



Watershed Management Plan Update

What is a watershed management plan?

A watershed management plan identifies problems and threats to water resources and develops a framework to address these issues within a specific watershed. The primary purpose of a watershed management plan is to guide watershed coordinators, resource managers, policy makers, and community organizations to restore and protect the quality of lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands in a given watershed. The plan is intended to be a practical tool with specific recommendations on practices to improve and sustain water quality.

Why is a management plan important?

No matter where we live or work, we are in a watershed teeming with unique, inter-related natural processes. These natural forces help shape the watershed landscape, its water quality, and in turn our lives. Each watershed has unique living and nonliving components that interact, with one element responding to the action or change of another. Knowing your watershed means coming to learn the natural processes working within the watershed boundaries.

Careful watershed planning does more than just protect the water and the plants and animals that actually live in the water. It can help protect the physical, chemical, and biological components of your watershed, or restore those that have already been degraded.

The main components in CMSCWD's Plan include:

- Executive Summary
- Objective and Policies
- Resource Management Strategy
- District Operations
- Resource Management Plans
- Plan Amendments
- Land and Natural Resource Inventory
- Wetland Management Plan
- District Mangers

What is a watershed management plan update? Why is it important?

Our management Plan is a "living document," meaning that as conditions change over time in a watershed, the plan must be reexamined and revised to reflect goals that have been achieved or not met. Our update is our way of reexamining and revising our management plan. During the update process, the CMSCWD will seek input from various stakeholders including the public, state agencies and local governments about local stormwater-related issues, water management goals, regulations and programs. Updates of the plan can allow us to reset or add to our goals, strategies, and implementation actions. This process yields better management by generating ecologically based, innovative, cost-effective solutions, forging stronger working relationships, and supporting consistent, continuous management of the resource.

Why is CMSCWD updating the management plan now?

This plan is updated every 10 years in accordance with state law. The plan sets out goals, strategies, and implementation actions based on current data on the status of the water and natural resources of our watershed. All these factors are ever changing which is why it is important for the watershed to update its management plan continuously. This plan update, which will be completed by ? will be the fourth official Watershed Management Plan published and/or adopted by the Watershed District.

Who plays a role in our update process?

Stakeholder input is an important part of establishing Plan priorities and fostering the community support and cooperation necessary to successfully carry out CM-SCWD projects and programs.

Throughout the Plan update, the District will use a range of activities to work with various stakeholder audiences. Plan update stakeholders include residents, neighborhood organizations & community groups, state agencies, property & business owners, citizen advisory committee (CAC), a technical advisory committee (TAC) representing municipalities, State and regional agencies and major institutions, and adjacent watershed organizations.



Let your voice be heard!

Shoreline Focused Survey

<https://forms.gle/swbrZB5uAhaDwdTk9>

General Input Survey for all Landowners

<https://forms.gle/CJs2PMna9r79kzPPA>

How will my input be used?

Your input will be used to set goals, strategies, and implementation actions. District staff will be collecting data from surveys and online webinars. We want to make sure your voice is heard. This data will be presented to the board for review throughout the Plan update process.

How can you provide input?

The Plan update is divided into four phases: public outreach, draft plan development, formal plan review, and plan adoption. Throughout the Plan update process, the District will be seeking input from stakeholders like you. You can provide input to the watershed via surveys or attending one of our online webinars.
