



# One Minnesota, One Water



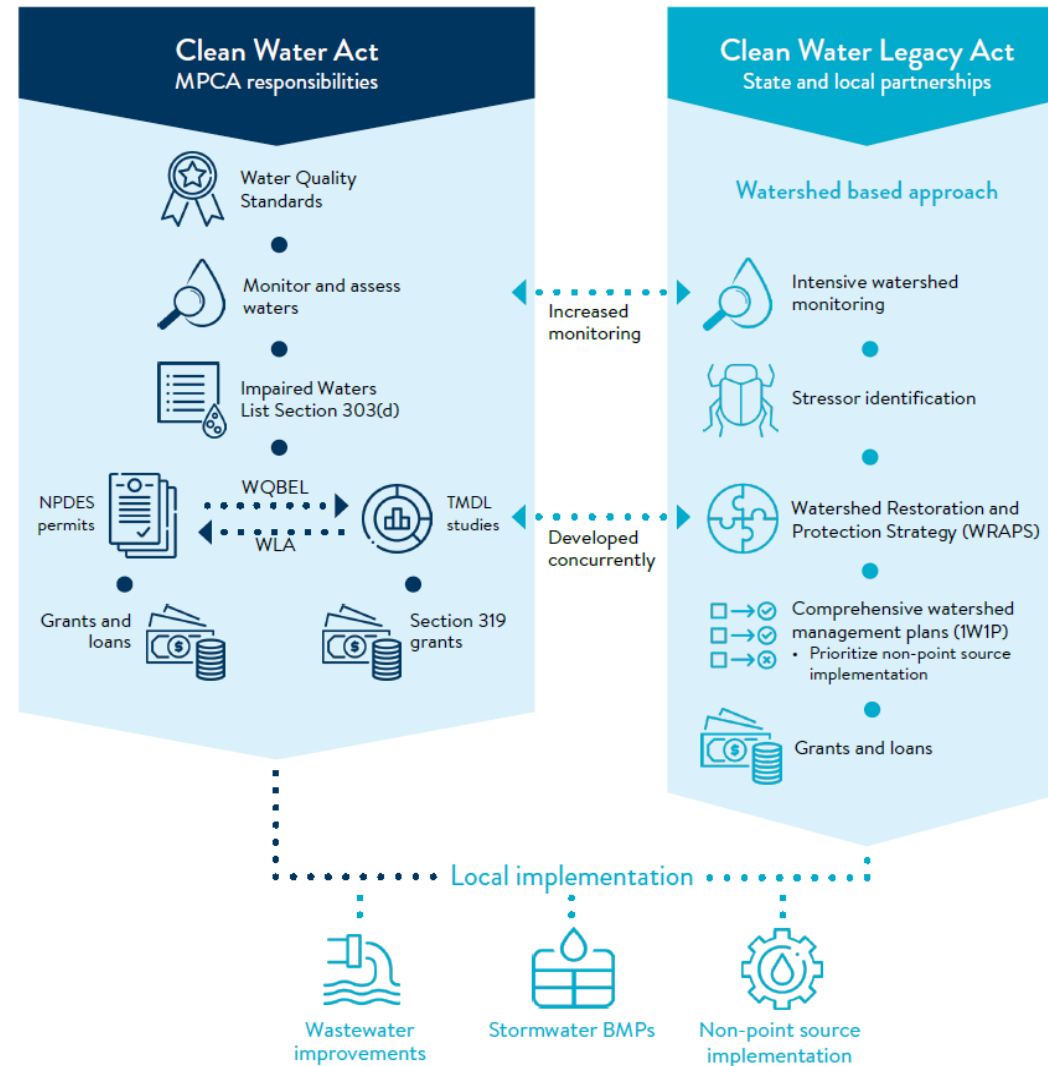
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# Minnesota's Clean Water & Watershed Approach

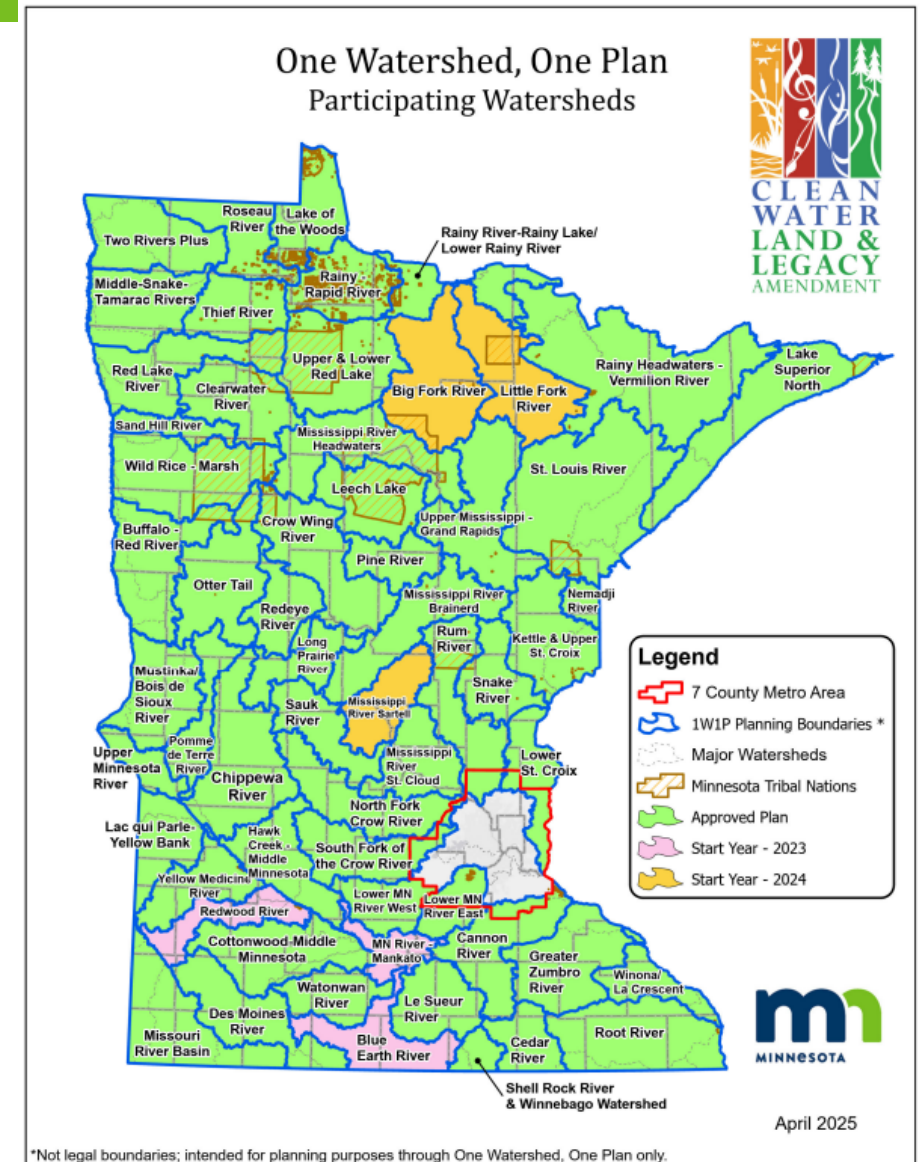
## Water quality protection and regulation in Minnesota





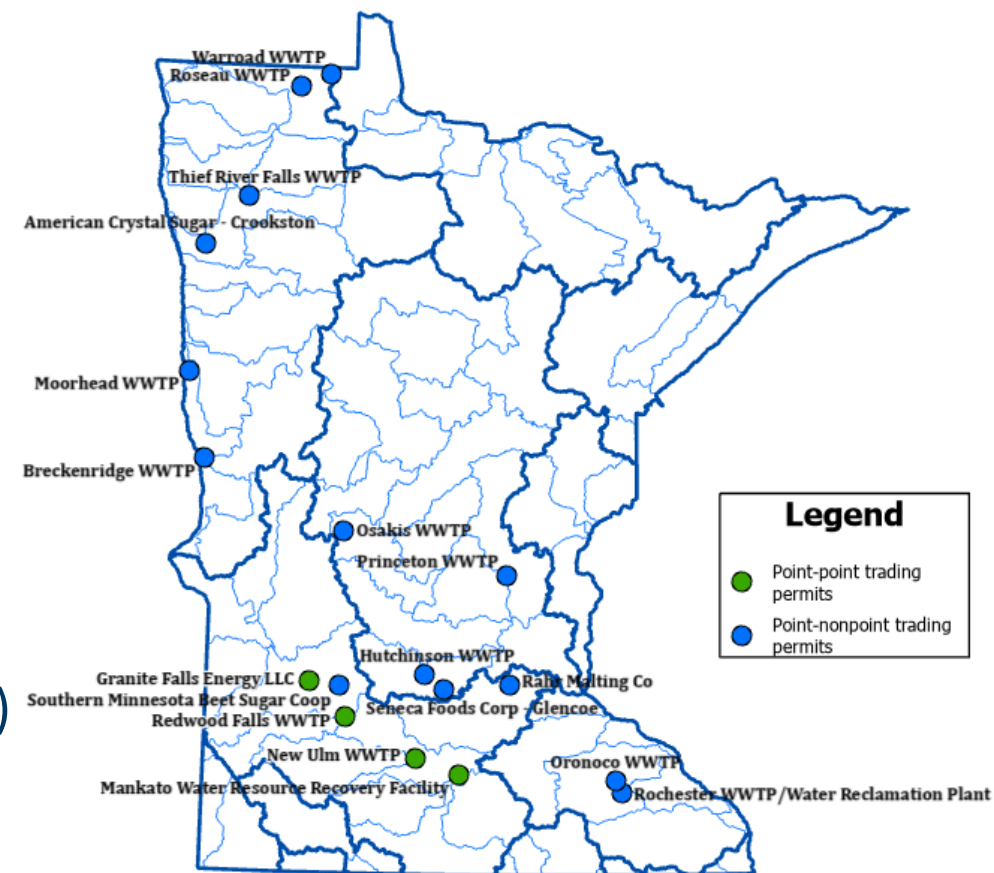
# Minnesota's Watershed Approach – Current Status

- Current status:
  - Monitoring and assessment is complete
  - WRAPS complete – identifying local strategies
  - One Watershed, One Plan process almost complete – targeting local implementation activities
  - Implementation funding provided by the clean water land and legacy amendment
  - MPCA is returning to watersheds – to complete second round of monitoring and updating WRAPS



# Current Water Quality Trading Program

- All approved trades focus on phosphorus
- 15 authorized point to nonpoint trades (*5 active, 10 under development*)
- 4 authorized point to point trades (*2 buyers, 2 sellers*)
- MN River Basin General Phosphorus permit
  - Lower MN River Low Dissolved Oxygen TMDL
  - Issued in 2005 – trading peaked in 2010 (*18 buyers, 5 sellers*)
  - Trading decreasing as facilities upgrade



# Next Steps

- Updating Minnesota's Nutrient Reduction Strategy
- Trading program coordinator hired (2024)
- Future trading potential: nitrogen and sulfate
- Improving trade planning resources
  - Better leverage existing state programs (MAWQC & 1W1P)
  - More accessible & digestible trade program information
  - Online tools for external use in trade project planning
  - Menu of WQT options for facility type and pollutant
  - Improve internal tracking of active trades
- Continue to build relationships and connections with local partners and the agricultural sector







Thank You!

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