

Lake of the Woods One Watershed One Plan Update

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News

Policy Committee Meeting 2/16/2018

- Approved the priorities of the plan (Plan Section 2)
- Received an update and summary from MN Pollution Control Agency on the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) for the LOW Watershed drafted in 2016
- Discussed Measurable Goals for the Plan
- Discussed Governance: The Policy Committee discussed how to move forward with the implementation structure when the plan is completed. Options range from a Memorandum of Agreement to the formation of a Joint Powers Board. More discussion will occur in the future.

Advisory Committee Meeting 3/1/2018

- The Advisory Committee held a special meeting to discuss and finalize the 23 proposed Measurable Goals.
- Great discussion and changes were made for a final draft on the metrics to measure for the plan.
- Reduction amounts & specific targets of the measurable goals will be addressed during the implementation planning phase.

What is a “Measurable Goal?”

Measurable Goals (MG) are utilized in planning process to focus the actions of the plan to have measurable outcomes. Establishing MG will assist the partnership in planning and also implementation by assessing the effectiveness of the work completed. At the end of this process we hope to have a set of quantifiable goals that clearly conveys expected changes in water resources during the 10 year timeframe of the watershed plan.



Jeremiah Jazdzewski of HEI presented the LOW 1W1P on behalf of the partnership at the Rainy-Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum on 3/8/2018 in International Falls.

TIMELINE: The LOW 1W1P is scheduled to be in draft form by the end of the summer of 2018. Work continues on the remaining sections of the plan: **Section 3: Measurable Goals**, **Section 4: Targeted Implementation Schedule** and **Section 5: Implementation Programs**.

CALENDAR:

- March 21, 2018: *Advisory Committee* meeting: Discuss and finalize Actions Table (Section 3)
- April 18, 2018: *Policy Committee* meeting: Approve Plan Section 3.

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