

# Pioneer-Sarah Creek TMDL & WRAPS Technical Stakeholder Group Meeting

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# Agenda

- ▲ Relationship to Local Water Management Plan
- ▲ TMDL Background and Definitions



# Relationship to Watershed Plan

Third Generation  
Watershed Management Plan  
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Local Water Management Plan Due:

After December 31, 2016 and  
Before December 31, 2018



The 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan is a framework for building strategies that integrate wastewater, water supply, and surface water as related areas of a comprehensive water picture. It provides for continued high-quality, affordable wastewater collection and treatment to support economic growth and development in ways that protect our valued water and land resources. The plan carries forward the vision of *Thrive MSP 2040* for growth and development of the Twin Cities toward economic success and vibrancy in the decades ahead.

# Local Plan Requirements

- ▲ Explain how the city will implement the **Commission's Plan**, including specifically addressing adoption and enforcement of a **manure management ordinance**.
- ▲ Show how the city will take **action to achieve the load reductions** and other actions identified in TMDL Implementation Plans.
- ▲ Updated Implementation Plan identifying the **specific structural, nonstructural, and programmatic solutions** to the problems and issues identified in the LWMP.

# What is a TMDL/WRAPS?

- ▲ Total Maximum Daily Load – diagnostic study that sets limits on pollutant loading
- ▲ Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies – a report explaining the actions needed to meet the TMDLs for the impaired waters and to protect the good-quality waters
- ▲ The TMDL is the **WHAT** and the WRAPS is the **HOW**

# Status of Impaired Waters

## Impairments and TMDLs

### Impaired Lakes

- Current WRAPS
- TMDL Completed
- Delisting
- Mercury Only
- North Fork WRAPS
- South Fork WRAPS
- Impaired Streams

### Current TMDL/WRAPS:

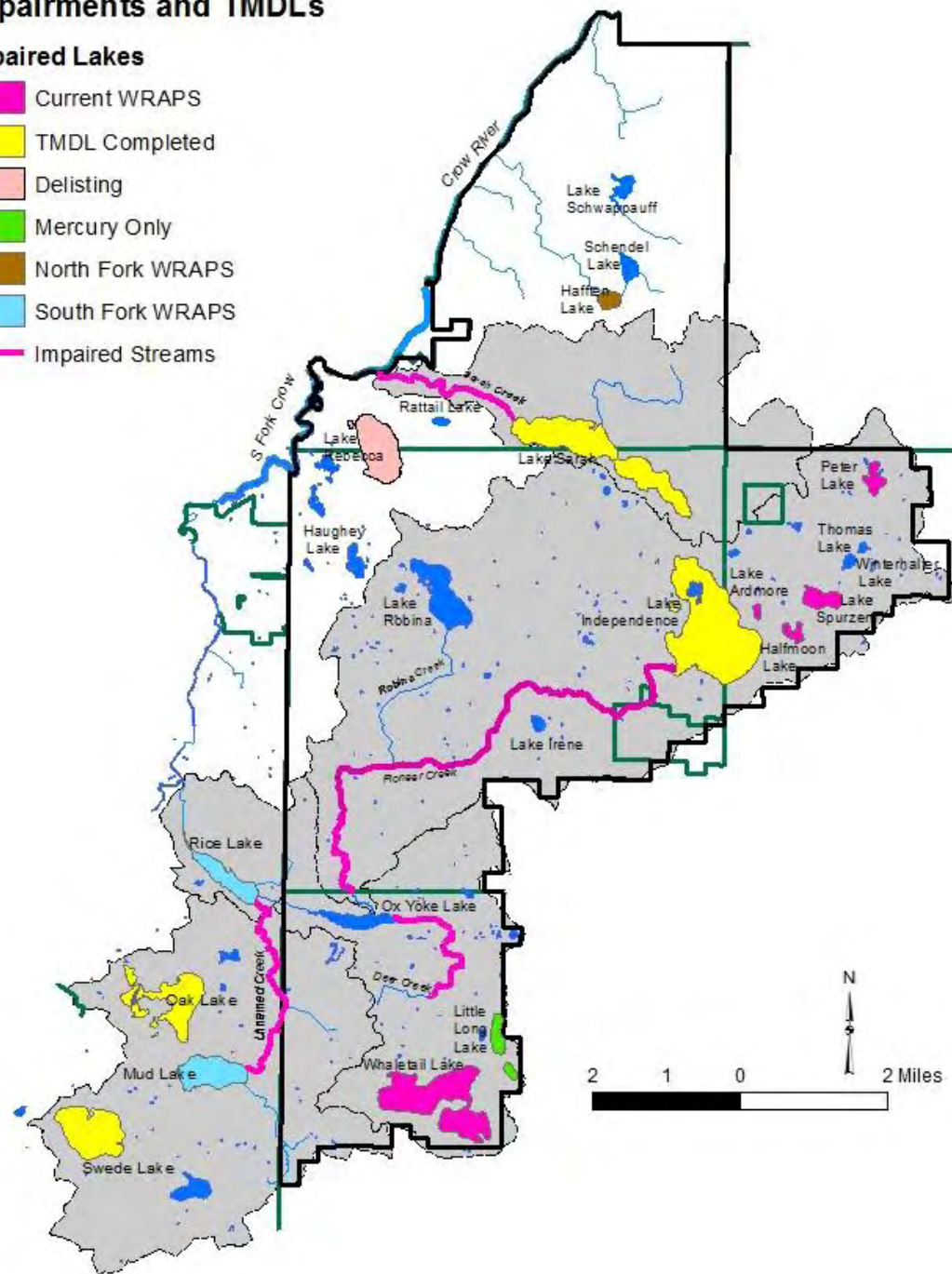
- ▲ 4 streams
- ▲ 5 lakes

### Other TMDLs:

- ▲ 7 lakes

### Other:

- ▲ 2 lakes



# How are TMDLs calculated?

*Identify and measure or quantify sources of pollutant load*

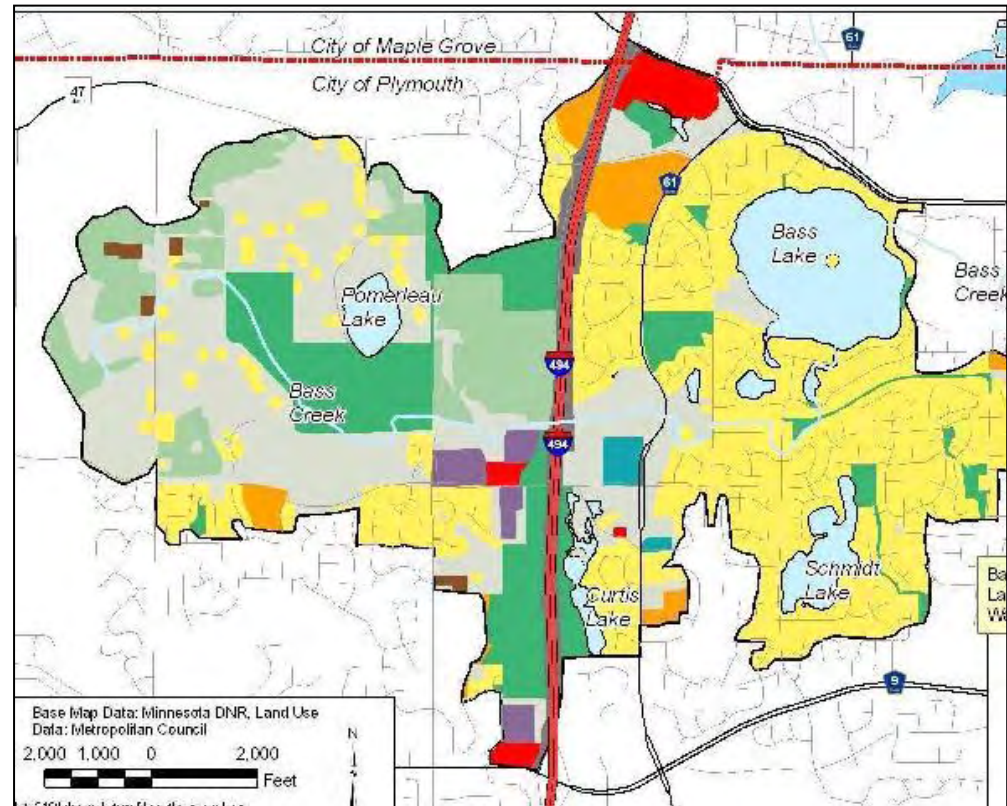
- Watershed runoff
- Point sources
- Septic systems
- Lake bottom sediments
- Stream sediment oxygen demand
- Atmospheric deposition



# How are TMDLs calculated?

## *Model watershed hydrology and pollutant loading*

- Hydrologic and water quality model
- Predict runoff volume based on actual precipitation
- Predict pollutant load





# How are TMDLs calculated?

## Model lake or stream response

- Lake response model
- Stream model
- Inputs: annual runoff volume, load, lake volume, depth, stream shape, fitting factors
- Adjust to match actual
- *Reverse calculate maximum load*

2001 Lake Response Modeling for: Crystal Lake			
Modeled Parameter	Equation	Parameters	Value [Units]
<b>TOTAL IN-LAKE PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATION</b>			
	$P = \frac{P_i}{\left(1 + C_p \times C_{CB} \times \left(\frac{W_p}{V}\right)^b\right) \times T}$	as f(W,Q,V) from Canfield & Bachmann (1981)	
		$C_p =$	1.00 [-]
		$C_{CB} =$	0.162 [-]
		$b =$	0.458 [-]
		W (total P load = inflow + atm.) =	368 [kg/yr]
		Q (lake outflow) =	1.3 [10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /yr]
		V (modeled lake volume) =	1.2 [10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> ]
		T = V/Q =	0.87 [yr]
		$P_i = W/Q =$	277 [ug/l]
<b>Model Predicted In-Lake [TP]</b>			<b>93.1 [ug/l]</b>
<b>Observed In-Lake [TP]</b>			<b>85.0 [ug/l]</b>
<b>CHLOROPHYLL-A CONCENTRATION</b>			
	$[Chl a] = CB \times 0.28 \times [TP]$	as f(TP), Walker 1999, Model 4	
		CB (Calibration factor) =	1.00 [-]
<b>Model Predicted In-Lake [Chl-a]</b>			<b>26.1 [ug/l]</b>
	$[Chl a] = \frac{CB \times B_x}{\left[(1 + 0.025 \times B_x \times G)(1 + G \times a)\right]}$	as f(TP, N, Hushing), Walker 1999, Model 1	
		CB (Calibration factor) =	1.00
		P (Total Phosphorus) =	93 [ug/l]
		N (Total Nitrogen) =	1,098 [ug/l]
		$B_x$ (Nutrient-Potential Chl-a conc.) =	54.0 [ug/l]
		$X_{pn}$ (Composite nutrient conc.) =	60.2 [ug/l]
		G (Kinematic factor) =	0.31 [-]
		$F_s$ (Flushing Rate) =	1.15 [year <sup>-1</sup> ]
		$Z_{mix}$ (Mixing Depth) =	2.13 [m]
		a (Non algal turbidity) =	0.02 [m <sup>-1</sup> ]
		S (Secchi Depth) =	1.03 [m]
		Maximum lake depth =	11.89 [m]
<b>Model Predicted In-Lake [Chl-a]</b>			<b>37.9 [ug/l]</b>
<b>Observed In-Lake [Chl-a]</b>			<b>28.8 [ug/l]</b>
<b>SECCHI DEPTH</b>			
	$SD = \frac{CS}{(a + 0.025 \times [Chl a])}$	as f(Chl a), Walker (1999)	
		CS (Calibration factor) =	1.00 [-]
		a (Non algal turbidity) =	0.02 [m <sup>-1</sup> ]
<b>Model Predicted In-Lake SD</b>			<b>1.03 [m]</b>
<b>Observed In-Lake SD</b>			<b>0.63 [m]</b>
<b>PHOSPHORUS SEDIMENTATION RATE</b>			
	$P_{sed} = C_p \times C_{CB} \times \left(\frac{W_p}{V}\right)^b \times [TP] \times V$		
		$P_{sed}$ (phosphorus sedimentation) =	<b>244 [kg/yr]</b>
<b>PHOSPHORUS OUTFLOW LOAD</b>			
	$W - P_{sed} =$		<b>124 [kg/yr]</b>

# TMDL – A Number

$$TMDL = \sum WLA_s + \sum LA_s + MOS + RC$$

**WLA** = Wasteload Allocation (permitted sources)

**LA** – Load Allocation (non-permitted sources)

**MOS** – Margin of Safety

**RC** – Reserve Capacity (future capacity)

# What is the difference between Load and Wasteload?

*A Wasteload is a permitted source*

- Industrial point source
- Construction permit
- MS4s: stormwater regulated in your NPDES Phase II permits

*Load allocations are not regulated by permit*

- Internal load
- Natural processes
- Atmospheric deposition
- Non-MS4 stormwater runoff
- Ag, wetland runoff