

MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

To: Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney
Subject: Watershed Management Plan Update

Date: September 5, 2019

Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) process, including holding small group meetings to achieve Step 8: Identify priority issues and goals.

Update on Recent Activities

Links to related materials below are available in electronic version of this memo.

- **Step 6. Needs assessment:** WD performs self-assessment, gap analysis, and/or needs assessment to evaluate progress on current plan (8410.0045, Subpart 7).
 - Performance Review Assistance Program (PRAP) evaluation table was updated.
 - [2018 Progress Report](#) and [2018 Annual Report](#) also evaluate progress on current plan and progress toward goals.

- **Step 7. Review relevant plans and programs:** WD identifies and considers all relevant plans and programs (8410.0045, Subpart 6). Review any Water Resources and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) reports, Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS) reports, and One Watershed, One Plans (1W1P) developed for the area.
 - List of past studies was updated including latest diagnostic studies, subwatershed assessments etc. since 2011.
 - Reviewed data and trend analysis from [Comprehensive Data Review \(2017\)](#).
 - Used matrix table to summarize input received during agency response period including county/other LGU plans. [All comments are available online](#).
 - [Reviewed comments from CLFLWD Citizen Advisory Committee \(CAC\)](#).
 - Used online survey to gather and summarize input from public. [Summary of responses as of 9/4/19](#).
 - Lower St. Croix (LSC) One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) group is currently working through identifying priority issues and goals. These discussions/products will be used in Step 8. [Latest draft implementation table](#).

- **Step 8. Identify priority issues and goals:** WD Committee(s) and Board identify and prioritize issues after assessing available information including input from the public and the resource inventory.

Next Steps – Step 8

Staff plans to hold one small group meeting per each of the four lake management districts as part of Step 8. Staff will directly invite a mix of municipality staff, lake association members, agricultural producers, CLFLWD board members, and District staff. Further outreach with the online public survey will also occur during the September 23rd anniversary open house event. The proposed outline of priority issues and goals will be sent to the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee for comment.