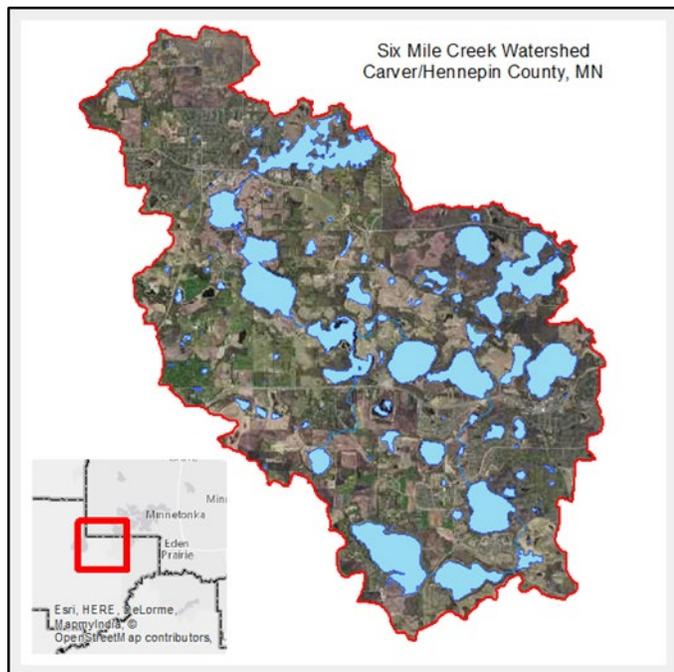




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Planning Assistance to States: Six Mile Creek Watershed, Minnesota



*Six Mile Creek Watershed
Carver/Hennepin County, Minnesota.*

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Location/Description

The study area is the Six Mile Creek Watershed, a 27-square mile watershed located in western Hennepin County, Minnesota. The watershed contains abundant and interconnected lakes, wetland resources and wildlife corridors, and it is anticipated to experience growth and development in the coming decades. It contains an array of needed improvement strategies.

The study will use a collaborative approach among stakeholders to identify watershed needs and aquatic resource restoration and mitigation opportunities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will perform a watershed analysis using stakeholder input and evaluate the results of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District’s planning within the Six Mile Creek Watershed to identify and prioritize restoration opportunities.

The Corps’ Planning Assistance to States (PAS) work requested by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (the sponsor) will aim to evaluate aquatic ecosystem restoration and mitigation opportunities in the watershed and develop a watershed based analysis.

Status

A partnership agreement was executed between the Corps and the sponsor in April 2016. This PAS study will be a multi-year effort and will cost a total of \$130,000. The sponsor will meet their cost share requirement through work-in-kind efforts.

The Corps has completed a preliminary watershed condition assessment for the study area. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is scheduling stakeholder meetings. The stakeholder meetings will identify and rank criteria to prioritize aquatic ecosystem restoration and mitigation opportunities in the watershed. The Corps will utilize the results of stakeholder engagement to identify priority restoration areas for stakeholder validation. The Corps expects to complete the study in fiscal year 2020.

Authority

The study was authorized by Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–251), as amended. The study was conducted under the Corps PAS program, following the 50/50 cost share formula with the non-federal sponsor.

Fiscal

The following is a summary of the funds received for the Six Mile Creek Subwatershed Mitigation Planning Assessment:

Total study cost	\$130,000
Total federal funds allocated to date	\$65,000