

Acronyms used in water resource management

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources – 11/01

State, Regional, and Local Government

BWSR.....	Board of Water and Soil Resources (state)
CAC.....	Citizen Advisory Committee
CHS.....	Community Health Service (regional)
DNR.....	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (state)
DOER.....	Minnesota Department of Employee Relations (state)
JPA.....	Joint Powers Agreement (local)
LCMR.....	Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (state)
LGU.....	Local Governmental Unit (local)
MDA.....	Minnesota Department of Agriculture (state)
MDH.....	Minnesota Department of Health (state)
MDNR or DNR.....	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (state)
MDOT.....	Minnesota Department of Transportation (state)
MetC.....	Metropolitan Council (regional)
MES.....	Minnesota Extension Service (state – old term no longer in use)
MGS.....	Minnesota Geological Survey (state)
MPCA or PCA.....	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state)
OEA.....	Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance (state)
OWM.....	Minnesota Office of Waste Management (state)
RC&D.....	Resource Conservation & Development, USDA (federal)
RDC.....	Regional Development Commission (regional)
SWCD.....	Soil and Water Conservation District (local)
TAC.....	Technical Advisory Committee
UM Ext.....	University of Minnesota Extension Service (state)
WD.....	Watershed District (local)
WMO.....	Watershed Management Organization (local)

Federal Agencies

ACE or ACOE.....	Army Corp of Engineers (federal)
ASCS.....	Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, USDA (federal) (no longer in use, replaced by Farm Services Administration - FSA)
COE.....	Army Corp of Engineers (federal)
EPA.....	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (federal)
FEMA.....	Federal Emergency Management Agency (federal)
FSA.....	Farm Services Administration, USDA (federal)
HUD.....	Housing and Urban Development Department (federal)
NRCS.....	Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA (federal)
SCS.....	Soil Conservation Service, USDA (federal) (no longer in use, replaced by Natural Resources Conservation Service - NRCS)
USDA.....	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USF&WS.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (federal)
USGS.....	U.S. Geological Survey (federal)

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Organizations

ADA	Association of (Watershed) District Administrators (state)
AMC	Association of Minnesota Counties (state)
AMT	Association of Minnesota Townships (state)
LMC	League of Minnesota Cities (state)
MACDE	Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees (state)
MACPZA	Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators (state)
MASWCD	Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (state)
MAWD	Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (state)
MLA	Minnesota Lakes Association (state)
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts (national)
RCM	Rivers Council of Minnesota (state)
SWCS	Soil and Water Conservation Society (national with state chapters)

Programs

ACP	Agricultural Conservation Program (federal)
CLWP	Comprehensive Local Water Planning (state)
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program (federal)
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (federal and state)
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentive Program (federal)
FDR	Flood Damage Reduction (federal)
LAP	Lake Assessment Program (state)
MFIP	Minnesota Forestry Improvement Program (state)
NEMO	Nonpoint Source Education for Municipal Officials (local with national network)
RIM	Reinvest in Minnesota Program (state)
SLR	Streambank, Lakeshore, and Roadside Program (state)
VSMP	Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership (metro)
WCA	Wetland Conservation Act (state)

Terms

BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Geographic Positioning System
NPS	Nonpoint Source Pollution
TDML	Total Daily Maximum Load (federal and state)