

## **BUFFALO – RED RIVER WATERSHED: ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN**

### **Providing Input on Priority Resource Concerns and Issues**

The purpose of this document is to provide plan review authorities<sup>1</sup> and stakeholders with guidance on how to describe your priority resource concerns and issues, to maximize their value in the planning process. The One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) plan initiation is an opportunity for plan review authorities and stakeholders to submit priority resource concerns and issues for consideration into the planning process. The purpose of this document is to provide your agency or organization with guidance on how to describe your priority resource concerns and issues to maximize their value in the planning process.

Describing priority resource concerns and issues can be a challenge in the absence of a common language for communication. To establish a common language and maximize the ability to incorporate your responses into the Buffalo - Red River Watershed 1W1P planning process, Buffalo – Red 1W1P LGUs have provided definitions for resources, resource concerns, and issues below:

**Resource:** *A natural, economic, educational, biotic, aesthetic or similar asset. Generally, resources can be managed and are broad, such as surface water, groundwater, or education and outreach.*

**Resource Concern:** *A physical, biological, chemical, or geological component of a resource. Resource concerns are typically a refinement of a resource. For example, the resource “surface water” can be further refined into several resource concerns, including streams and rivers, lakes, and wetlands.*

**Issue Affecting a Resource Concern:** *A factor, stressor or difficulty resulting in an adverse consequence for a resource concern. A resource concern can have one or many issues. For instance, elevated levels of total phosphorus could be an issue affecting a resource concern (i.e. lakes).*

Your response will be used to create a comprehensive inventory of resources, concerns, and issues within the Buffalo - Red River Watershed 1W1P area. The physical locations of resource concerns and issues will be mapped so planning partners can put the right types of projects in the right location during implementation.

Please provide information about planning priority resource concerns and issues using these definitions. This will maximize the ability to both understand the intent of your responses and seamlessly incorporate responses into the planning process for consideration. If you have questions about these definitions or the plan notification response process, please contact Bruce Albright at [balbright@brrwd.org](mailto:balbright@brrwd.org).

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<sup>1</sup> Plan review authorities is a BWSR term meaning the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health, the Department of Natural Resources, the Pollution Control Agency, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, counties, cities, towns, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, and watershed management organizations partially or wholly within the watershed; and the Metropolitan Council if substituting for or replacing a plan under MN Statutes §103B.231.