

Framework for implementing Lower St. Croix WBIF Plan Activities:

Activity 1: Basin Ag Outreach Program

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: WCD
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with WCD to act as host entity)
2. A selection committee, comprised of up to 5 staff and policy committee members, will be developed to:
 - Establish the list of activities to be completed by this position
 - Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of contracting vs hiring
 - Conduct interviews (if hiring)
 - Recommended selection committee members:
 - i. Lance Petersen (Chisago Co Policy Committee at-large rep)
 - ii. Dave Tolberg (Chisago SWCD Policy Committee alternate)
 - iii. Jay Riggs, WCD
 - iv. Maureen Hoffman, Washington County
 - v. Matt Moore, SWWD
 - vi. Mike Kinney, CLFLWD and/or transition to new CLFLWD Land Management Specialist hire with soil health/cover crop background

Note that this position will operate on a basin-wide scale

Activity 2: Structural Ag BMP Implementation

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with local partners for projects)
 - Co-lead: WCD
2. A subcommittee composed of LSC partners will be developed to:
 - Develop a process for how to fund projects
 - Establish cost-share ranking criteria that includes non-state match requirements
 - Meet intermittently to rank projects and make recommendations to Chisago SWCD Board for approval
 - This subcommittee will also select non-structural agriculture projects using the targeting and prioritization process described in Section VII.B of CWMP.
 - NRCS or other BWSR approved standards will be followed for all practices installed.
 - Staff liaisons for subcommittee will include:
 - i. Jay Riggs, WCD
 - ii. Tiffany Determan, Isanti SWCD
 - iii. Caleb Anderson, Pine Co
 - iv. Matt Moore, SWWD
 - v. Craig Mell, Chisago SWCD
 - vi. Paul Swanson, Pine SWCD
 - vii. Agronomy outreach specialist
 - viii. Mike Kinney, CLFLWD with transition to other SME

Activity 3: Shared Services Educator (Basin Water Outreach Program)

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: WCD
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with WCD to act as host entity)
2. A selection committee, comprised of up to 6 staff and policy committee members, will be developed to:
 - Establish the list of activities to be completed by this position
 - Conduct interviews
 - Conduct first 6-month and annual performance reviews
 - Periodically check in on progress made by the hired Educator
 - Recommended selection committee members:
 - i. Angie Hong, EMWREP
 - ii. Jay Riggs, WCD
 - iii. Jerry Spetzman, Chisago LID
 - iv. Susanna Wilson-Witkowski, Chisago County
 - v. Janet Hegland, Sunrise River WMO Policy Committee rep
 - vi. Jackie Anderson, CLFLWD Policy Committee rep

Note that this position will operate on a basin-wide scale

Activity 4: Non-Structural Ag/Urban BMP Implementation

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: See Activities 2 and 5
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with local partners for projects)

Activity 5: Structural Urban BMP Implementation

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: CMSCWD
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with local partners for projects)
2. A subcommittee composed of LSC partners will be developed to:
 - Establish cost-share ranking criteria
 - Meet intermittently to rank projects and make recommendations to the LSC steering committee, which will make an official recommendation to Chisago SWCD Board for approval.
 - This subcommittee will also select non-structural urban projects using the targeting and prioritization process described in Section VII.B of CWMP.
 - i. BWSR approved standards will be followed for all practices implemented

- ii. Enhanced street sweeping targeting analyses will be performed for priority areas. CLFLWD's 2018 Forest Lake Enhanced Street Sweeping Study may be used as an example for these studies.
- Staff liaisons for subcommittee:
 - i. Mike Isensee, CMSCWD
 - ii. Casey Thiel, Chisago SWCD
 - iii. WCD landscape architect (Bryan Pynn or Andy Novak)
 - iv. Tony Randazzo, SWWD
 - v. Paula Kalinosky, CLFLWD SME

Activity 6: Wetland Restoration Implementation

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: Anoka SWCD
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with local partners for projects)
 - Staff liaisons for subcommittee:
 - i. Becky Wozney, Anoka SWCD
 - ii. Caleb Anderson or Jeremy Williamson, Pine Co
 - iii. Todd Kulaf, Isanti SWCD
 - iv. Jaime Schurbon, Anoka SWCD
 - v. Paul Swanson, Pine SWCD
 - vi. Blayne Eineichner, CLFLWD
 - vii. Jeff Fertig, Chisago Co
2. A subcommittee composed of LSC partners will be developed to:
 - Rank projects and make recommendations to Chisago SWCD Board for approval

Activity 7: Internal Analyses

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: Chisago County
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with local partners for projects)
2. A subcommittee composed of LSC partners will meet annually to prioritize internal analysis areas.
 - The subcommittee will consider which priority waterbodies are in most need for targeting analysis. Priority lakes for internal analyses are listed in table 5-4 of the LSC CWMP.
 - The subcommittee will further prioritize timing of internal analyses based on lakes' progress toward watershed load reductions.
 - Staff liaisons for subcommittee:
 - i. Jerry Spetzman, Chisago LID
 - ii. Susanna Wilson-Witkowski, Chisago County
 - iii. Mike Isensee, CMSCWD
 - iv. Jaime Schurbon, Anoka SWCD
 - v. Blayne Eineichner, CLFLWD

Activity 8: Targeting Analyses

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: WCD
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with local partners for projects)
2. A subcommittee composed of LSC partners will meet annually to prioritize targeting analysis areas.
 - The subcommittee will consider which priority waterbodies are in most need for targeting analysis. Top priority is St. Croix Direct Drainage Area, second priorities are waterbodies listed in either table 5-2 or 5-3 of LSC CWMP.
 - Staff liaisons for subcommittee:
 - i. Mike Isensee, CMSCWD
 - ii. Jay Riggs, WCD with transition to Bryan Pynn / Andy Novak in the future
 - iii. Casey Thiel, Chisago SWCD
 - iv. Pine Co / SWCD staff
 - v. Mike Kinney, CLFLWD with transition to other SME

Activity 9: Technical/Engineering

1. Lead agencies
 - Lead agency: See Activities 2 and 5
 - Co-lead agency: Chisago SWCD (Subcontract with local partners for projects)

Activity 10: Administration/Coordination

1. Lead agencies
 - Chisago SWCD: fiscal agent administration and contract coordination
 - WCD: hiring and payroll administration of agronomy outreach and education positions
 - WCD/EMWREP:
 - Work plan activity subcommittee coordination
 - Policy committee coordination
 - Website
 - CLFLWD:
 - Grant and progress reporting
 - Website