

Mississippi Headwaters One Watershed, One Plan

September 2019



LOOKING BACK AND TO THE FUTURE

One goal for the September Advisory Committee Meeting was to review the following:

- Public Kickoff Meeting comments and review of survey results. Survey showed that the public had some knowledge of most issue statements but that most were Not Knowledgeable about “Emerging Issues.”

- Zach reviewed the watershed tour and previous content covered in the July meeting.

- The Advisory Committee reviewed the current issue statements and were informed of on the public’s rankings for the issue statements.

- The Advisory Committee looked at potential measurable goals and how they will play a role in relation to the plan outline.

- Committee members completed a grouping activity where they reviewed Surface Water and Ground Water resources. No recommendations needed.

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PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Zach presented to the committee on plan development and asked members to finalize the prioritization of resources, as they will be used to achieve measurable goals.
- Zach also reviewed current watershed maps to show resource targeting and where we need to move the needle.
- A tentative plan outline was presented to the committee, while members completed an activity to rank issue statements by highest, high, and medium.
- The committee recommended Emerging Issues and Environmental Sensitive Lands to be a separate category, while also giving Zach discretion to make the final decision.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Megan FitzGerald presented on the current Land and water Resource Inventory, which included updated information and more concise sections. Member are encouraged to provide comments as they see fit.
- Presentation from Dan Steward and Mitch Brinks about Integrated Planning for the Water through Forestry and the role forests play in water quality. Additionally, Dan educated the committee on the Landowners Toolbox, which helps private landowners implement conservation practices.