

Working ENRTF Goal Statements

1. Minnesota's water resources are better managed for both water quantity and quality, ~~as a result of better understanding of the connections between surface water and groundwater.~~

Staff Suggestion:

Minnesota's water resources support aquatic life, drinking water, recreation, and other uses.

2. Minnesota's environment, natural resources, and communities are resilient in the face of climate change, land use changes, and extreme weather events.

Staff Suggestion:

Minnesota's environment, natural resources, and communities are resilient in the face of change, including climate change, land use changes, and extreme weather events.

3. Minnesota has healthy and diverse wildlife and plant populations that sustain and enhance the state's environment, economy, and quality of life.

Staff Suggestion:

Minnesota has healthy and diverse aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and plant populations that sustain and enhance the state's environment, economy, and quality of life.

4. Minnesota's public and private lands, including forests, grasslands, wetlands, and agricultural lands, provide long-term benefits to fish, wildlife, and people.

5. All Minnesotans, especially young people, have access to and take advantage of opportunities for culturally relevant and innovative connections to the lands and waters of Minnesota.

Staff Question:

Is this goal intended to be limited to only culturally relevant and innovative connections?

6. Minnesota achieves reliance on ~~nonpolluting~~, renewable energy in all sectors ~~{, including transportation, building, industry, agriculture, and others}~~.

Staff Suggested Alternatives:

- a) Minnesota's built environment is sustainable and supportive of the environment and natural resources.
- b) Minnesota sustainably uses natural resources and minimizes environmental impacts across all sectors, including energy, transportation, industry, construction, and agriculture.

7. Minnesota responds quickly and proactively to emerging environmental and natural resources issues.