

**Minnesota Public Drainage Manual
Maintenance Plan
Board of Water and Soil Resources
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Summary of Pertinent Background Information

- 1) The Minnesota Public Drainage Manual (MPDM) was first published in September 1991 as a hard copy document in a 3-ring binder.
- 2) A key purpose for the MPDM continues to be to promote consistent implementation of Minn. Stat. Chapter 103E Drainage. The MPDM is a guidance document, not law or rule.
- 3) The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) received a legislative appropriation in 2014 to update the MPDM. The project team included Houston Engineering, Inc. and Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law. A stakeholder Project Advisory Committee (PAC) assisted the MPDM update.
- 4) In October 2016, the updated MPDM was published on the BWSR website in a Wiki format to better enable access, use and periodic revision.
- 5) A number of members of the stakeholder Drainage Work Group (DWG) served on the PAC for the MPDM update. The DWG will serve as a standing stakeholder advisory group for periodic major revisions of the MPDM, as appropriate.
- 6) BWSR Executive Staff will oversee resolution of any major revision content issues not resolved through DWG advisory review and discussion.

Guiding Principles

- 1) Maintain the Minnesota Public Drainage Manual to keep it current.
- 2) Provide for timely revisions.
- 3) Utilize an efficient stakeholder advisory input process, as appropriate.

Roles and Coordination

Involved Entity and Role	Category of Revision	
	<i>Minor Revisions including links, grammar, spelling, text clarity, etc.</i>	<i>Major Revisions based on: changes in Chapter 103E, other statute, rule, case law, or policy; new information; major comments received in the MPDM Wiki; etc.</i>
<i>BWSR Drainage Staff:</i> Lead revisions and coordination	✓	✓
<i>Drainage Work Group:</i> Stakeholder advisory review and discussion		✓
<i>BWSR Executive Staff:</i> Oversee resolution of any content issues not resolved by advisory review and discussion		✓