



To: Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership member boards

From: Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership Policy Committee

Date: April 28, 2025

Re: LSC FY23 WBIF Work Plan Revision and Budget Amendment

The Policy Committee met on April 28<sup>th</sup> and recommends to the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership local boards the following work plan revision and budget amendment to the LSC FY23 WBIF grant work plan and budget.

**Proposed LSC FY23 WBIF grant work plan revision.**

**Item #1: add Forest Management Plans or Woodland Stewardship Plans as an eligible activity**

**elink Activity Category:** Targeting Analyses

**Lead Agency:** Washington Conservation District, Jay Riggs

**Co-lead Agency:** Chisago SWCD, Craig Mell (subcontracts with local partners for each subwatershed project)

**Staff Qualifications:** This task will be completed by existing qualified staff members of LSC Partner organizations.

**Activity Description:** This Activity includes ~~two~~ three general types of analyses: 1) Subwatershed Assessment (or similar analysis, not necessarily SWA protocols), ~~and~~ 2) Targeted Street Sweeping Analysis, and 3) Forest Management Plans or Woodland Stewardship Plans.

All priority waterbodies are listed in tables 5.2 and 5.3 Regionally Significant Lakes, Rivers and Streams for Pollutant Reductions. Subwatershed analysis requests will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and other committees as appropriate.

Communities or roadways draining to the waterbodies listed in Table 5-2 and Table 5-3 of the LSC CWMP are priorities for Targeted Street Sweeping Studies. Studies will follow the Tree Canopy Assessment Protocol which is available at [www.lsc1w1p.org](http://www.lsc1w1p.org).

All areas identified in Table 5-1 Part C # 43 of the LSC CWMP are priorities for Forest Management Plans or Woodland Stewardship Plans. Plans will follow the MN DNR Forest Stewardship Program.

**Item #2: Budget revision to several work plan activities.**

FY23 WBIF - Lower St. Croix Watershed Partners Grant - Steering Committee Recommended Work Plan Budget Revision (03/26/2025)					
A	B	C	D	E	F
WBIF GRANT WORK PLAN ACTIVITY	CURRENT WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY BUDGET	PC RECOMMENDED WBIF GRANT WORK PLAN BUDGET REVISION (04/28/2025)	PR RECOMMENDED WBIF BALANCE WITH WORK PLAN BUDGET REVISION (04/28/2025)	AMOUNT WBIF's ENCUMBERED (04/28/2025)	WBIF BALANCE REMAINING WITH PC RECOMMENDED REVISIONS
A1 Structural Ag BMP Implementation	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 85,472.03	\$ 345,472.03	\$ 345,472.03	\$ -
A2 Structural Urban BMP Implementation	\$ 148,054.00	\$ (18,054.00)	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ -
A3 Non-Structural Ag/Urban BMP Implementation	\$ 122,025.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 102,025.00	\$ 102,025.00	\$ -
A4 Wetland Restoration Implementation	\$ 255,000.00	\$ (15,009.84)	\$ 239,990.16	\$ 239,990.16	\$ -
A5 Agronomy Outreach Specialist	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -
A6 Shared Services Educator	\$ 270,500.00	\$ (12,660.00)	\$ 257,840.00	\$ 227,840.00	\$ 30,000.00
A7 Technical/Engineering	\$ 112,615.00	\$ (36,059.44)	\$ 76,555.56	\$ 76,555.56	\$ -
A8 Internal Analyses	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
A9 Targeting Analyses	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
A10 Administration/Coordination	\$ 90,000.00	\$ (4,688.75)	\$ 85,311.25	\$ 85,311.25	\$ -
PROJECT BALANCE:	\$ 1,446,194.00	\$ -	\$ 1,446,194.00	\$ 1,396,194.00	\$ 50,000.00

**Item #3: Grant Agreement Expiration Date extension request.**

- Current: December 31, 2025
- Recommended: December 31, 2026

**Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership Policy Committee Recommendation**

Recommend that the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership local boards approve the proposed LSC FY23 WBIF grant work plan revisions to

1. Add Forest Management Plans or Woodland Stewardship Plans as an eligible activity under the Targeted Analyses activity.
2. Amend the budget as recommended by the LSC WP Policy Committee on April 28, 2025
3. Extend the grant agreement expiration date from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

**Next steps**

The local governing boards must act on Policy Committee recommendations within 60 days after the day on which the Policy Committee formally adopted such a recommendation. The decisions of the various governing boards of the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership will be deemed approved for purposes of this Agreement when 2/3rds of the governing bodies have adopted formal action on the respective recommendation. Upon local board action, please notify both Craig Mell and Angie Hong via email of the local boards decision pertaining to this agenda item. The Chisago SWCD, acting as the Fiscal Agent, will then submit a work plan revision request to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for consideration and approval.