

## **Sauk River One Watershed One Plan Meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 via Zoom**

AC Present: Cole Loewen, Nathan Hylla, Deja Anton, Holly Kovarik, Dennis Fuchs, Danielle Anderson, Scott Henderson, Craig Wills, Leah Hall, Karen Voz, Anna Bosch, Ryan Lemickson, Sarah Boser

BWSR Present: Jason Weinerman, Brad Wozney

PC Present: NA

Consultant Present: Julie Blackburn

Sarah provided an update from the Policy Committee, explaining the decisions that were made during their last meeting. They made unanimous motions for moving forward as a Joint Powers Collaboration for the implementation of the plan, as well as for appointing Stearns County (ESD/Auditors Office) as the Fiscal Agent and the SRWD as the Plan Coordinator. They also discussed the Capital Improvement Project Policy and the Project Team Framework and voiced support of their intent to move forward operating within these frameworks. They will be mentioned in the JPC document to help keep them as a tool and focus for the partnership.

Julie provided a summary of the updated Implementation Table and Implementation Plan Comment documents, and expressed the need for responses to homework and finalizing the plan, as this will need to be a high priority for the AC moving forward to ensure deadlines are met.

### Highlights:

1. Implementation Actions vs Strategy
  - a. Strategies need to be converted to specific actions; otherwise the strategy will be removed from the Implementation Table and added to the narrative of the plan as a true strategy.
  - b. Keep an eye out for these when reviewing the table, make comments indicating how these items should be handled.
2. In the Comments table – pay attention to items that need follow-up from a specific person/agency, please provide this information ASAP.
3. If there is not a lead agency listed, and or if the lead is not one of the local partners, the action item will be removed from the table and the plan. Make sure your agency is listed as the lead under the appropriate activities.
4. Columns highlighted in yellow in the Implementation Table need to be verified.
5. Do NOT review these tables on Teams. Please review the spreadsheets that were emailed out, and send them back to Julie individually (or one per agency if that makes sense).
6. Do NOT edit columns with formulas. If you suspect that one of the formulas is incorrect, please make that comment on the comments spreadsheet.
7. Make sure cost information and specific years of implementation make sense.
8. If ANY changes are made to the implementation table, please highlight the cell in a color other than yellow to indicate to Julie and RESPEC staff that they need to pay attention to that cell.

9. There are some lines that are the same/very similar, but have different lead agencies. Do the “arm wrestling” so to speak and figure out if one agency will take that or if both lines should be left in with both agencies committing to being lead.
10. Cost information can also be reviewed, but time is of the essence. Please remember this is an estimate for planning, not a budget. If there are comments/edits to the cost information, please add them to the Comments table, do NOT change them in the Implementation Table.

Julie is going to send out the Data, Monitoring, Regulatory, and Education & Outreach Table. Most of this has stayed the same as it was from our last discussion, the major changes will be within the Outreach & Education table, based on the framework Jason put together and the AC approved. The specific education/outreach activities will be added to the framework as an appendix. Many of these activities are items that the individual partners are already doing, and therefore will not be funded overall by the watershed based funding. Individual partners are welcome to, and should in many cases, continue doing these items but they will be funded and based internally rather than through the partnership.

Budget information for each organization is needed – Julie will send out a spreadsheet/document for each agency to fill out with this information. Please fill out based on your whole organization budget; this will be pro-rated based on the geographic areas within the watershed.

Discussion based on whether a runoff tracking mechanism is possible for the practices in the implementation table to track reductions in discharge. Anna mentioned that there are stormwater calculators on the MPCA website that may be helpful. This is not something that seems to be readily available and may fit better in the data gap section of the plan. This may be something we can look at through the WRAPS as well.

Time frame for moving forward:

1. Would like to have a draft plan out for internal review right around July 1<sup>st</sup>. To do this, June 17<sup>th</sup> would be the latest the AC would be able to get the information to Julie. End of day June 12<sup>th</sup>? Yes.

Have all information to Julie by end of day on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020!!!!

1. Review of implementation table
2. Comments table
3. Budget information

Upcoming meetings (please hold these in your calendars!)

1. Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am
2. Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9am