

Implementation Advisory Committee Report on Activities

On Monday, January 6, Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) members met for their first meeting, which served four purposes:

- Introduce One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) and conditions in the Rum River watershed
- Provide feedback on draft content generated thus far in the plan development process
- Generate ideas for strategies to achieve draft goals
- Connect with other members of Implementation Advisory Committee

Following an introduction to 1W1P and the watershed, participants introduced themselves, sharing their name, who they were representing, and something about the watershed that makes them proud. Answers ranged from being able to paddle on clean water to enjoying the wildlife and natural spaces to feelings of pride around how land is managed and agriculture is supported. For many in the room, this was their first time speaking with each other.

Then, the participants were walked through each of the ten concerns one by one in order to make sure that each participant had opportunity to weigh in on all components. What they were shown was generated by the Technical Advisory Committee with input from the Policy Committee, and is included in the first column in the attached spreadsheet. Implementation Advisory Committee members were asked to respond to the same prompts asked of the Policy Committee for their review in November-- what do you like, what do you dislike, what is missing. Their responses are included in the second column. The third column captures the changes made in the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, January 13. These final drafts are included in a "clean" Word document titled "Draft Issue Statements, Desired Future Conditions, and Goals".

The draft Issue Statements, Desired Future Conditions, and 10-year Goals were then submitted to the Policy Committee for a "gut check" to make sure that efforts are continuing to proceed in a direction that makes sense and has Policy Committee buy-in. The content developed for possible strategies have been categorized the same way as all strategies identified at the beginning of this planning process from public input, official comment letters, and existing plans and studies. They will be integrated and called out as developed by the Implementation Advisory Committee after the measurable goals are fully refined and adopted, as that is when the Technical Advisory Committee will be able to move on to developing strategies for the Implementation Table.