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MAT Clean Water Policy for 2017 Legislative Session

MAT recognizes that clean water is a vital resource for the people of Minnesota and life as it exists on Earth. Clean drinking water is essential for all life, for healthy communities, resource protection and our economy. Clean water will lead to delivering a quality of “livability” within our Communities and State far into the future.

MAT supports to the following:

- (1) identification of all sources of water pollution;
- (2) education of all stakeholders on the best practices to reduce water pollution based on sound principle backed data, which promotes local efforts to bring people together to work toward the objectives of conserving and protecting clean water;
- (3) opportunity for townships to participate in all water management activities;
- (4) reduction of water pollution from all sources;
- (5) promotion of local control by all units of government in water-quality decision-making; and
- (6) adequate funding for all water management activities, if possible from our State’s Legacy Fund.

As we search for an agreed upon definition of what clean water is, MAT will advocate for policies and practices that promote clean water in a way that is fair to all, and ensures that all Minnesotans do their part to protect our most precious resource.