**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:
     1. Lance Petersen (Chisago Co Policy Committee at-large rep)
     2. Dave Tolberg (Chisago SWCD Policy Committee alternate)
     3. Jay Riggs, WCD
     4. Maureen Hoffman, Washington County
     5. Matt Moore, SWWD
     6. Mike Kinney, CLFLWD

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:
     1. Jay Riggs, WCD
     2. Tiffany Determan, Isanti SWCD
     3. Caleb Anderson, Pine Co
     4. Matt Moore, SWWD
     5. Craig Mell, Chisago SWCD
     6. Paul Swanson, Pine SWCD
     7. Agronomy outreach specialist
     8. Mike Kinney, CLFLWD - TBD

## 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:
     1. Angie Hong, EMWREP
     2. Jay Riggs, WCD
     3. Jerry Spetzman, Chisago LID
     4. Susanna Wilson-Witkowski, Chisago County
     5. Janet Hegland, Sunrise River WMO Policy Committee rep
     6. 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.
     1. BWSR approved standards will be followed for all practices implemented
     2. 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:
     1. Mike Isensee, CMSCWD
     2. Casey Thiel, Chisago SWCD
     3. WCD landscape architect (Bryan Pynn or Andy Novak)
     4. Tony Randazzo, SWWD
     5. Mike Kinney, CLFLWD - TBD

## 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:
     1. Becky Wozney, Anoka SWCD
     2. Caleb Anderson or Jeremy Williamson, Pine Co
     3. Todd Kulaf, Isanti SWCD
     4. Jaime Schurbon, Anoka SWCD
     5. Paul Swanson, Pine SWCD
     6. Jeff Fertig, Chisago Co
     7. CLFLWD rep - TBD
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:
     1. Jerry Spetzman, Chisago LID
     2. Susanna Wilson-Witkowski, Chisago County
     3. Mike Isensee, CMSCWD
     4. Jaime Schurbon, Anoka SWCD

## 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:
     1. Mike Isensee, CMSCWD
     2. Jay Riggs, WCD with transition to Bryan Pynn / Andy Novak in the future
     3. Casey Thiel, Chisago SWCD
     4. Pine Co / SWCD staff
     5. Mike Kinney, CLFLWD - TBD

## 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