

3 MAJOR ISSUES

1. OVERALL GOALS

Carver County recognizes the importance of the natural resources within its boundaries, and seeks to manage those resources to attain the following goals:

1. Protect, preserve, and manage natural surface and groundwater storage and retention systems;
2. Effectively and efficiently manage public capital expenditures needed to correct flooding and water quality problems;
3. Identify and plan for means to effectively protect and improve surface and groundwater quality;
4. Establish more uniform local policies and official controls for surface and groundwater management;
5. Prevent erosion of soil into surface water systems;
6. Promote groundwater recharge;
7. Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities; and
8. Secure the other benefits associated with the proper management of surface and ground water.

To respond to these goals, this section of the plan describes the set of issues requiring implementation action. MN Rule 8410 describes a list of required plan elements. Carver County has determined the following issues to be of higher priority. Items not covered in this plan will be addressed as necessary to accomplish the higher priority goals. Each issue is summarized followed by background information, specific goals, and implementation steps. The issues include:

- Surface Water Management
- Impaired Waters and TMDL Approach
- Urban Stormwater Management
- Wetland Management
- Agricultural Practices
- Sanitary Sewer Discharge
- Upland Natural Resource Management
- Groundwater Management
- Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Education
- Monitoring and Assessment