

Roles and Responsibilities of Government in Fish and Wildlife	
Federal	<p>U.S. Department of the Interior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish and Wildlife Service – manages Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District; Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge; provides land management and fire protection; land acquisition; wildlife inspection; invasive species information; endangered species listing; permits for working near endangered species, import or export of species, and migratory bird permits (for falconers, for example). <p>National Invasive Species Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of federal agencies – includes multiple health, environment, and other agencies to coordinate planning. • National Invasive Species Management Plan – developing a national-scale plan for invasive species.
State	<p>Department of Natural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designation and management of trout streams • Acting as agent for fish stocking • Endangered species – maintains state list of threatened and endangered species. • Stream Restoration – protects prime fish and wildlife habitat through land acquisition (AMAs, WMAs); undertakes and provides grants for aquatic habitat restoration. • Invasive Species Permits – permits, grants, and authorizations to comply with invasive species laws and rules. • State Climatology Office – provides current weather and climate trend data; drought and flooding condition reports and alerts.
Watershed	<p>VRWJPO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring -- develops and implements monitoring program to assess current fish and macroinvertebrate numbers, diversity, and richness; trends; and stressors that adversely affect fish and macroinvertebrate communities. • Subwatershed Assessments – conducts assessment of physical river and stream conditions to identify projects for restoration of fish and wildlife habitat. • Restoration of Shoreland and Aquatic Habitat -- develops strategies to restore habitat to prevent sedimentation, filter pollutants, reduce stream temperatures, provide in-stream habitat, maintain groundwater inflow, and improve resilience. • Cooperate with Partners
County	<p>Dakota County SWCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Agricultural Inspector – the SWCD contracts with Dakota County to provide technical assistance, ensure noxious weed ordinance is in place, provides training on weed removal and management