



## RESOLUTION 2017 - 1

### RESOLUTION FOR SUMMARY OF WATER COURSES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S PLAN

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes 103F.48, Subd. 4. requires Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)s in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Water and Soil Resources has adopted Buffer Law implementation Policy #6 'Local Water Resources Riparian Protection ("Other Watercourses")' which identifies steps SWCDs are required to take in developing said inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, The Stearns SWCD has coordinated with local water management authorities within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, The SWCD recognizes a targeted approach towards conservation is necessary to maintain the health of our waters which have the potential to be greatly influenced by surface water runoff and conveyed through many sources of concentrated flow; and

**WHEREAS**, The SWCD determined that the rationale for inclusion of "other watercourses" is to include, in addition to watercourses included on the Buffer Protection Map, channels necessary to maintain connectivity of the watercourses identified on the Buffer Protection Map and the watercourses listed on the MPCA Impaired Waters List; and

**WHEREAS**, The SWCD will also include watercourses listed under Stearns County Shore Land Ordinance that are not included on the Buffer Protection Map; and

**WHEREAS**, The SWCD has been notified by partnering watershed districts of local priority watercourses we will also include these watercourses; and

**WHEREAS**, The SWCD, in consultation with the Stearns County Environmental Services Department and partnering watershed districts has prepared a map of the identified channels.

**WHEREAS**, The SWCD will maintain this map and will make it available in a GIS (Geographic Informational Systems) format and map format via the Stearns County SWCD website ([www.stearnscountyswcd.net](http://www.stearnscountyswcd.net)).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SWCD will use this created layer (Stearns County SWCD Other Waters Map), which will identify watercourses necessary to maintain connectivity within the Buffer Protection Map, Connectivity of the watercourses listed on the MPCA Impaired Waters List, watercourse listed under Stearns County Shore Land Ordinance that are not included on the Buffer Protection Map and priority watercourses identified by partnering watershed districts in conjunction with the Buffer Protection Map and the MPCA Impaired Waters List when actively siting and implementing voluntary water quality improvement projects.

Passed by the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District this 13 day of June, 2017.

  
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Charles Uphoff, Chair  
Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District

ATTEST:   
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Secretary  
Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District