



**ANOKA COUNTY
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Andover ♦ Anoka ♦ Blaine ♦ Centerville ♦ Circle Pines ♦ Coon Rapids
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Statement of Purpose and Authorization

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Eleven (11) cities and Anoka County have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in accordance with Minnesota Statute §471.59 to form the Anoka County Municipal Wellhead Protection Group (Group). The City members to the Group have prepared their wellhead protection plans in accordance with Minnesota Rule §4720.5130 and wish to implement the common elements of their plans jointly in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Anoka County is committed to enhancing water resources protection and public health and finds it in the County's interest to facilitate the joint efforts of the Cities.

The original agreements executed by City Councils and the Anoka County Board of Commissioners are on file with the Anoka County Attorney's Office. Copies of the executed agreements are available from Anoka County Environmental Services which is the Group's "facilitator."

The purpose of the Anoka County Municipal Wellhead Protection Group is to:

1. Implement common elements of the Group's wellhead protection plans;
2. Establish a joint user group to address activities related to their agreement;
3. Authorize Anoka County to act as facilitator and agent contracting for services or applying for grants;
4. Allocate costs; and
5. Receive and disburse grants.

The JPA authorizes the Group to:

1. Investigate methods and costs to jointly implement wellhead protection activities;
2. Establish processes in which joint wellhead protection activities will be implemented;
3. Request consultant(s) qualifications and proposal to implement the Group's work plan;
4. Seek grants and other methods to fund implementation of the Group's activities; and
5. Establish the apportioned cost for each City to jointly implement their wellhead protection plans.

Anoka County provides services to the Group including:

- Anoka County Environmental Services will facilitate and assist the Group in the conduct of its affairs;
- The County shall serve as fiscal agent for the Group to receive and disperse funds as authorized by the Group entering into grant applications on behalf of the Group.
- The County shall maintain records and documents related to Group's matters.
- Contracts and grant applications made pursuant to this agreement shall be made by the County and conform to requirements applicable to the County.

The Cities that have executed the Joint Powers Agreement are:

- City of Andover – July 15, 2014
- City of Anoka – October 6, 2010
- City of Blaine – October 27, 2010
- City of Centerville – October 14, 2010
- City of Circle Pines – November 23, 2010
- City of Coon Rapids – January 16, 2018
- City of Fridley – February 10, 2011
- City of Lexington – October 21, 2010
- City of Lino Lakes – March 14, 2011
- City of St. Francis – April 7, 2014
- City of Spring Lake Park – December 7, 2010