

Public Hearing for Draft Lower Minnesota River East Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

New Prague, Minn.-Thursday, May 30th 2024. The Lower Minnesota River East Partnership has worked together in order to draft a comprehensive watershed management plan for the Lower Minnesota River East Watershed.

A public hearing on the draft plan for the Lower Minnesota River East Watershed is scheduled for **Thursday May 30, 2024 at 5:30 pm.** The public hearing will be held at the **New Prague Fire Department.** The physical address is: **505 5th Ave NW, New Prague, MN 56071.**

The public is welcome to come early at 4:30pm to ask any questions about the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Additionally, there will be a short presentation about the Plan that will begin at 5:00pm.

The Lower Minnesota River East Policy Committee will hear public input on the draft comprehensive watershed management plan that sets goals and priorities for a 10-year period. The public can view the draft plan online on the Lower Minnesota River East Watershed website (<https://www.lowermnrivereast.org/>).

Under the One Watershed One Plan program, the state aims to create plans based on watershed boundaries rather than smaller, political boundaries. This will ensure that the most significant threats to a watershed's water resources, including surface and

ground water, are addressed and provide the greatest environmental and public benefits. The plan provides a framework for local government units to work together across political boundaries in order to implement projects and practices that protect and improve watershed health.

Partners in the One Watershed, One Plan effort include Le Sueur and Rice Counties, Le Sueur, Rice, and Scott Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District.

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