



**Southeast Minnesota Water Town Hall
Rochester Community and Technical College Heintz Commons**

Monday, July 31 — 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**
- Welcome: Anna Henderson, Water Advisor to Governor Mark Dayton
 - Introduction to Governor Dayton: Nick Campion, Rochester City Council
 - Remarks: Governor Dayton
- 6:40 p.m. Southeast Minnesota Water Challenges and Opportunities**
- Regional water challenges and opportunities:
Rylee Main, Executive Director of the Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance
 - Regional water action and commitment:
Tom Cotter, Farmer from Mower County
- 6:55 p.m. Breakout Session**
- Facilitator: Jerry Nagel, PhD, Meadowlark Institute
 - Discussions will address the following questions:
 - 1) What goals would you like to see to improve water quality by 25 percent in Southeast Minnesota?
 - 2) What actions are needed in your region to improve water quality?
 - 3) What would it take to move these actions forward?
- 8:15 p.m. Closing Comments – What We’ve Heard in Southeast Minnesota**
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson
 - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner John Linc Stine
 - Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger

Please participate online at Pigeonhole Live

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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