

Planning Workgroup for Root River One Watershed One Plan  
Monday, January 4, 2016  
Fillmore County Office Building, 902 Houston Street NW, Preston

In attendance: Skip Langer, Tom Gile, Daryl Buck, Adam King, Sheila Harmes, Dave Walter, Justin Hanson, Tim Ruzek, Donna Rasmussen, Jennifer Ronnenberg, Rachel Olm, Mark Deutschman

Dave Walter, facilitator, opened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

1. Timeline for draft plan completion: The draft plan will be ready by the end of January. HEI is currently working on the implementation schedule in section 4. Section 3 strategies and actions will be placed in a table. They will also include an example for one HUC10 about how to use PTMapp for implementation planning. This is funded through BWSR PTMapp grants. BWSR will also be including this example in their PTMapp guidance documents in the future.
2. Review/acceptance of Resource Concern maps: Within the next two weeks, the PWG must get comments to HEI for any changes to the maps. There will be a separate resource concern on each map of the entire watershed. Each map will have a title, the priority category and a description. The purpose of the maps is to show where the resource of concern is on the landscape. The maps will be in section 2, and there will be maps for all the A, B, and C priorities showing the whole watershed. Format will be 11" x 17" foldout. The 380+ HUC10 maps will be in the map book on a CD.
3. Responding to DNR comments (Section 3): HEI will respond to the additional comments submitted by DNR, which will take about a half day. Those will be consolidated with the response to the initial DNR comments. PWG should review and then send a response to DNR if we are in agreement with the HEI responses.
4. Staffing and budget information for completing the plan (mostly Section 5): We reviewed the list of deliverables prepared by Jennifer based on comments from previous meetings. The number of Policy Committee meetings (2/year) should agree with what is in the JPA (quarterly). There should be a way to clip each county's reporting in eLink to easily develop an annual report of accomplishments in the watershed. Tom will check on how this can be done. The remainder of the 0.25 FTE will be used for education/outreach as time allows.
5. Status of Section 4 (Implantation Plan) writing/assembly of Targeted Implementation Schedule: Mark showed examples of the tables in section 4. It is assumed that there will be annual planning done for grants and to report back to the Policy Committee the accomplishments of the previous year. A definition for lead entity will be included as well as the role/responsibility. Costs need an explanation that includes private costs, not just cost share. What is shown in the table now is very high and HEI is analyzing the cause. The cost is for all 100 practices in the HUC10. The costs associated with an education/outreach campaign will be included; each county/SWCD can then implement as they wish.
6. PTMapp processing update: The number crunching should be completed tomorrow.
7. Review the list of capital improvement projects discussed at last PWG meeting: Carey's Creek will be added to HEI's list. Mark suggested bundling projects from a HUC10 or for the whole Root so they can be called capital projects for possible federal RCPP funding. These types of projects may also be considered for bonding money. There is language to use for 319 grants for capital projects that Tom can provide to HEI. PTMapp can analyze larger water storage practices and water quality practices in the Root to estimate volume reductions for stream stability and sediment reductions.
8. Other items from HEI or PWG members
9. Next meeting, facilitator(s), agenda items: Next meeting is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> after the SE Technical JPB meeting in Rochester. Skip will check on a meeting room at the Olmsted campus where their new office is now located. We will review the narrative for section 4 and the tables that are ready at that time. The remainder of section 4 will be reviewed on Monday, February 1, at 9:00 a.m. at the Conservation Building in Preston. The Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 108 of the Fillmore County Office Building, if available. This should allow enough time for changes to be made before the February 29<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.