
Executive Summary

Mission Statement

The mission of the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) is to alleviate flooding and to manage the water resources of the District in a manner that best protects this valuable resource.

Plan Structure and Function

The watershed management plan for the BRRWD is organized according to the required contents described in the Watershed Management Plan Guidelines by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources per Minnesota Statute 103D.405.

The area covered by the BRRWD has been divided into seven planning regions (**Figure 1.2**). These planning regions have been established as each planning area within the District has different issues related to it. The structure of this Water Management Plan (WMP) has also, in kind, been divided on a planning region basis. Detail information for each of the seven Planning Regions are presented as Appendices A through G to this WMP. Much of the detailed information from the Planning Region discussions has been used to create the main body of the WMP. The WMP organizational framework will act as a springboard where the various issues related to each specific planning region can be presented, and the goals and policies that are relevant to those issues can be discussed in a focused way.

Unlike previous plans, great effort has been made in this plan to quantify the goals of the BRRWD for both water quantity and quality as well as natural resource enhancement. Some of these goals are broken down by planning region. In some cases the quantitative goals are yet to be established by ongoing studies that will not necessarily be completed by the closure of the plan revision. Placeholders for this information will be left in the plan with the quantitative goals being adopted as they are developed.

A new concept of regional assessment locations (RALs) is utilized in this plan document. Many of the District goals are broken down based on the location of the RAL. The RALs

identified by the BRRWD provide the backbone of the monitoring plan for the District. A minimum of one RAL is located within each planning region. Some planning regions have multiple RALs to help to provide more detailed information. The intention of the RALs are to provide an analysis point to document trends in water quality, quantity, and natural resource enhancements as well as to document overall effects as a result of the combination of the activities of the District and others within the various subwatersheds and planning regions of the BRRWD.

It is anticipated that these new efforts will help to enhance the BRRWD's ability to the manage water resources of the District.