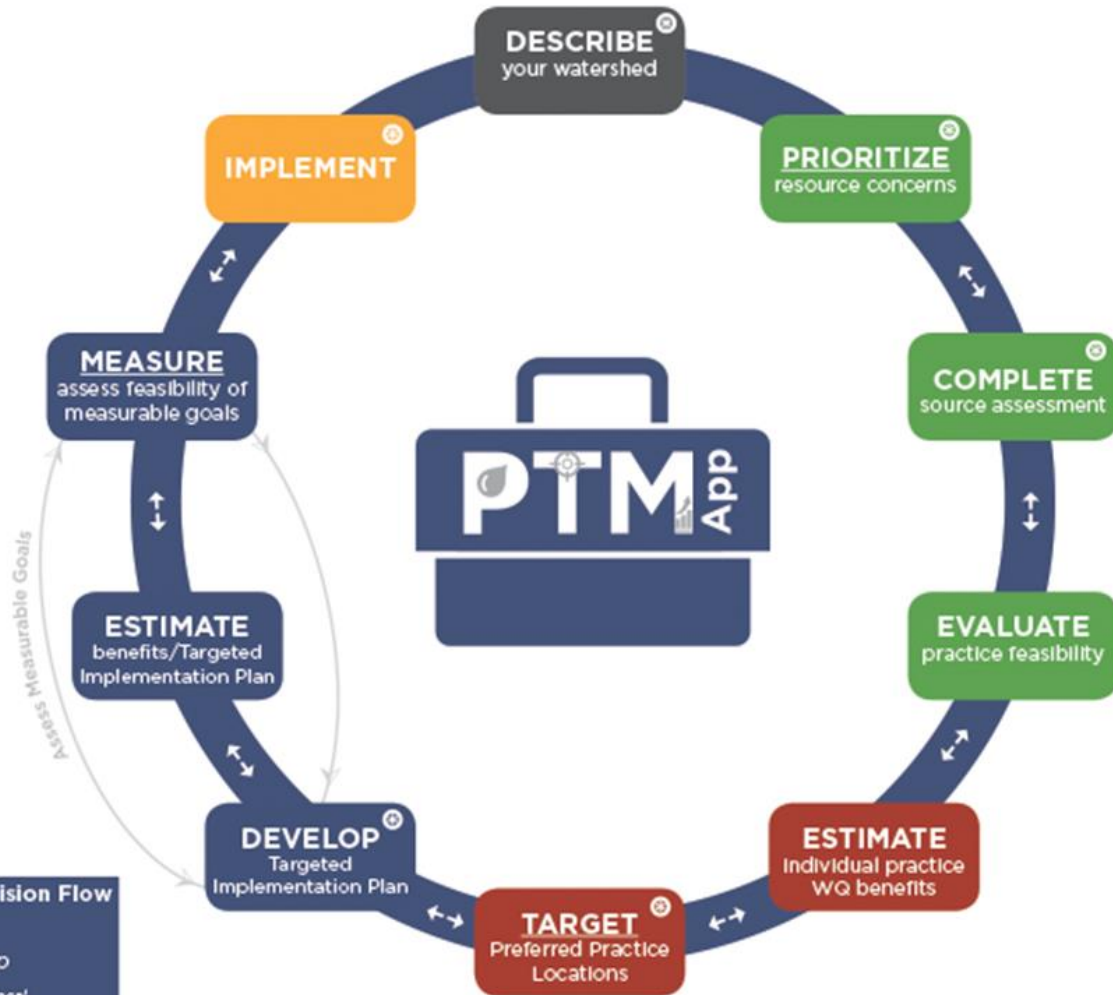
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Importance of strong local (co)leaders and of good communication





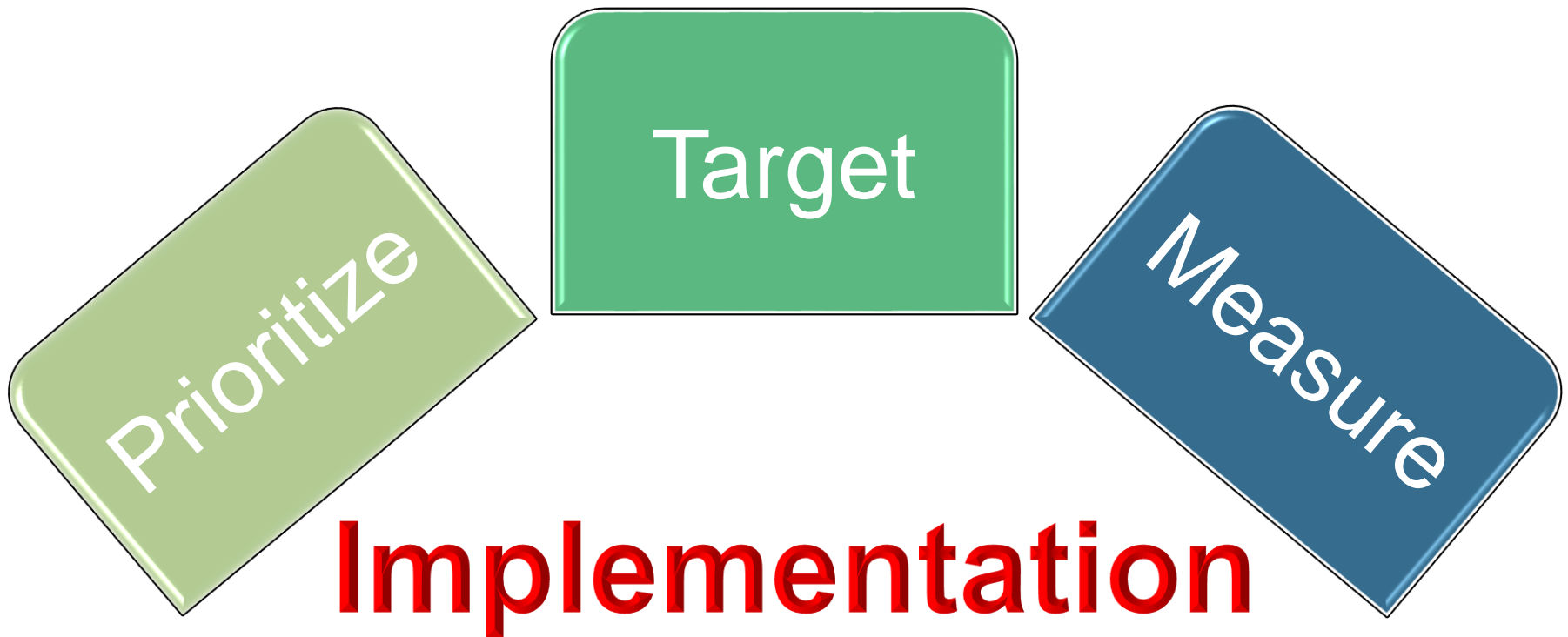
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Information/Decision Flow
→ Next Step
← Previous Step
⊕ External Input for local knowledge to improve outcomes

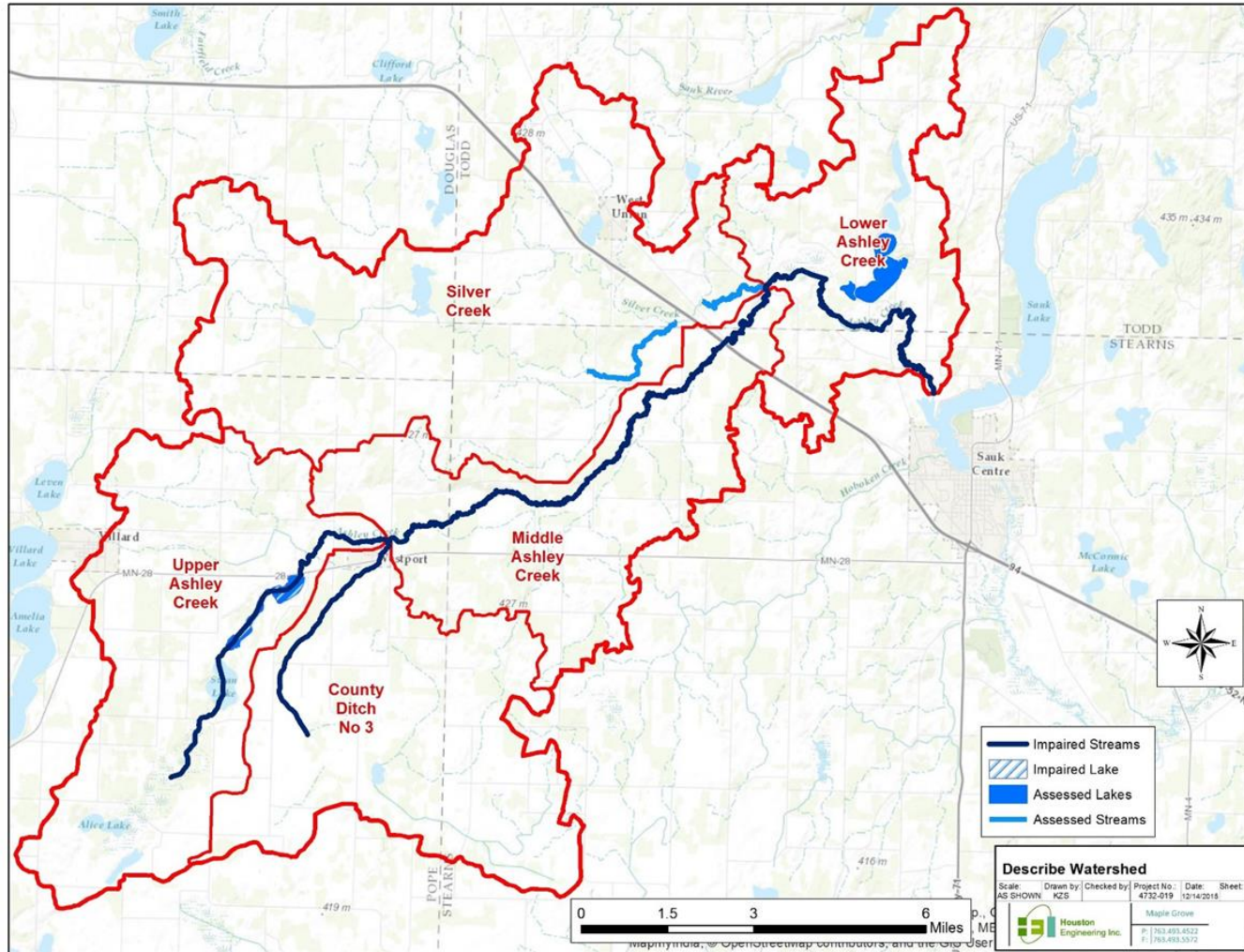


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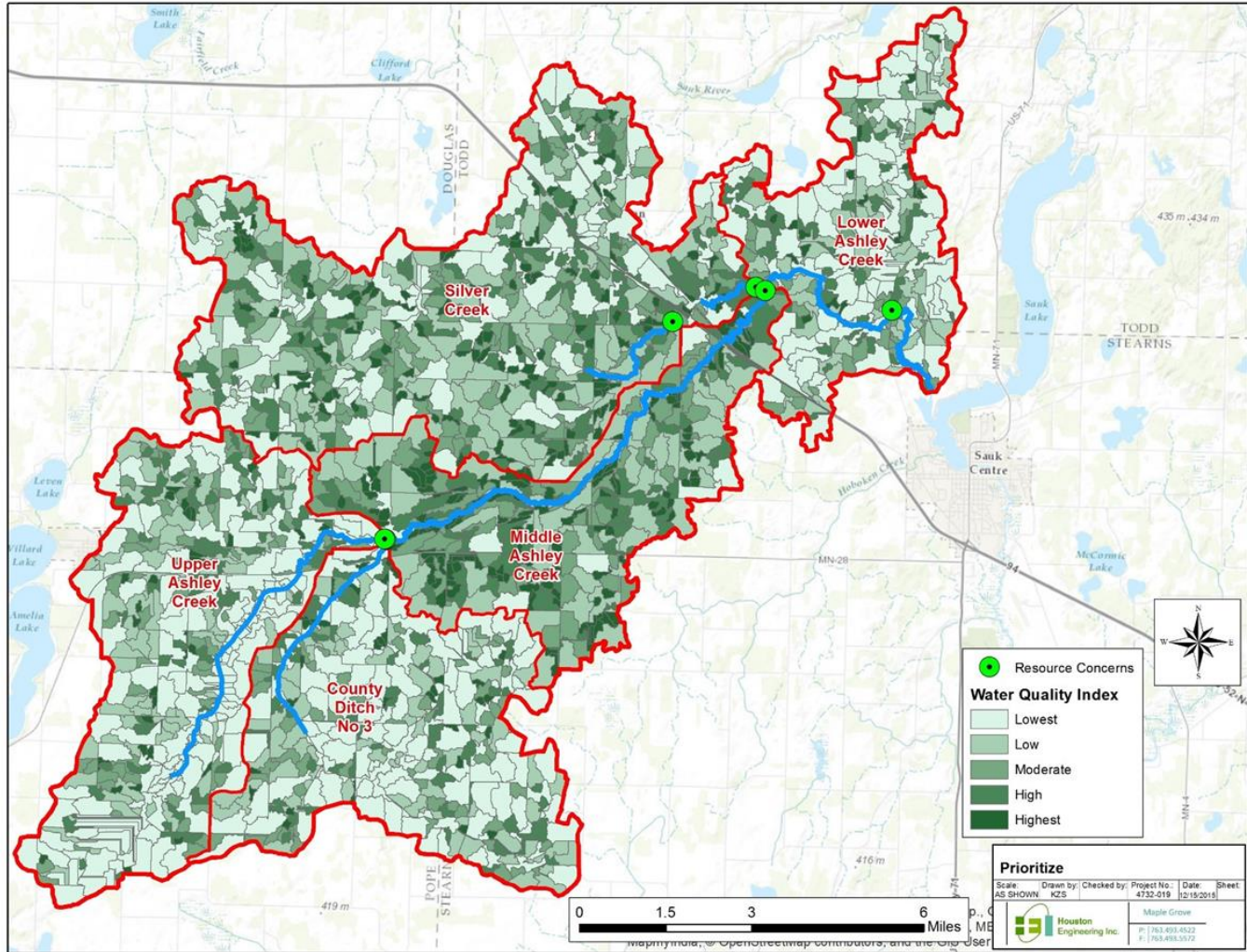
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“DESCRIBE” YOUR WATERSHED



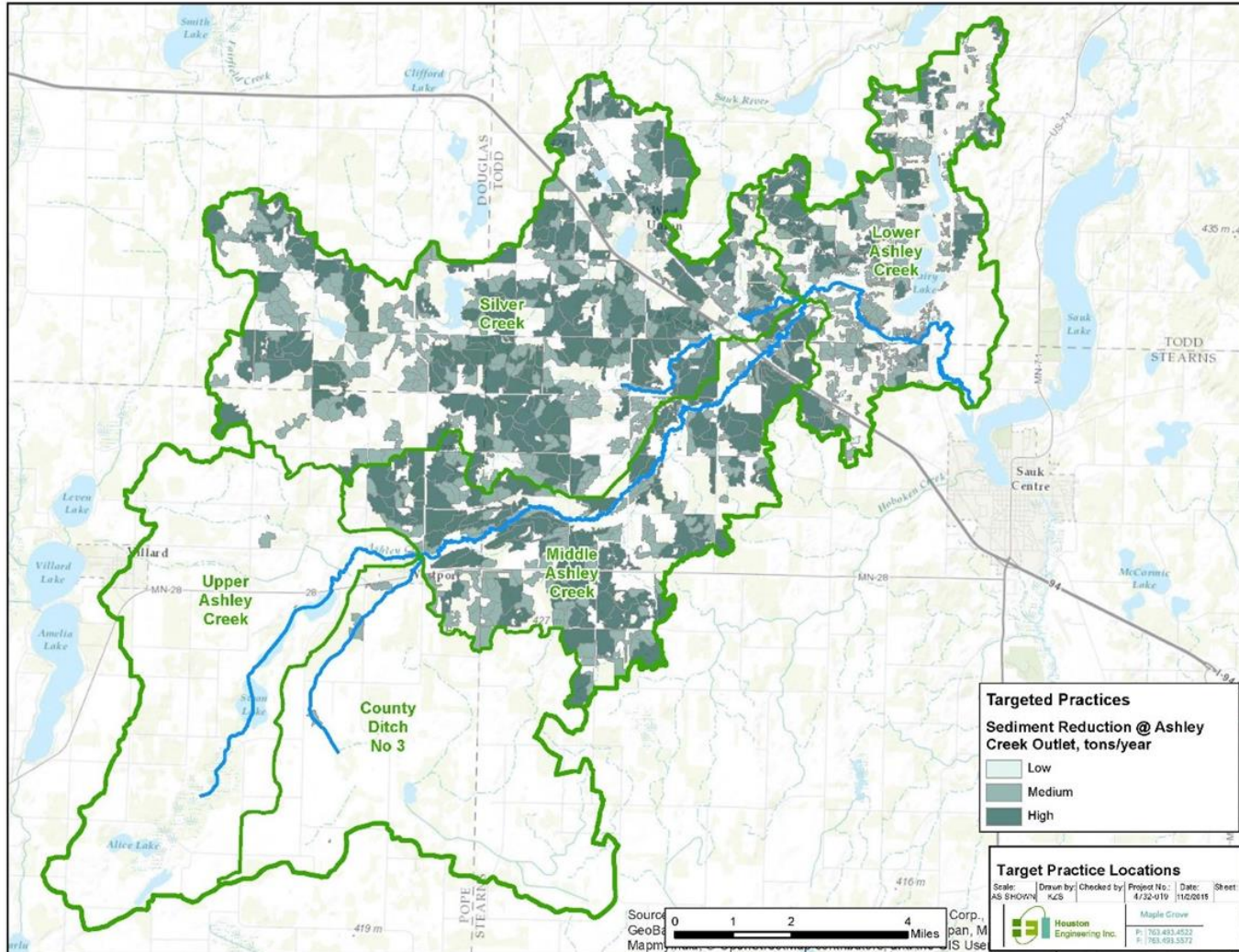
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“PRIORITIZE” RESOURCE CONCERNS



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“TARGET” PREFERRED PRACTICE LOCATIONS



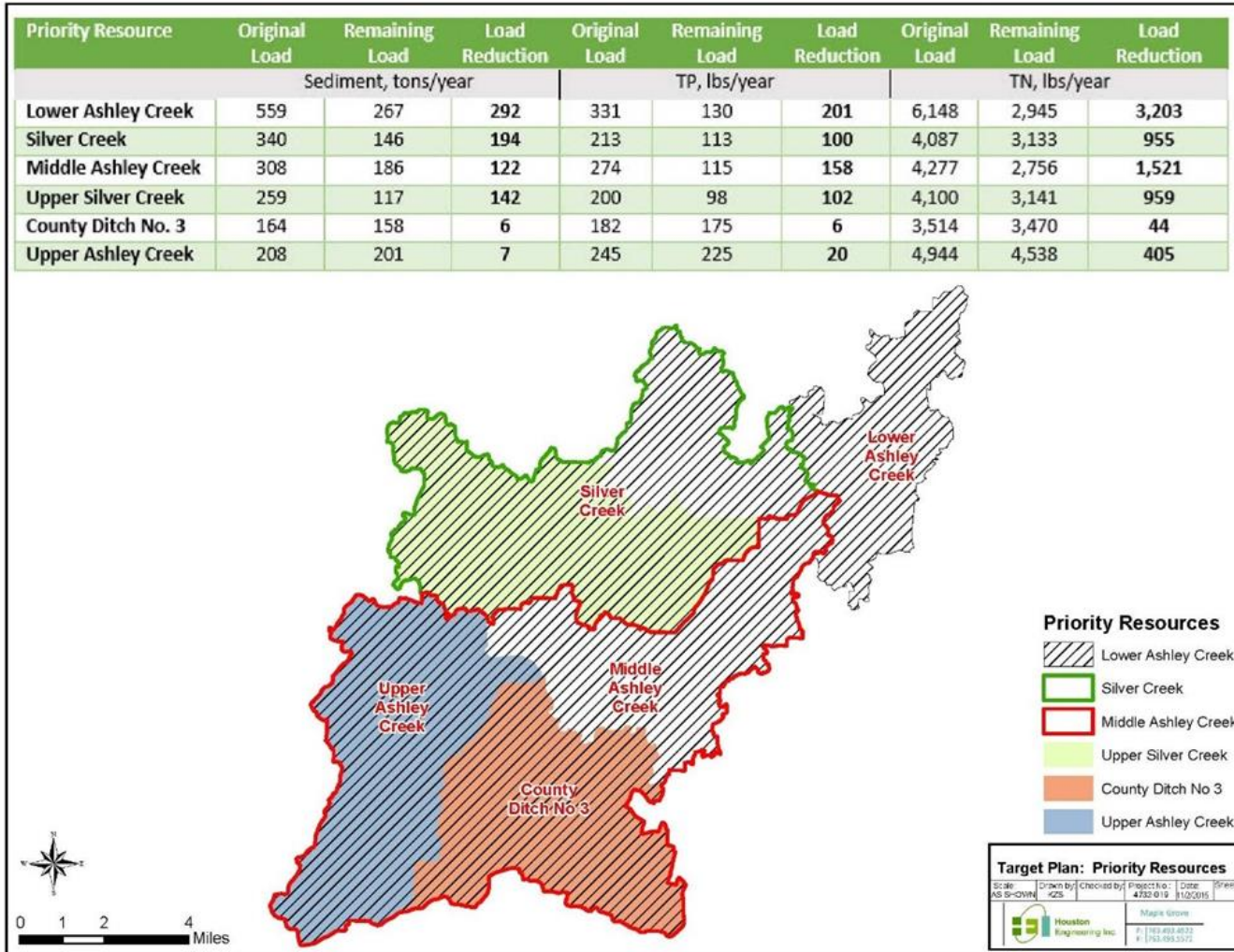
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“DEVELOP” TARGETED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS



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“ESTIMATE” BENEFITS/TARGETED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



Transition Plan

- Goal: statewide transition by 2025
- Pace of progress necessary: 6-7 plans/year
- Funding necessary: \$4.2m/biennium through 2025



One Watershed, One Plan

Transition Plan Version 1.0

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December 29, 2015



Purpose: As per Minnesota Statutes §103B.801 Subd. 5, the Board of Water and Soil Resources "shall develop and adopt, by June 30, 2016, a transition plan for development, approval, adoption, and coordination of plans consistent with section 103A.212. The transition plan must include a goal of completing statewide transition to comprehensive watershed management plans by 2025. The metropolitan area may be considered for inclusion in the transition plan." Additionally, "the board may use the authority under section 103B.3369, subdivision 9, to support development or implementation of a comprehensive watershed management plan under this section."

This document outlines the procedures and expectations for transitioning to statewide comprehensive watershed management plans.

Introduction

One Watershed, One Plan is rooted in work initiated by the Local Government Water Roundtable (Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, and Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Roundtable members recommended that the local governments charged with water management responsibility should organize and develop focused implementation plans on a watershed scale. The recommendation supported 2012 legislation that authorized the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to adopt methods to allow comprehensive plans, local water management plans, or watershed management plans to serve as substitutes for one another; or to be replaced with one comprehensive watershed management plan (One Watershed, One Plan).

Under current statute, County water plans and Soil and Water Conservation District comprehensive plans are voluntary (Minnesota Statutes §103C.331, Subd. 11. "A district may develop and revise a comprehensive plan..."; and M.S. §103B.331, Subd. 1 "Each county is encouraged to develop and implement a local water management plan..."). In contrast, watershed districts statewide and watershed management organization plans in the metropolitan area are mandatory (M.S. §103D.401, Subd. 1 "The managers must adopt a watershed management plan..." and M.S. §103B.231, Subd. 1 "A watershed management plan is required for watersheds ... wholly or partly within the metropolitan area..."). One Watershed, One Plan is also voluntary. However, all counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts are required to have a current plan to be eligible for state funding.

BWSR's vision for One Watershed, One Plan, developed with the Roundtable recommendation as a foundation, is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans – the next logical step in the evolution of water planning in Minnesota. Additional legislation passed in 2015 provides purposes and plan content requirements for comprehensive watershed management plans, clarifies that local government water plan authorities are retained when plans are substituted or replaced by a comprehensive watershed management plan, and requires BWSR to develop and adopt a transition plan with a goal for statewide transition by 2025.

Additional information about the One Watershed, One Plan program can be found on the BWSR website:
<http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/1W1P/index.html>.



Challenges

- Finding efficiencies in distribution of state funds
- Building out PTM tools and making them broadly available
- Integration with planning and zoning, drainage authorities, highway departments
- Coordinated plan implementation

Questions

