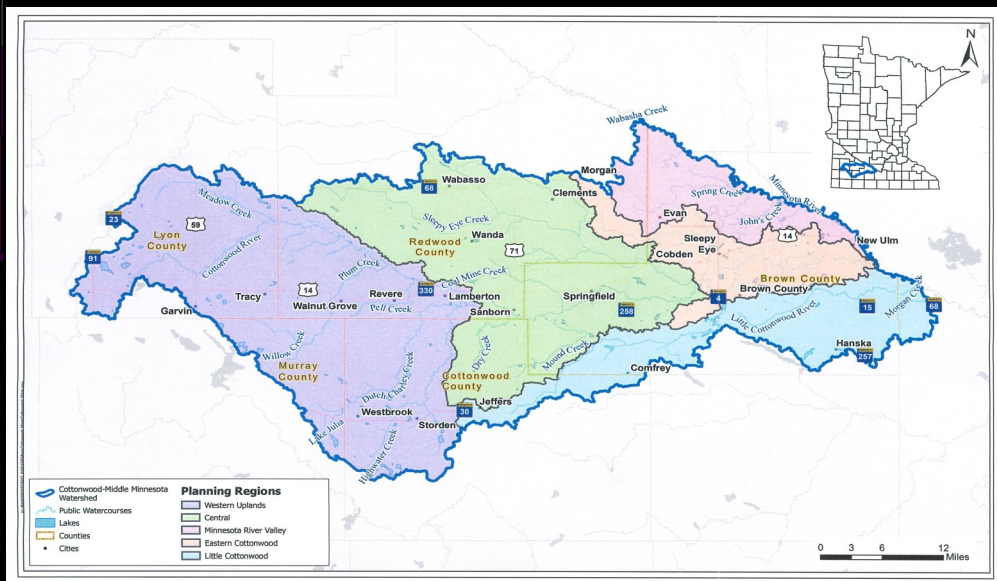




**Project Title: FY2023 One Watershed, One Plan Program  
Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed  
CONTRACT NO. P23-3862 \$253,000**

**GRANT PERIOD:**  
From: February 23, 2023  
To: June 30, 2025



**Grant Expenditures (through Dec. 31, 2023)**

**Consultant:**  
Houston Engineering Inc.

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| Aggregate Watershed Information                        | \$ 3,537.25         |
| Notify Plan Review Authorities & Host Kickoff Meetings | \$ 6,856.25         |
| Land and Water Resource Narrative                      | \$ 393.00           |
| Identify and Prioritize Resources and Issues           | \$ 11,238.25        |
| Establish Measurable Goals                             | \$ 6,845.00         |
| Develop Targeted Implementation Plan                   | \$ 15,208.75        |
| Describe Implementation Programs                       |                     |
| Determine Plan Administration                          |                     |
| Write Plan Final Review Draft                          |                     |
| Conduct Formal Review                                  |                     |
| Write Final Plan and Submit to BWSR                    |                     |
| Meetings and Facilitation                              | \$ 20,396.00        |
| Grant Administration                                   | \$ 14,753.97        |
| <b>TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURES</b>                        | <b>\$ 79,228.47</b> |

**Overall Project Description**

The State of Minnesota has a long history of water management by local governments. **One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P)** is rooted in this history and in work initiated in 2011 by the Local Government Water Roundtable (Association of MN Counties, MN Association of Watershed Districts, and MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Roundtable members determined that it is in the public interest to manage groundwater and surface water resources from the perspective of watersheds to achieve protection, preservation, enhancement, and restoration of the state's valuable water resources. The Roundtable recommended that the local governments charged with water management should organize and develop focused implementation plans on a watershed scale.

The recommendation was followed by legislation for the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to adopt methods to allow comprehensive plans, local water management plans, or watershed management plans to serve as substitutes for one another, or to be replaced with one comprehensive watershed management plan. The legislation also required BWSR to establish a suggested watershed boundary framework for these plans.

The **One Watershed, One Plan** vision is to align local planning and implementation with state strategies over a 10-year transition period into plans built largely around the state's major watersheds.

The Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota One Watershed, One Plan Project Partners (listed below) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for Planning in December 2022 for this effort. Grant Administration is being provided by RCRC with no local match required to the grant funds. Houston Engineering, Inc. was selected to provide the facilitation and plan writing needs for the Plan with an estimated completion date of Fall 2024.

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