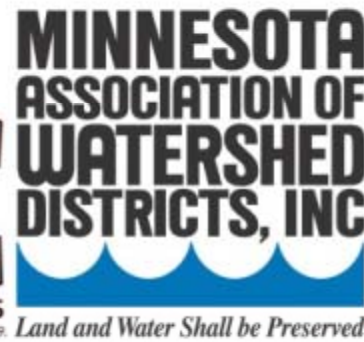


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Background:

- On July 12, 2010, over 380 local water management officials gathered in St. Cloud, MN to discuss Local Government Units involvement in the management of Minnesota's water resources.
- Prior to the "Water Management Summit", the Local Government Roundtable was formed (www.mnlocalgovernmentroundtable.com).
- An outgrowth of the summit, a 30 member advisory committee was formed and divided into three sub-committees:
 - Watershed and Basic Water Management;
 - Comprehensive Water Planning and Management;
 - State Funding Process for Local Water Plan Implementation.
- Each sub-committee is responsible for one major topic area.
- The proposal by the three committees is draft to be discussed by the Local Government Water Roundtable

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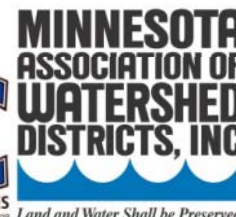


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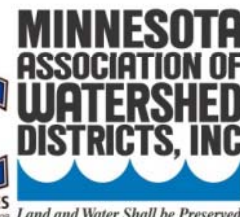


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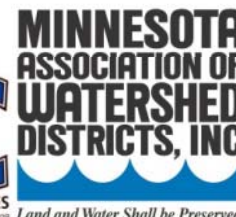


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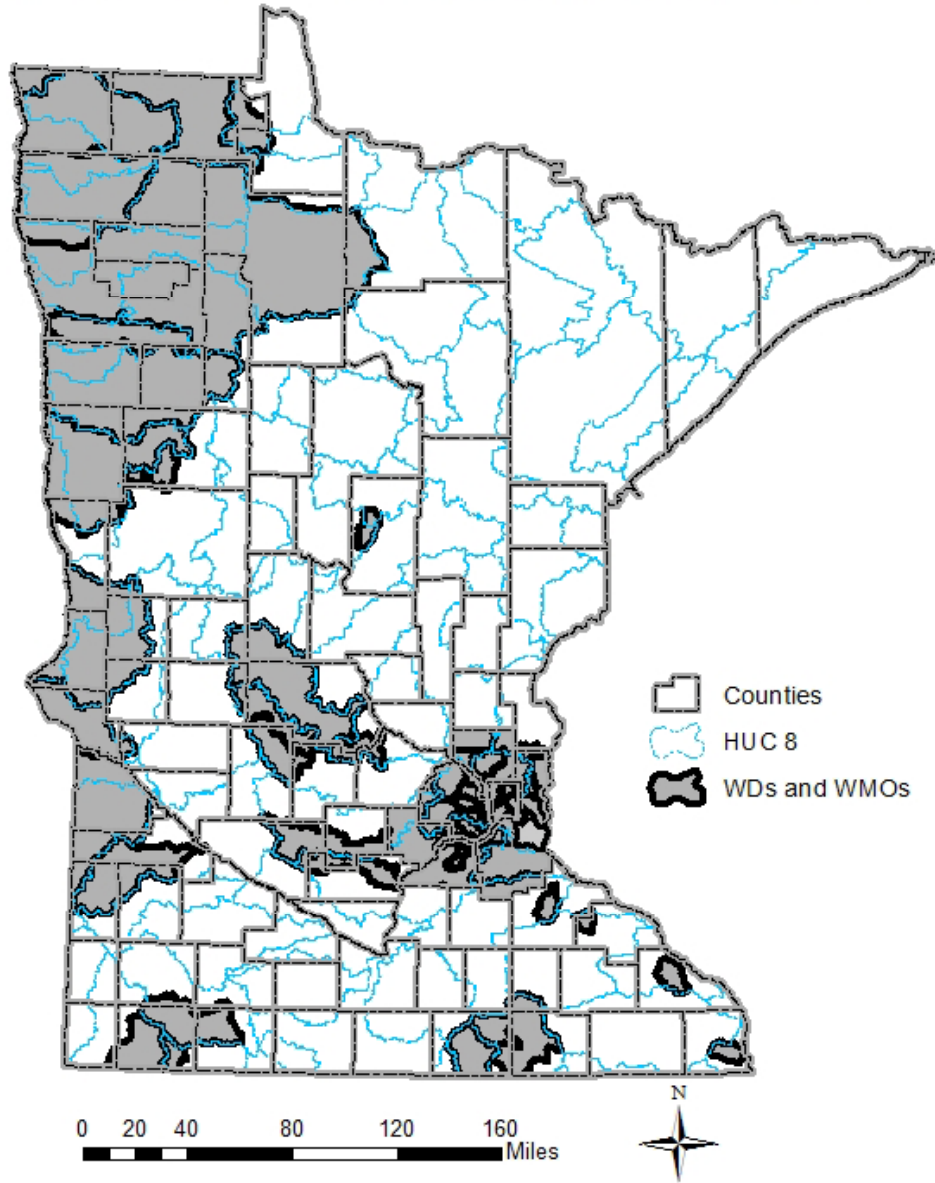


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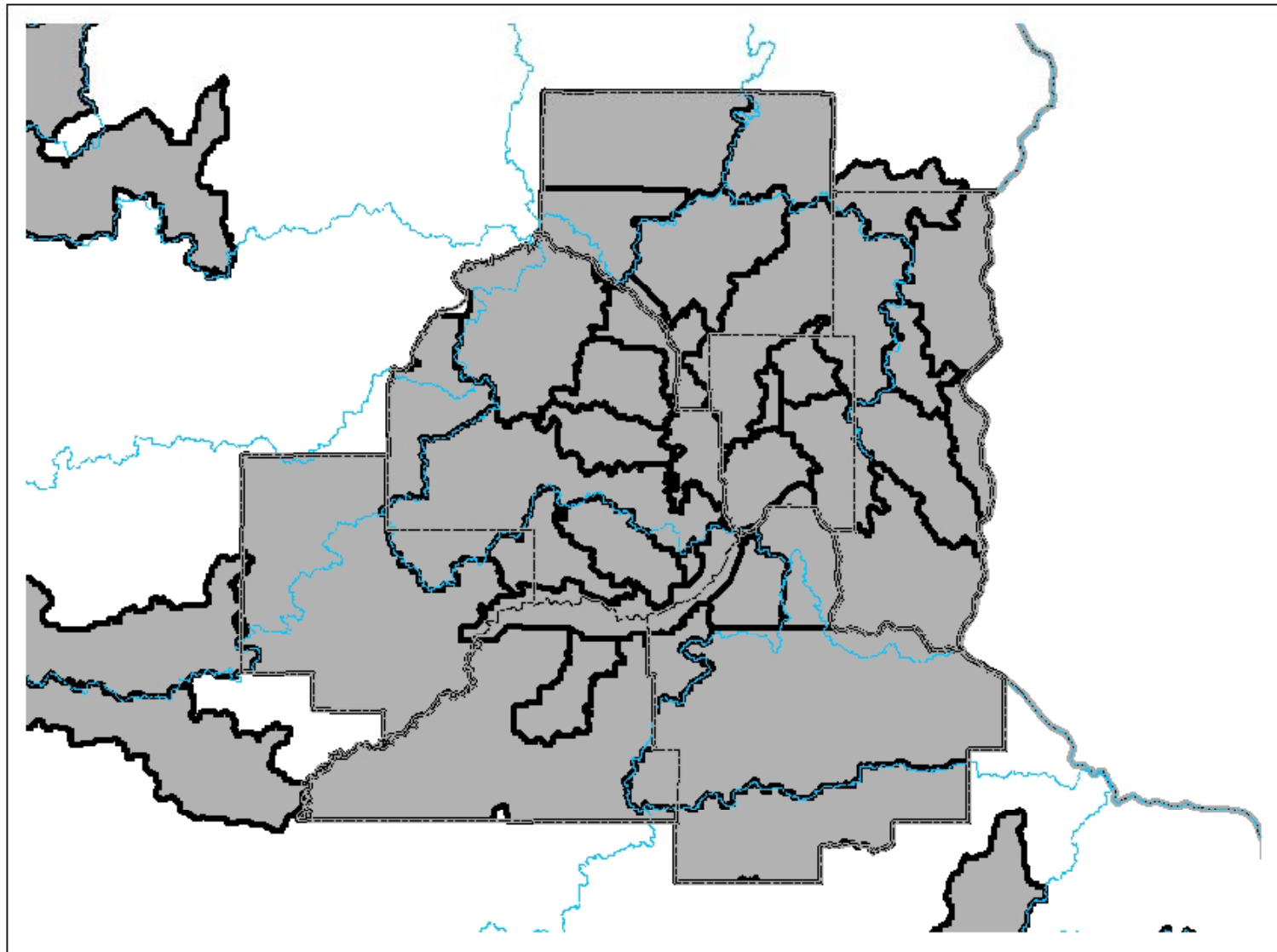
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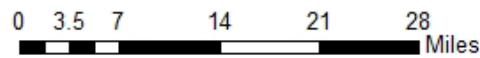
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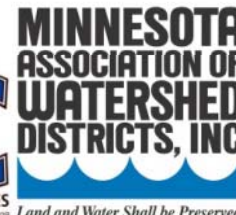


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Comprehensive Water Planning and Management Funding

Create

- Local priority-driven programs
- More collaboration of government agencies and LGUs
- Streamlined approach- greater efficiencies than current system
- More effective communication and outreach with constituents and legislators
- Create cooperative relationships
- Create methods to provide for stable local and state funding

Desired Future

- Clean and adequate water supply for present and future
- Local priorities that are determined to be of highest importance are funded
- Reach a sustainable condition for funding and environment – long term sustainability rather than funding in short cycles
- Efficiencies are encouraged, developed and implemented

Change

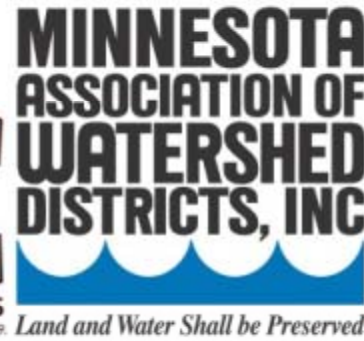
- Streamline decision making; reduce duplication
- Modify funding cycles – more realistic timelines
- Competitive grant process needs to change
 - Too many funding streams
 - Not all LGUs can compete in current system
- Reduce overlap of services
- Simplify grant and reporting process; transactions costs are too great
- Ensure stable funding at the state and local level; so admin & technical work get done
- Realignment of local agencies as well as state agencies

Preserve

- Locally-driven input on programs and services
- Transparency and accountability in system
- Diversity of waters; recognition that areas of the state are very different
- Watershed planning approach
- Existing levy authority because it fosters local control
- Local technical and administrative capacity

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Next Steps



Basins and Major Watersheds in Minnesota

