

Planning Workgroup for Root River One Watershed One Plan
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 9:00 AM
Conservation Building, Preston, MN

1. Facilitator for the Day – Jennifer Ronnenberg called the meeting to order.
2. Summary of Meeting Purpose – Jennifer reviewed the agenda.
3. Priority Resources, Priority Concerns, Priority Issues
 - a. Discuss the definitions and either revise or approve: The consensus was to work with the definitions as they are.
 - b. Discuss the matrix and either revise or approve: The group made revisions to the draft matrix, including:
 - Remove the word “priority” from the descriptions
 - Add Water Quantity/Other Ground Water Uses to #1 Ground Water Resource and remove water quantity issues from 1.1 and 1.2
 - Add references from one concern to another where applicable (copy text, not just the section number)
 - Add definitions for the Resources
 - Revise issue 1.2.2. “Susceptibility to surface contaminants due to connectivity of springs to the land’s surface.”
 - Add issue of emerging contaminants
 - Surface water concerns changed to 2.1 Impaired surface waters, 2.2 Protection of surface waters, and 2.3 Water quantity (too much and too little); wetlands moved to Landscape Feature with additional references in Surface Water
 - Move Wetlands to Landscape Features and Public Ditches to Infrastructure
 - Landscape features are natural features vs. infrastructure which is built
 - Add 3.7 Ground water recharge areas (wetlands, soils and Decorah shale) and 3.8 Forestland
 - Move businesses from its own concern to Education and Outreach for landowners and farmers
 - Sustainability of Communities: define sustainability as economically viable, environmentally responsible and socially acceptable. Add soil health.
 - Water resource infrastructure defined as the built environment-or man-made changes that modify hydrology
 - Infrastructure concerns: Rural Drainage Systems, Urban Drainage Systems; add urban and rural to Point Sources and Water Retention
 - c. Decide if or how protection strategies can fit into this: added in surface water section

The A-Team will wordsmith the remainder of the table and send to Mark to get ready for the April 6th Policy Committee meeting.

4. Public Kick-off Event
 - a. Decide what types of maps, how many and what presentation quality we want from HEI: A list of maps/stations was generated: general information map (roads, cities, county boundaries, rivers/streams, HUC 12 boundaries), land use map, relief map, karst map, impaired waters map,

biodiversity/trout streams/trails map with additional literature, soils station with soil health info and residue management, . Map ideas will be sent to Mark who can decide which elements can be combined. Roads, cities, county boundaries, and streams should be on all the maps for orientation.

- b. Review presentation (HEI power point): There is too much information on some slides, and some slides can be combined. Lay out clearly in the beginning what 1W1P is and what it is not. Don't use the word "potable". Use a map that is clearer and less cluttered. Use local pictures. The A-Team will discuss more with Mark.
- c. Other preparation needs: people, venue, handouts, etc: The flow of the room was discussed. The announcement prepared by Winona staff will be used. The Policy Committee needs to decide if food will be served and how to pay for it. Have pictures from the watershed playing on a loop and projected onto a screen. Request the agencies to submit their five best pictures from the watershed.
- d. Discuss if and how we want state agencies to be involved: To avoid the perception that this is a state plan, keep the agency profile low. Additional state information will be on just one table. BWSR staff will organize a display on 1W1P/Watershed Approach.

5. Other business

- a. Review revised Advisory Committee list and discuss options for the first meeting: Principle points of contact are on the list. PWG staff will make contacts with Zoning or Feedlot staff if input is needed on those particular issues. Subsets of the entire Advisory Committee can meet. To meet the timelines, the Policy Committee needs to approve the Advisory Committee list at their next meeting. The first Advisory Committee meeting will be in April.
- b. Planning regions boundaries: start discussing how we think these should be defined: These will be discussed more with Mark at the April 6th meeting.
- c. Draft Stakeholder Plan: discuss its purpose, use and if/how we want to move forward with it: Also look at this more at the April 6th meeting.
- d. Agency comment letters: recommend response (HEI suggested letter): Compose a letter using the recommended responses and send it out.

6. Summary of Meeting Decisions

7. Next meeting, facilitator(s), agenda items

- a. April 6th, 2015: following the Policy Committee meeting: Bev will facilitate
- b. See draft agenda from HEI