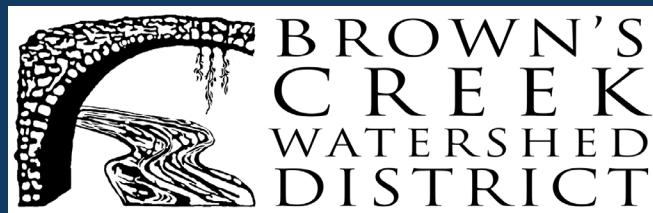




# BCWD Regulatory Program



Partner Meeting

November 21, 2024





# Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction
- Regulatory Program Overview
- Considerations for Change
- Facilitated Discussions
- Wrap-Up & Next Steps





# Purpose

- Gain feedback on current BCWD regulatory program
- Provide recommendations to Board of Managers for future decisions
  - Watershed Management Plan
  - Regulatory Program
    - *Rules*
    - *Processes*
    - *Outreach & Information*





# Expectations



- Actively participate
- Make space for others
- Respect other opinions
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- Listen
- Be as specific as possible
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# Who is in the Room?

- Name
- Organization
- How you have interacted with the BCWD regulatory program in the past



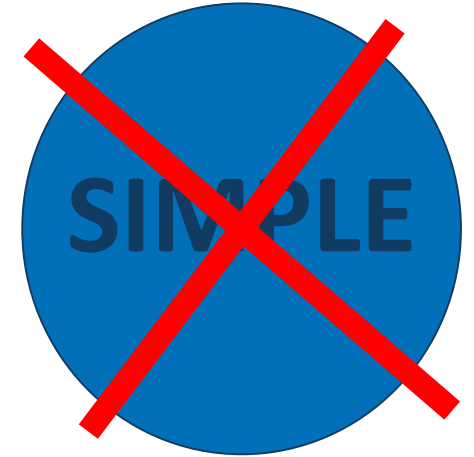




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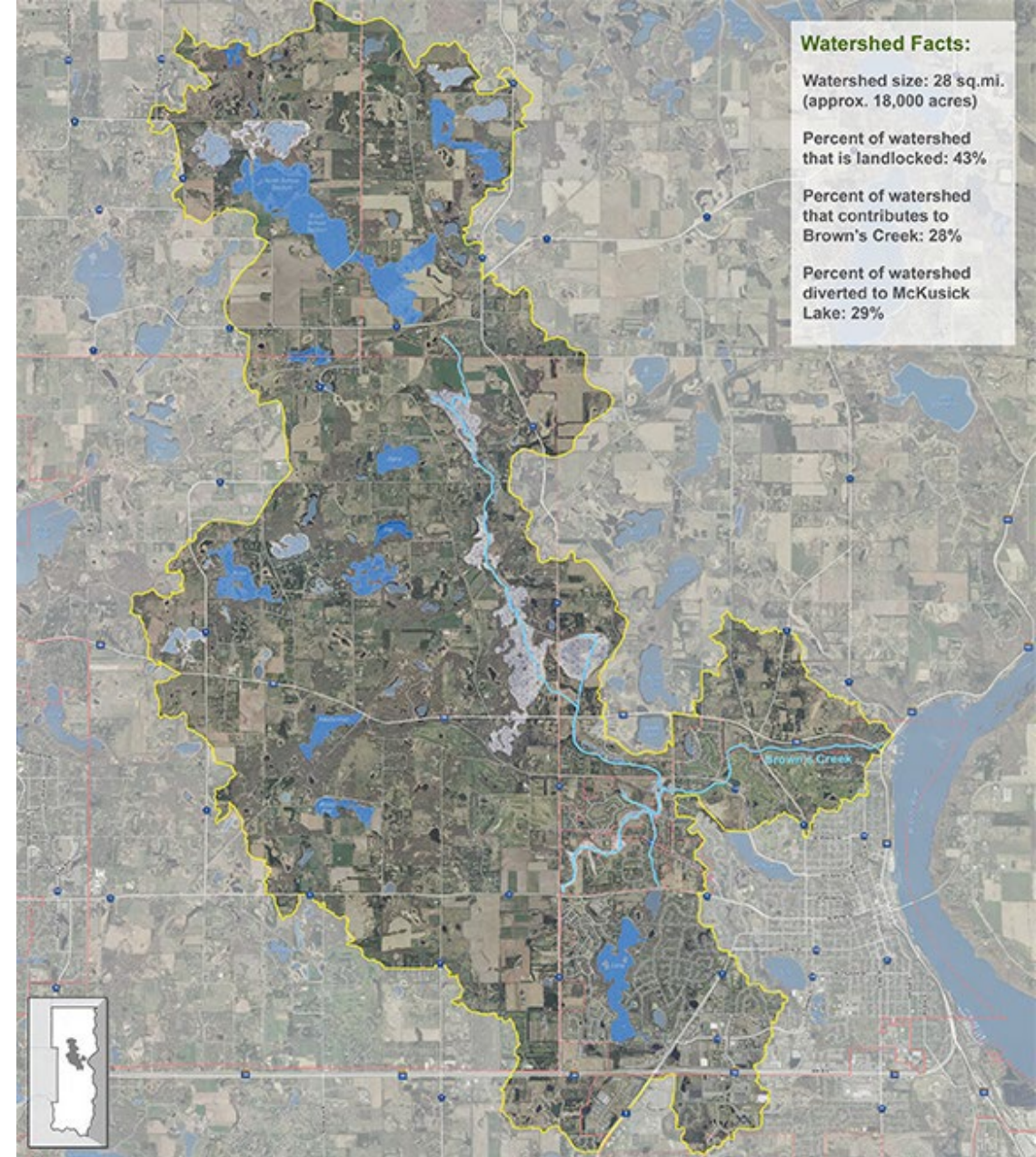


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# BCWD Overview

- Established in 1997
- Conserves natural resources through land use planning, flood control, and conservation projects
- 28 square miles, 18,000 acres
- Characteristics
  - 43% of the watershed is landlocked
  - 28% of the surface water & 100% of groundwater contributes to Brown's Creek
  - 29% of the watershed is diverted south to Lake McKusick





# Regulatory Authority

- Rules and regulations as required by Minnesota statute
- Reflect intent to minimize and mitigate for the impacts of land development that could degrade lakes, streams, and wetlands
- Permitting requirements for
  - Stormwater management
  - Erosion & sediment control
  - Buffers
  - Shoreline alterations
  - Water crossings
  - Flood control





# Viewpoint for Rules



**Environment**



**People**



**Economy**



# Past Processes & Updates

**Rules Revision**

February 2018

**Freshwater  
Facilitated  
Workshop**

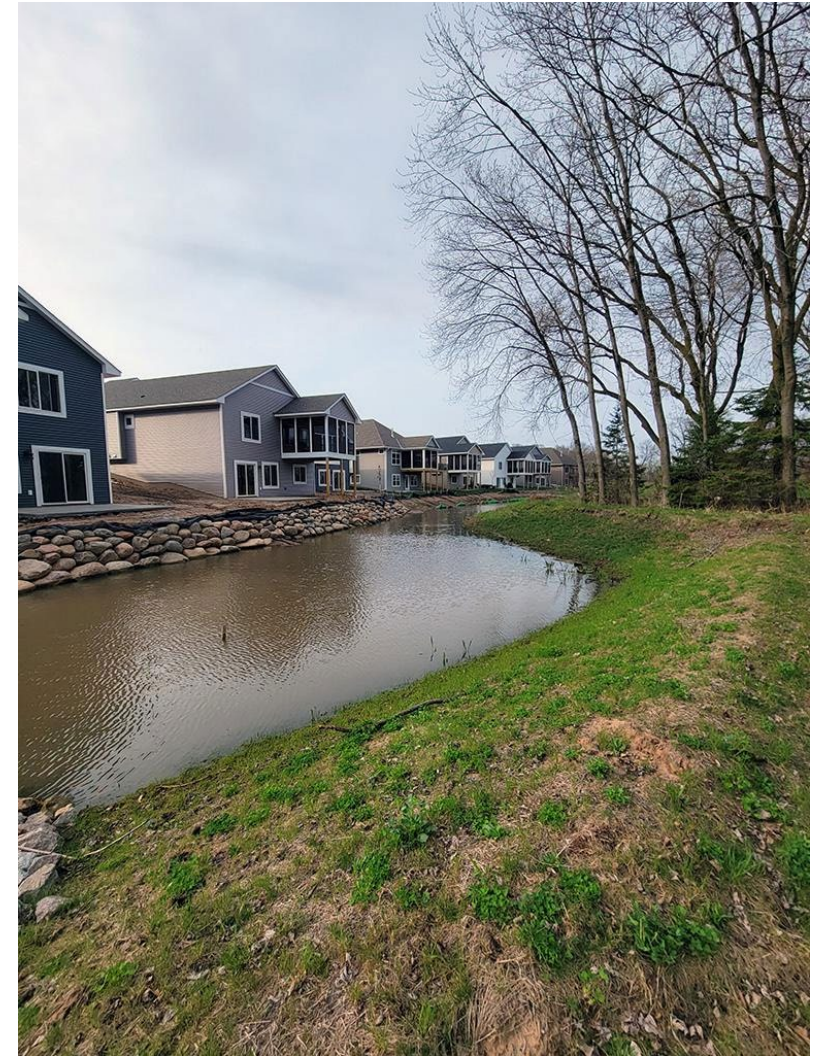
December 2018

**Current Rules Effective**

April 1, 2020

# What We Heard

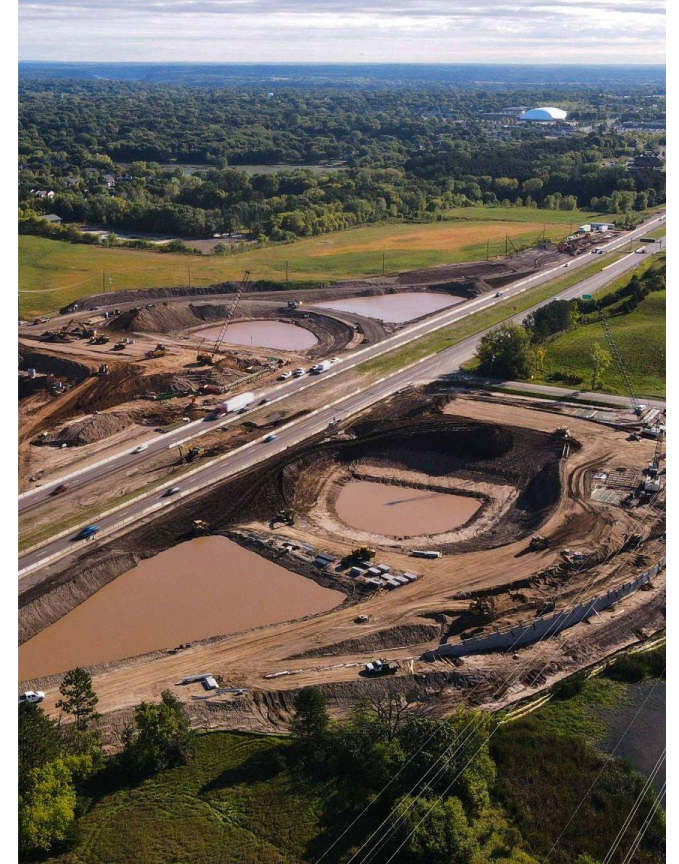
- Meet early and often - develop relationships
- Minimize impacts of time & costs
- Share the why
- Increase guidance and information
- Enhance communication about opportunities to provide input
- Provide opportunities to provide regional treatment
- Limit duplicity with other local governmental unity
- Authorize administrator to make approvals





# Accomplishments

- Development continues & water resources continuing to improve (60.4 lbs P/year reduction since 2020 from permitting)
- Policy for pre-permit meeting waiving cost = Increased number of pre-permit meetings
- Delegated authority to staff = erosion control & single-family home permits, financial assurance reductions, permit transfer/extension/closures admin only
- Enhanced communication to provide input = enhanced stakeholder outreach & this meeting
- Regional Treatment = more reuse systems (15/36 interchange, Sundance Townhomes, Stillwater Oaks, Elliot Crossing, Liberty Classical)
- Website update
- MIDS in diversion drainage/not going to Brown's Creek (Stillwater/Oak Park Heights) = consistency/flexible options



# BCWD Rules

1.0: Procedural Requirements

2.0: Stormwater Management

3.0: Erosion Control

4.0: Lake, Stream, & Wetland Buffer Requirements

5.0: Shoreline & Streambank Alterations

6.0: Watercourse & Basin Crossings

7.0: Floodplain & Drainage Alterations

8.0: Fees

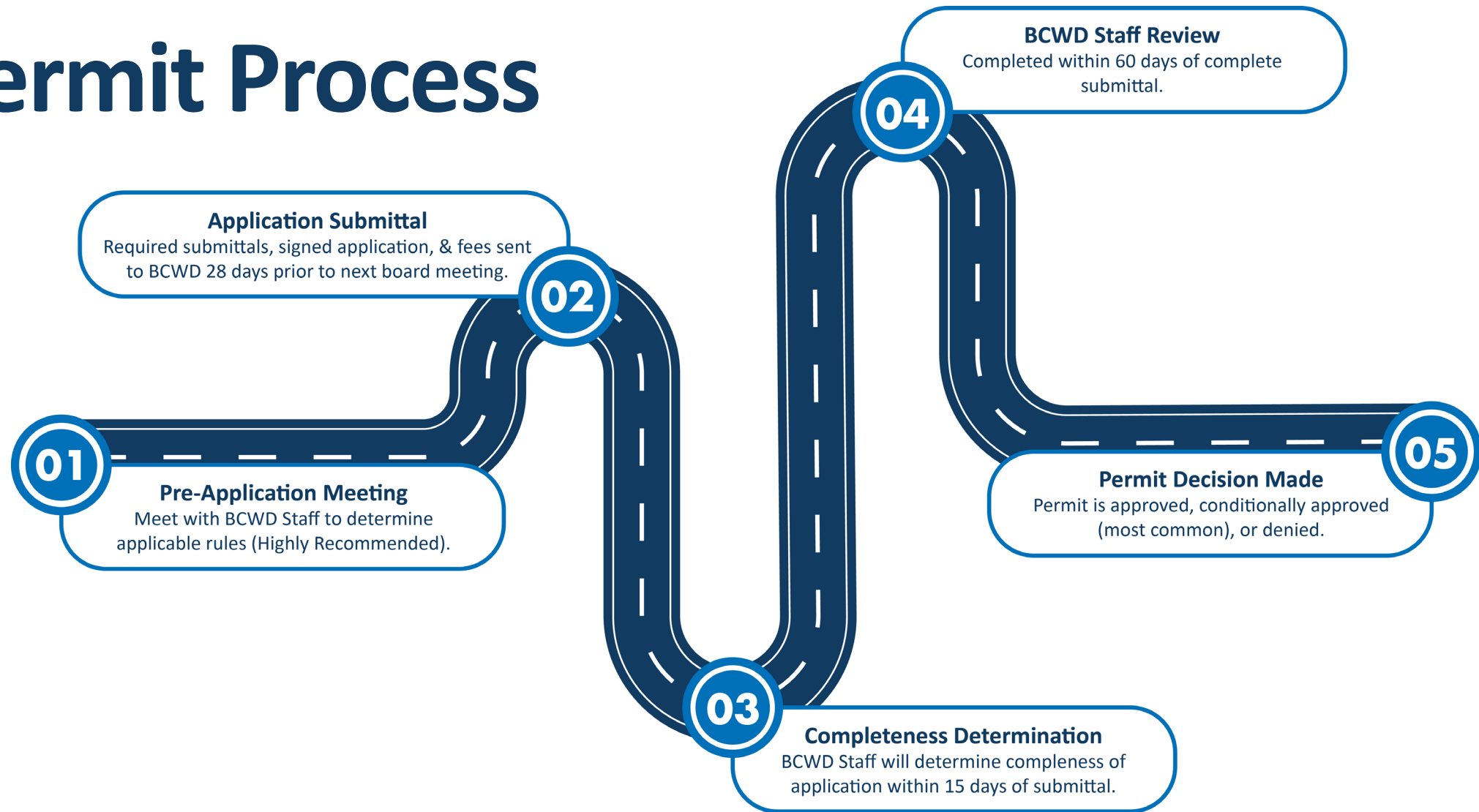
9.0: Financial Assurances

10.0: Variances

11.0: Enforcement



# Permit Process



# What COULD Change

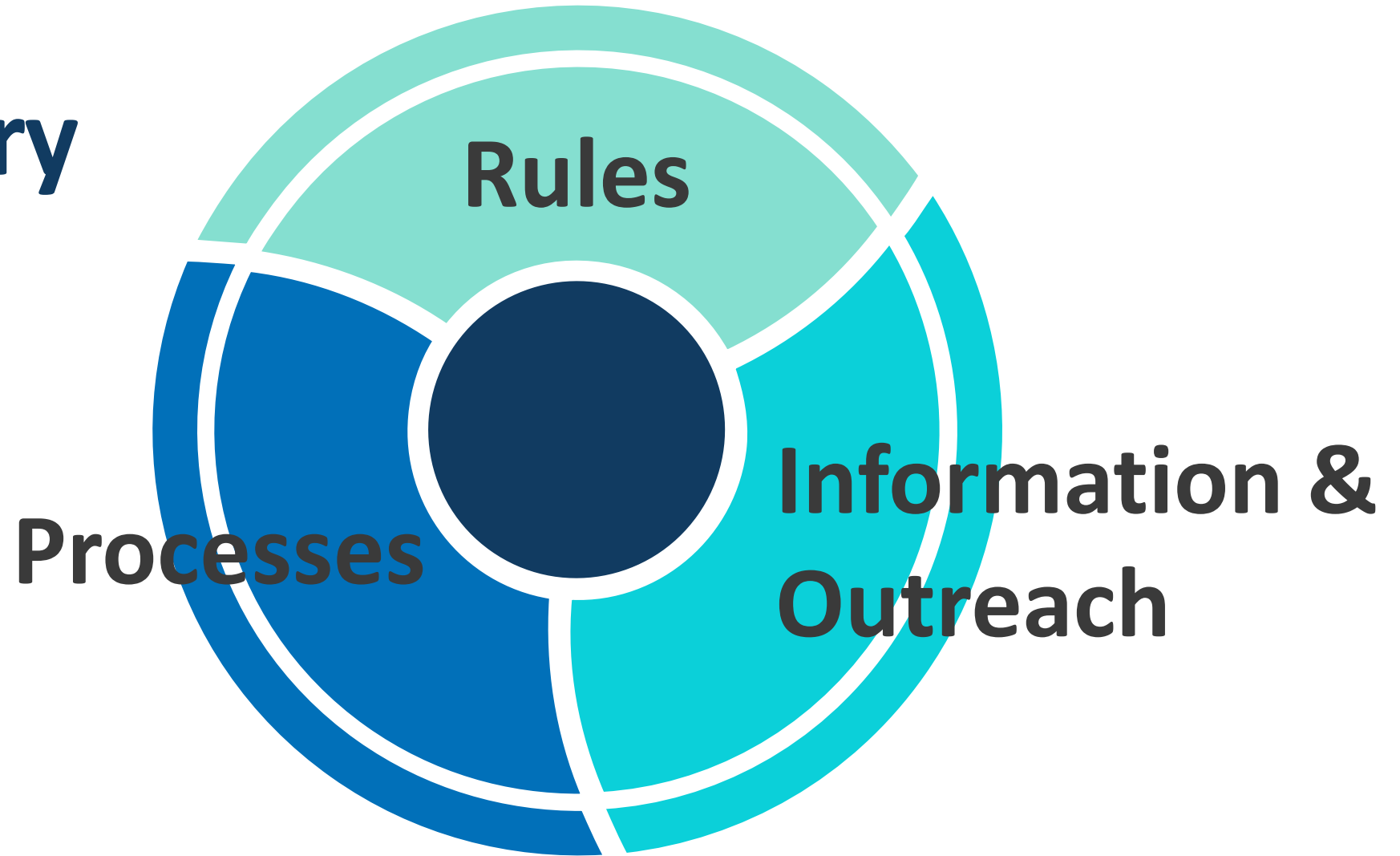
- Communication Strategy
- Clarity of Rules
- Flexibility of Rules
- Processes
- Role of the cities
- The rules themselves

# What WON'T Change

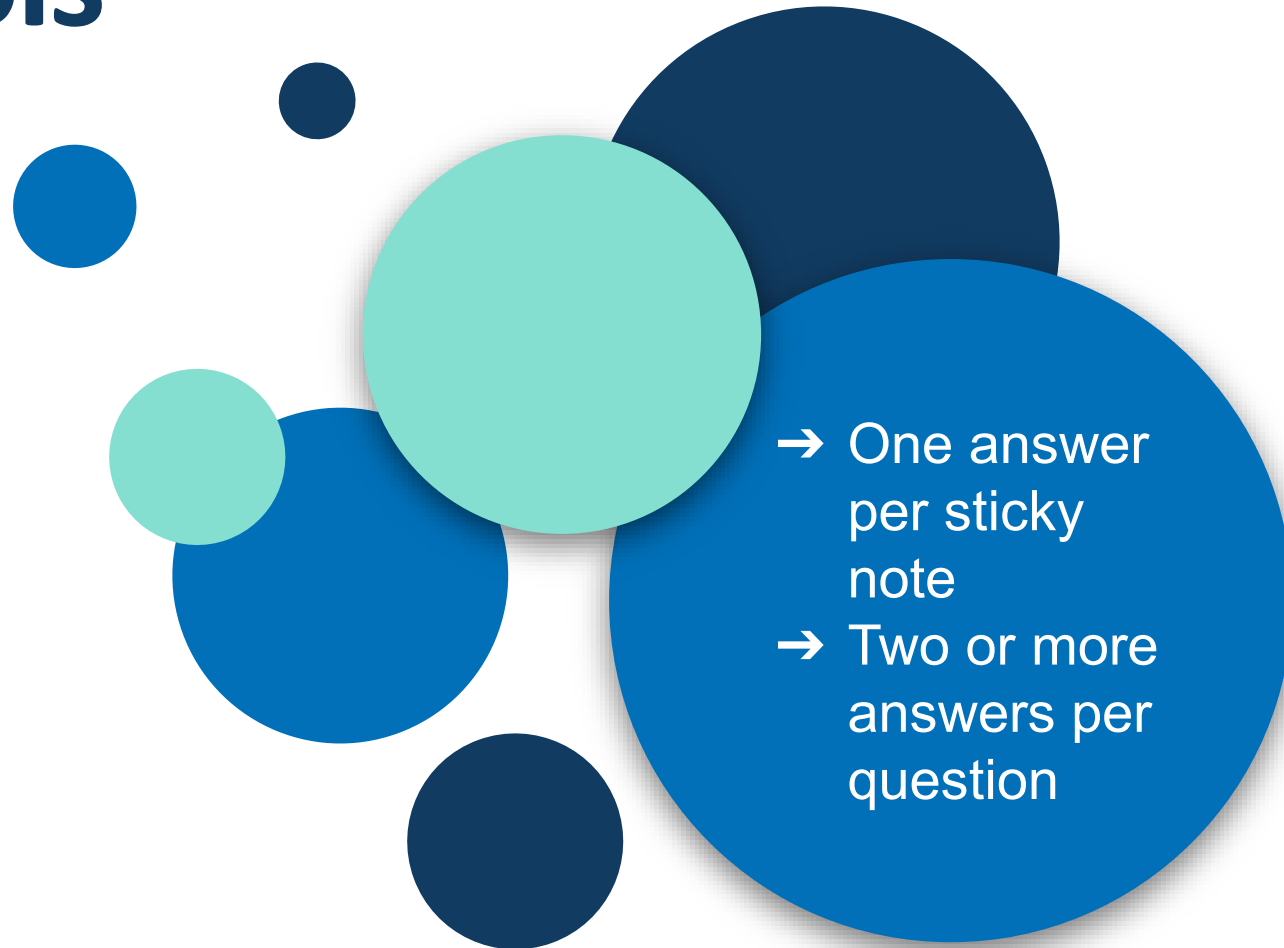
- Existence of watershed districts
- Core statutory requirements for watershed districts
- Existence of rules
- Resource protection



# BCWD Regulatory Program



# Idea Pools



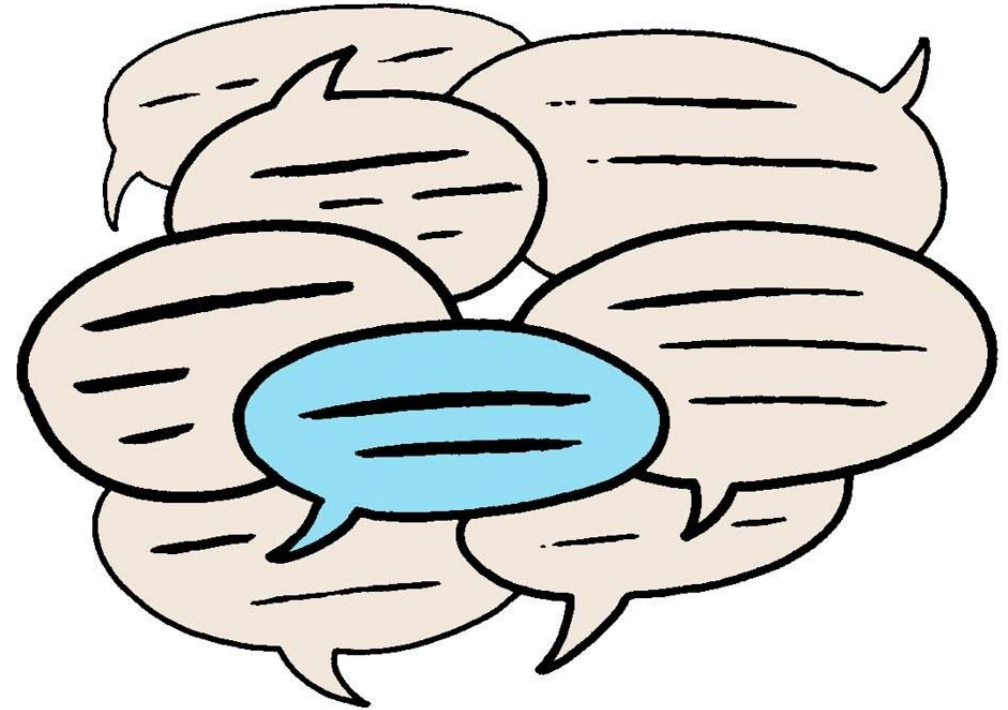




**Break**  
5 minutes

# Small Group Discussion

- What is working in the current BCWD regulatory program?
- What are improvements or changes that you would like to see in the BCWD regulatory program?
  - Think rules, processes, & outreach/information
- What would those improvements or changes result in?





# BCWD Rules

ENFORCEMENT

Stormwater  
Management

Erosion  
Control

Watercourse & Basin  
Crossings

Variations

FEE S

Financial  
Assurances

Procedural  
Requirements

Lake, Stream,  
& Wetland  
Buffer  
Requirements

Floodplain  
& Drainage  
Alterations

Shoreline  
&  
Streambank  
Alterations

# Next Steps

Nov - Dec 2024	Dec 2024	Dec 2024 - Q1 2025	Q1 2025
<div>Compile Results</div> <div>Feedback from the Nov 2024 Partner Meeting will be reviewed &amp; compiled for Board review</div>	<div>Present to Board</div> <div>Present feedback from Nov 2024 Partner Meeting to the Board</div>	<div>Board Direction</div> <div>Integrate the Board direction into a final report &amp; prepare for partners</div>	<div>Follow Up Meeting with Partners</div> <div>Partner Meeting to present report &amp; share next steps identified by the Board</div>



# Reporting & Discussion

- What other questions do you have?
- Do you feel anything was missed?
- What did you hear from others?
- Takeaways



# Thank You!

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