

The Intersection of Equity and Clean Water in Minnesota



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Strategic Plan

- Council's strategic plan has a strategy to develop DEI plan in 2021
- Reached out to all four ethnic councils
- FY22-23 Clean Water Fund recommendations
 - Small grants program: Seeking those who haven't accessed CWF before
 - U of M research on whether water investments are equitable
 - Taking stock of past efforts
- Doing our homework
- Looking for gaps and opportunities in Clean Water Fund spending

Homework/Speakers

- National survey results: American Public Media/The Water Main, Water + Us Report
 - BIPOC more interested in learning about water than whites
- Women in agriculture: U of M; Renewing the Countryside
 - Female landowners more receptive to better water practices; feel ignored
- State-tribal relations: MIAC; Prairie Island Indian Community
 - Training, importance of consultation
- Legacy of discrimination against African-American farmers
 - Largest civil rights settlement in U.S. history re: USDA
- More on the way