

PLSLWD WRMP 30 Day Public Comment Period

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	Grammatical or Format Changes
	Content Changes
	Content Changes-Complex/Need Additional Input
	No changes

Page Number	Section	Commenter	Comment	Change?	Response
139	Section V, Table 6	Melissa Hanson	Do you need to remove the Tier 3 lake classifications mention from the grid on page 60?	Yes	Updated, this reflects original intent of the plan amendment to remove Tier 3 lake classifications, (redline on page 26) as there are no lake classifications established.
General	General	Taylor Huinker, MN DNR	<p>We applaud the WD on the plan’s acknowledgment that habitat improvement can provide water quality benefits. It is vitally important to link habitat improvements and water quality benefits, rather than separating the two as mutually exclusive issues. The protection of natural vegetation in shoreland areas, especially along lakes and streambanks, is critical to maintaining water quality and wildlife habitat. We continue to witness the conversion of shorelines to riprap and hard armoring every year, and it is much harder to restore natural shorelines once they have been lost than it is to protect and maintain existing natural shorelines.</p> <p>A healthy shoreline supports a diverse community of fish and wildlife by providing native vegetation that fulfills their habitat needs where land and water meet. Native vegetation provides important water quality functions by slowing and filtering water runoff as it moves to the lake or stream. Shorelines with a diverse mixture of native plants extending inland as well as offshore of the bank are more resilient to wave and ice erosion. Our lakes, streams and wetlands need healthy shorelines to reduce runoff, filter pollutants, and provide important habitat functions that benefit fish and wildlife. The addition of habitat improvements to the existing water quality implementation action framework is an exciting update!</p>	No	Thank you for the comment!
General	General	Taylor Huinker, MN DNR	We are also pleased to see the addition of climate resiliency in the WRMP goals. By taking a forward thinking and planning approach, the WD will be better equipped to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate, thus enhancing the resiliency of the WD’s water resources.	No	Thank you for the comment!
157	Land and Water Resources Inventory Section (B. Hydrologic Systems, 3. Water Quantity, a) Lake Levels) on page 158	Taylor Huinker, MN DNR	Finally, under the Land and Water Resources Inventory Section (B. Hydrologic Systems, 3. Water Quantity, a) Lake Levels) on page 158, the Plan states “any project that would alter the OHW or would occur below the OHW would require a MNDNR permit”. We suggest changing this sentence to more accurately reflect the DNR Public Water Rules to say “Any change to the course, current or cross-section at or below the ordinary high water level of a public water requires a MNDNR Public Waters Work Permit”.	Yes	Updated to reflect this clarification.
General	General	Abby Shea, MN Dept. of Health	<p>With the mission of MDH and the goal of SWP in mind, we would like to note our appreciation of the additions of climate resiliency and equitable actions to the Plan, as well as the explicit acknowledgement of groundwater protection protecting drinking water in Implementation Action 59.</p> <p>MDH would also like to make PLSLWD aware of two funding opportunities for groundwater and drinking water projects...</p>	No	Thank you for the comment!
General	General	Amy Timm, MPCA	The amendments are relevant and in line with the priorities of the MPCA and well organized. It has been noted that Fish Lake is a priority water for a total maximum daily load (TMDL) report and watershed restoration and protection strategy (WRAPS) report, to be completed by 2027.	No	Thank you for the comment!
General	General	Alex Jordan, City of Shakopee	City staff wanted to point out that the plan notes a Swamp Lake Wetland iron enhanced sand filter project, which has been mentioned previously. The City of Shakopee did this mitigation project in 2006 (led by Bruce Loney). We have a set of plans, and some other miscellaneous files, but haven’t really understood the reason for it. We believe there should be an easement over it, which we are researching. If the City has any obligations with the mitigation site, we would be interested in what PLSLWD is planning and review the project. If not, then we don’t need to be involved.	No	Clarification was provided that the project completed by City of Shakopee near Swamp Lake is on a different property and will have no overlap with the Swamp Iron Enhanced Sand Filter location.
General	General	Ole Olmanson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Happy to see the plan mention SMSC and supporting our water resources goals.	No	Thank you for the comment!
General	General	Ole Olmanson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Will you work directly with specific farmers and what kind of best management practices are happening around Pike Lake?	No	Any farmer within the district is welcome to apply for cost share funds through our traditional cost share program or Farmer-led council. The most competitive projects will be selected if funds are limited. The District will provide information around Pike Lake as it is developed.
General	General	Ole Olmanson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Any other ideas on improving the water quality at Pike Lake?	No	The District employs many water quality tools across it's lakes and would be interested in discussing. According to Pike Lake's TMDL, the internal load management is likely a key area.
General	General	Ole Olmanson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	It might be useful for SMSC staff to meet with PLSLWD staff to discuss future goals for Pike and Arctic Lake.	No	The District would love to collaborate and coordinate with SMSC and has reached out to plan a meeting.
112	Section IV, 4. Education and Outreach Program, 2. Communications & Public Relations, 2 mentions	Ole Olmanson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Remove reference to the Prior Lake American since it no longer exists	Yes	Updated to Star Tribune.
General	General	Ole Olmanson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	Plan has a large focus on agricultural projects and working with a farmer led council, but don’t have substantive plans to address the continued residential development that is replacing those agricultural areas.	No	The District's residential cost share program and permitting programs are designed to ensure residential development is done in a sustainable manner protecting water resources. We would be happy to share more and talk about potential improvements if you have found gaps.

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General	General	Ole Olmanson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	\$16,800 over 10 yrs for groundwater protection seems very low.	No	They very well could be. The budgetary estimates were our best guess in drafting this plan for 2020. We decided not to update budgetary figures because many factors make them highly fluctuating: inflation, level of landowner buy-in, market value, program successes and adaptive management.
General	General	Steve Christopher, Met Council	Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment to the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District (District) Watershed Management Plan (Plan). We commend the District for maintaining a current Plan and feel that the changes proposed will strengthen it through the additional projects, clarifications, and updated goals. We have no further comments on this amendment.	No	Thank you for the review!
112	Section IV, 4. Education and Outreach Program, 2. Communications & Public Relations, 2 mentions	Laura Rescorla, City of Prior Lake	I only have one minor comment: I noticed that page 112 references publishing articles in the Prior Lake American. I believe that newspaper just recently ended publication, so might be a good time to remove that reference.	Yes	Updated to Star Tribune.
General	General	Jeff Berg, MN Dept of Agriculture	I have reviewed the proposed Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District minor plan amendments. Minnesota Department of Agriculture has no comments.	No	Thank you for the review!
General	General	Anne Sawyer, BWSR	BWSR staff had no comments	No	Thank you for the review!