RFP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

2027 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPORT

MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

QUALITY OF WATER QUALITY OF LIFE

AGENDA

- MCWD Approach
- 2027 Plan Focus
- Engagement Process
- Consultant Scope
- Q&A

MCWD APPROACH

BUILDING ON 2017 PLAN

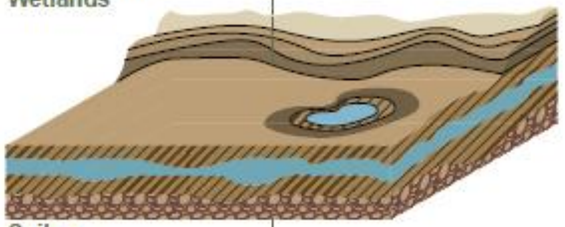
2017 Watershed Management Plan Focus:

- Vision of a Balanced Urban Ecology
- Partnership and Integration of Land Use and Water Planning

IMPLEMENTATION MODEL

Understand Resource Needs

Lakes, Streams+ Wetlands



Soils + Groundwater

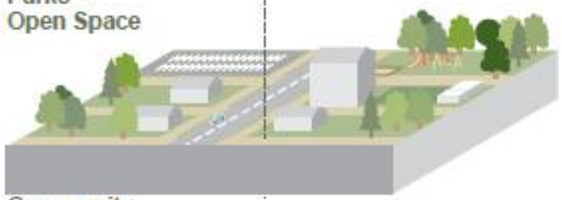
Uplands+ Vegetation

Habitat + Wildlife

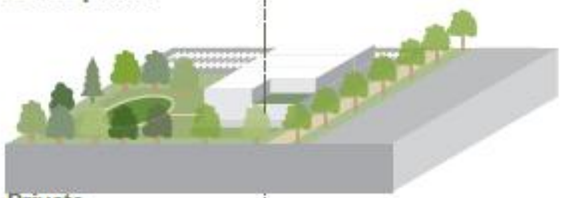
Understand Land Use Plans

Roads + Infrastructure

Parks + Open Space

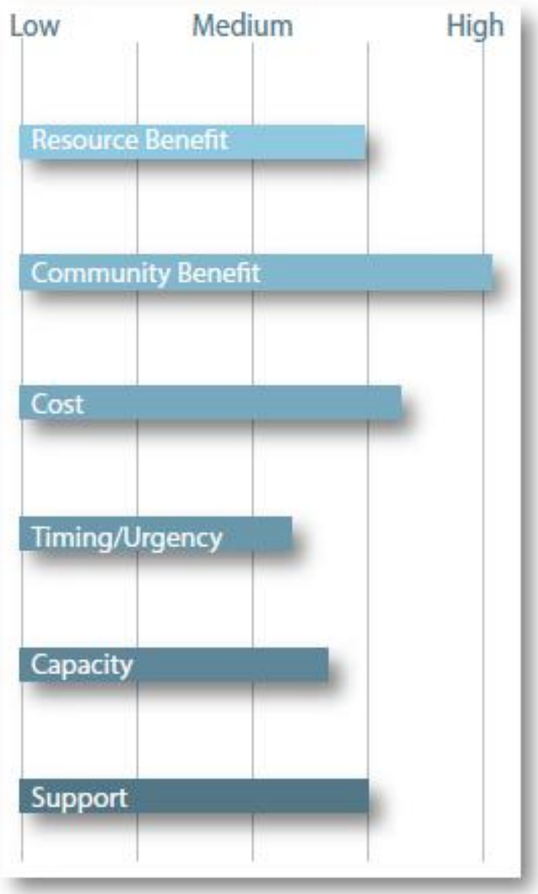


Community Development



Private Development

Integrate + Prioritize



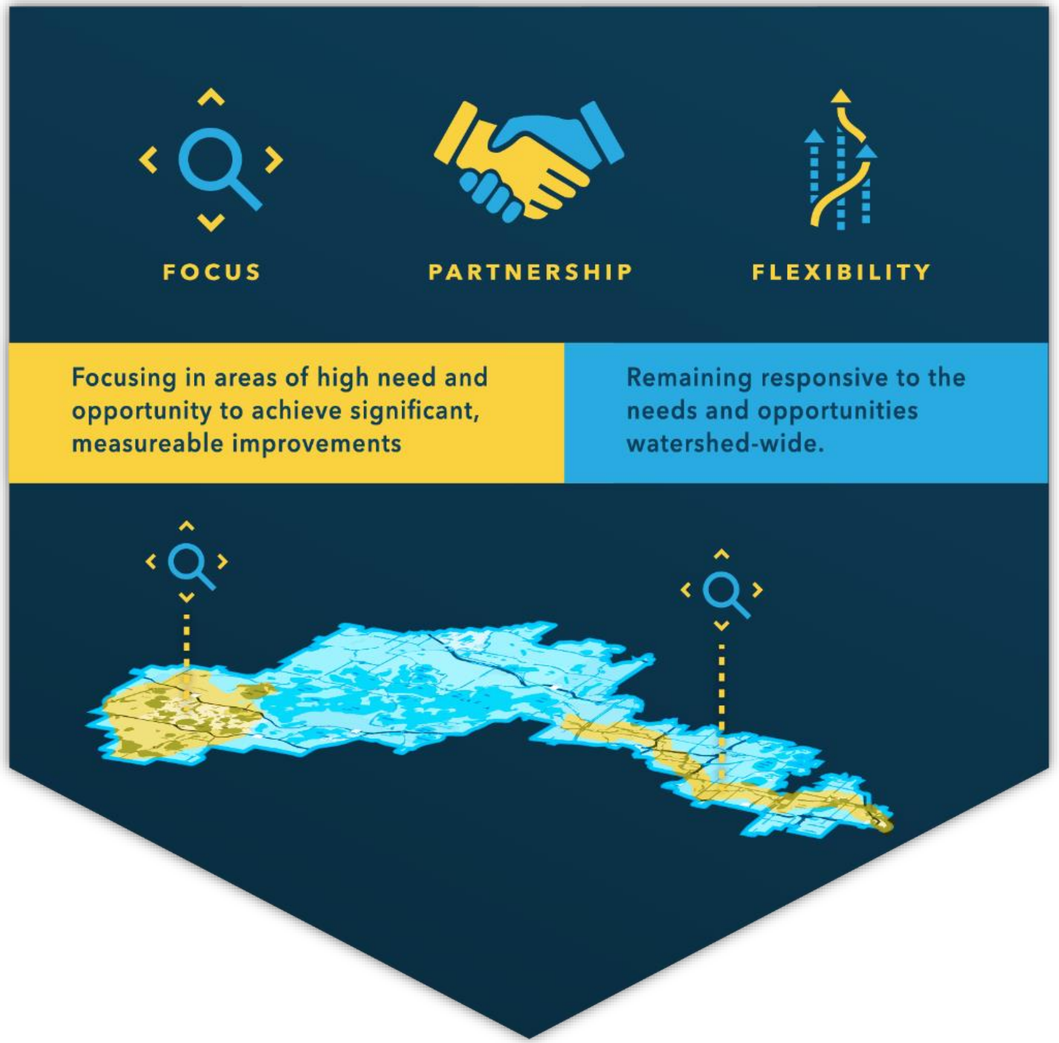
Implement

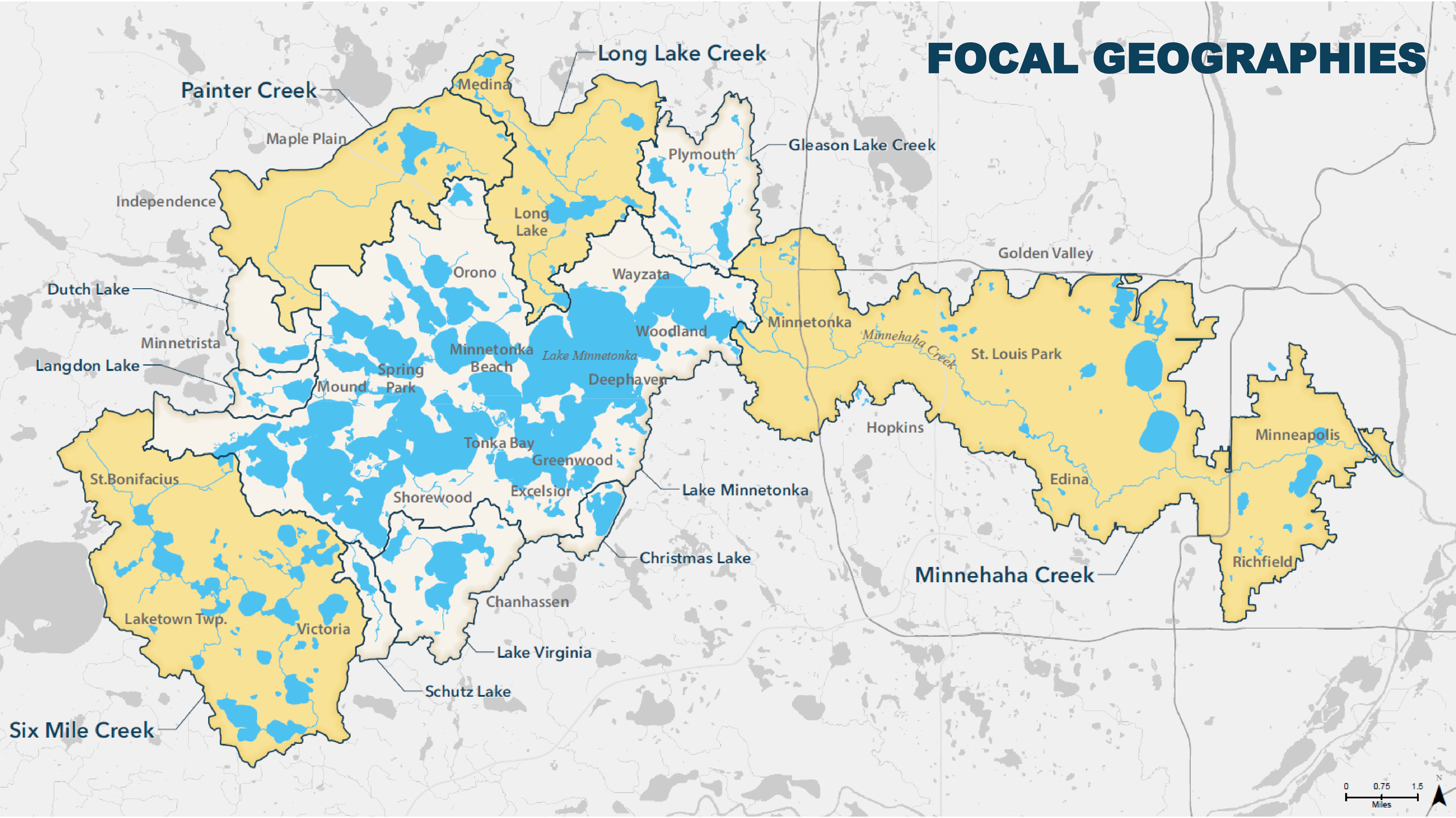
TWO-PRONGED APPROACH

Two approaches for integrated planning:

►Focal Geographies

►Land & Water Partnership Program

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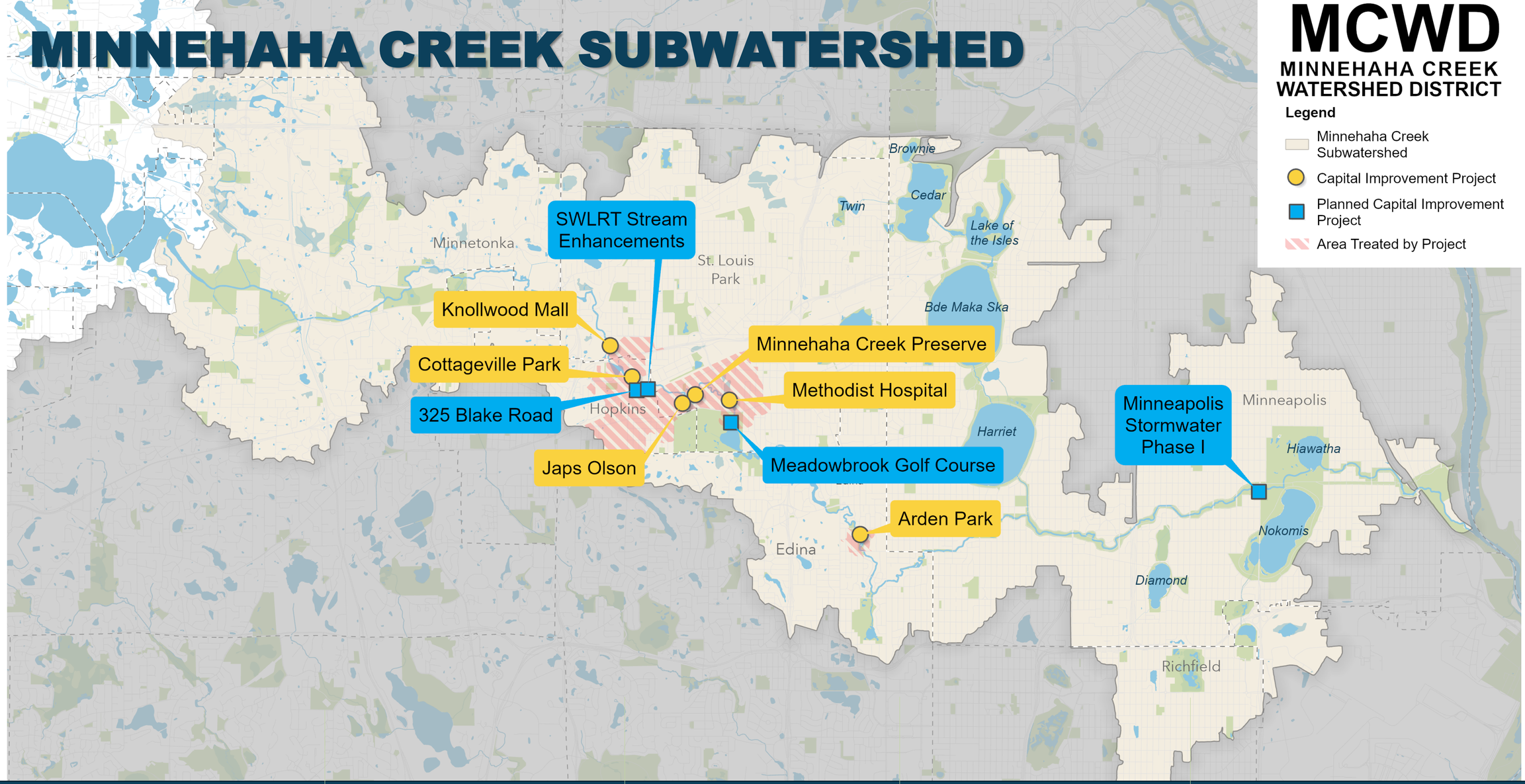
MINNEHAHA CREEK SUBWATERSHED



150+
LBS. ANNUAL NUTRIENT POLLUTION REDUCTION

109
ACRES OF GREENSPACE CREATED

30
ACRES OF WETLANDS RESTORED

2.3
MILES OF NEW TRAILS AND BOARDWALK

1.5
MILES OF RESTORED CREEK AND STREAMBANK

Land & Water Partnership Program

Supporting partner-led projects that advance shared goals and generate community benefits

MINNEHAHA CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) recognizes that we can best achieve our mission by partnering with cities, developers, and others who make changes on the landscape. We've designed the Land & Water Partnership (LWP) program to build bridges between land and water planning, to deliver projects that improve the watershed and support thriving communities.

By promoting early coordination and offering technical and financial resources, the program supports collaborative planning that integrates water resource improvements with community development, infrastructure, parks, and other plans to deliver projects that provide mutual benefits.

How does the LWP program work?

The LWP program provides technical and financial support to projects that provide significant, regional water resource benefit. Typical partners include cities, counties, park agencies, developers, and others who implement large-scale projects.

Qualifying projects can receive technical and financial assistance for project development and implementation, including:

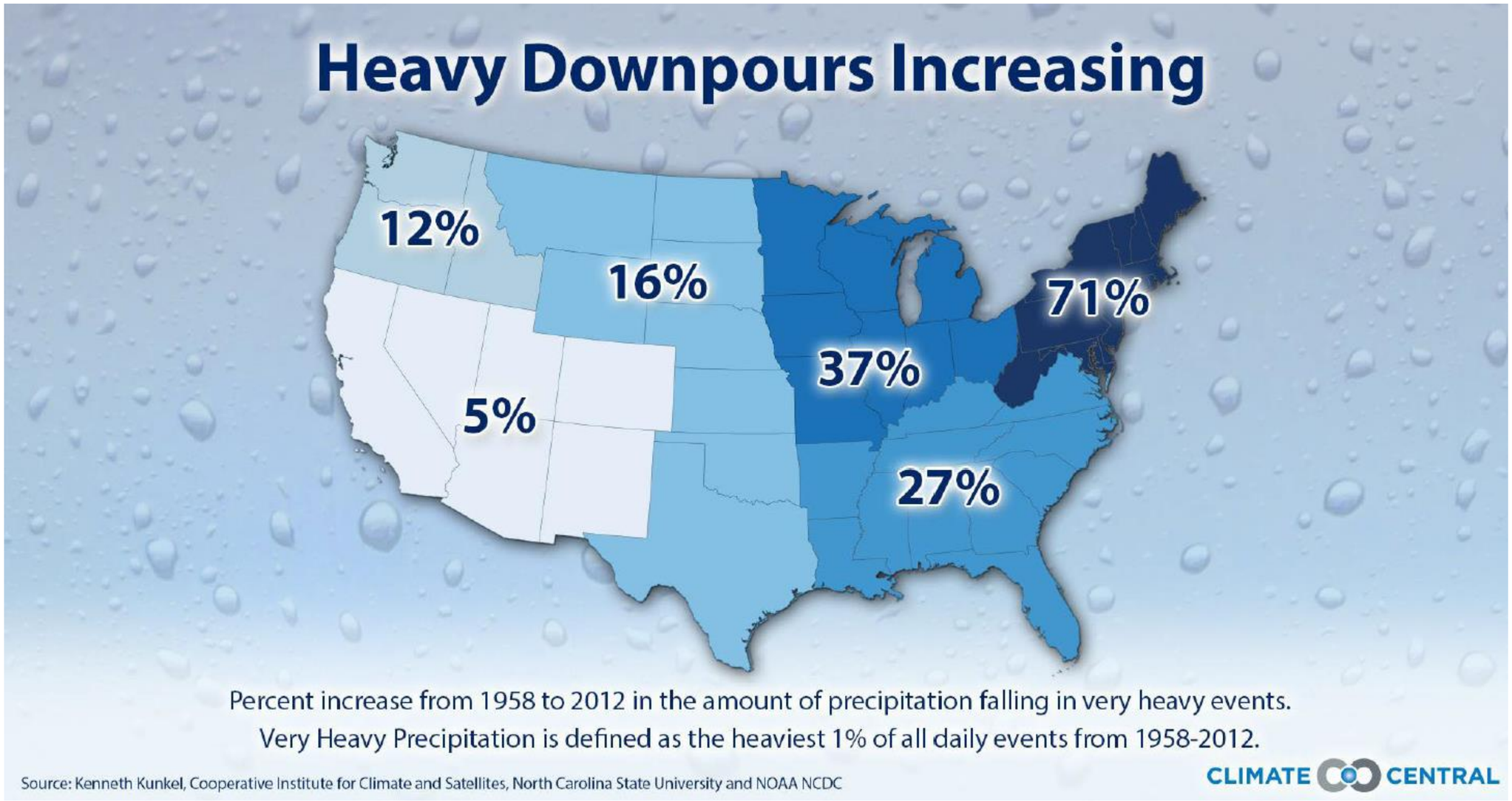
- ✓ Watershed assessments
- ✓ Concept development
- ✓ Feasibility studies
- ✓ Design and Construction

MCWD may fund up to 75% of eligible costs.

2027 PLAN FOCUS

CLIMATE TRENDS

Rain events are becoming more intense and frequent



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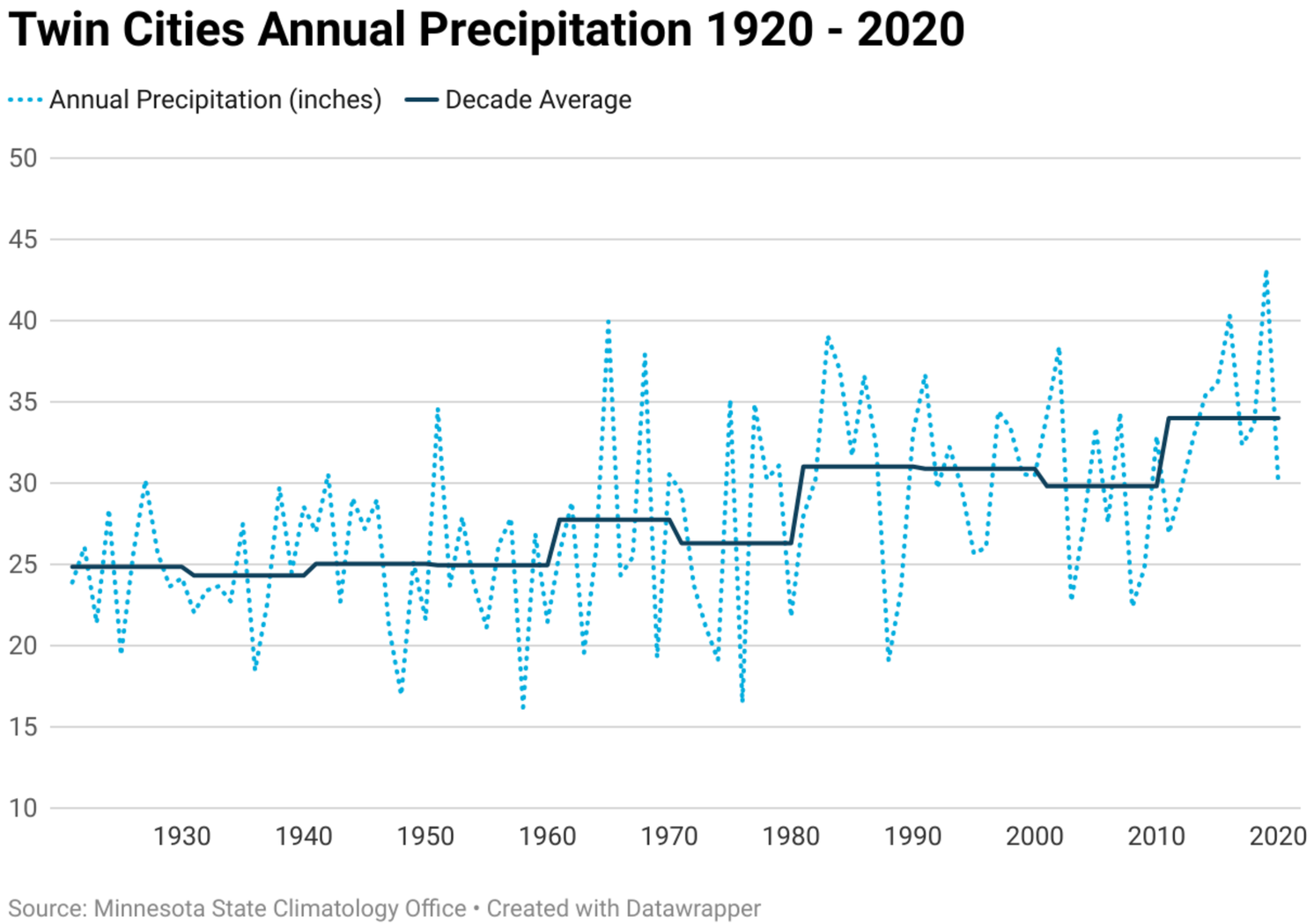
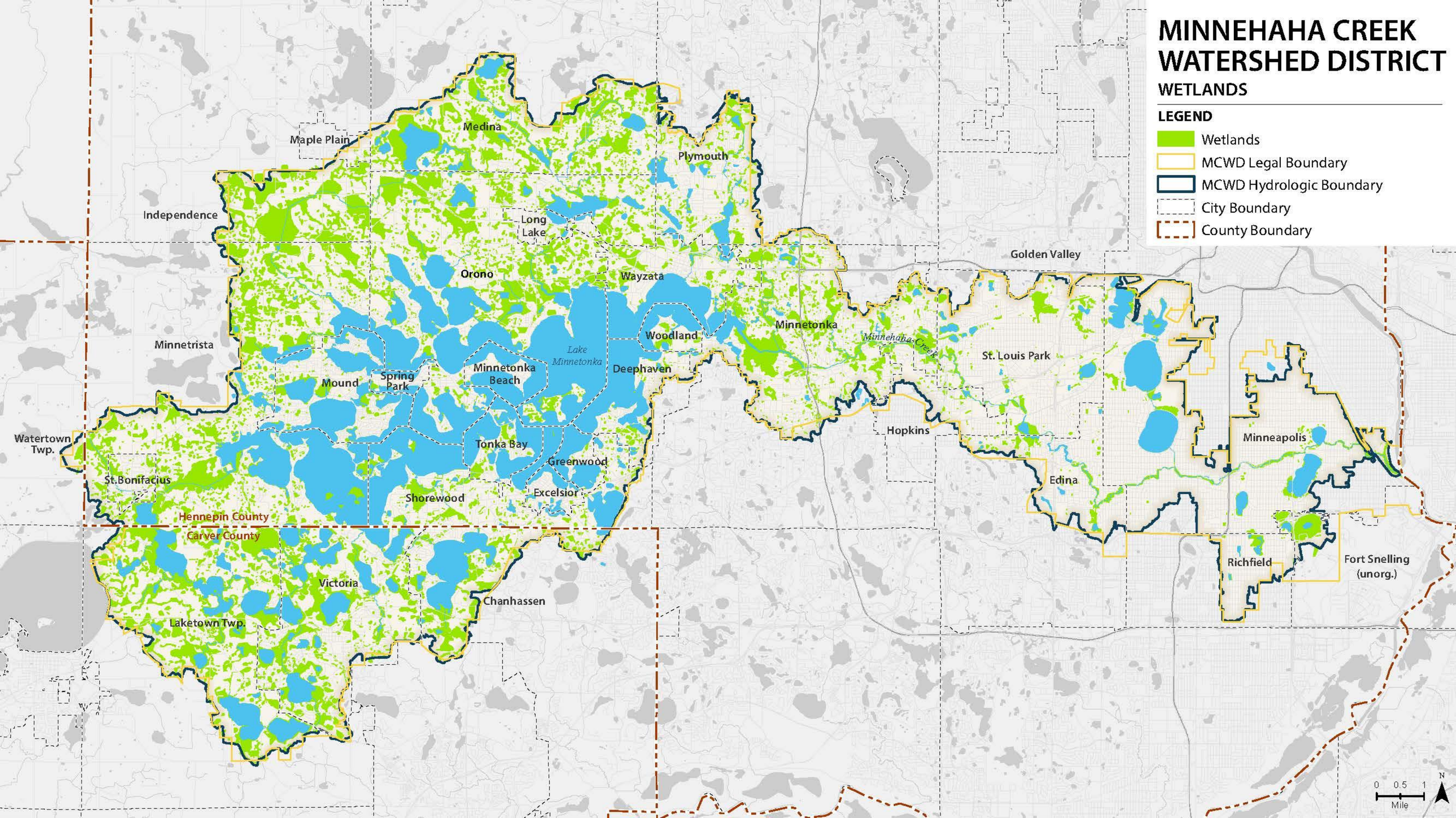


Total annual rainfall is increasing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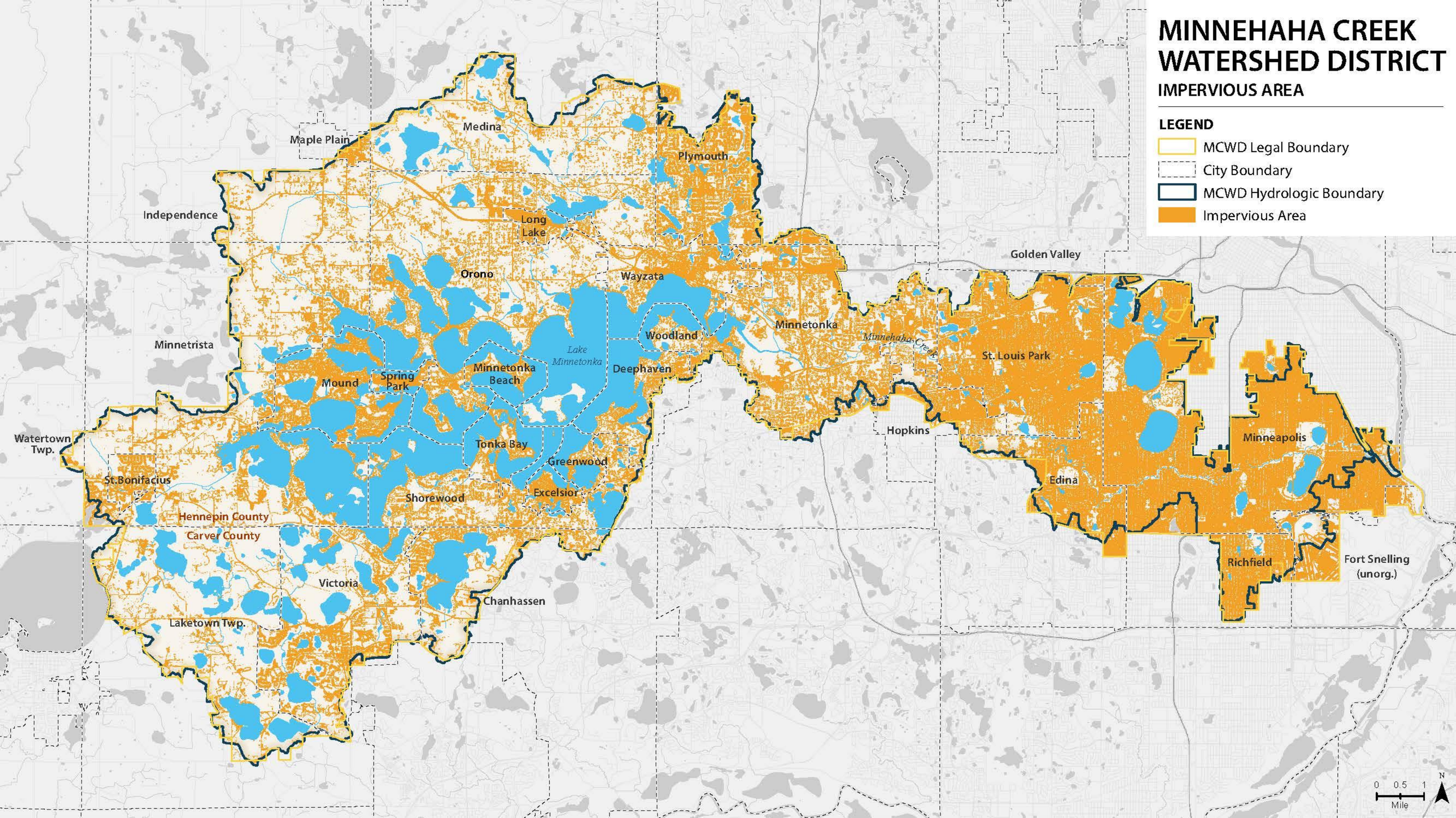
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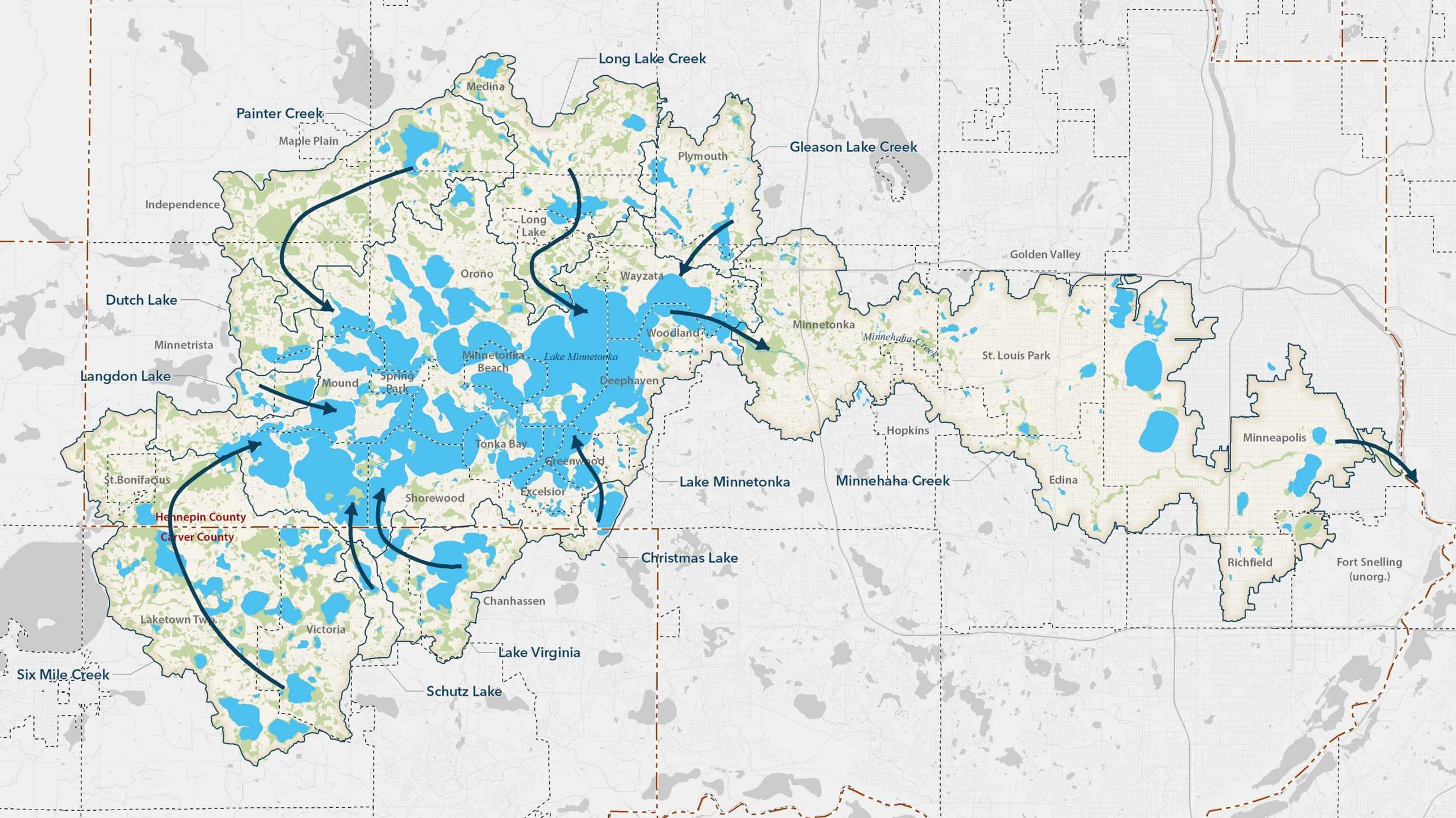
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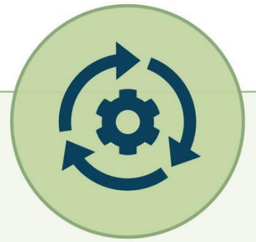


Pillar 3

IMPLEMENT, MEASURE, & ADAPT

Coordinate implementation actions with partners to make measurable progress towards goals. Implementation actions may include projects, policy changes, and operational improvements.

2027 PLAN FOCUS

Two primary focus areas:

- Improve Integration of Land Use and Water Planning
- Develop a Regional Flood Management Strategy

OVERARCHING GOALS

- Promote and support implementation of nature-based solutions to water management through integrated planning
- Identify regional priority areas, strategies, and opportunities for flood storage and water quality improvement
- Develop tailored plans for each subwatershed outlining shared priorities, strategies, opportunities

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

ENGAGEMENT CHALLENGES

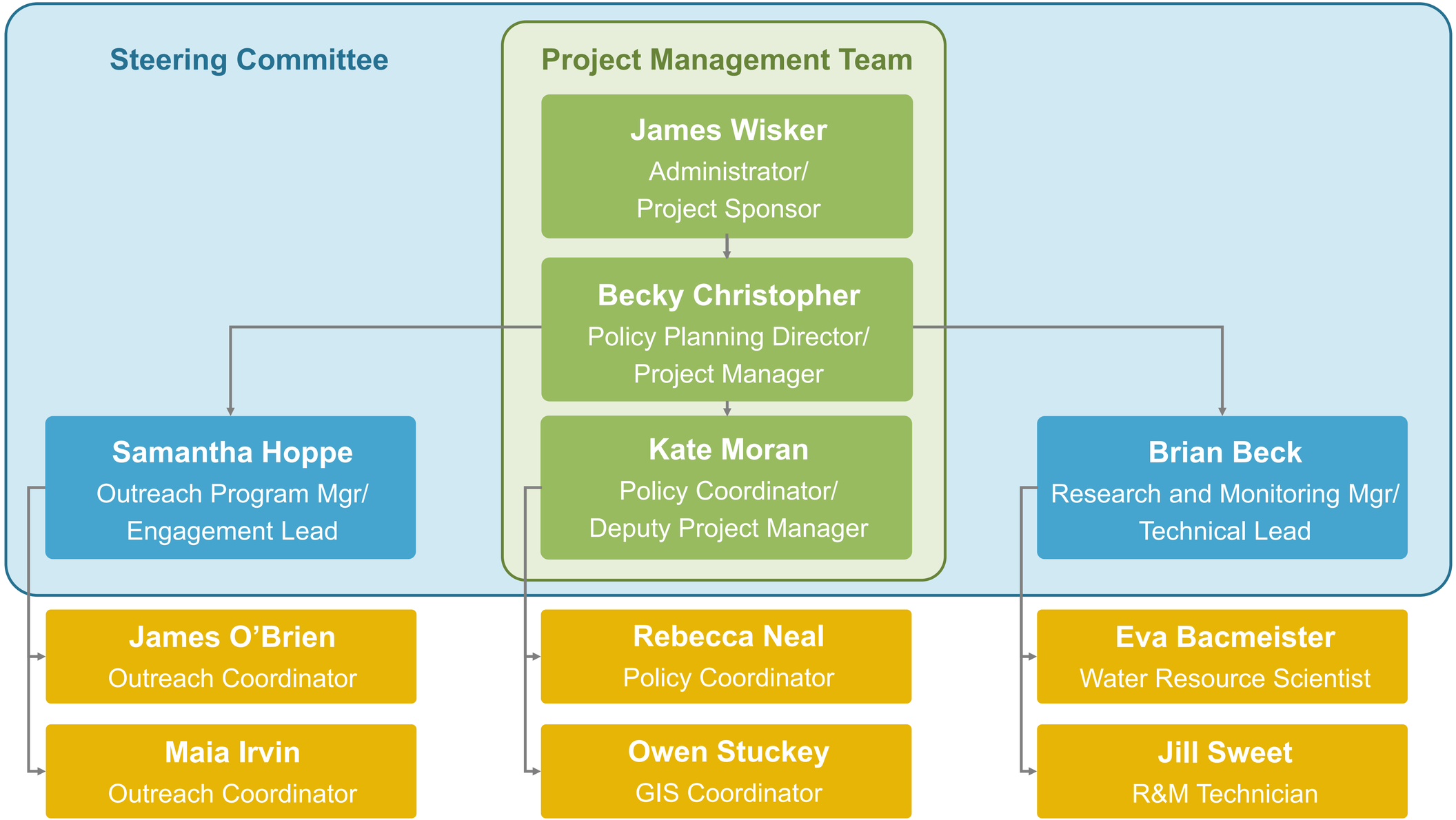
- Building both regional and local understanding
- Balancing storage vs. conveyance approaches
- Avoiding technical weeds

ENGAGEMENT METHODS

Audience	Local/Regional Public Agencies			State Agencies	CAC Members	General Public & Community Orgs
	Primary Staff Contacts	Other Key Staff	Policy Makers			
Soft Rollout (mailing, 1:1s, calls)	x		x	x		
Kickoff Events	x	x	x	x	x	x
TAC Meetings	x					
PAC Meetings			x			
Subwatershed Planning Workshops	x	x	x			x
CAC Meetings					x	
Online Survey					x	x
Open Houses & Public Meetings					x	x
1:1 Meetings	x	x	x	x		
Written Communications (publications, email updates, webpage)	x	x	x	x	x	x
Public Hearing and 60-Day Comment Period	x	x	x	x	x	x

CONSULTANT SCOPE

MCWD PROJECT TEAM



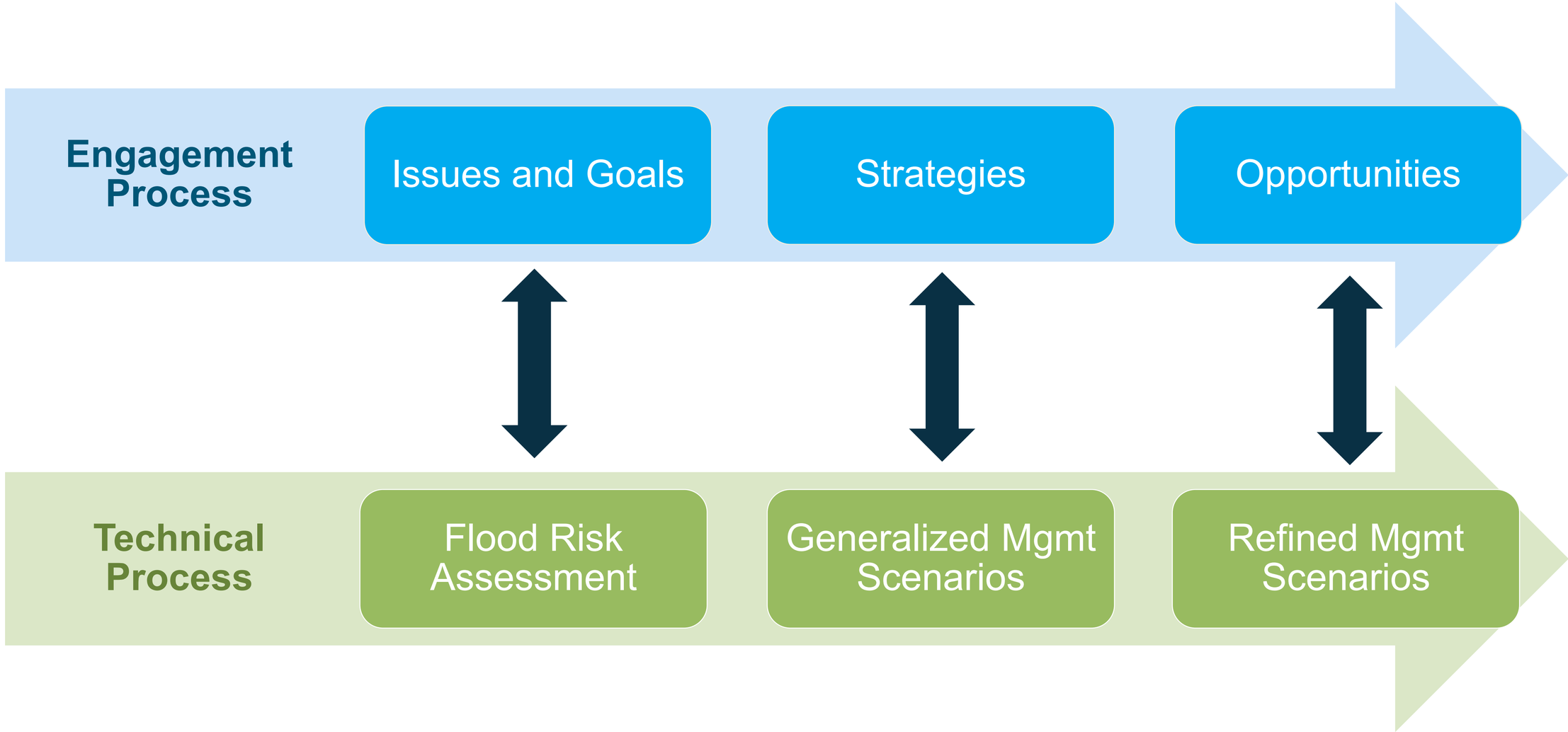
CONTRACT OBJECTIVES

- Understand current and future flood risks
- Understand effectiveness and cumulative impact of strategies
- Understand scope of implementation to meet goals
- Build support for integrated planning and nature-based solutions

PROPOSED SCOPE

- Engagement and Communication Support:
  - Advise on stakeholder engagement strategy, communications, and facilitation planning
  - Attend stakeholder meetings and provide engagement support
- Flood Risk Assessment
  - Build future land use scenarios
  - Model current and future extents/impacts
- Management Strategy Development and Analysis
  - Evaluate effectiveness, cumulative impacts, and costs of various strategies
- Project Management
  - Kickoff and discovery
  - Regular coordination meetings

PROCESS DESIGN



DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Multi-disciplinary team:
  - Technical – flood modeling (StormWise preferred), scenario analysis
  - Engagement – strategy, facilitation planning
  - Communications – develop clear, accessible messages and visuals

- Collaboration – across consultant team and with MCWD

- Creativity – innovative ideas on approach/strategy

- Adaptability – ability to adjust as process unfolds

RFP PROCESS

Event	Timeline
RFP released	September 29, 2025
Pre-submittal informational meeting	October 13, 2025
Proposals Due	October 27, 2025
Interviews	November 5-6, 2025
Consultant selection and contract approval	December 1, 2025

Q&A

- Is plan writing part of the scope?
- Is StormWise experience required?
- Will the model be made available for review during the proposal phase of this project?

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