



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

To: BCWMC Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners
From: Administrator Jester on Behalf of Plan Steering Committee
Date: December 11, 2024

RE: Plan Steering Committee Recommendations Following November Workshop

On November 20th the BCWMC held a commission workshop to review and discuss issue statements, desired future conditions, and 10-year goals for several issues proposed for the 2025 Watershed Management Plan. Workshop attendees broke into four small groups to discuss the Plan Steering Committee's recommendations. Then the full group came back together for a brief report on small group discussions. A complete set of workshop notes is found [here](#) which were reviewed by the Plan Steering Committee.

At their meeting on December 11th, the Plan Steering Committee developed the following recommended changes to issue statements and 10-year goals in response to the input received at the workshop.

Education and Engagement Category

1. Public Awareness and Action

- Revise issue statement: *Lack of knowledge and resources for action limit the ability and interest of watershed residents and stakeholders to be good caretakers of the BCWMC waterbodies and ecosystems ~~may be limited by the lack of knowledge and resources for action.~~*
- Revise Goal 1A: *Increase public knowledge of and participation in programs or practices for-of waterbody and ecosystem caretaking*
- Revise Goal 1C: *Support citizen-community science and volunteer efforts.*

2. Engagement of Diverse Communities

- Revise Goal 2B: *Seek, consider, and respond to input from all relevant-impacted communities as part of the BCWMC's plans, programs, and projects.*
- Revise Goal 2C: *Incorporate Dakota place names, history, culture, and Native-Indigenous knowledge into BCWMC projects and programs.*

3. Recreation Opportunities

- Revise Goal 3A: *Support recreational uses of, and access to, ~~priority waterbodies~~ lakes, streams, and natural areas, particularly in underserved communities.*

Organizational Effectiveness Category

1. Organizational Capacity and Staffing

- Revise Goal 1B: *~~Implement outcomes of organizational assessment to improve~~ Achieve optimal organizational capacity, efficiency, and effectiveness.*

2. BCWMC Funding Mechanisms

- Revise issue statement: *~~Additional f~~Funding sources ~~and/or alternate~~and funding mechanisms for BCWMC administration and implementation are needed to achieve the most efficient, equitable, and robust outcomes for BCWMC administration and implementation are not adequate to achieve the most efficient, equitable, and robust outcomes.*

In addition to the specific revisions noted above, note takers in small groups recorded several instances where additional context should be added to the implementation section of the plan, including definition of some terms (such as “equity”), mapping needs (such as official ditches), and explanations on what causes particular issues. The implementation section will also refer to tools the Commission will use to address issues and will reference a table with implementation schedule and budget.