

Instructions for the Reader

The draft "Issues Table" for the Buffalo-Red River One Watershed, One Plan (BRRW 1W1P) is a result of an aggregation of watershed issues from a variety of sources including local water management plans, MPCA Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies Reports (WRAPs), Total Maximum Daily Load Studies (TMDL), 60-day plan notification responses, and other reports and studies relevant to the watershed. Issues were originally aggregated into a long, comprehensive list of 74 issues, shown by the **Original Issues Table (See Tab #3)**. Issues in this table were further consolidated and refined down to a list of 25 issues, based on comments received from the Policy Committee and Planning Team (**See Revised Issues Table, Tab #2**). Advisory Committee, Planning Team, and Policy Committee members now have further opportunity to provide comments on the Issues Table. Advisory and Policy Committee as well as Planning Team members can record Issues Table comments on the **Comments and Revisions** sheet (Tab #4). Examples of comments include but are not limited to: revisions to existing issue statement(s), suggested addition of issue statement(s), suggested removal of issue statement(s).

The Issues Table represents an early step in the process to draft a set of prioritized issues for the watershed that can be addressed through the development of measurable goals and implementation actions. Once the BRRW 1W1P planning committees arrive on a final Issues Table, it will be used during the public kickoff meeting and during future planning meetings as a tool to prioritize issues that will be addressed during the 10 year lifespan of the plan.

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<p><i>*Draft Issues Table is subject to review by Planning Team and Advisory Committee. Issues compiled by HEI from Local Water Plans, MPCA Watershed Approach Documents, and 60 Day Notification responses. List of issues compiled is not inclusive or exhaustive until full review by Planning Team, Advisory Committee and input has been received from the general public.</i></p>	<p><i>**Issues refined to planning regions based on Local Water Plans and MPCA Watershed Approach Documents using the nine Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Planning Regions. Subject to revision based on review of Planning Team, Advisory Committee and input from general public.</i></p>									
<p><i>*** Extreme weather events, in the form of prolonged drought, severe rain and snow events, sustained high winds, tornadoes, and frequent levee flooding, is a key issue cited in local water plans and MPCA approach documents. Due to the influence of climate and weather on virtually all aspects of water resource management, extreme weather events should be considered an overarching issue with respect to the issues identified above.</i></p>	<p><i>**** Draft Public Issue statements to be reviewed and voted on by citizens and agency staff attending the public kickoff meeting. Statements are re-phrased using non-scientific jargon for increased clarity and understanding.</i></p>									

