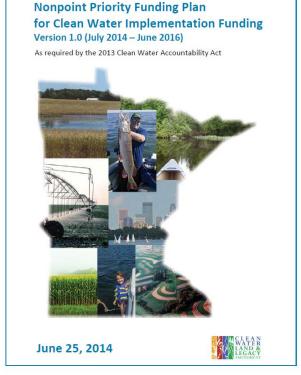# Nonpoint Priority Funding Plan Approved

August 2014 Snapshots

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has completed the first-ever Nonpoint Priority Funding Plan (NPFP) and it has been accepted by the BWSR Board at their June 25th meeting. The Grants Program and Policy Committee met jointly on June 12th with the Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Reserve and Soil Conservation Committee of the BWSR Board to discuss the NPFP and unanimously moved to recommend acceptance of the NPFP to the full BWSR Board.

In addition to BWSR, six partner agencies approved the final draft including: Metropolitan Council, MN Department of Agriculture (MDA), MN Department of Health (MDH), MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR), MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), MN Public Facilities Authority. Agency personnel and leaders assisted on this effort to make it truly a state Nonpoint Priority Funding Plan to be used for allocation decisions by all state agencies who receive Clean Water Fund implementation dollars.

The NPFP is a criteria-based process to prioritize Clean Water Fund investments. It provides state agencies with a coordinated, transparent and adaptive method to ensure that Clean Water Fund implementation allocations are targeted to cost-effective actions with measurable water quality results. The process may also help agencies identify gaps in programming to accelerate progress toward meeting water management goals.

Nonpoint Priority Funding Plan for Clean Water Implementation Funding
Version 1.0 (July 2014 – June 2016)
As required by the 2013 Clean Water Accountability Act

June 25, 2014

Specifically, the NPFP sets forth:
- High-level state priorities for investing Clean Water Fund nonpoint implementation funding.
- High-level keys to implementation.
- Criteria for evaluating proposed activities for purposes of prioritizing nonpoint funding.
- Estimated costs for implementing nonpoint activities.

The NPFP is now posted on the BWSR's website, as required by law: check it out at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/npfp/index.html. Questions about the NPFP can be directed to Tim Koehler, BWSR Senior Programs Advisor, at (651) 296-7645 or tim.koehler@state.mn.us.