

Advisory Committee Meeting

St. Louis River One Watershed, One Plan

August 17, 2021, 9:00-11:30 am

Meeting purpose:

At this meeting we reviewed and provided feedback on draft plan goals that we did not get to in July and discuss the information and relationships, both what is currently available and what is needed, to set achievable and measurable goals.

Activity

Welcome, Meeting Overview (5 min)

Draft Goals Exercise Part

See the *Goals by Priority Issue Statement* Word document for final list of goals. Notes from the meeting include:

- The “exploratory mine wells” and the “possible need for additional monitoring wells” draft goal was moved to actions under sealing unused wells. We still want to explore these topics more but felt they would fit under this existing goal.
- We grouped the floodplain restoration goal with the stream restoration goal, recognizing that floodplain restoration is part of stream restoration, and the storage that is created for each implemented project can be tracked as a metric.
- We grouped the forest protection of groundwater goal with the forest protection of surface water and riparian habitat goal to streamline the plan. These metrics can be tracked separately, and we want to make sure we have separate maps showing where water protects certain resources so that this can easily be communicated to forest landowners.
- We removed the forest water storage goal but added water storage as a metric to our forest protection goal.
- We moved the shoreline restoration goal to the habitat section. Pollution reduction from these activities will be tracked as a metric.
- There was discussion about how to incorporate the future Mercury TMDL into this plan, and where this would fit within the 1W1P. An additional goal may be needed in the pollutant Issue Category. The main purpose of this goal will be to coordinate with the TMDL once it is approved (around 2024) and incorporate any applicable implementation activities into the 1W1P.

Next Steps / Questions

- Process to add numbers and finalize measurable goals
- Developing the implementation table
- Reviewing draft plan sections
- No Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for September