

## **CHAPTER 2.**

### **RELATIONSHIP OF WATERSHED DISTRICT TO BECKER COUNTY AND CITY OF DETROIT LAKES**

The District recognizes that the primary control and determination of appropriate land uses is the responsibility of Becker County (the “County”) and the City of Detroit Lakes (the “City”). Accordingly, the District will coordinate permit application reviews involving land development only after it is first demonstrated that the application has been submitted to the County or the City, where the land is located.

It is the intention of the managers to ensure that development of land within the District proceeds in conformity with the Rules, in addition to conforming with the development guides and plans adopted by the County and the City. The District will exercise control over development by its permit program described in the Rules to ensure the maintenance of stormwater management features; protect public waters, wetlands, and groundwater; and protect existing natural topography and vegetative features in order to preserve them for present and future beneficial uses. The District will review and permit projects sponsored or undertaken by other governmental units, and will require permits in accordance with the Rules for governmental projects which have an impact on water resources of the District. These projects include but are not limited to, land development and road, trail, and utility construction. The District desires to serve as technical advisors to the municipal officials in the preparation of local surface water management plans and the review of individual development proposals prior to investment of significant public or private funds.

To promote a coordinated review process between the District and local governments, the District encourages these entities to involve the District early in the planning process. The District's comments do not eliminate the need for permit review and approval if otherwise required under the Rules. The District intends to coordinate with each local government to ensure that property owners and other permit applicants are aware of the permit requirements of both bodies. By coordinating, the District and local governments also can avoid duplication, conflicting requirements, and unnecessary costs for permit applicants and taxpayers.

