

Mississippi Headwaters One Watershed, One Plan

February 2020



MEASURABLE GOALS

- The Advisory Committee spent most of the February meeting continuing prioritization and reviewing the Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS).
- When reviewing the GRAPS, the Advisory Committee recommended adding pollution sensitivity of Near-Surface Material to Forestry but not to Ag as the majority of the area is all high sensitivity.

- The committee worked through the continuation of prioritization and decided the following:

-Groundwater: special construction areas and superfund sites should be referenced, while also checking with MDH on arsenic flood zone.

-Wetlands were removed, while aquatic connectivity is going to be the base tool for prioritization for watercourse recovery.

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PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- The Advisory Committee discussed the difference between using a Joint Planning Commission (JCP) or a Joint Powers Entity (JPE) as the development structure.
- The Advisory Committee presented the following opinion: a JPC can be a good option in the long-term, however, a JPE can offer more flexibility.
- Zach presented the Advisory Committee with a sample plan to show the type of layout the 1W1P would follow. The committee agreed and supported the direction of the plan.

There are no longer any scheduled Advisory Committee meetings. They will be on an “as needed basis;” therefore, you will receive an email from Zach if a meeting is required

HIGHLIGHTS

Lidar Presentation

- Erik Krum presented on Partnership Lidar Planning for the Upper Mississippi Block, which educated the committee on Minnesota’s lidar goals and the need for partners. With more local and tribal partners, the amount of stakeholders will increase and help show interest to increase any funding match.
- The MN Lidar Plan offers tools, such as SeaSketch, that aides with prioritization and focusing on areas of interest.
- The Advisory Committee didn’t feel it necessary to include the Lidar Project in the 1W1P.