

“Refreshing” the Eau Claire River Watershed Plan

The Eau Claire River Watershed covers over 882 square miles and parts of five counties.

Its rivers drain into the Eau Claire River, which eventually flows into the Chippewa River in downtown Eau Claire. These water bodies are unsurpassed assets with great natural, recreational, and economic value.

HEALTHY SOILS & HEALTHY WATERS

A Community Strategy for the Eau Claire River Watershed



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The Eau Claire River 9KE Watershed Plan

Many of our lakes and streams do not meet water quality standards due to phosphorus, algae blooms, and degraded habitat. In 2015-2017, a coalition of residents, landowners, lake groups, farmers, public agencies, and various other stakeholders worked together to identify strategies to keep our surface waters clean and our soils healthy.

The resulting 9-Key Element (9KE) Plan encourages and supports land management and agricultural best practices to decrease non-point source pollution, such as phosphorus and sediment runoff. The Plan assists County Land Conservation offices and other partners in securing grant funding for agricultural and water quality-related efforts.

Watershed Plan Update

West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is assisting the Watershed Coalition with an update to the 9KE Plan. The Plan update, to be completed in early 2027, will include:

- review of progress on 2017 Plan strategies
- evaluate of data gaps (e.g., what data do we have and do we need most need?)
- a watershed resident survey
- more focused recommendations with priority subwatersheds and strategies
- a survey of area elected officials
- creation of a traveling display to share the updated plan



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Since 2016, the Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition has continued to meet regularly to coordinate and advocate for the implementation of the Eau Claire River Watershed Plan.

Recently, the Eau Claire River Watershed Association was formed as a non-profit extension of the Coalition's efforts.