

**YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!
WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOUR WATER?
PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN**

**Sibley County
Citizens Survey of Water Resource Management Issues**

Township or city where you live (or own land) _____

Watershed where you live (or own land) _____ Rush River _____ High Island Creek
 _____ Buffalo Creek (CROW) _____ Bevens/Silver Creek _____ Eight Mile/Little Rock Creek

Source of your drinking water: _____ Private well _____ City/municipal water supply

1. Rank from 1 to 9 the issues that impact water in Sibley County. (1=most important)

- _____ **Water quantity**
- _____ **Soil erosion and runoff**
- _____ **Livestock waste**
- _____ **Human sewage**
- _____ **Solid waste**
- _____ **Pesticide and fertilizer use**
- _____ **Drinking water quality**
- _____ **Protection of sensitive areas**
- _____ **Fuels and hazardous materials storage and transportation**
- _____ **Other**

2. Under each issue, check those items that are priorities to you.

ISSUE: Water quantity

- _____ Urban stormwater
- _____ Agricultural drainage
- _____ Extremely high or low flows in rivers and streams

ISSUE: Soil erosion

- _____ From agricultural lands
- _____ From urban areas
- _____ From construction sites
- _____ From ravines, stream banks and shoreland

ISSUE: Livestock waste

- _____ Runoff from feedlots
- _____ Runoff from fields that received manure application
- _____ Over application of manure
- _____ Dead animal disposal

ISSUE: Human sewage

- _____ Failing or non-conforming septic systems
- _____ Pollutant limits exceeded by city wastewater plants
- _____ Poor operation and maintenance of septic systems by homeowners

ISSUE: Solid Waste

- _____ Poor recycling practices by homeowners and businesses
- _____ Improper disposal of household hazardous waste
- _____ Lack of rural garbage pickup
- _____ Backyard burn barrels that release dioxin into the air

ISSUE: Pesticide and fertilizer use

- _____ Over application of agricultural chemicals
- _____ Fall application of anhydrous ammonia
- _____ Over application of lawn and garden chemicals
- _____ Backflow of chemicals into wells used for agricultural chemical mixing operations
- _____ Atrazine and other pesticides in surface water and ground water

ISSUE: Drinking water quality

- _____ Nitrate-nitrogen in wells over the drinking water standard of 10 parts/million
- _____ Coliform bacteria in wells that make the water unsafe for drinking
- _____ Abandoned wells that funnel contaminants into the aquifer
- _____ Need for testing of private wells for contamination
- _____ Need for preventing contamination of public water supplies (city and other public wells)
- _____ Arsenic in wells

ISSUE: Protection of sensitive areas

- _____ Loss of wetlands which store and filter water
- _____ Development or damage in shoreland, floodplain or riparian (streamside) areas
- _____ Destruction of unique and rare plant and animal communities
- _____ Need to use natural resource information in land use decision making
- _____ Wellhead protection areas

ISSUE: Fuels and hazardous materials storage and transportation

- _____ Presence of old underground storage tanks
- _____ Lack of automatic nozzles and overfill protection on farm fuel barrels
- _____ Need for knowledge of groundwater pathways in the event of a spill
- _____ Need for secondary containment for tanks storing fuel and hazardous materials

Additional Comments: