

OUTCOMES:

Rum River One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) – Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: November 6, 2019

Time: 12:30-3:30 PM

Location: Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse, lower level, conf. rm D, 635 2nd Street SE, Milaca
MN 56353

Meeting called by: Planning Partners

Type of meeting: Work Planning Meeting

Note taker: Maggie Kuchenbaker, Mille Lacs SWCD

Attendees:	Tiffany Determan, Isanti SWCD	Jason Weinerman, BWSR
	Dan Cibulka, Sherburne SWCD	Barb Piechel, BWSR
	Jamie Schurbon, Anoka SWCD	George Minerich, DOH
	Sam Seybold, Aitkin SWCD	Reid Northwick, DNR
	Maggie Kuchenbaker, Mille Lacs SWCD	Bonnie Finnerty, MPCA
	Harmony Maslowski, Mille Lacs SWCD	Leah Hall, Nature Conservancy
	Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD	Len Linton, LRRWMO
	Darrick Wotachck, Isanti County	Josh Bork, NRCS
	Abby Shea, Anoka County	Ben Meister, MNDOT
	Jen Kader, Fresh Water Society	Julie Blackburn, RESPEC
	Amanda Guertin, Benton SWCD	Jen Kader, Fresh Water Society
	Dillon Hayes, Mille Lacs County	Lisa Fobbe, Policy Cmte Member
	Amy Heinen, Pheasants Forever	
	Perry Bunting, MLBO DNR	
	Chad Weise, MLBO DNR	

Welcome and Introductions.

Issue Statements:

Review and revise updated issues statements by Blackburn. Discussion on the issue statements. Reminder to the committee that each issue statement can have multiple goals under each statement.

Identify general priority locations for the issue statements by Kader. Group activity to identify priorities by region.

Surface Water #1: W.Branch, Stanchfield Creek, Isanti Brook, older urban areas, old ditches, Trout Brook, Rum River outlet.

Surface Water #2: Urban, Ag, lake criteria (headwater, impaired, access, recreational, development), Lake George, W. Branch, Estes Brook, Bogus Brook, Stanchfield Creek all have impairments.

Surface Water #3: lake criteria (same as above), intensity of land change (cabin to yearlong res.), Cisco lakes and wild rice lakes, high water quality lakes, Rum River, natural environment lakes

Ground Water #1: non-compliant septic, shallow wells, nitrate areas (middle)

Ground Water #2: south – growing demand, middle – limited water/recharge areas, middle/lower – added water towers, project area growth to prioritize

Ground Water #3: recharge areas, sensitive areas, exposed bedrock areas to be identified, data gaps (rate

of use), support geological survey, septic near recharge/sensitive areas (sand plain)

Natural Resources #1: Invasive species degrading spawning habitat, eroding river banks (W.Branch/South of Milaca Rum River, altered hydrology at the outlet by the Dam **more discussion regarding eroding river banks and Anoka Dam per input from others

Natural Resources #2: Mille Lacs Lake AIS, AIS in the Rum River (how far south, data gap), South/Central – forest invasive species

Natural Resources #3: South – preserve, west side of Mille Lacs Lake, bogs/wetlands near waterways, subdivision in middle/upper – land use changes, granite ledge waterfall

Natural Resources #4: national wetland restore data, Mille Lacs Lake (no buffers), mid to lower wetland buffers

Goals:

Establish desired future condition each issues and begin drafting the goal statements. Group activity.

Surface Water #1: No increase to urban areas, increase water storage by X%

Surface Water #2: Number of impaired lakes to improve by X%

Surface Water #3: X% nutrient reduction, no net loss in water quality

Ground Water #1: Increase knowledge of where containments start and decrease by X%

Ground Water #2: Determine how much water is needed and how much is being consumed

Ground Water #3: Increase knowledge with decision and technical people

Natural Resources #1: Protect and restore ecosystems

Natural Resources #2: Reduction and/or no new invasive species

Natural Resources #3: All current high value are maintained and ranked

Natural Resources #4: Balance habitats verses people growth, increase wetlands and banks.

All County water plans to be updated per the watershed plan.

Next Step:

Policy meeting on November 20, 2019. Items for discussion: revised issue statements, land and water resources inventory.

Implementation Advisory Committee meeting will tentatively be in January.

Next Meeting: December 18 @ 12:30 @ MLC Conference Room D.