**To:** LSCPolicy Committee  **Date:** January 23, 2023

**From:** LSC Steering Committee

**Subject:** Lower St. Croix Draft Project Evaluation and Approval Process

# Background/Discussion

At the September 26, 2022 Policy Committee meeting, Policy Committee members expressed their interest in the development of a formal project review policy.

The following documents were developed, drawing on several of the Lower St. Croix’s existing planning documents, along with the comments from the Policy Committee members:

* + WBIF Project Process Graphic (Attachment 1)
  + LSC Project Process Calendar (Attachment 2)
  + LSC Draft Project Evaluation and Approval Process (Attachment 3)

The documents provide a detailed overview of the evaluation and approval of projects proposing to use Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCP) Watershed-Based Implementation Funds (WBIF). These documents are intended to be reviewed each December to evaluate their effectiveness in relation to Comprehensive Plan implementation, and determine what modifications to improve process, address gaps, or to better align with other policies or procedures should be made.

These items were developed, reviewed, and edited by Staff, the Lower St. Croix Planning Team, and the Steering Committee. At the January 23, 2023 Policy Committee meeting, Staff will briefly introduce the documents and facilitate a discussion with the Committee members.

These documents are before the Policy Committee for review and acceptance.

# Recommended Action

Proposed Motion: Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moves to accept the Lower St. Croix Project Evaluation and Approval Process as developed by Staff, the Planning Team, and Steering Committee. Seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

**Attached:**

1. **WBIF Project Process Graphic**
2. **LSC Project Process Calendar**
3. **LSC Draft Project Evaluation and Approval Process**