

Is there a need for an additional objective that gets at collaboration and consistency/efficiency in planning and implementation State & local

WPP OBJECTIVES

What are your first impressions? Did we miss an objective?

Do the objectives feel like they are at the right level and specificity?

Should we modify the plan objectives? Are we on the right path?

From convo: need an objective about collaboration



SUSTAINABLE WATERS: Ensure clean, abundant waters for current and future regional needs.

.....clean, abundant, and accessible...

From convo: Struggling to see where surface waters fit throughout
From convo: this reads as groundwater-use of 'sustainable' hard to attribute to sw
Could we separate out and have 3 different objectives for groundwater, surface water and waste water?

From convo: WW and DW are PRODUCTS. Add 'surface' in front of 'water resources'?

We see the connections between drinking water, water resources, and wastewater and strive to integrate our work and management to serve the region and its water to meet the needs of current and future generations. Environmental Services employs numerous strategies to achieve sustainable waters objectives including convening partners, new monitoring and wastewater treatment technologies, conservation efforts, and planning and technical assistance. We work with and support our partners to achieve the goal of clean, abundant waters.

I don't see explicit objective for surface WQ. Is it supposed to be integrated here or with the health objective below?

From convo: actions for external interest in accessing MN waters



CLIMATE: Create climate-resilient water sources, ecosystems, and water infrastructure through mitigation, innovative design, and adaptive planning.

From convo: GHG reductions AND hyper-local impacts need to be included

The region is already experiencing the impacts of climate change. Our winters are warming, the frequency and intensity of storm events have shifted from historical record, and we are projected to experience more extreme heat and drought events. We support work to enhance resilience to help communities adapt to these changes. In partnership with the State of Minnesota and local communities, we work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt our practices to protect the infrastructure investments of the region and better understand the impacts to both surface and groundwater, to protect both water supply and our high-water quality.

maybe include the word 'safety' reference... discussing about localized flooding due to higher rainfall events
Happy to see climate called out as a top-level priority, both in the RDG goals and WPP objectives.
Keep in mind there are a lot of local leaders and decision makers that still do not view the extent of climate change to be an imminent danger that business. Definitely make sure all barriers are known and addressed

From convo: some GHG still can't even use the term 'climate change'

Drought it mentioned but flooding is not. This year saw the Mississippi go from very high flow to low flow within months.



INFRASTRUCTURE: Maximize water infrastructure investments and identify future investment opportunities that result in benefits at multiple scales.

From convo: clarify roles for region vs MC.

We put significant investment into water infrastructure for stormwater, wastewater, and assistance for local water supply. We work to optimize the existing investments and thoughtfully and responsibly plan future infrastructure to sustain and serve our growing region. We have a responsibility to the region to protect our water resources through maintaining regional wastewater infrastructure and expanding service as necessary with community input.

an you clarify Met council role in stormwater infrastructure investment?
stress that costs for infrastructure renewal are continuing to increase.

From convo: very limited funding to support what is already in place

From convo: getting a handle on what assets there are AND figuring out how to finance right

These 2 both seem to be focused on funding... Maybe INFRASTRUCTURE could be focused on overall Asset Management

We perform critical work and services to the region including water resources and water supply planning and wastewater treatment. This work must be supported now and into the future. We will continue to work to secure funding and grants for our efforts as well as to support local communities in those pursuits through providing grant funds including conservation and inflow and infiltration.

MetCouncil also provides critical funding through partnership efforts like joint monitoring and lab services



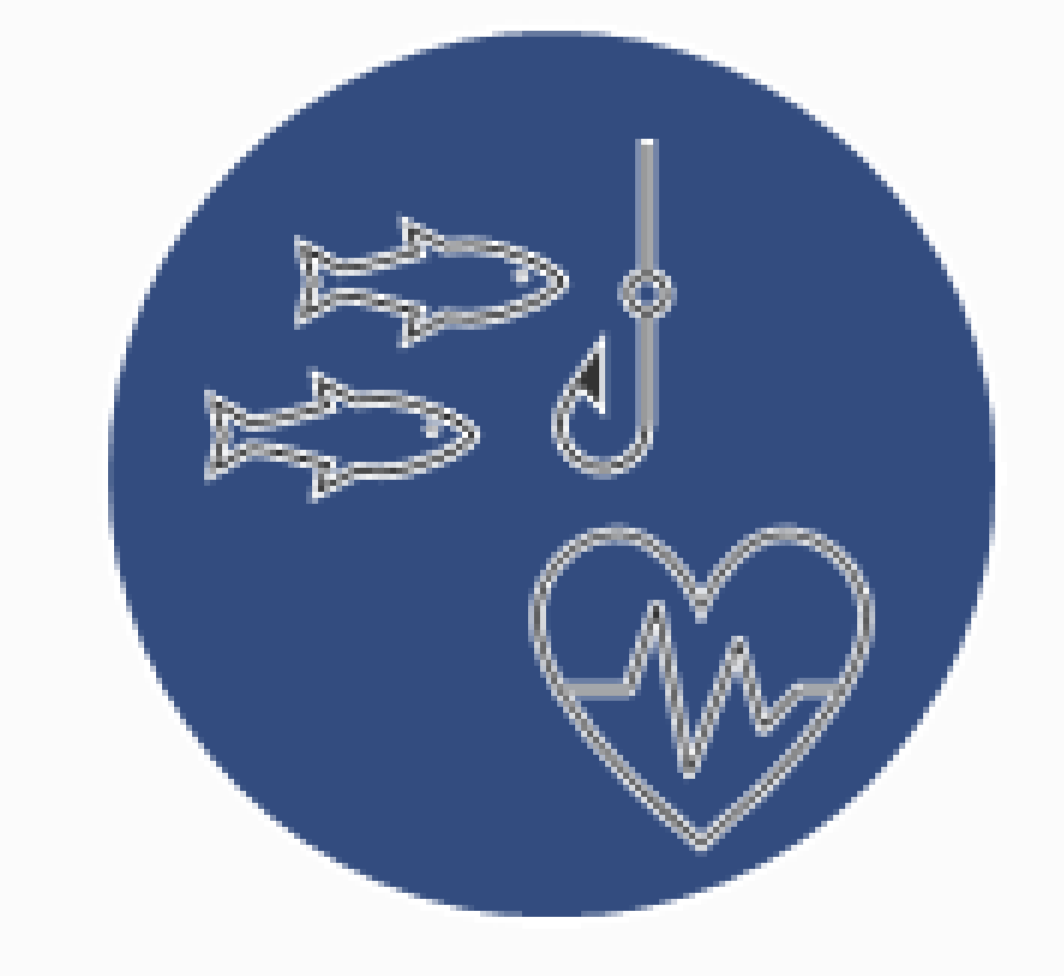
FUNDING: Sustainably fund water protection and planning efforts.

Through our breadth of services, we will continue to protect public and ecosystem health for the region and those downstream. The protection of these critical resources will allow our region to be successful, support growth, and improve the health and well-being of our residents. Examples of how we work to protect public and ecosystem health include wastewater treatment, water quality monitoring, source water protection, and technical assistance.

I'm not seeing anything about ensuring our water supply stays in MN and is protected from being shipped out of state

?restore a high quality of life? seems to indicate we once had it and lost it...

good point. Depending upon intent of objective... possibly reward to need Protect, maintain, and restore ecosystem health to enhance a high-quality of life.?



HEALTH: Protect public and ecosystem health to maintain, restore, and enhance a high quality of life across the region.

We work for all residents to have access to clean, safe, and affordable water for drinking, recreation, cultural, and other social or commercial uses. The ecosystem benefits of our abundant and clean natural waters and water service providers are necessary for public health and all communities and people in the region deserve those benefits. We will support vulnerable communities in identifying water service and benefit gaps and provide resources for the work necessary for a more equitable water future for all.

From convo: conservation, funding, equity all intersect with rates. How to create framework for equitable water access?

how is this different than the equity framework above?

could you strike 'water services' as 'water benefits' would seem to include that already

How do we regulate affordable drinking water?



EQUITY: Ensure that equitable water benefits and water services are accessible and shared amongst all residents and communities.