



**South Central Minnesota Water Town Hall  
Minnesota State University – Mankato**

**Wednesday, August 16 — 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

- 5:30 p.m. Registration Open**
- Participation Activities: “Water Drop” and kids’ coloring activity
- 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Begins – Welcome and Introductions**
- Anna Henderson, Water Advisor to Governor Mark Dayton
  - Dr. Richard Davenport, MSU Mankato, President
  - Eric Anderson, Mayor, City of Mankato
  - Mark Dehen, Mayor, City of North Mankato
- 6:55 p.m. South Central Minnesota Water Challenges and Opportunities**
- Regional water challenges and opportunities:  
Kim Musser, Acting Director, Water Resource Center, MSU-Mankato
  - Regional water action and commitment:  
Pete Moulton, Director of Public Works, City of St. Peter  
Mike Roll, Crystal Waters Project  
Steve Trio, Blue Earth County farmer
- 7:15 p.m. Breakout Session**
- Facilitator: Jerry Nagel, PhD, Meadowlark Institute
  - Discussions will address the following questions:
    - 1) What goals could be established to improve water quality by 25 percent in South Central Minnesota?
    - 2) What actions are needed to get to these goals for South Central Minnesota?
    - 3) What specific next steps are needed to move these actions forward now?
- 8:20 p.m. Closing Comments – What We’ve Heard in South Central Minnesota**

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*"I ask all Minnesotans to join me in finding solutions that will ensure our children and grandchildren inherit clean water to drink, swim, and fish in. This is everyone's challenge, and everyone's responsibility." – Governor Mark Dayton*

## Example 25 by 25 Regional Water Quality Improvement Goals

### Reductions in Water Pollutants

- Reduction in phosphorus levels in our lakes
- Reduction in sediment erosion that ends up in our streams
- Reduction in nitrogen in surface water and groundwater

### Protect Drinking Water

- Increase protection of land where drinking water recharges
- Increase the number of private wells tested for contaminants
- Reduction in non-compliant septic systems

### Increase Access and Improve Water Recreation

- Reduction in beach closures
- Reduction in days when boating, skiing, tubing and fishing are impaired by algae blooms
- Increase access to water recreation for underrepresented groups

### Increase Water Protection on Agricultural Lands

- Increase acres of perennial crops
- Increase in farms that are Ag Water Quality Certified
- Increase acres of row crops in no-till

### Increase Water Protection in Urban Areas

- Increase in water capture and reuse to decrease overall water use
- Reduction in road salt used by cities through improved storage and efficiencies
- Decrease in acres of parking lots with impervious surfaces

### Increase Public Engagement

- Increase in water quality education opportunities
- Increase in lake association memberships
- Increase in public participation in watershed planning meetings