



## LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) is a local, special-purpose unit of government that works to solve and prevent water-related issues. The LMRWD strives to protect, improve, and educate about our valuable water resources that are important habitats for our native plant and fish species as well as provide recreational opportunities and commercial barge navigation.

The LMRWD was established for, and is tasked with, maintaining a 9-foot navigation channel in the Minnesota River for goods and services to be transported far and wide.

The LMRWD implements rules to oversee soil erosion control, floodplain and drainage alteration, stormwater management, and development on steep slopes within its boundary. These rules help protect public health and welfare, as well as natural resource preservation.

The LMRWD also participates in capital improvement and cost-share projects to improve our water and natural resources.

Contact us to learn more about the LMRWD, our projects and programs, and how you can get involved in protecting our shared water and natural resources.

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# What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains rain and snowmelt, that don't soak into the ground, to a particular lake, river, or other waterbody.

Watersheds can be small draining to a local pond or creek or large draining to a major river or ocean.

Everyone lives in a watershed.



The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District is approximately 80 sq. miles and includes portions of Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Scott Counties. It begins at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi River and continues 32 miles upstream to the city of Carver, including the bluffs on either side.

A large component of the central portion of the LMRWD is within the 100-year floodplain and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

