MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: October 27, 2026
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership 2027-2028 Work Plan



District Wide

Background/Discussion:
On Monday, October 26, 2026, the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSC) Policy Committee reviewed the attached 2027-2028 Work Plan and voted to recommend this plan for approval by LSC partner boards.

The enclosed work plan is in the same format as the last biennial work plan and contains all relevant activities for years 2027-2028 from the Lower St. Croix 10-year plan. This work plan serves as the grant work plan for the FY27 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant as well as the overall work plan which includes non-WBIF activities in years 2027-2028.

Note that the version of the work plan posted in the Policy Committee packet had a minor typo on page 22 referencing outdated budget and grant amounts for Urban Stormwater Practices. This has been corrected in the enclosed draft, and page 22 now reflects the correct budget amounts indicated on the budget table on page 35.

Process & Next Steps:
It was requested that partner boards put this item on their November or December meeting agendas for review. Approval from two-thirds of the members (10 of 15) is needed to approve this plan.

April 8	Steering Committee: Approved work plan timeline and established budget subcommittee
May-June	Budget Subcommittee: Developed draft budget
July 8	Steering Committee: Initial review of draft budget and work plan
July 27	Policy Committee: Provide brief update that work planning is in process
August 12	Steering Committee: Final budget and work plan recommendation approval to Advisory Committee
September 9	Advisory Committee: Request final budget and work plan recommendation approval to Policy Committee
October 26	Policy Committee: Request final budget and work plan recommendation approval to local partner boards

November	Local Partner Boards: Review and approve biennial work plan and budget
December	Fiscal Agent: Submit the grant portion of the work plan to BWSR in eLINK
January-March	BWSR: Review and approve work plan, execute grant agreement. See Project Request Calendar for deadlines and approval dates for grant project requests. The grant-funded work itself may not begin until grant agreement is executed.

Recommended Motion:
Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to approve the LSC 1W1P 2027-2028 work plan and authorize the Lower St. Croix Planning Team to make non-substantive changes to the work plan as required by the Board of Water and Soil Resources for grant implementation. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached
Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership 2027-2028 Biennial Work Plan

Additional Information
For more information on topics covered at the Policy Committee meeting, please see the meeting presentation slides and Barbara Heitkamp's year in review video linked below.

- Meeting presentation
- 2026 Year in Review video

2027-2028 Biennial Work Plan

Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership



LOWER ST. CROIX WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Approval Process

- ✓ Steering Committee review/recommendation
- ✓ Advisory Committee review/recommendation
- ❑ Policy Committee review/recommendation
- ❑ Local boards review/approval
- ❑ Submittal to Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and grant execution
- ➢ Aim to have grant available in early 2027

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Work Plan Contents

Section I. Summary

High-level overview of estimated funding and estimated outputs

Section II. Work Plan Detail

Includes all implementation activities from 10-year plan and associated outputs estimated for the 2027-2028 biennium

Section III. FY27 Grant Work Plan

Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) work plan and budget

Section IV. Meetings and Project Process Calendar

Funding application deadlines and approval dates

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Work Plan Summary Highlights

- Estimated funding for work occurring in 2027-2028
  - FY25 WBIF Grant: $1,383,300
  - FY25 WBIF Match: $136,500
  - FY27 WBIF Grant: $1,005,600
  - FY27 WBIF Match: $104,000
  - Other Sources (other grants, local funding): $5,717,000
  - **TOTAL: $8,346,400**

- WBIF grants last 3-4 years and span multiple bienniums
- WBIF alone does not cover all estimated costs identified in the comprehensive plan
- Not all activities in comp. plan are eligible for WBIF

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Planned Activities

Implementation via Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Restoration/Protection Activities

Implementation via Shared Services, Partner Staff, Consultants

Prioritization and Analysis

Administration

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Planned Activities: Best Management Practices (BMPs)

- Structural Agricultural BMPs*
- Structural Urban BMPs*
- Land Acquisition & Management
- Non-structural Agricultural BMPs*
- Non-structural Urban BMPs*
- Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management
- Wetland Restorations*
- Streambank/ Shoreline Restorations*
- Ditch Implementation
- Groundwater Protection Practices*
- Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems*

*Some activities *may* be WBIF eligible

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Planned Activities: Staff Activities

LSC Staff: Shared Services Education Barbara Heitkamp!*

LSC Staff: Agronomy Outreach Specialist Ellen Badger Hanson!*

LSC Staff: Engineering Technician Ben Harker!*

Technical Engineering + Project Development*

Ditch Policy and Review

Interagency Coordination

*Some activities *may* be WBIF eligible

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Planned Activities: Prioritization & Analysis

- Resilient Landscape Designs*
- Landscape Stewardship Plans*
- Forest Management Plans or Woodland Stewardship Plans*
- Nutrient Management Plans*
- Project Targeting Studies*
- Lake Internal Loading Analyses*
- Carp Population and Movement Studies*
- Enhanced Street Sweeping Studies*
- Water Monitoring and Monitoring Plans
- Terrestrial Invasive Species Mapping

*Some activities *may* be WBIF eligible

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Planned Activities: Administration

- Grant Reporting*
- Fiscal Management and Contracts*
- LSC Staff Payroll Administration*
- Activity and Goal Progress Reporting*
- Coordinate Watershed Based Implementation Fund (WBIF) Grant Activities*
- Website Upkeep*
- Coordinate Committees and Partner Meetings*
- Annual and Biennial Planning*

*Not inclusive of all partners' admin. Reported admin is WBIF eligible

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WBIF Grant Goals

Using FY27 WBIF grant funds, aim to accomplish:

Overall, make measurable progress toward water quality goals using eligible projects, practices, and programs as described in the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCWP) Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP).

FY27 WBIF Phosphorus Reductions by Activity

Activity Name	Estimated Outcomes
Agricultural Practices	50 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Urban Stormwater Practices	10 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)	10 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Non-Structural Management Practices	400 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Groundwater	10 wells sealed
Wetland Restoration/Creation	50 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Streambank or Shoreline Protection	15 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Total FY27 WBIF Estimated Outcomes	**535 lb/yr phosphorus reduction and 10 wells sealed**

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WBIF Grant Budget

- 100% of funds pooled at convene meeting
- Careful administration of spending timing and grant agreements
- Reviewed as part of mid-point eval and added SSTS and Groundwater

Grant Budget

FY27 WBIF - Lower St. Croix Watershed Partners Grant - June 30, 2026

	A		B	C	D
	WBIF GRANT WORK PLAN ACTIVITY		2027 WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY BUDGET	2027 WBIF GRANT MATCH	2027 WBIF TOTAL BUDGET
	Agricultural Practices		$ 100,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ 115,000.00
	CIP Projects	$ 50,000			
	Cost Share Projects	$ 50,000			
	Urban Stormwater Practices		$ 100,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ 115,000.00
	CIP Projects	$ 50,000			
	Cost Share Projects	$ 50,000			
	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems		$ 100,000.00	$ 66,666.67	$ 166,666.67
	Non-Structural Management Practices		$ 200,000.00	$ -	$ 200,000.00
	Ag	$ 100,000			
	Urban	$ 100,000			
	Groundwater		$ 15,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 25,000.00
	Wetland Restoration/Creation		$ 200,000.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 230,000.00
	CIP Projects	$ 100,000			
	Cost Share Projects	$ 100,000			
	Streambank or Shoreline Protection		$ 213,500.00	$ 32,025.00	$ 245,525.00
	Agronomy Outreach Specialist		$ 250,000.00	$ -	$ 250,000.00
	Shared Services Education		$ 295,000.00	$ 36,216.53	$ 331,216.53
	Educator	$ 185,000			
	Educational materials	$ 30,000			
	Community Assistance	$ 80,000			
	Technical/Engineering		$ 225,000.00	$ -	$ 225,000.00
	Engineering Tech	$ 150,000			
	Private Engineering Services	$ 25,000			
	LSC WP Staff Technical Assistance	$ 50,000			
	Project Development		$ 50,000.00	$ -	$ 50,000.00
	Planning and Assessment		$ 200,000.00	$ -	$ 200,000.00
	Administration/Coordination		$ 100,582.00	$ -	$ 100,582.00
	TOTAL		$ 2,049,082.00	$ 204,908.20	$ 2,253,990.20

LOWER ST. CROIX WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Questions?

Recommended Action:
Policy Committee motion to recommend the biennial work plan to local partner boards.

Lower St. Croix Watershed Partners
2027-2028 Biennial Work Plan

October 26, 2026

Introduction

The Lower St. Croix (LSC) River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP), available at www.lsc1w1p.org/the-plan, adopted in October 2020 includes implementation activities for the 10-year life of the plan in Table 5-1. This 2027-2028 work plan presents all activities from Table 5-1 including those implemented through the LSC Partnership with Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF), and other activities implemented by partners. The 10-year plan identifies an estimated total expenditure of $8.2 million in 2027 and 2028 to carry out the implementation plan.

During this biennium, the Partnership will have two active WBIF grants which are denoted by their initial fiscal year: FY25 and FY27. Each WBIF grant spans a 3-4 year timeframe, overlapping with other grant timeframes. Expenditures under each WBIF grant are indicated in this work plan and are broken out into FY25 and FY27. This work plan estimates expenditures of $2.4M in WBIF (including both FY25+FY27) and $5.8M in match and other funding for increased staff capacity with shared positions, project prioritization and development, and implementation of projects resulting in significant water quality and ecological benefits.

Work plan activities are categorized into four areas, as outlined in the 10-year plan: Implementation, Staffing, Prioritization & Analysis, and Administration. Priority areas, expected outcomes, implementing entities, estimated funding from various sources, and WBIF-eligibility are also included in the table.

For a full list of Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership goals, see Table 3-1 on pages 34-37 of the 10-year CWMP, available at https://www.lsc1w1p.org/the-plan.

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Section I. 2027-2028 Biennial Work Plan Summary

Implementation	
Estimated Expenses	FY27 WBIF: $619,000[a] FY27 Match: $112,500 FY25 WBIF: $660,600[b] FY25 Match: $99,000 Other Funding: $3,004,000[c]
Activities	Structural Agricultural BMPs* Structural Urban BMPs* Non-structural Agricultural/Urban BMPs* Wetland Restoration and Protection* Streambank and Shoreline Restoration & Protection* Groundwater* Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)* Land Acquisition & Management Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention & Management Ditch Implementation
2027-2028 Estimated Outputs	500 acres with structural or non-structural BMPs that improve soil health and/or reduce nitrogen and pesticide pollution to groundwater
	1,175 lbs total phosphorus reduction through structural or non-structural BMPs in priority areas
	10 irrigation systems with smart technology installed
	Maintained/improved water quality and wetland loss mitigated downstream of ditch maintenance
	40 upgraded SSTS in sensitive areas and shoreland
	100% of known and discovered abandoned wells are sealed
	4 developments retrofitted with infiltration, recharge or reuse projects
	20 shoreline restoration projects
	10% of land in new developments dedicated to wildlife habitat
	2 easements or acquisitions in lakesheds of priority lakes
	200 acres of created or restored wetlands, and 1 new wetland bank
	9 infestations of invasive phragmites managed and reduced
	1 internal loading analysis study implemented to address in-lake phosphorus loading
	200 new acres protected with easements/acquisitions in priority locations
	200 new acres managed for better habitat or as recommended in Landscape Stewardship Plans

* Some activities may be eligible for WBIF

[a] FY27 WBIF expires 12/31/29

[b] FY25 WBIF expires 12/31/28

[c] Other funds = estimated funds from Table 5-1 in LSC Comprehensive Plan minus WBIF and match; may be local funds and/or other grants

Staff Activities	
Estimated Expenses	FY27 WBIF: $564,000[a] FY27 Match: $24,000 FY25 WBIF: $338,000[b] FY25 Match: $5,000 Other Funding: $1,892,000[c]
Activities	Shared Services Basin Agricultural Outreach Program* Shared Services Education* Technical Engineering + Project Development* Interagency Coordination Ditch Policy and Review
2027–2028 Estimated Outputs	Assistance with agronomy, outreach, and technical assistance to agricultural producers including conservation planning and nutrient management plans.
	Shared education and outreach program across basin to provide education; engage residents, businesses, and local officials; and promote/market programs and practices.
	Shared 0.5 FTE engineering technician
	100% of private ditches mapped with new conservation plans
	100% of drainage projects reviewed for possible impacts to wetland quality
	10 communities with Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS)
	2 communities with updated storm volume and rate control ordinances
	60% of all cities with MPCA Smart Salt certified staff
	100% of hazardous waste generators licensed
	1 LGU with new wetland protections
	5% increase in watercraft inspections for aquatic invasive species (AIS)
	2 new AIS decontamination stations and new signage at 4 boat launches/marinas
	Managed water levels and channel/weir operations on Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes
	Collaboration and coordination with agencies across multiple areas including groundwater pollution, groundwater recharge areas, observation wells, climate resiliency, and floodplain management

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Prioritization & Analysis	
Estimated Expenses	FY27 WBIF: $133,300[a] FY27 Match: $0 FY25 WBIF: $0[b] FY25 Match: $0 Other Funding: $821,000[c]
Activities	Internal analysis* Targeting analysis
2027–2028 Estimated Outputs	3 lakes with internal loading analyses completed in total since start of plan
	1 comprehensive AIS rapid response plan completed in total since start of plan
	4 resilient landscape designs
	4 Landscape Stewardship Plans
	4 Forest Management Plans or Woodland Stewardship Plans
	Work with state agencies and Metropolitan Council to study and map pollution sources, map groundwater recharge areas, and expand DNR observation well program
	Develop monitoring plan and collect baseline water quality data on specific lakes in Anoka, Chisago and Isanti Counties
	Participate in DNR lake level monitoring program to routinely collect lake level data
	4 subwatershed project targeting analyses on priority lakes
	4 subwatershed project targeting analyses on priority rivers or streams
	10 new monitoring stations on St. Croix tributaries that lack data to evaluate TMDL progress
	Identified and prioritized gullies into St. Croix River and tributaries
	Terrestrial invasive species mapped and prioritized in each county
	5 degraded wetlands identified
	25 ditch outlets monitored for water quality data
	Creation of Nutrient Management Plans to support agricultural BMP goals

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Administration	
Estimated Expenses	FY27 WBIF: $67,000[a] FY27 Match: $0 FY25 WBIF: $7,000[b] FY25 Match: $0 Other Funding: $N/A[c]
Activities	Administration and Coordination*
2027–2028 Estimated Outputs	Coordination of WBIF-funded activities; grant reporting; all-activity reporting; coordination of committees and partners; participation in committee meetings; fiscal management; annual and biennial planning

* Some activities may be eligible for WBIF
[a] FY27 WBIF expires 12/31/29
[b] FY25 WBIF expires 12/31/28
[c] Other funds for Administration not indicated in 10-year plan

Implementation – Restoration/BMPs

FY27 WBIF: $619,000[a] FY27 Match: $112,500

FY25 WBIF: $660,600[b] FY25 Match: $99,000 Other Funding: $3,004,000[c]

Agricultural Practices

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#1	GW Quality	Basin Wide Priority - Agricultural lands where: 1) DWSMA vulnerability is moderate, high, or very high; or 2) Pollution sensitivity to wells is high or very high; or 3) Pollution sensitivity to near surface materials is karst or high; or 4) Well testing show ≥ 5 mg/L nitrate See Figure 5-1	Install BMPs on 500 acres that improve soil health and/or reduce nitrogen and pesticide pollution to groundwater	All partners	Yes
#2	Rivers & Streams + St. Croix River WQ	Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams: - All streams and tributaries in Sunrise River Watershed (whole watershed regardless of direct drainage) - Direct drainage areas to St. Croix River through Rock, Rush, Goose, Lawrence, and Browns Creeks and Trout Brook and other small streams shown in Figure 5-2 See Table 5-2 for streams and total phosphorus reduction goals; see Figure 5-2	Reduce total phosphorus by 750 lbs/year (install approximately 50 BMPs @ estimated 15 lbs/BMP) and reduce TSS, bacteria, and nitrogen as secondary benefit	All partners	Yes

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[b] FY25 WBIF expires 12/31/28

[c] Other funds = estimated funds from Table 5-1 in LSC Comprehensive Plan minus WBIF and match

#3	Lake WQ from ag	Regionally Significant Lakes for Agricultural BMPs See Table 5-3 for lakes and total phosphorus reduction goals; see Figure 5-3 for map	Install conservation BMPs, near sensitive lakes or in direct lake catchments to reduce TP by 300 lbs (approx. 500 ac and/or 20 BMPs estimated 15 lbs/BMP) and reduce TSS, bacteria, N as secondary benefit	All partners	Yes

Urban Stormwater Practices

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#12	GW recharge & stream flow	In critical groundwater recharge areas as identified in existing or future maps or studies	4 projects to retrofit existing developments with infiltration, recharge and reuse projects	All partners	Yes
#14	St. Croix River + Rivers & streams WQ	Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams: - All streams and tributaries in Sunrise River Watershed (whole watershed regardless of direct drainage) - Direct drainage areas to St. Croix River through Rock, Rush, Goose, Lawrence, and Browns Creeks and Trout Brook and other small streams shown in Figure 5-2 See Table 5-2 for streams and total phosphorus reduction goals; See Figure 5-2	Reduce TP by 20 lbs. (approximately 20 BMPs) and reduce TSS, bacteria, and nitrogen as secondary benefit [Assume 1 lb/BMP; typical reduction for raingarden or similar BMP]	All partners	Yes
#15	Lake WQ	Regionally Significant Lakes for Urban BMPs See Table 5-3 for lakes and total phosphorus reduction goals; See Figure 5-3	Reduce TP by 20 lbs. (approximately 20 BMPs) and reduce TSS, bacteria, and nitrogen as secondary benefit [Assume 1 lb/BMP; typical reduction for raingarden or similar BMP]	All partners	Yes

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Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems

#8	GW Quality	Where pollution sensitivity to near surface materials is high, or in karst areas, or where bedrock is at or near the surface; see Figure 1-3 Secondary priority: Basin wide	Upgrade 20 non-conforming or non-compliant SSTS to properly functioning, compliant systems.	Counties	Yes
#19					Yes
#9	Lake impacts from SSTS	Basin wide: Shorelands adjacent to nutrient impaired lakes Chisago Co: Countywide	Basin wide: Decrease non-compliant and Non-conforming SSTS in shorelands adjacent to nutrient impaired lakes Chisago Co: Decrease non-compliant and Non-conforming SSTS in all areas by 50% and in shorelands adjacent to nutrient impaired lakes by 80%	Counties	Yes
#20					Yes

Non-Structural Management Practices

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#1	GW Quality	Agricultural lands where: 1) DWSMA vulnerability is moderate, high, or very high; or 2) Pollution sensitivity to wells is high or very high; or 3) Pollution sensitivity to near surface materials is karst or high; or 4) Well testing show ≥ 5 mg/L nitrate	Install BMPs on 500 acres that improve soil health and/or reduce nitrogen and pesticide pollution to groundwater	All partners	Yes
#2	Rivers & Streams + St.	Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams:	Reduce total phosphorus by 750 lbs/year (install approximately 50 BMPs @ estimated 15 lbs/BMP) and reduce TSS,	All partners	Yes

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	Croix River WQ	- All streams and tributaries in Sunrise River Watershed (whole watershed regardless of direct drainage) - Direct drainage areas to St. Croix River through Rock, Rush, Goose, Lawrence, and Browns Creeks and Trout Brook and other small streams shown in Figure 5-2	bacteria, and nitrogen as secondary benefit		
#3	Lake WQ from ag	Regionally Significant Lakes for Agricultural BMPs See Table 5-3 for lakes and total phosphorus reduction goals; see Figure 5-3 for map	Install conservation BMPs, near sensitive lakes or in direct lake catchments to reduce TP by 300 lbs (approx. 500 ac and/or 20 BMPs; estimated 15 lbs/BMP) and reduce TSS, bacteria, N as secondary benefit	All partners	Yes
#4	GW Quantity	All agricultural irrigators; highest priority given to highest consumers	Install or retrofit smart technology on 10 irrigation systems	Counties	No
#10	GW Quality	Basin wide	Properly seal or floodproof 100% of known or discovered abandoned wells or wells at risk of flooding	Counties	Yes
#14	St. Croix River + Rivers & streams WQ	Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams: - All streams and tributaries in Sunrise River Watershed (whole watershed regardless of direct drainage) - Direct drainage areas to St. Croix River through Rock, Rush, Goose, Lawrence, and Browns Creeks and Trout Brook and other small streams shown in Figure 5-2 See Table 5-2 for streams and total phosphorus reduction goals; See Figure 5-2	Reduce TP by 20 lbs. (approximately 20 BMPs) and reduce TSS, bacteria, and nitrogen as secondary benefit [Assume 1 lb/BMP; typical reduction for raingarden or similar BMP]	All partners	Yes
#15	Lake WQ	Regionally Significant Lakes for Urban BMPs See Table 5-3 for lakes and total phosphorus reduction goals; See Figure 5-3	Reduce TP by 20 lbs. (approximately 20 BMPs) and reduce TSS, bacteria, and nitrogen as secondary benefit [Assume 1 lb/BMP; typical reduction for raingarden or similar BMP]	All partners	Yes

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#17	GW Quantity	All irrigators; highest priority given to highest consumers and communities with highest residential usage	(No outputs indicated for this biennium. Goal was to retrofit/install 40 smart irrigation systems between 2023-2026)	Counties	No
#37	Internal loading	In lakes where internal loading is estimated to be a significant contributor to degraded water quality and where not addressing the internal loading would result in sustained degradation (See Internal Loading Lakes Table 5-4)	Address source of internal loading by implementing 1 internal loading study	All partners	Yes (FY23 only)

Wetland Restoration/Creation

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#28	Wetland quantity	1. In highest priority catchments (red, yellow and green areas) within BWSR's Compensation Planning Framework priority catchments in the Lower St. Croix River Watershed (Figure 5-5) 2. In locations where studies or mapping tools find that restoration will have significant positive impact on natural resources.	Create or restore 200 acres of historic wetlands lost to land use changes	All partners	Yes
#30	Wetland quantity	Basin wide	Create and maintain 1 new BWSR and USACE approved wetland banks within the basin	All partners	No

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Streambank or Shoreline Protection

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#21	Lake shorelines	Regionally Significant Lakes for Protection and Sustainable Development: Table 5-3 and Figure 5-3	Install 20 shoreline restoration projects [100% of lakeshore owners with altered shorelines are provided information on restoration programs]	All partners	Yes
#26	Rivers and streams ecosystems	St. Croix River and Lake St. Croix direct drainage tributaries	Implement 1 stream restoration project to reduce TP loading by 85 lbs and TSS loading by 217 tons	All partners	Yes
#27	Trout populations	Trout streams (Brown's Creek, Valley Creek, Lawrence Creek, Trout Brook, Willow Brooke, Mill Stream, Falls Creek, Gilbertson's Creek)	(10-year plan does not indicate output for Years 7-8) Years 3, 6, and 9 outputs: All streams trout young-of-year (YOY) recruitment, survival of previous year class	All partners with trout streams	No
#38	Shoreland	Basin wide	(10-year plan does not indicate output for Years 7-8) Years 3-6 outputs: 1 LGU with new adopted innovative shoreline standard	All partners	No

Land Acquisition & Management

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#23	Maintain & restore habitat	Land with priority habitats and corridor connections	10% of land in new developments is dedicated to wildlife habitat [significant new areas of land conversion from vacant or rural land to residential, commercial/industrial, institutional, or transportation]	All partners	No
#24	Sensitive lake protection	Regionally Significant Lakes for Protection and Sustainable Development: Table 5-3	Implement sustainable development and land preservation programs in lakesheds of priority lakes through 2 easements or acquisitions	All partners	No

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		and Figure 5-3			
#39	Resilient lands	Private lands in priority corridors and critical habitat areas and large-scale developments with land-use change	4 landscape designs and plantings resilient to climate change	All partners	No
#40	Land protection	First priority: Areas near already protected lands (public or private), tributaries near impaired waters, areas where known endangered species are present and identified biologically significant natural areas as identified by MLCCS mapping Second priority: Basin wide	200 acres protected through acquisition and easements	All partners	No
#42	Habitat improvement	Basin wide based on prioritized mapping including MLCCS maps and other critical habitat mapping	200 new acres managed for better habitat, or as recommended in Landscape Stewardship Plans	All partners	No

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#31	AIS in lakes and St. Croix River	High traffic boat launches on St. Croix River and Lake St. Croix	Increase watercraft inspection hours by 5%	CLIID, WCD, watersheds, counties	No
#32	AIS	Within 15 miles of all public boat launches on zebra mussel infested lakes and rivers	Provide 2 AIS decontamination stations (2027–2030)	CLIID, WCD, watersheds, counties	No
#33	AIS signs	Basin wide	Install AIS informational signage at 4 boat launches and marinas	CLIID, WCD, watersheds, counties	No

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#34	AIS in lakes	Lakes in Chisago Co. and Isanti Co. with public access	Develop 1 comprehensive AIS rapid response plan for lakes (2021–2028)	Isanti and Chisago Counties	No
#35	Phragmites	In order of priority 1. Chisago Lakes LID 2. Carlos Avery WMA 3. Elsewhere in Chisago Co and Isanti Co 4. Headwaters of North Branch & West Branch Sunrise River	Reduce the size and number of invasive phragmites locations as reported on EddMaps by 9 infestation areas. Stabilize and eradicate those small infestations less than 1,000 – 2,000 sq. ft. through rapid response plans, where available	All partners	No

Ditch Implementation

#	**Activity**	**Priority Location**	**Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)**	**Implementation Entity**	**Potentially Funded by WBIF**
#7	Drainage impact on rivers & streams	Judicial and public ditches	Maintain or improve downstream water quality following ditch maintenance	Ditch authorities	No
#29	Wetland loss	Judicial and public ditches	Mitigate loss of wetland acres resulting from ditch maintenance activities	Ditch authorities	No

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Implementation – Shared Services/Staffing

FY27 WBIF: $564,000[a] FY27 Match: $24,000

FY25 WBIF: $338,000[b] FY25 Match: $5,000 Other Funding: $1,892,000[c]

Shared Services Basin Agricultural Outreach Program

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
NA	Agronomy Outreach Specialist	Priority areas described in Structural Ag BMP Implementation and Non-Structural Ag Implementation	Assistance with agronomy, outreach, and technical assistance to agricultural producers including conservation planning and nutrient management plans. Approx 80% of this position's time will be directly working with agricultural producers in the LSC Watershed to identify economical farming practices with water quality benefits	WCD: lead Chisago SWCD: co-lead	Yes

Shared Services Education

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
NA	Education and Outreach (EMWREP)	Basin wide	Facilitate shared education and outreach program across basin to provide education; engage residents, businesses, and local officials; and promote/market programs and practices. Education and outreach tasks will serve the goals outlined in the LSC Comprehensive Plan with a primary benefit to water quality in priority resources. • 90% = develop, distribute and implement outreach programs that result in behavioral changes achieving water quality benefits	WCD: lead Chisago SWCD: co-lead	

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			• 10% = solicit willing landowners to install BMPs		
#11	GW recharge & infiltration	Basin wide [Estimated 40 communities in basin without MIDS or similar standards]	Implement Minimal Impact Design Standards or more restrictive in 10 communities; including climate resiliency provisions or standards	EMWREP through WCD	Yes
#13	St. Croix River Flows	Direct catchments to the St. Croix River and Lake St. Croix	Evaluate and update small storm volume control and large storm rate control ordinances in 2 communities	EMWREP through WCD	Yes
#16	St. Croix River chlorides	Basin wide	Total of 60% of all cities have staff certified in MPCA's Level 1 and Level 2 Smart Salting Training	EMWREP through WCD	Yes
#22	Protect wetlands	Basin wide during land use change or alteration, development or redevelopment	1 LGU with (new) adopted wetland protections including buffer requirements and setbacks for permanent structures	EMWREP through WCD	Yes

Technical/Engineering + Project Development

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
NA	Engineering Technician	Basin wide	Funding for this activity is for 0.5 FTE engineering technician AND for outside engineering assistance, as needed. Activities include technical site assessment, surveys, preliminary analysis and design, final design, construction supervision, installation, inspection, and completion of projects.	Chisago SWCD	Yes
NA	Project Development	Basin wide	Targeted outreach, site visits, and relationship building for high priority projects	All Partners	Yes
#25	Landlocked basin impact on River	Eutrophic natural landlocked basins to be discharged to St. Croix River	Perform analysis and implement measures to meet state standards for nutrients on 1 waterbodies	Valley Branch WD, Brown's Creek WD, and Washington Co	No

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#36	Lake levels	Chisago Co. Lakes = Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes (Chisago, South Lindstrom, North Lindstrom, Green, Little Green, North Center, South Center), Fish, Horseshoe, Little Horseshoe, Sunrise	Develop resiliency plans or responses, such as a Slow-No-Wake Ordinance or Channel and Weir Operations and Maintenance Plans, to address vulnerable properties	Chisago County	No
#52	Manage channel & weirs	Chisago Chain of Lakes	100% of lakes prone to anthropogenic water level variation are identified; manage the channel and weir system with an approved operation and maintenance plan	Chisago County	No

Interagency Coordination

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#18	GW Contamination	Basin wide - all currently unlicensed facilities and generators	License 100% of hazardous waste generators	Counties	No
#44	Lead WQ metrics & report progress	Basin wide	Evaluate the water quality metrics, set reporting standards, report on goal progress for the St. Croix River	[10-year plan says TBD]	No
#45	Map GW pollution sources	Order of Priority: 1) Surrounding known contamination sites where data are lacking 2) DWSMAs 3) Townships without nitrate testing 4) Basin wide	Work with state agencies and Met Council; Pollution sources (including mines), areas around chemical contamination sites, vulnerable areas, and surface water-GW interactions are studied and mapped	Counties	No

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#46	Map GW recharge areas	Basin wide	Support DNR and Met Council; 100% of recharge areas and groundwatersheds of GW dependent natural resources are mapped (2021 – 2030)	All partners	No
#47	Develop GW plans	Basin wide where needed	Complete at least one county groundwater plan (2021 – 2030)	Chisago, Isanti, Pine, or Anoka County	No
#48	GW well monitoring	Maintain basin wide; expand in Isanti and Pine Co. 1) DWSMAs 2) Groundwatersheds of GW-dependent natural resources	Maintain existing or increase number of new observation wells	Isanti and Pine Counties and SWCDs	No
#51	Build climate resiliency	Basin wide	Participate in studies and/or stay informed of latest science to assess the impact of a changing climate on lakes and the St. Croix River; use latest climate science to implement adaptive management	All partners	No
#57	Floodplain ordinance evaluation	Landuse authorities in the St. Croix Riverway	Work with land use authorities along St. Croix River and MnDNR Area Hydrologists to evaluate floodplain and zoning ordinances for consistency and effectiveness in protecting floodplain function; update where appropriate	EMWREP through WCD	No
#61	Pine Co. soil survey	Pine County	Complete soil survey as developed by NRCS, USDA & shown in Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database	NRCS	No

Ditch Policy & Review

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#5	River & Stream Flows	Basin wide	Identify and map 100% of private ditches as part of developing Conservation Plans	Counties	No

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#6	Drainage impacts on wetlands	All public and private ditches	Review 100% of drainage projects for possible impacts to wetland quality	Ditch authorities	No

Prioritization & Analysis

FY27 WBIF: $133,300[a] FY27 Match: $0

FY25 WBIF: $0[b] FY25 Match: $0 Other Funding: $821,000[c]

Internal Analyses

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#49	Calculate internal loads	Regionally Significant Lakes for Internal Loading Analyses Table 5-4	Calculate internal loading of phosphorus on 3 lakes	All partners	Yes

Targeting Analyses

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
#50	Lake monitoring	Anoka Co. Lakes = Pet, Rice, South Coon, Skunk, Tamarack Chisago Co. Lakes = Sunrise, Little Horseshoe Isanti Co. Lakes = Hoffman, Horseleg, Horseshoe, Upper and Lower birch, East and West Twin, Tamarack (30- 0001-00),	Baseline data such as transparency, total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a are collected	All partners	No

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		Long (30-0002- 00,) Big Pine (30-0015-00), Grass (30-0017-00), Splittstoeser (30-00041-00)			
#53	Lake level monitoring	Basin wide	Participate in DNR lake level monitoring program to routinely collect lake level data; 100% of lakes prone to direct anthropogenic water level variation are identified	All partners	No
#54	Subwatershed analyses for lakes	Subwatersheds of Regionally Significant Lakes Table 5-3 and Figure 5-3	Conduct 4 subwatershed analyses to identify and prioritize water quality improvement projects within a priority subwatershed	All partners	Yes
#55	Subwatershed analyses for streams	Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams: - Streams and tributaries in Sunrise R. Watershed - Direct drainage areas to St. Croix River through Rock, Rush, Goose, and Browns Creeks and Trout Brook and other small streams as shown in Table 5-2 and Figure 5-2.	Conduct 4 subwatershed analyses to identify and prioritize water quality improvement projects within a priority subwatershed	All partners	Yes
#56	St. Croix TMDL evaluation	Tributaries to the St. Croix River	Coordinate and operate up to 10 new monitoring stations that lack data (quality and quantity) to evaluate progress toward achieving the TMDL and to identify priority subwatersheds	All partners	No
#58	Gully evaluation	Intermittent and perennial tributaries and watercourses flowing directly to St. Croix River	Identify, evaluate, and rank (prioritize) active gullies directly discharging into the St. Croix or its tributaries	All partners adjacent to St. Croix River	No
#59	Map priority areas	Basin wide	Complete level 4/5 MLCCS basin wide; map priority restoration and protection areas for acquisition, easements, and voluntary stewardship	All partners	No

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#60	Map terrestrial AIS	First priority: Public lands or near public lands; areas may be further prioritized thru cooperative weed mgmt area Second priority: Basin wide	Map and target "eradicate and control list" invasive species populations for each county; contact 50% of landowners for species on restricted list; implement cooperative weed management area	All partners	No
#62	Wetland monitoring	Wetlands upstream of nutrient impaired streams and lakes	Use subwatershed analyses or monitoring/modeling data to identify degraded wetlands with the potential of contributing high nutrient loads to downstream resources.	All partners	No
#63	Wetland restoration prioritization	Basin wide	Use existing Restorable Wetland Prioritization Tool to focus effort; identify 5 degraded wetlands with best restoration potential in each HUC 10 (2021 – 2030)	All partners	No
#64	Ditch monitoring	1st priority: Public ditches in Isanti Co. 2nd priority: Basin wide	Collect water quality data near ditch outlets of 5 ditches to identify areas for ditch improvements to filter runoff	Isanti County; All partners	No
#65	Wetland inventory	1st Priority: Isanti County 2nd Priority: Basin wide	Create wetland inventory based on MLCCS; Increase by 5 the number of LGUs with policies requiring wetland function and value assessments with project proposals such as developments or ditch work (2021 – 2030)	Isanti County; All partners	No
#66	Wetland inventory	Pine and Isanti Counties	Verify recently completed wetland inventory and map % of areas of wetland loss and historic wetlands	Pine and Isanti Counties	No

Planning

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
NA	Agronomy Outreach Specialist	Priority areas described in Structural Ag BMP Implementation and Non-Structural Ag Implementation	Agronomy Outreach Specialist will work with LSC Partners and agricultural professionals to develop Nutrient Management Plans to support agricultural best management practice (BMP) goals.	WCD: lead Chisago SWCD: co-lead	Yes

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#41	Land protection	First priority: Areas where upland habitat is fractured and shoreline areas where there is high to moderate development or land under future development pressure Second priority: Basin wide	4 new Landscape Stewardship Plans	All partners	Yes
#43	Protected lands	Areas located along bluffland or adjacent to publicly owned forest land such as state parks and trails	4 new private Forest Management Plans or Woodland Stewardship Plans developed	All partners	Yes

Administration

FY27 WBIF: $67,000[a] FY27 Match: $0

FY25 WBIF: $7,000[b] FY25 Match: $0 Other Funding: $N/A[c]

Administration/Coordination

#	Activity	Priority Location	Actions/ Measurable Output (2027-2028)	Implementation Entity	Potentially Funded by WBIF
N/A	N/A	Basin wide	Coordination of WBIF-funded activities; grant reporting; all-activity reporting; coordination of committees and partners; participation in committee meetings; fiscal management; annual and biennial planning	Chisago SWCD: lead	Yes

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Section III. FY27 Watershed Based Implementation Funding Grant Work Plan

Grant ID TBD | Grant Expiration: December 31, 2029

The Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) identifies four categories for Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) use: Implementation – Best Management Practices (BMPs)/Restoration, Implementation – Shared Services/Staffing, Prioritization & Analysis, and Administration (CWMP, page 16). The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) requires all WBIF grant work plans assign an eLINK activity category to each activity in the work plan. The table below summarizes grant activities, their associated eLINK categories, and associated CWMP categories.

Table 1. Grant Activities and Categories

Activity Name	eLINK Activity Category	CWMP Category
Agricultural Practices	Agricultural Practices	Implementation – BMPs/Restoration
Urban Stormwater Practices	Urban Stormwater Practices	
Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	
Non-Structural Management Practices	Non-Structural Management Practices	
Groundwater	Groundwater	
Wetland Restoration/Creation	Wetland Restoration/Creation	
Streambank & Shoreline Restoration	Streambank & Shoreline Restoration	
Agronomy Outreach Specialist	Project Development	Implementation – Shared Services/Staffing
Shared Services Education	Education/Information	
Technical/Engineering	Technical/Engineering Assistance	
Project Development	Project Development	
Planning and Assessment	Planning and Assessment	Prioritization & Analysis
Administration/Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Administration

The project review and approval process for providing funding to local partners will utilize established policies and procedures (see www.lsc1w1p.org/workplan-forms) and may use subcommittees to review projects and assist with project planning, as needed. Each grant activity has a designated lead agency which will lead preparation of and updates to related policies and procedures.

For all grant activities, the Fiscal Agent will serve as co-lead agency and will process necessary grant sub-agreements with partners receiving funds. The Fiscal Agent for the FY27 WBIF grant is Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District.

Some grant activities indicate an estimated match of $0. Partners may report match funding provided in excess of the budgeted amount, if applicable.

Implementation – BMPs/Restoration Activities

Grant Activity: Agricultural Practices

eLINK Activity Category: Agricultural Practices

Grant: $100,000

Match: $15,000

Match Source(s): Local or landowner funds, non-state grants

Lead Agencies: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell and Washington Conservation District, Jay Riggs

Priority areas:

- LSC CWMP Table 5-2 Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams (page 81)
- LSC CWMP Table 5-3 Regionally Significant Lakes (page 82)
- LSC CWMP Figure 5-1 Vulnerable Groundwater in Agricultural Areas (page 84)

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Pages 61-62. Activities #1 #2, #3

CWMP Goals: GW1A, GW2B, R&S1A, LK1A, LK2A, STC1B, STC1C. 10-year CWMP goals for phosphorus reductions: 4,576 lb/yr for priority rivers and streams and 1,363 lb/yr for priority lakes.

Estimated Measurable Progress: 50 lb/yr phosphorus reduction. Projects will result in additional benefits including sediment reduction, total suspended solids reduction, nitrate reduction, and groundwater infiltration and recharge in rural areas.

Activity Description: Provide cost-share/incentives for installing or implementing structural agricultural best management practices (e.g., feedlot improvements, buffers, WASCOBs, diversions, lined waterways, grade stabilization structures, vegetative swales, livestock water management, etc.). Project partners will check BWSR eligibility requirements and consult the BWSR Board Conservationist to ensure projects are eligible. NRCS or other BWSR accepted standards will be followed for all practices installed. For feedlot improvement projects, the project partner will complete the BWSR supplemental feedlot worksheet to ensure compliance with BWSR policy for using CWF funds for feedlot improvements. Projects to be chosen through targeting and prioritization process described in Section VII.B and Appendix C of the CWMP.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Activity: Urban Stormwater Practices

eLINK Activity Category: Urban Stormwater Practices

Grant: $100,000

Match: $15,000

Match Source(s): Local or landowner funds, non-state grants

Lead Agency: Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix WD, Mike Isensee

Priority areas:

- LSC CWMP Table 5-2 Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams (page 81)
- LSC CWMP Table 5-3 Regionally Significant Lakes (page 82)
- Also see priority locations for implementation items in LSC CWMP Table 5-1 which are related to this activity (pages 61-64)

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Page 66, Activities #12, #14, #15

CWMP Goals: GW2B, R&S1A, R&S3A, LK1B, STC1B. 10-year CWMP goals for phosphorus reductions: 4,576 lb/yr for priority rivers and streams and 1,363 lb/yr for priority lakes.

Estimated Measurable Progress: 10 lb/yr phosphorus reduction. Projects will result in additional benefits including total suspended solids reduction and groundwater infiltration and recharge in urban areas.

Activity Description: Partners will directly implement projects and/or provide cost-share/incentives for implementing structural urban best management practices (e.g., vegetated swales, pervious pavement, gully stabilization, rain gardens, and other urban practices). BWSR accepted standards will be followed for all practices installed. Projects to be chosen through targeting and prioritization process described in Section VII.B and Appendix C of the CWMP.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Activity: Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems

eLINK Activity Category: Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)

Grant: $100,000

Match: $66,666.67

Match Source(s): Local or landowner funds

Lead Agency: Washington County, Adriana Atcheson

Priority areas:

- Where pollution sensitivity to near surface materials is high, or in karst areas, or where bedrock is at or near the surface; see CWMP Figure 1-3 for map
- Shorelands adjacent to nutrient impaired lakes
- Secondary priority: Basin wide
- Note WBIF eligibility criteria for SSTS projects below.

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Pages 64 and 67, Activities #8, #9, #19, #20

CWMP Goals: GW1B, LK1C. 10-year CWMP goals for phosphorus reductions: 4,576 lb/yr for priority rivers and streams and 1,363 lb/yr for priority lakes.

Estimated Measurable Progress: 10 lb/yr phosphorus reduction.

Activity Description: Partners will directly implement SSTS replacement projects and/or provide cost-share/incentives for SSTS replacement projects. All projects will meet defined eligibility criteria:

1) Eligible: Replacing systems on homesteaded properties identified as an imminent threat to public health or safety or systems that are failing to protect groundwater. Landowners must meet low-income thresholds established by the grant recipient according to USDA Rural Development or similar published criteria.
2) Eligible: Costs associated with connecting a home into a sewer line that goes to a municipal or community wastewater treatment plant if the criteria in 1) (above) is met.
3) Eligible: Tribal Governments replacing systems identified as an imminent threat to public health or safety or systems that are failing to protect groundwater. Tribal Governments may define criteria for replacing ITPHS SSTS.
4) Ineligible: Systems regulated by National Pollution Discharge Elimination System or State Disposal System permits (treated surface discharge or systems discharging over 10,000 gallons per day) are ineligible.
5) Requires additional BWSR approval: Proposed community wastewater treatment solutions involving multiple landowners are eligible for funding if they are listed on the MPCA's Project Priority List (PPL) and have a

Community Assessment Report (CAR) or facilities plan (Minn. Rule 7077.0272) developed prior to work plan submittal.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Activity: Non-Structural Management Practices

eLINK Activity Category: Non-Structural Management Practices

Grant: $200,000

Match: $0

Match Source(s): Local funds, landowner funds, or additional enhanced street sweeping mileage tracked by cities

Ag Lead Agency: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell

Urban Lead Agency: Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix WD, Mike Isensee

Priority areas:

- LSC CWMP Table 5-2 Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams (page 81)
- LSC CWMP Table 5-3 Regionally Significant Lakes (page 82)
- Also see priority locations for implementation items in LSC CWMP Table 5-1 which are related to this activity (pages 61-64)
- Priority locations for nonstructural urban BMP implementation are described in the LSC Nonstructural Urban BMP policy.

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Pages 61, Activities #1, #2, #3, #14, #15

CWMP Goals: GW1A, GW2B, R&S1A, LK1A, STC1A, STC1B. 10-year CWMP goals for phosphorus reductions: 4,576 lb/yr for priority rivers and streams and 1,363 lb/yr for priority lakes.

Estimated Measurable Progress: 400 lb/yr phosphorus reduction. Projects will result in additional benefits including soil health improvement, sediment reduction, total suspended solids reduction, and nitrate reduction.

Activity Description: Provide cost-share/incentives for implementing non-structural ***agricultural*** best management practices (e.g., soil health BMPs, reduced tillage, cover crops, nutrient management planning, forage/biomass plantings). NRCS or other BWSR accepted standards will be followed for all practices installed.

Provide cost-share/incentives for implementing non-structural ***urban*** best management practices (e.g., enhanced street sweeping). BWSR accepted standards will be followed for all practices implemented. Specific enhanced street sweeping targeting analyses will be performed for priority areas.

View the Non-Structural Agricultural Practices Policy and Enhanced Street Sweeping Protocols at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: WBIF grant funding under this activity will be bifurcated between agricultural and urban practices.

Agricultural Non-Structural: Due to the urgent nature of implementing non-structural agricultural practices with landowner coordination, these practices do not require approval by the Steering Committee nor the Policy Committee. Funds will be allocated directly to soil and water conservation districts (SWCD). Allocation amounts will be determined upon finalization of this work plan and coordination amongst SWCD partners, with Steering Committee approval (allocated amounts will be under $50,000 each).

Urban Non-Structural: Urban non-structural street sweeping incentive funding will only be available to communities with approved enhanced street sweeping plans. This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Activity: Groundwater

eLINK Activity Category: Groundwater

Grant: $15,000

Match: $10,000

Match Source(s): Local or landowner funds, non-state grants

Lead Agency: Washington County, Adriana Atcheson

Priority area:

- Basin wide

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Page 64, Activity #10

CWMP Goal: GW1B.

Estimated Measurable Progress: 10 wells sealed, resulting in groundwater protection

Activity Description: The sealing and permanent closure of a water well no longer in use. Properly seal or floodproof known or discovered abandoned wells or wells at risk of flooding. Partners will directly implement well sealing projects and/or provide cost-share/incentives for well sealing projects.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Activity: Wetland Restoration/Creation

eLINK Activity Category: Wetland Restoration/Creation

Grant: $200,000

Match: $30,000

Match Source(s): Local funds, non-state grants

Lead Agency: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell

Priority areas:

- LSC CWMP Table 5-2 Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams (page 81)
- LSC CWMP Table 5-3 Regionally Significant Lakes (page 82)
- LSC CWMP Figure 5-5 High Priority Areas for Wetland Restoration (page 88)
- Also see priority locations for implementation items in LSC CWMP Table 5-1 which are related to this activity.

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Page 71, Activity #28

CWMP Goals: WTL2A, WTL2B. 10-year CWMP goals for phosphorus reductions: 4,576 lb/yr for priority rivers and streams and 1,363 lb/yr for priority lakes.

Estimated Measurable Progress: 50 lb/yr phosphorus reduction. Projects will result in additional benefits including total suspended solids reduction, and wetland functions and values.

Activity Description:

This Activity will involve implementation of wetland restoration project(s) as needed to achieve the target phosphorus reduction. The primary purpose of the wetland restoration project(s) will be for the improvement of water quality in receiving lakes/streams. Secondary benefits of wetland restoration projects will be considered as well, such as floodplain storage and habitat creation/enhancement.

Wetland restorations will not be used to mitigate wetland impacts. Grant funds will not be used for fee title land acquisition (but may be used as match in accordance with WBIF Policy). LSC Partners will ensure proposed wetland restorations are consistent with WBIF eligibility requirements. LSC Partners will target specific restorations through utilization of existing studies and targeting analyses (e.g., drained wetland inventories, diagnostic studies, subwatershed assessments), performance of additional modeling analyses using existing data from said studies, and completion of additional targeting analyses as necessary to fill data gaps. Work pertaining to targeting strategies is included as part of other grant Activities. Wetland restoration phosphorus reduction will be dependent on a number of factors beyond acres restored (e.g., proximity to target waterbody, level of degradation, hydrology).

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Activity: Streambank or Shoreline Protection

eLINK Activity Category: Streambank or Shoreline Protection

Grant: $213,500

Match: $32,025

Match Source(s): Local funds, non-state grants

Lead Agency: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell

Priority areas:

- LSC CWMP Table 5-2 Regionally Significant Rivers and Streams (page 81)
- LSC CWMP Table 5-3 Regionally Significant Lakes (page 82)
- Also see priority locations for implementation items in LSC CWMP Table 5-1 which are related to this activity.

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Pages 68 and 70, Activities #21, #26

CWMP Goals: LK2B, UP2A, STC1B. 10-year CWMP goals for phosphorus reductions: 4,576 lb/yr for priority rivers and streams and 1,363 lb/yr for priority lakes.

Estimated Measurable Progress: 15 lb/yr phosphorus reduction. Projects will result in additional benefits including total suspended solids reduction, sediment reduction, wildlife habitat.

Activity Description: The CWMP indicates this activity includes one large-scale streambank restoration project with bank stabilization, and/or in-channel work, and/or improvements in floodplain connectivity; and/or cost share for up to 20 shoreline restoration and habitat improvement projects. Cost share projects are likely to be implemented by private landowners. Engagement with shoreline landowners and marketing of cost share programs will be accomplished through outreach, education, and workshops delivered through the Shared Services Educator. BWSR accepted standards and practices will be followed for restoration projects and assurances for long-term maintenance will be secured for each project.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Implementation – Shared Services/Staffing

Grant Activity: Agronomy Outreach Specialist

eLINK Activity Category: Project Development

Grant: $250,000

Match: $0

Lead Agencies: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell and Washington Conservation District, Jay Riggs

Priority areas: Agronomy outreach specialist will focus on priority areas described in Structural Ag BMP Implementation and Non-Structural Ag Implementation

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Page 61, Shared Services Activity

Activity Description: Agronomy outreach specialist. (A) Shared Services: Work with an agricultural conservationist (one individual) for basin wide assistance with agronomy, outreach, and technical assistance to agricultural producers including conservation planning and nutrient management plans. Approximately 80% of this position's time will be directly working with agricultural producers in the LSC Watershed to identify economical farming practices with water quality benefits to make them a routine part of farm operations. Staff qualifications are subject to change and are available upon request. Any updates will be submitted to the BWSR BC for review.

This would allow for 1 full-time agronomy outreach specialist to work basin-wide. Staff will work basin-wide and may have more than one office space. LSC partners will ensure duties assigned to this staff member will be in alignment with WBIF funding intent and requirements.

Costs billed to this item will include the following: Staff salary, benefits, travel expenses, training expenses, and office supplies. As with all grant activities, LSC partners will ensure program expenses are eligible before billing to the grant/match. All costs will primarily benefit water quality in a priority resource as identified in the LSC CWMP. In addition to direct landowner outreach and technical assistance, as described above, staff time will also include program and work plan coordination: annual partner coordination meetings, updates to partners, interfacing with the shared services educator, coordinated planning efforts, regular basin-scale coordination meetings with LSC partners and other agencies as appropriate.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: LSC partner approval of this work plan results in the direct allocation of funding under this activity to the Agronomy Outreach Specialist service agreement. Lead agencies will oversee the implementation of these funds and associated reporting.

Grant Activity: Shared Services Education

eLINK Activity Category: Education/Information

Grant: $295,000

Match: $36,216.53

Match Source: LSC partners local funds, non-state grants

Lead Agency: Washington Conservation District, Jay Riggs

Priority areas: Basin-wide

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Page 65, Shared Services Activity

Activity Description: Facilitate a collaborative watershed education and outreach program across the Lower St. Croix Watershed to advance the goals of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP). The Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCWP) will work closely with the East Metro Water Resources Education Program (EMWREP)

and communications staff from partner organizations to develop and deliver coordinated, science-based messaging, share educational resources, leverage regional expertise, and expand the reach and effectiveness of watershed education across the basin.

Through this collaborative approach, education efforts will engage residents, businesses, community organizations, and local decision-makers to increase awareness, build knowledge, encourage behavior change, and support adoption of practices and policies that improve and protect water quality. Activities may extend beyond the specific implementation items identified in this WBIF work plan but will directly support CWMP implementation and provide a primary water quality benefit to priority locations and waterbodies.

This work includes approximately 0.5 FTE dedicated to basin-wide education and outreach, development of educational materials, coordination of regional communications, and technical assistance to local governments. Technical assistance will include promoting Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS), supporting ordinance review and updates, delivering Non-point Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO), and providing education on watershed-friendly planning, development, and shoreline management. Assistance may also support adoption of innovative shoreland standards, protection of vegetated shoreline buffers and habitat corridors, establishment of shoreline view corridor standards, and other local policies that provide measurable water quality benefits.

Staff responsibilities also include coordinating the shared regional education program through collaboration with EMWREP, LSCWP partner communications staff, and the Agronomy Outreach Specialist; developing shared outreach priorities and campaigns; tracking program outcomes; and supporting work plan implementation and reporting.

Eligible costs include staff salary and benefits, educational materials and program expenses, contracted services (including MIDS and ordinance assistance), and other eligible outreach costs. The LSCWP will ensure all expenditures comply with WBIF eligibility requirements and primarily benefit water quality in priority resources identified in the CWMP. Staff qualifications are available upon request, and any staffing updates will be submitted to the BWSR Board Conservationist for review.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is composed of three types of education & outreach expenditures.

> **Shared Services Educator and Education Materials/Expenses**: LSC partner approval of this work plan results in the direct allocation of funding under this activity to the Shared Services Educator service agreement and education materials/expenses as indicated in the grant budget breakout. Co-lead agencies will oversee the implementation of these funds and associated reporting.
>
> **Supplemental Community Assistance**: MIDS Adoption Initiative and ordinance assistance expenditures will be composed of professional services (technical assistance from subject matter experts). These expenditures are subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Activity: Technical/Engineering

eLINK Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Grant: $225,000

Match: $0

Match Source(s): Local funds, non-state grants

Lead Agency: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell

Priority Areas: See priority areas for associated projects in CWMP Table 5-1

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1, Pages 61 and 65, Technical Assistance Activity

Activity Description: This activity includes funding for a 0.5 FTE engineering technician to be shared basin-wide, along with funding for additional qualified engineering services. This activity will include technical site assessment, surveys, preliminary analysis and design, final design, construction supervision, installation, inspection, and completion of projects. Funding allocation will be prioritized in areas where there are not local funds to support design work. Staff members/professionals performing work under this activity will demonstrate the appropriate Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) qualifications, as necessary.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process:

> **Engineering Technician**: LSC partner approval of this work plan results in the direct allocation of funding under this activity to the Engineering Technician service agreement as indicated in the grant budget breakout. Lead agency will oversee the implementation of these funds and associated reporting.
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> **Private Engineering Services and LSCWP Staff Technical Assistance**: These expenditures are subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org. Funding requests for this activity will indicate the associated project(s) and appropriate reference to CWMP Table 5-1.

Grant Activity: Project Development

eLINK Activity Category: Project Development

Grant: $50,000

Match: $0

Lead Agency: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell

Priority Areas: See priority areas for associated projects in CWMP Table 5-1

CWMP Reference: This activity will involve development of projects identified in Table 5-1.

Activity Description: This activity provides funding to partners to augment staff capacity needed to build relationships and provide outreach to key landowners. Outreach will increase likelihood that landowners will implement critical BMPs in urban and agricultural areas. The activity will include targeted outreach, site visits, and relationship building for high priority projects. Staff members/professionals performing work under this activity will demonstrate the appropriate Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) qualifications, as necessary.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org. Funding requests for this activity will indicate the associated project(s) and appropriate reference to CWMP Table 5-1.

Prioritization & Analysis

Grant Activity: Planning and Assessment

eLINK Activity Category: Planning and Assessment

Grant: $200,000

Match: $0

Match Source(s): Local funds, non-state grants

Lead Agency: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell

CWMP Reference: Table 5-1 Part D Implementation for Prioritization and Analysis, Pages 76-79

Activity Description: This activity involves development of specific plans and/or special studies related to activities identified in the LSC CWMP. Anticipated studies/plans include, but are not limited to, internal nutrient loading analyses,

carp population and movement studies, forest management plans, woodland stewardship plans, landscape stewardship plans, nutrient management plans, tree canopy assessment and enhanced street sweeping studies, and project targeting studies.

LSC CWMP page 19 states: "Examples of analyses used to target and prioritize projects include a subwatershed analysis (SWA), diagnostic study, feasibility study, etc. These analyses will include spatial and desktop analysis (including historical aerial photo review), water quality modeling or monitoring for pollution reduction analysis, field evaluation, and cost benefit analysis." Partners will ensure all funded activities adhere to WBIF eligibility requirements, per the WBIF policy. Staff members/professionals performing work under this activity will demonstrate the appropriate Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) qualifications, as necessary.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org. Funding requests for this activity will indicate the associated project(s) and appropriate reference to CWMP Table 5-1.

Administration

Grant Activity: Administration/Coordination

eLINK Activity Category: Administration/Coordination

Grant: $100,582

Match: $0

Lead Agencies: Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell and Washington Conservation District, Jay Riggs

Activity Description: Staff qualifications are subject to change and are available upon request. Any updates will be submitted to the BWSR BC for review. This Activity will include the following tasks.

- Grant and progress reporting – includes coordinating with fiscal agent and other partners to gather reporting information, organizing information, reporting to LSC partners, entering reports into eLINK, and assisting grant amendments/work plan revisions as necessary.
- Coordination of Policy Committee, Steering Committee, Advisory Committee, and Planning Team (lead coordination of meetings, agendas, meeting material distribution)
- Website upkeep: Includes the use of grant funds to host and update the LSC interactive web map as necessary.
- Fiscal agent administration and contract coordination – includes coordinating with other partners to gather reporting information and reviewing draft report; will also include leading any grant/work plan amendments as necessary
- Agronomy Outreach Specialist, Shared Services Educator, and Engineering Technician payroll administration.

Project Review & Grant Approval Process: This activity is subject to project approval policies and procedures at www.lsc1w1p.org.

Grant Goals and Progress

Overall, make measurable progress toward water quality goals using eligible projects, practices, and programs as described in the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCWP) Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP).

FY27 WBIF Phosphorus Reductions by Activity

Activity Name	Estimated Outcomes
Agricultural Practices	50 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Urban Stormwater Practices	10 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)	10 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Non-Structural Management Practices	400 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Groundwater	10 wells sealed
Wetland Restoration/Creation	50 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Streambank or Shoreline Protection	15 lb/yr phosphorus reduction
Total FY27 WBIF Estimated Outcomes	**535 lb/yr phosphorus reduction and 10 wells sealed**

Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) Goals and WBIF Goals

Phosphorus Reductions from CWMP (lb/yr)	CWMP 10-Year Phosphorus Reduction Goal	CWMP 2-Year Average	WBIF FY21-FY27 Goal Total	WBIF FY21-FY27 Est. Actual Total
Priority Streams (CWMP Table 5-2)	4,140	828		
Priority Lakes (CWMP Table 5-3)	1,363	273		
TOTAL	**5,503**	**1,101**	2,200	3,462

Total by Grant Fiscal Year: Phosphorus Reductions from WBIF Work Plan and Reporting (lb/yr)

FY21 WBIF		FY23 WBIF		FY25 WBIF		FY27 WBIF	
Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Estimated Actual	Goal	Estimate Actual
915	1,819	381	739	369	369	535	535

Footnotes

Other Funds: LSC partners estimated that the CWMP goals cannot be fully achieved solely with WBIF funds. Partners must leverage local dollars and other funding sources in order to meet the basin's goals.

Multiple Benefits: Most projects will result in multiple benefits such as total suspended solids reduction, nitrogen reduction, flood volume storage, and wildlife habitat. Partners will report other measurable outcomes as appropriate.

Calculation Tools: LSC partners may utilize multiple calculation tools to estimate load reductions. Examples include MIDS calculator, PTMApp, BWSR Pollutant Reduction Estimator, estimation via outflow, and internal loading analysis. See CWMP page 99 for a full list of potential reduction tools and their general intended uses. LSC partners will choose the calculation tool best suited to the proposed BMP. Phosphorus reductions will be estimated at the target waterbody (not just at edge-of-field).

Project Lifespan: See Lower St. Croix Policy for *nonstructural* project lifespan (1-3 years). Clean Water Fund language regarding project effective life (10 or 25 years): All *structural* practices must be designed and maintained for a minimum effective life of 10 years for best management practices and 25 years for capital improvement practices. The beginning date for a practice's effective life is the same date final payment is approved and the project is considered complete. Where questions arise under this section, the effective lifespan of structural practices and projects shall be defined by current and acceptable design standards or criteria.

Grant Budget

FY27 WBIF - Lower St. Croix Watershed Partners Grant - June 30, 2026					
	A		B	C	D
	WBIF GRANT WORK PLAN ACTIVITY		2027 WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY BUDGET	2027 WBIF GRANT MATCH	2027 WBIF TOTAL BUDGET
	Agricultural Practices		**$ 100,000.00**	**$ 15,000.00**	**$ 115,000.00**
	CIP Projects	*$ 50,000*			
	Cost Share Projects	*$ 50,000*			
	Urban Stormwater Practices		**$ 100,000.00**	**$ 15,000.00**	**$ 115,000.00**
	CIP Projects	*$ 50,000*			
	Cost Share Projects	*$ 50,000*			
	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems		**$ 100,000.00**	**$ 66,666.67**	**$ 166,666.67**
	Non-Structural Management Practices		**$ 200,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 200,000.00**
	Ag	*$ 100,000*			
	Urban	*$ 100,000*			
	Groundwater		**$ 15,000.00**	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 25,000.00**
	Wetland Restoration/Creation		**$ 200,000.00**	**$ 30,000.00**	**$ 230,000.00**
	CIP Projects	*$ 100,000*			
	Cost Share Projects	*$ 100,000*			
	Streambank or Shoreline Protection		**$ 213,500.00**	**$ 32,025.00**	**$ 245,525.00**
	Agronomy Outreach Specialist		**$ 250,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 250,000.00**
	Shared Services Education		**$ 295,000.00**	**$ 36,216.53**	**$ 331,216.53**
	Educator	*$ 185,000*			
	Educational materials	*$ 30,000*			
	Community Assistance	*$ 80,000*			
	Technical/Engineering		**$ 225,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 225,000.00**
	Engineering Tech	*$ 150,000*			
	Private Engineering Services	*$ 25,000*			
	LSC WP Staff Technical Assistance	*$ 50,000*			
	Project Development		**$ 50,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 50,000.00**
	Planning and Assessment		**$ 200,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 200,000.00**
	Administration/Coordination		**$ 100,582.00**	**$ -**	**$ 100,582.00**
	TOTAL		**$ 2,049,082.00**	**$ 204,908.20**	**$ 2,253,990.20**

LSC Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan expected distribution of WBIFs:

		LSC CWMP Page 16	Work Plan (Grant Funds)	Actual Grant Spend
	Implementation - BMPs/Restoration Activities*	45%	45%	TBD
	Implementation - Shared Services	25%	40%	TBD
	Prioritization & Analysis	25%	10%	TBD
	Administration	5%	5%	TBD
		100%	100%	100%

*Expenses billed to implementation (blue) line items will be for implementation only and will not include staff time/engineering. Staff/consultant time for project coordination/design/engineering/oversight etc. is covered by the remaining three categories (Shared Services, Prioritization & Analysis, Administration).

Section IV. 2027 LSC Meetings and Project Process Calendar

2027 Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership Meeting Calendar

Policy Committee meets quarterly (4th Monday in January, April, July, October, 4:00-6:00 p.m.)
Steering Committee meets monthly (2nd Wednesday of the month, 12:30-2:00 p.m.)
Planning Team meets monthly (last Wednesday of the month, 1:00-2:00 p.m.)
Advisory Committee meets as needed (e.g., AC meets to approve biennial work plan)

ALL REGULAR MEETINGS

January	February	March
1/13 Steering Committee Meeting **1/25 Policy Committee Meeting** **1/27 Planning Team Meeting**	**2/10 Steering Committee Meeting** **2/24 Planning Team Meeting**	**3/10 Steering Committee Meeting** **3/31 Planning Team Meeting**
April	**May**	**June**
4/14 Steering Committee Meeting **4/26 Policy Committee Meeting** **4/28 Planning Team Meeting**	**5/12 Steering Committee Meeting** **5/26 Planning Team Meeting**	**6/9 Steering Committee Meeting** **6/30 Planning Team Meeting**
July	**August**	**September**
7/14 Steering Committee Meeting **7/26 Policy Committee Meeting** **7/28 Planning Team Meeting**	**8/11 Steering Committee Meeting** **8/25 Planning Team Meeting**	**9/8 Steering Committee Meeting** **9/29 Planning Team Meeting**
October	**November**	**December**
10/13 Steering Committee Meeting **10/25 Policy Committee Meeting** **10/27 Planning Team Meeting**	**11/10 Steering Committee Meeting** **11/24 Planning Team Meeting**	**12/8 Steering Committee Meeting** **12/29 Planning Team Meeting**

Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF)
2027 Project Application Calendar

This calendar only shows meetings pertaining to the WBIF Project Evaluation and Approval Process, which is available at https://www.lsc1w1p.org/workplan-forms.

2027 WBIF PROJECT REQUEST DEADLINES & APPROVALS

January	February	March
1/30 Notice: Meeting facilitator will send out call for projects reminder to all partners 60 days in advance of the March application deadline **1/27 Deadline**: project requests less than $50K submitted to meeting facilitator (2 weeks before SC meeting)	**2/10 Steering Committee**: at regular monthly meeting consider project requests less than $50K **2/27 Notice**: Meeting facilitator will send out call for projects reminder to all partners 60 days in advance of the April application deadline	**3/31 Deadline**: project requests greater than or equal to $50K submitted to meeting facilitator
April	**May**	**June**
4/14 Steering Committee: at regular monthly meeting review project requests greater than or equal to $50K. **4/26 Policy Committee**: at regular quarterly meeting consider project requests greater than or equal to $50K once per year **4/28 Deadline**: project requests less than $50K submitted to meeting facilitator (2 weeks before SC meeting)	**5/12 Steering Committee**: at regular monthly meeting consider project requests less than $50K **5/29 Notice**: Meeting facilitator will send out call for projects reminder to all partners 60 days in advance of the July application deadline	
July	**August**	**September**
7/28 Deadline: project requests less than $50K submitted to meeting facilitator (2 weeks before SC meeting)	**8/11 Steering Committee**: at regular monthly meeting consider project requests less than $50K	
October	**November**	**December**
	11/27 Notice: Meeting facilitator will send out call for projects reminder to all partners 60 days in advance of the January application deadline	