PTMApp Prioritize, Target, and Measure Application

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nEngineering Inc.

Why was PTMApp Developed

 MN Clean Water Accountability Act

One Watershed, One plan

PTMApp COMPONENTS

Create Products Using PTMApp–DESKTOP

- Free for download and use
- ArcGIS Toolbar
- Based planning data included
- Creates products
- Includes example uses





Internet Access of Product Using PTMApp–WEB

- Targeted Implementation Strategy
- Grant Applications
- One Watershed One Plan
- Refine WRAPs

PROJECTTEAM



Funding

- Clean Water Fund
- Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources
- Red River Watershed Management Board

Project Team/Production

- International Water Institute
- Houston Engineering, Inc.

Application to North Dakota – A couple thoughts

- Information to aid in Nutrient Reduction Strategies
- Core Prioritization, including:
 - Nutrient Source Identification
 - BMP suitability
 - BMP Load reductions (sediment and nutrients)
- Targeting Nutrient Reduction Wetlands



Example Products and Uses









DESCRIBE: Watershed Condition



PRIORITIZE: Your Resource Concerns



PRIORITIZE: Sources Delivering Largest Downstream Loads



PRIORITIZE: Evaluate Practice Feasibility



TARGET: Estimated Practice WQ Benefits



TARGET: Best Practice Locations (WQ Benefit Only)



TARGET: Best Practice Locations (WQ, Profitability, Willing Participation)



Target: Consider Profitability (not in PTMApp)



MEASURE: Benefits of Targeted Implementation Plan



Some Final Thoughts

No tool is perfect. Define the problem, use the right tool. **PTMApp is for Water Quality Planning**

Limitations

- PTMApp Desktop Processing Times
- Spatial resolution of Land Use / Land Cover Data
- Needs more validation in range of landscapes
- Ignores existing practices unless "entered"
- Species of TN and TP
- Lacks near channel sediment
- No hydrological routing

Final Thoughts



"Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful." - George E.P. Box







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