

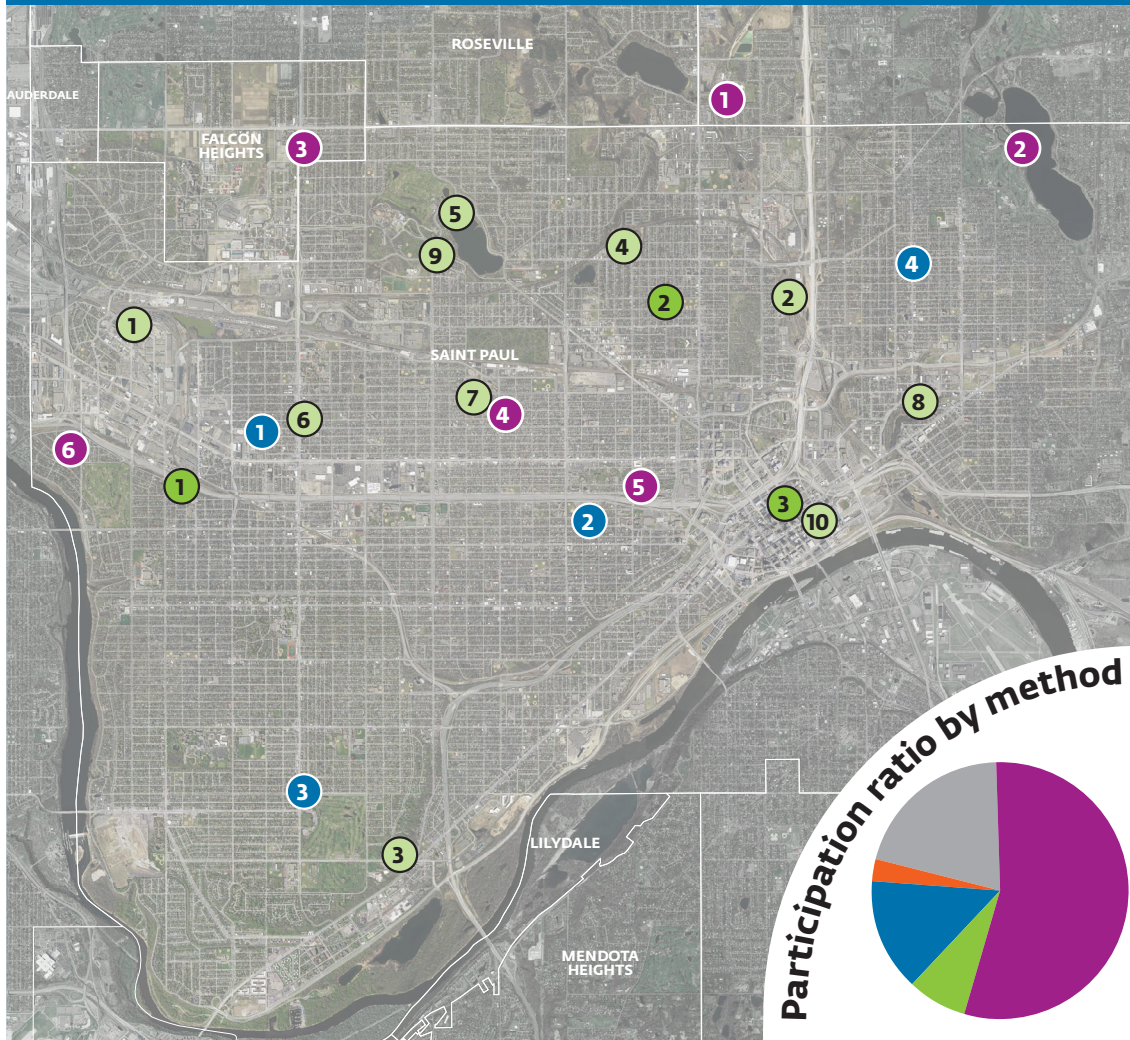
2020 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANT SUMMARY

As part of the development of the 2020 Watershed Management Plan (WMP), Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) conducted outreach activities from April through June 2019 to gather input from a broad, diverse group of stakeholders in order to gain an understanding of their views related to water in their community.

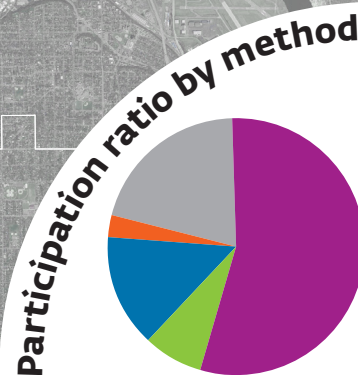


Locations of Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities



Methods of Community Input:

- Participation at community events in the district
- Discussions with District Planning Councils
- Watershed community conversations
- Face-to-face meetings with community leaders
- Online surveys



Saint Paul cleanup events

- 1 Urban Roots
- 2 Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary
- 3 Highland Picnic Area
- 4 Willow Reserve
- 5 Como Lakeside Pavilion
- 6 Hamline Park
- 7 Frogtown Farm
- 8 Swede Hollow
- 9 Como Lake
- 10 Lowertown

Community events

- 1 St Paul Regional Water Services Tours
- 2 RWMWD Phalen Lake WaterFest
- 3 Falcon Heights Spring Together
- 4 Frogtown Farm Community Celebration
- 5 Peace Celebration
- 6 Desnoyer Park Neighborhood Annual Picnic

In-person meetings with local leaders

- 1 Union Park District Council
- 2 North End Neighborhood Organization
- 3 Capitol River Council

Watershed community conversations

- 1 CRWD Office
- 2 Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
- 3 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
- 4 Arlington-Hills Community Center

VIEWS OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY

Community members shared their thoughts on valuable community resources, citing recreational benefits and the importance of access to water and natural resources on their lives, and opportunities for resource improvement. Many participants noted the influence of water and natural resources on their physical health and overall well-being, citing recreational benefits of access to high-quality natural areas. Trees, vegetation, and green space were cited as valuable resources and areas for improvement, while many respondents noted concerns of pollution and climate change.

What are the valuable resources in your community?



Are there parts of your community or natural environment you would like to see improved?

Water Quality
(Pollutants)

Trash & litter

Green space
& vegetation

Recreation
and access

Education
and stewardship

How does the health (quality) of water resources and natural areas affect you and your community?

#1 Physical health and mental well-being

#2 Recreation

#3 Quality of community

#4 Plant and wildlife health

KEY OUTCOMES

- Strong emphasis on vegetation, green space, and associated benefits for recreation and quality of life
- Concerns about the impact of climate change on water resources and vegetation
- Interest in community participation through rain gardens and other practices
- Increase public awareness of local water resources and CRWD's work to improve resource health

The Mississippi River and Como Lake are resources respondents were most concerned about.

For future updates and more information on the WMP, visit:
<https://www.capitolregionwd.org/watershed-management-plan/>

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