

8410.0020 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this part and in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.205, apply to parts 8410.0010 to 8410.0180.

Subp. 2. **Board.** "Board" means the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources created by Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101.

Subp. 3. **Capital improvement.** "Capital improvement" means a physical improvement that is not directed toward maintenance of an in-place system during its life expectancy.

Subp. 4. **Metropolitan Council or council.** "Metropolitan Council" or "council" means the Metropolitan Council as created by Minnesota Statutes, section 473.123.

Subp. 5. **Flooding problem.** "Flooding problem" means a flooding problem that has been identified as a problem by the watershed management organization or local unit of government.

Subp. 6. **Groundwater plan.** "Groundwater plan" means a county plan adopted under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.255.

Subp. 7. **Local comprehensive plan.** "Local comprehensive plan" has the meaning given "comprehensive plan" in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.852, subdivision 5.

Subp. 8. **Local government unit or unit.** "Local government unit" or "unit" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.852, subdivision 7.

Subp. 9. **Metropolitan Water Management Act.** "Metropolitan water management act" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, sections 103B.201 to 103B.255.

Subp. 10. **Minor plan amendments.** "Minor plan amendments" means items such as recodification of the plan, revision of a procedure meant to streamline administration of the plan, clarification of the intent of a policy, the inclusion of additional data not requiring interpretation, or any other action that will not adversely affect a local unit of government or diminish a water management organization's ability to achieve its plan's goals or implementation program.

Subp. 11. **Minor watershed unit.** "Minor watershed unit" means each of the approximately 5,600 minor watershed units delineated on the state watershed boundaries map prepared under the requirements of Laws 1977, chapter 455, section 33, subdivision 7, paragraph (a).

Subp. 12. **Metropolitan Urban Service Area or area.** "Metropolitan Urban Service Area" or "area" has the meaning given on maps prepared by the Metropolitan Council. The latest version of the map identifying the area is incorporated by reference and is subject to periodic change. The latest version of the map identifying the area is available from the State

Law Library through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. The area is the seven-county metropolitan area that the council is committed by policy to provide regional planning for sanitary sewer, highway, transit, park, and airport facilities.

Subp. 13. **Natural surface water storage and retention systems.** "Natural surface water storage and retention systems" means public waters and wetlands as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivisions 15 and 19.

Subp. 14. **Official controls.** "Official controls" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.852.

Subp. 15. **Plan.** "Plan" means the watershed management plan prepared by a watershed management organization or county as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.231, subdivision 1.

Subp. 16. **Plan review authorities.** "Plan review authorities" means the Metropolitan Council, the Department of Health, the Department of Natural Resources, the Pollution Control Agency, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and counties, cities, towns, and soil and water conservation districts partially or wholly within the watershed management organization as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.231, subdivisions 7, 8, and 9.

Subp. 17. **Public waters.** "Public waters" means waters of the state identified as public waters under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.

Subp. 18. **Seven-county metropolitan area.** "Seven-county metropolitan area" means the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington, excluding the corporate boundaries of the city of New Prague.

Subp. 19. **Subwatershed unit.** "Subwatershed unit" means a hydrologic area less than the entire area under the jurisdiction of a watershed management organization.

Subp. 20. **Watershed.** "Watershed" means a drainage area with boundaries that are substantially coterminous with those of an aggregation of contiguous minor watershed units possessing similar drainage patterns and that cross the borders of two or more local government units.

Subp. 21. **Watershed district.** "Watershed district" means a district established under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103D.

Subp. 22. **Watershed management organization or organization.** "Watershed management organization" or "organization" means: (1) a watershed district wholly within the metropolitan area; or (2) a joint powers entity established wholly or partly within the metropolitan area by special law or by agreement that performs some or all of the functions of a watershed district that has the characteristics and the authority specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.211. Counties may be watershed management organizations if a joint powers watershed management organization does not perform and

the responsibility for plan preparation is deferred to the counties. Lake improvement or conservation districts are not watershed management organizations.

Subp. 23. **Wetlands.** "Wetlands" means waters of the state identified as wetlands under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 19.

Subp. 24. **Wetland banking system.** "Wetland banking system" means an accounting system established by a unit of government for the purpose of tracking and managing net losses and gains to wetland values that occur as a result of development.

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