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## What is a watershed plan?

A watershed plan describes the priorities, goals, and actions planned for the watershed for the next 10 years. The plan guides the Watershed Management Commissions as they work together with the cities and county to improve water and natural resources in the watershed.

## What do the watersheds do?

We partner with cities, property owners, and others to protect and improve lakes and streams. Over the last ten years, actions have resulted in three lakes (Schmidt, Lower Twin, and Ryan) being removed from the state's Impaired Waters list, and two more (Bass and Pomerleau) will be "delisted" in 2024. Over 3.6 miles of Shingle Creek and Bass Creek have been stabilized and restored, and water quality is better than it has been in years.

## Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Member Cities

- City of Brooklyn Center
- City of Brooklyn Park
- City of Crystal
- City of Champlin
- City of Maple Grove
- City of Minneapolis
- City of New Hope
- City of Osseo
- City of Plymouth
- City of Robbinsdale

## What's in the plan?

The Fourth Generation Plan contains detailed information on:

- The natural resources in the watershed and their condition
- The Commissions' roles and responsibilities
- A review of projects and progress over the previous 10-year plan
- Planned projects, lake and stream monitoring plans, and education and outreach programming for the next 10 years and their expected cost



The Commissions used public input, discussions with their Technical Advisory Committee, experience in the watershed, and assessment of previous watershed plans to develop this Fourth Generation Plan.

Some exciting city/watershed actions planned for the next 10 years (2023-2032) are:

- Phosphorus load reductions in Eagle and Pike Lakes in Maple Grove/Plymouth
- Continued invasive carp management in Crystal and Twin Lakes
- Additional Shingle Creek stream restoration projects
- Mississippi Riverbank restorations in Brooklyn Park
- Increased emphasis on reducing chloride and bacteria pollution in our waters
- An ongoing assessment of climate vulnerabilities and resiliency actions
- Enhanced outreach and engagement with our increasingly more diverse population