

Planning Workgroup for Root River One Watershed One Plan

Monday, February 27, 2017, 9:00 am

Conservation Building, 912 Houston Street NW, Preston

Meeting Notes

In attendance: Jennifer Ronnenberg, Caleb Fischer, Justin Hanson, Skip Langer, Daryl Buck, Shaina Keseley, Sheila Harmes, Dan Wermager, Donna Rasmussen

1. Review and revise the draft 2017 work plan for approval at the March Policy Committee meeting: By June or July, have the highest priorities done.
 - The subcommittee for preparing the 1-2 page summary will be Tim Ruzek, Shaina Keseley (she has WRAPS examples), Donna Rasmussen, and Sheila Harmes. Show priority areas and types of BMPs. Also get education templates finalized. Have these materials ready for June Policy Committee meeting. There is discussion about having a regional outreach person using AIS funding; this has a four-month timeframe.
 - BMP implementation is ongoing with additional based on funding.
 - Landowner engagement: form a subgroup to look at Jennifer's first interview process and the KAP survey in the Whitewater. Schedule this as a July to December activity.
 - a. Staffing needs for coordination: Discuss with Policy Committee when funding sources are known.
 - b. PTMApp discussion: BWSR has a contract with HEI to do staff training before the end of June. We should create a list of potential attendees. It is recommended that attendees have some GIS knowledge. The web-based version will be demonstrated at the trainings. Justin will be the point of contact with Matt Drewitz. Possible locations are the Olmsted County computer lab or WSU computer lab. PTMApp users should register through the HEI website. Web-based training will be one day while the desktop will likely be two or more days. Start with FSP watershed (headwaters since more uniform and fewer variables to consider) for quality control. What is PTMApp accounting for already? LiDAR would show the existing structures unless they were taken out through hydrocorrection.
2. Plan the agenda and facilitation of upcoming Advisory Committee meeting: The meeting will be March 9th at 9 am in Room 108 (confirmed) of the Fillmore County Office Building. Donna and Caleb will help facilitate. First review the roles of the Advisory Committee with them. Also review the annual plan.
 - a. Partner priorities and leads: Look at priorities with state agencies, NGOs-TU, TNC, ag groups, etc. Jennifer suggested a mapping exercise to identify priorities and projects that are in progress or planned. Remind the committee to revisit Table 5-8 in the plan while thinking about priorities over the next 2-3 years. This exercise could serve as a basis for funding and collaborative efforts.
 - b. MPCA Round 2 Intensive Monitoring plans for the Root River in 2018: This will be the second portion of the meeting
3. Plan the agenda for Policy Committee meeting on March 20, 2017: This will also be in Room 108 at 9 am. Agenda items are work plan approval, bylaws approval, and a report from the Advisory Committee meeting.
4. Discussion about "Other Waters" designation for Buffer Law maps and implementation by each county: A map or list must be completed by July 1, 2017 and submitted to the water planning authority. Counties with more than one watershed will need to complete a list for the Root River plan and for their LWM plan. Justin will coordinate a meeting of the SWCD buffer staff in the southeast counties with Tom Gile to review the BWSR criteria so there is consistency across county lines. Then the Root River list can be compiled.
5. Next meetings, facilitator(s), agenda items
 - a. Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017 (all day meeting: 9 am to 3 pm) in Room 108.
 - b. Policy Committee meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 in Room 108 at 9 am
 - c. Next PWG meeting will be May 22nd in the conference room in the SWCD Conservation Building to develop the other waters list.