

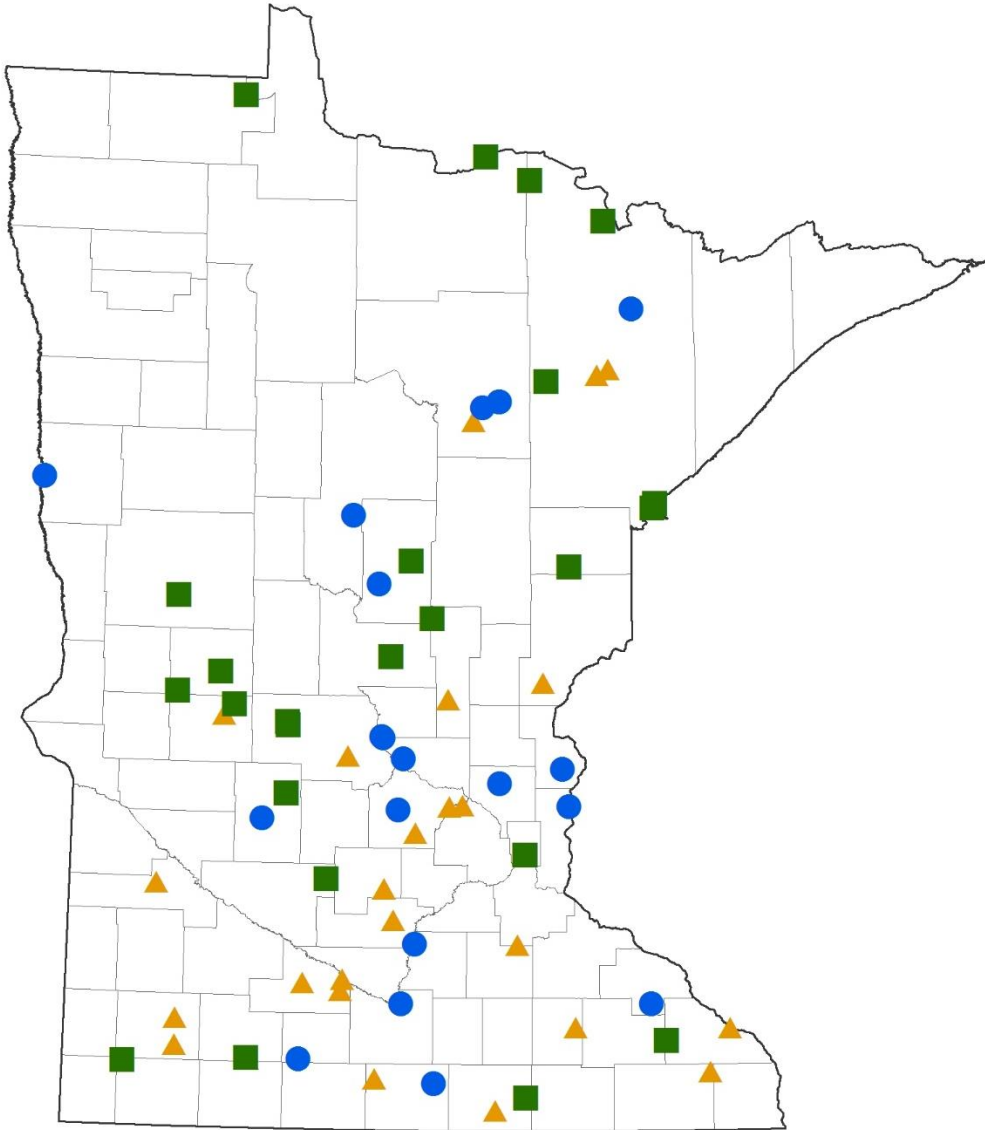


## Wastewater treatment regionalization

Rebecca Flood

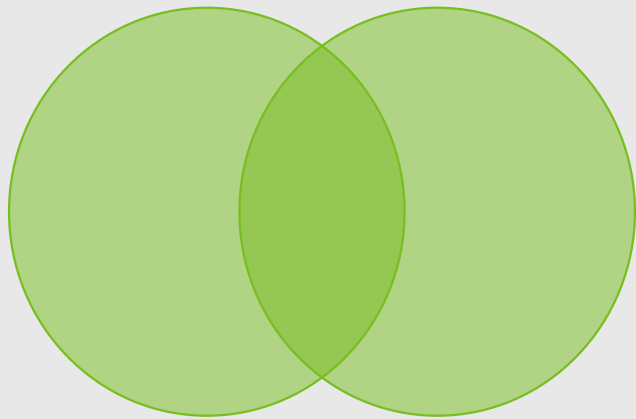
Assistant Commissioner, MPCA

# Regionalization: Where we are today



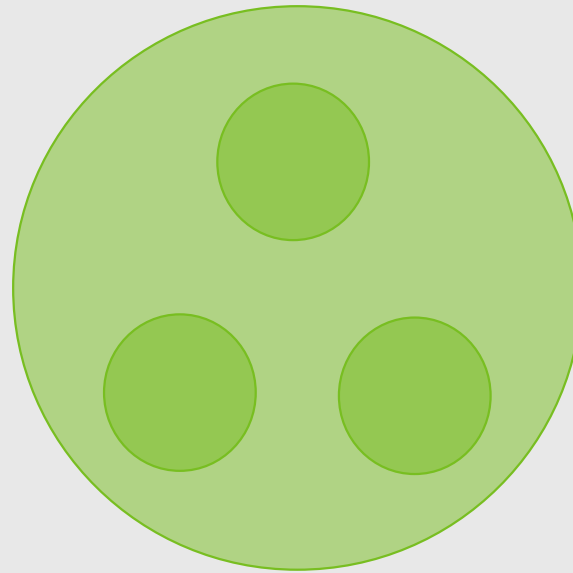
- Joint power
- Sanitary district
- ▲ Receives waste from other community

# Types of regionalization



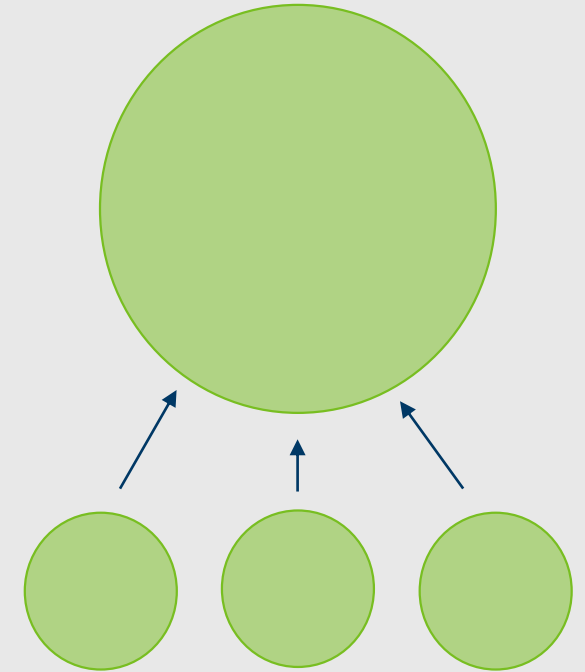
## Joint powers

Two existing government bodies enter into an agreement, but retain their own autonomy  
(See Minn. Stat. 471.59)



## Sanitary district

A new entity is formed for the purpose of managing environmental services for the region  
(See Minn. Stat. 442A.04)



## Regional water system

A less formal arrangement in which smaller communities or unincorporated areas are “customers” of a larger utility

# Minnesota's unsewered and undersewered communities

## **Unsewered communities:**

No wastewater treatment at all, at the community or individual level

## **Undersewered communities:**

The existing level of collection or treatment is not adequate to protect groundwater



# How are sanitary districts formed?



**Office of Administrative  
Hearings (formerly MPCA)**

**21 instances**



**County boards**

**9 instances**



**Special legislation**

**12 instances, most recent in 2007**