

# **Legislative Water Commission**

**March 26, 2018**

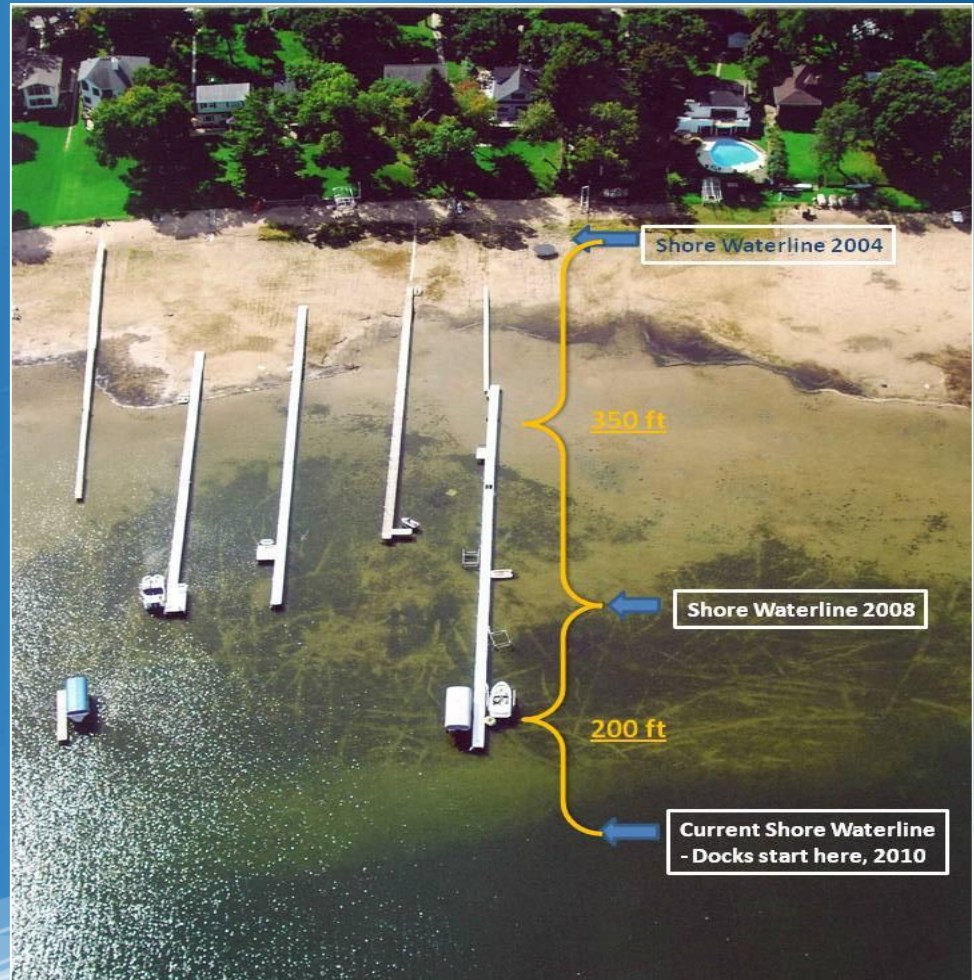
**Co-chairs: Senator Wiger**

**Representative Torkelson**

**Jim Stark, Director**

**Straight River, Becker County**

# LWC Recommendation Process 2018 and 2019



# LWC Legislative Recommendations 2018

- **Review and recommend: Alternatives for pollutant reduction at waste-water facilities—process**
- **Recommend peer review of waste-water standards (put MPCA order into statute)**
- **Recommend efficiencies and alternatives for waste-water treatment- small towns-process**
- **Support increase to PFA Bonding request \$167M**

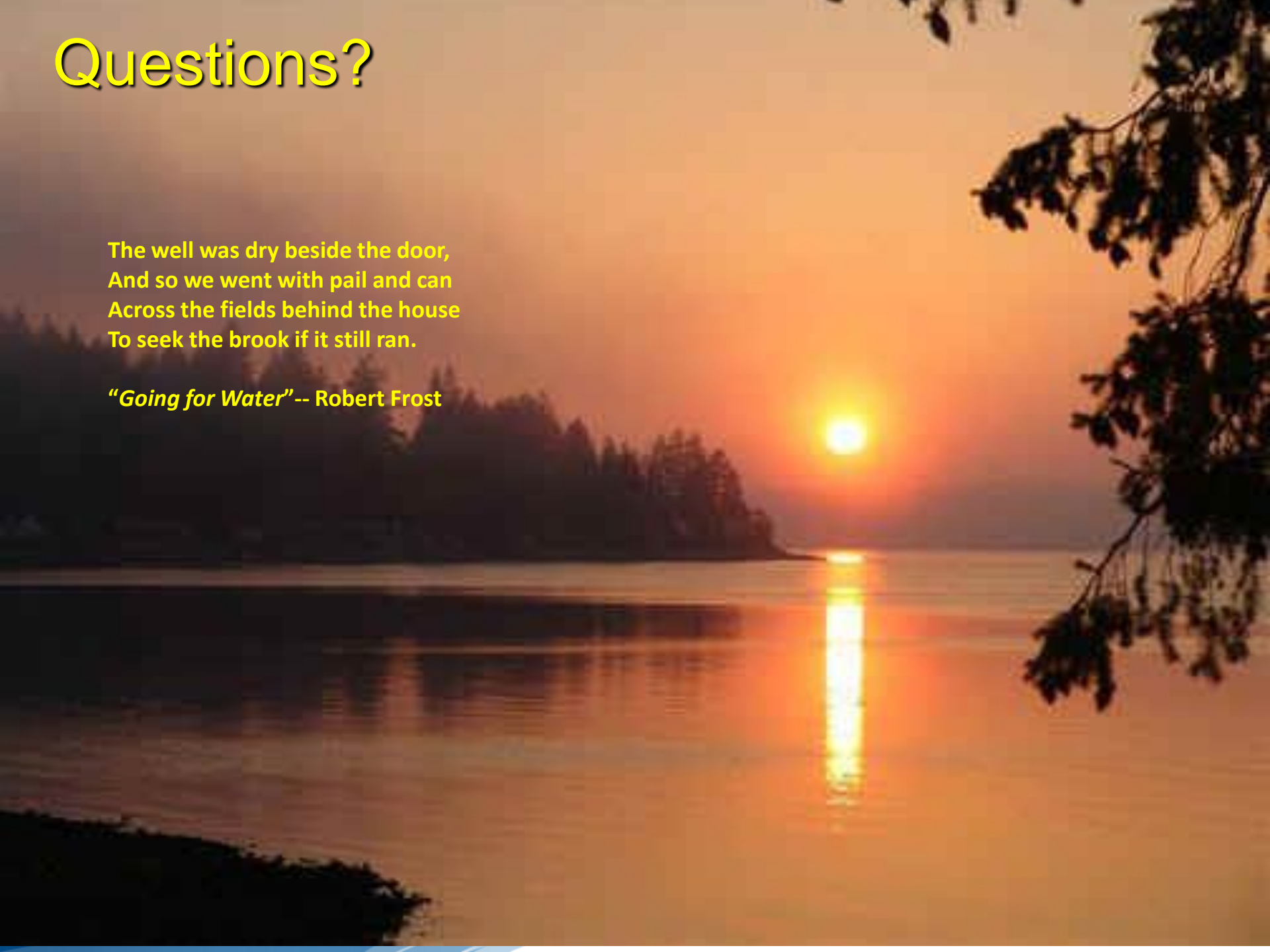
# LWC Legislative Recommendations— Progress

- Recommendations reviewed and supported by LWC, MPCA, PFA, Met Council
- Copies provided: Clean Water Council, MPCA, DNR, BWSR, Governor's office, Metropolitan Council
- Recommendations discussed in several committee meetings
- Proposed Legislation on peer review?

# Questions?

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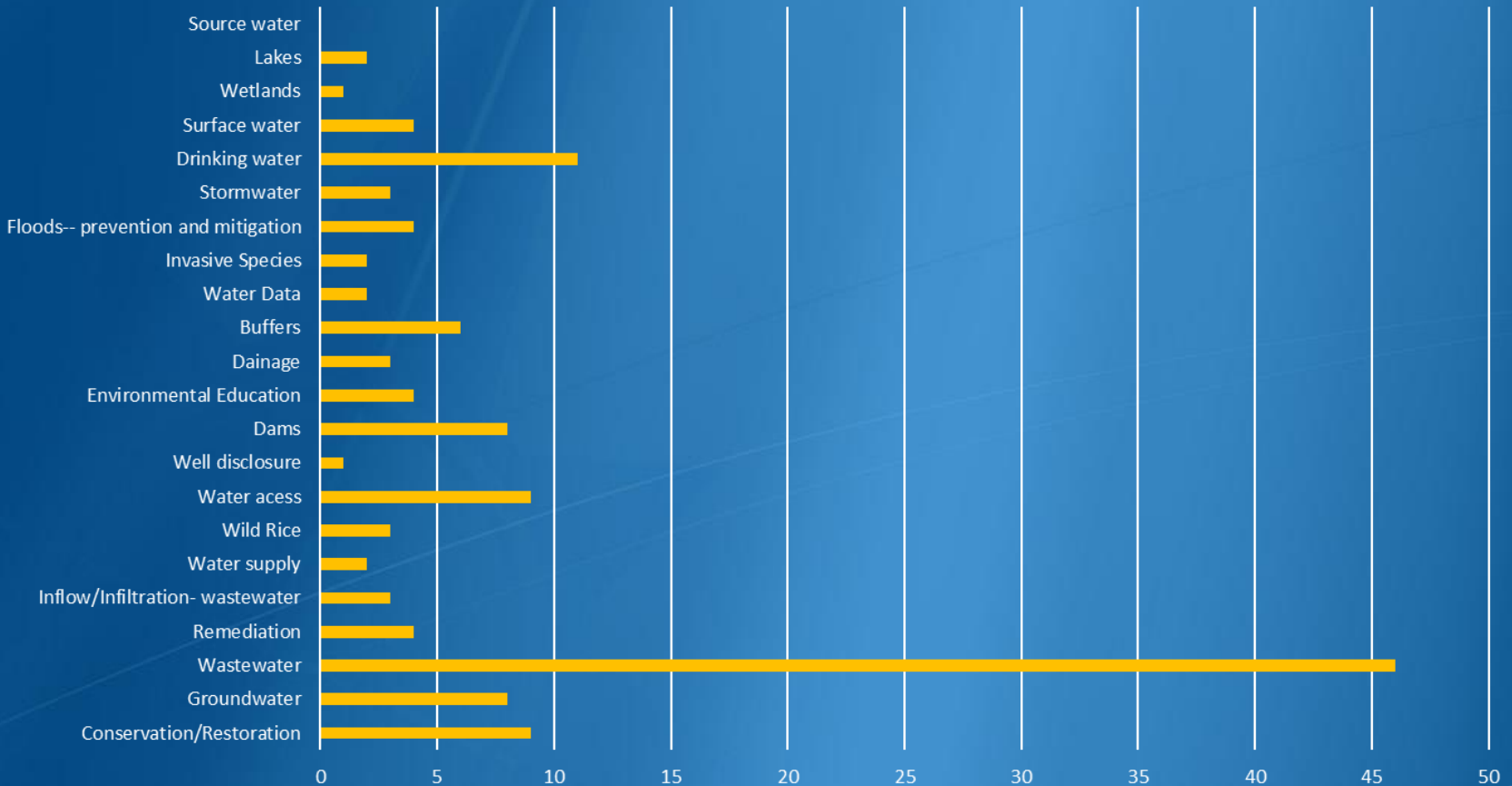


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# “Water Bills” Introduced

Water Bills- Senate-2018



# LWC- 2019 Recommendations?

- Evaluate Watershed Best Management Practices
- Water trading- Storm water for wastewater?
- Sustainability of our water resources for the future
- Evaluate past BMP efforts- modeling
- Drinking water infrastructure
- Evaluation of Water Management
- Wastewater/storm-water infrastructure
- water quality and quantity impacts from agriculture
- Cost benefits in evaluating wastewater treatment
- Adapting to increased weather variability
- Improve regulatory efficiency
- Cost/benefit of Legacy Amendment– return on investment
- Evaluating natural and non- natural sources of water pollution
- Buffers– costs and benefits
- Water retention of water quality and flood improvement
- Drinking water Protection/ Restoration
- CREP
- One watershed on plan evaluation
- Protecting our lakes

# 2019 LWC Legislative Recommendations— Process

- Continue the priority recommendation process?
- Begin after session
- Identify broad priority issues
- Prioritize issues
- Discuss top priorities with subject matter experts
- Build recommendations on top two issues?
- Reach consensus on recommendations
- Vet recommendations with partners
- Use recommendations to prepare/support legislation

# 2019 LWC Legislative Recommendations Schedule

- **Begin after session- build priority list**
- **Prioritize issues- April/May**
- **Discuss top priorities- April/May**
- **Prioritize issues-May/June**
- **Identify recommendations on top two issues:**
- **June/July**
- **Reach consensus on issues and recommendations:**  
**July/August**
- **Vet recommendations with partners: summer**
- **Build support to implement recommendations to  
prepare/support legislation: Fall**

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- A scenic view of a lake with a large tree in the foreground and a log on the shore. The text is overlaid on the image.
- Questions
  - Comments
  - Discussion

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