

## MEMO

### Lower St. Croix Partnership – Watershed Based Implementation Funding

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**To:** Advisory Committee  
**From:** Emily Heinz, CLFLWD  
**Subject:** FY23 WBIF Grant Work Plan

**Date:** September 12, 2022

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#### Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Lower St. Croix (LSC) Advisory Committee to consider taking action to recommend the draft FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant work plan to the LSC Policy Committee.

The first draft work plan was distributed to the AC on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The AC met one week later on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, but several members were not comfortable acting on the proposed work plan at that time. Since then, some members have submitted comments on the draft work plan. The enclosed comments matrix and PDF attachments summarize those comments.

**The AC should discuss some of the more substantive comments regarding prioritization and metrics at its September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

#### Proposed Timetable for Work Plan Approval

- September 14<sup>th</sup>: Advisory Committee recommends work plan approval
- September 19<sup>th</sup>: Policy Committee meeting packet is sent out
- September 26<sup>th</sup>: Recommended Policy Committee action to recommend work plan approval to partners
- Month of October: Lower St. Croix partner boards consider approving work plan. Need 2/3 approval.
- October 28<sup>th</sup>: Requested deadline for local boards approval by 4:30 pm
- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4pm: Goal deadline to submit work plan in eLINK
- Months of November/December: Board of Water and Soil Resources reviews and considers approving work plan (can occur simultaneously with Chisago SWCD signing the grant agreement)
- Early December: Chisago SWCD board meeting – sign grant agreement and return to BWSR
- End of December: BWSR executes agreement once work plan is approved

#### Recommended Action

Recommend FY23 WBIF grant work plan to Policy Committee.

#### Attached:

- Comments Matrix and Original Comments PDFs from Craig Mell and Michelle Jordan
- Redlined Grant Work Plan
- Redlined Work Plan Attachment A
- Redlined Work Plan Attachment B