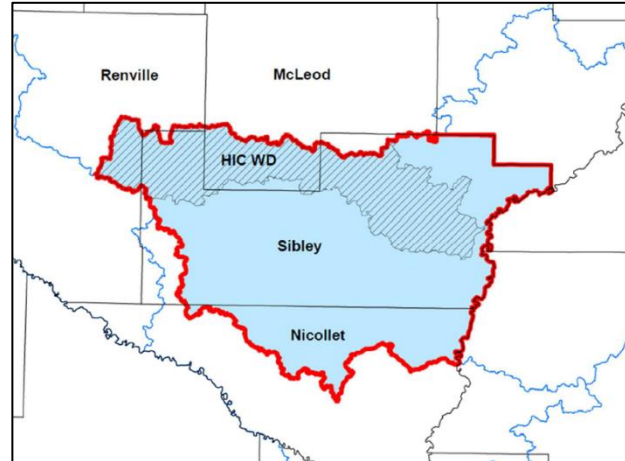


## Lower Minnesota River West Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Resident Survey

The counties and soil and water conservation districts of Sibley, McLeod, and Nicollet, along with the High Island Creek Watershed District (Partners), formed a partnership to create a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) under Minnesota's One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) framework. The Plan will identify and prioritize water and natural resource issues within the Lower Minnesota River West planning area (see figure) and lay out projects, programs, and activities to be implemented by the Partners over a 10 year period to address those issues. Upon approval and adoption of the Plan, the Partners will be eligible for Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed-based Implementation Funds, which will provide a reliable source of funding for implementation.

In developing the Plan, the Partners are seeking input from watershed residents like you. Stakeholder input is critical in identifying the important issues to be addressed by the Plan and building local support for future Plan implementation. Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey.



**Completed surveys will be eligible for a prize drawing of a \$100 Visa Gift Card! Please include your contact information in question 10 if you would like to be included in the drawing!**

Please fill out this survey, scan or take a picture of the front and back, and email the scan or picture to [gwilliams@barr.com](mailto:gwilliams@barr.com).

You can also complete the form online at: [www.sibleyswcd.org](http://www.sibleyswcd.org) or mail the hard copy to:

Attn: Lower Minnesota River West CWMP  
c/o Jack Bushman  
Sibley SWCD  
P.O. Box 161  
Gaylord, MN 55334

1. What is your county of residence?

- |                       |          |                       |              |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | McLeod   | <input type="radio"/> | Sibley       |
| <input type="radio"/> | Nicollet | <input type="radio"/> | Other: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> | Renville |                       |              |

2. Please select all of the following items that apply to you:

- |                       |                              |                       |  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> | Farmer (landowner)           | <input type="radio"/> | Elected official                               |
| <input type="radio"/> | Farmer (tenant)              | <input type="radio"/> | Government employee (local, state, or federal) |
| <input type="radio"/> | Absentee landowner           | <input type="radio"/> | Student  |
| <input type="radio"/> | Rural resident               | <input type="radio"/> | Outdoor enthusiast                             |
| <input type="radio"/> | City/town resident           | <input type="radio"/> | Other: _____                                   |
| <input type="radio"/> | Lakeshore/shoreline resident |                       |  |

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3. Do you identify with any special interest groups in the area (e.g., farm organizations, church groups, fish/wildlife groups)? If so, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. How do you use the lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, rivers, and natural areas in your community?  
Please select all that apply:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Wildlife watching                         | <input type="radio"/> Hunting           |
| <input type="radio"/> Walking, running, or exercising on trails | <input type="radio"/> Fishing           |
| <input type="radio"/> Canoeing, kayaking, or paddle boarding    | <input type="radio"/> Camping           |
| <input type="radio"/> Swimming                                  | <input type="radio"/> Enjoying the view |
| <input type="radio"/> Motor boating                             | <input type="radio"/> None              |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify):                   |   |

5. How often do you use the lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, rivers, and natural areas in your area for recreational purposes?

- Monthly or more frequently
- 5-10 times per year
- A few times per year
- Less frequently than once every year
- Never

6. How important are the following natural resources in your area?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	A little Important	Not Important	Don't know/ No opinion
Rivers and streams					
Wetlands					
Lakes					
Farmland					
Public land					
Private conservation land					
Forests					
Groundwater					

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7. How important are each of the following water- and resource-related issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	A little Important	Not Important	Don't know/ No opinion
Quality of groundwater and drinking water supply					
Groundwater quantity and groundwater sustainability					
Water quality of rivers and streams					
Water quality of lakes					
Function and maintenance of drainage ditches					
Drainage from farm fields					
Appropriate manure Management					
Flooding and surface water quantity issues					
Wetland/Water Storage					
Invasive Species					
Impacts of climate change					
Wildlife habitat degradation or loss					
Ravine, stream, and shoreline erosion					
In-field erosion					
Pollutant loading to surface and groundwater					

8. Are there specific waterbodies or natural resources you are worried about? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, what are your specific concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

9. Please share any additional comments you have regarding water and natural resource management in your area: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Please provide your contact information below if you are interested in being contacted for any of the following reasons (select all that apply):

- \$100 Visa Gift Card Drawing
- Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation opportunities
- Meetings/events related to Plan development and implementation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_