




Targeting Waterbodies: The figure below identifies short-term priorities for protection and restoration of specific waterbodies as well as long-term priorities based on the assessment data and targeting tools.



Short-Term Strategies

Figure 8 Targeted Waterbodies

Protection:






-  Blue Lake, Isanti County. Lakes near impairment threshold.
-  Lake George, Anoka County. Lake with declining water quality trend.
-  Rum River, multiple Counties. Vulnerable to riparian corridor land use changes, habitat degradation and erosion.

Restoration:


-  S. Stanchfield and Skogman Lake. Waterbodies upstream of impaired waters, where improvements will create benefits in multiple waterbodies.
-  Impaired waters used for contact recreation.

Long-Term Strategies

Protection:

-  Rum River, multiple counties. High value fishery & recreation. State Wild & Scenic Recreational River. Subject to landuse change and increased drainage. Mentioned frequently in stakeholder feedback during civic engagement efforts.
-  Cedar Creek, Isanti & Anoka County. Decreasing IBI scores and threshold impairments.
-  Onamia-Ogeechie-Shakopee chain of lakes in Mille Lacs County. Important to State Parks and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.
-  Lewis Lake, Kanabec County. Monitoring volunteers and residents note declining water transparency and small watershed makes near lake management critical.
-  Mille Lacs, Borden & Round Lake. Lakes with Cisco, a sensitive fish species.

Restoration:

-  All other impaired waters

