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## News Release

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## Getting input on the watershed plan

*Public invited to Vermillion River Watershed open house Oct. 22*

Every 10 years, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) updates its plan that defines top issues and priorities for managing the water resources in the 335-square-mile Vermillion River Watershed in Dakota County and southeastern Scott County.

The VRWJPO will kick off the 2015 watershed plan update at a meeting for stakeholders and the public from 3–6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220<sup>th</sup> St. W., Farmington.

A brief presentation, summary of issues and priorities identified so far, and addition of new topics will take place from 3–4:30 p.m., followed by an open house until 6 p.m. where the public can talk one-on-one with staff about additional issues to include in the new plan.

This is the first of several meetings planned to ensure the 2015 Vermillion River Watershed Plan incorporates the best ideas of people who live, work or play in the watershed. No registration is required to attend.

Those who cannot attend may submit written comments via mail to VRWJPO, 14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley, MN 55124. Comments can also be emailed to Mark Zabel at [mark.zabel@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:mark.zabel@co.dakota.mn.us) or Melissa Bokman at [mbokman@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:mbokman@co.scott.mn.us).

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