


<p>PRAP Level II Report Summary</p>	<p>Richfield-Bloomington Watershed Management Organization</p>	
<p>What is a PRAP Performance Review?</p> <p>The Board of Water and Soil Resources supports Minnesota’s counties, watershed districts and soil and water conservation districts that deliver water and related land resource management projects and programs. In 2007 the Board set up a program (PRAP) to systematically review the performance of these local units of government to ensure their effective operation. Each year BWSR staff conduct routine reviews of several of these local conservation delivery entities. This document reports the results of one of those reviews.</p>	<p>Key Findings and Conclusions</p> <p>The Richfield Bloomington WMO has been quite effective at completing stormwater projects, maintaining urban water quality best management practices, and obtaining good cooperation and support from city staff and budgets. The result of collaboration between the two cities by means of the WMO has been effective and efficient stormwater management.</p> <p>The survey responses both internal and external reveal opportunities for a stronger role for the WMO in both increased public awareness and projects with partners.</p> <p>The challenge for this WMO is to ensure that this local collaboration extends beyond the city boundaries to consider a watershed perspective. The governance structure and the decision to contain the organization within the cities’ finances instead of as a separate organization with staff and budget could be limiting such a perspective.</p> <p>Resource Outcomes</p> <p>The RBWMO management plan does not contain goals for specific resource outcomes. Therefore, there is no information about resource changes resulting from projects undertaken by the WMO.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Conduct a strategic assessment of the WMO mission and purpose with a view towards adopting more of a watershed perspective. Consider expanding the watershed focus of the current WMO, or joining the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.</p> <p>Commendations</p> <p>The RBWMO is commended for meeting 7 of BWSR’s benchmark performance standards.</p>	 <p>A map showing the geographical boundaries of the Richfield and Bloomington watersheds. The map is a black and white outline of the two cities' shapes, with a small black dot indicating a specific location within the Bloomington area.</p>