# Red Cedar River Water Quality Partnership

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#### Thanks For Your Work & Support!

Civic Organizing for Watershed and Lake Management-WDNR Grant



### Tainter Lake - July 2011

Impaired Waters and Impaired Community Capacity

# Culture in Dunn County and Red Cedar Watershed-2011

- Mistrust and Finger Pointing.
- Limited Partnerships and Capacity to Address Water Resource Issues.
- Contentious.
- Lack of Understanding of Roles and Responsibilities by Citizens.
- Inter and Intra Agency Communication Issues.
- Limited Imagination to Address Complex Problems.



## Water Quality Partnership Structure Influenced TMDL Process

- Civic Governance Standards and Principles Guided the TMDL Implementation Planning Process.
- Established a Purposeful and Focused Effort.
- Stakeholder Assessment Occurred Early in the Process and Collaborative Partnerships Developed.
- Progress Was Achieved Through Structured Agendas That Included Purpose Statements and Meeting Evaluations.
- Meeting Outcome Documents Tracked Progress and Identified Roles/Responsibilities of Team Members.
- Trust and Collaboration Progressively Increased.

### Initiatives Emerged

- Red Cedar Watershed Working Group Initiated a WDNR Lake Protection Grant/Army Corp Hosted By WCWPC.
- NSF-LAKES: REU at UW-Stout.
- Dunn County Initiated a Soil Health Demonstration Farm and a Farmer Led Council.
- Dunn County Hired Water Quality Specialist
  & Established a Water Resource Fund.
- City of Menomonie Updated Storm Water Plan and is Addressing the Jarrett Creek Watershed and Implementing MIDS.
- Red Cedar Conference Continues to Expand in Support of this Effort.



# Partnership Committed to Sustainable Implementation

- Water Quality Partnership Team Committed Up Front to Serve as Active Agents to Ensure Successful Implementation.
- Monthly Check-Ins and By-Monthly Meetings Continue.
- Collaboration Continues to Expand and Develop.
- Citizens are the Centerpiece of this Implementation Plan.



#### TMDL Helped Build Community Capacity

We Continue to Engage Stakeholders and Build More Partnerships!!

#### This TMDL Will Not Set On A Shelf!

## Together We Make a Difference!!



A Water Quality Strategy for the Land and Waters of the Red Cedar River Basin



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