

Root River 1 Watershed 1 Plan Planning Workgroup Meeting August 21, 2015 Meeting Notes

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1. Open meeting
2. Approve Agenda
3. Confirm meeting dates / potential conflicts: August 31st Policy Committee meeting, September 4th PWG meeting, September 21st Advisory Committee meeting, October 5th Policy Committee meeting.
4. Old Business
 - a. PTMApp Use for Targeted Implementation Plan – Agreement on Concept for the Root River: Mark showed an example from the South Fork Root River of the calculations from PTMApp for estimated combined treatment benefit at the resource concern location. Average sediment reductions were shown for subwatersheds within the HUC10, at the outlet of the South Fork and at the confluence with the Mississippi. Costs were also estimated for each subwatershed. HEI is requesting additional funding from BWSR to run this for the entire Root at the HUC10 scale. Additional analysis can be done at smaller scales by trained local staff. There is funding in the 1W1P budget for four staff to get training plus staff time for trained staff to run the application for specific locations/watersheds. The toolbar is ready to be tested by a designated GIS person at the local level. ArcView 10.3 and a high end workstation are needed to run it. A GIS person in each county should be contacted about learning the application.
 - b. Implementation Draft Budget: Mark reviewed the presentation for the August 31st Policy Committee meeting, in particular the slides with information on existing funding and the budget guess. The existing funding numbers were adjusted to reflect what is available for staffing and what is for implementing projects. County allocation numbers and county levies for Local Water Management grant match will also be included. PWG members should get this information to Mark as soon as possible. Copies of the this table, the budget guess and the governance table will be included in the packet.
5. New Business
 - a. Review of Plan Section 3 : Over the next week, PWG should review section 3 at a high level to identify strategies that are missing and those that should be removed or changed, as well as overall format and organization. Those changes need to be to Mark by the end of next week. The next PWG meeting will be September 4, when a more detailed review will be done.
6. Summary of Meeting Decisions: Copies of existing funding, budget guess and governance table will be provided by Mark and included in the Policy Committee packet. PWG will do a high level review of section 3 and have comments to Mark by August 28th.
7. Adjourn: 2:45 p.m.