

Action Category I.B. Identify the form and content of a watershed-based statewide stormwater management process.

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#1	I.B.a Set principles to guide the establishment of a watershed-based stormwater framework.	Low. While there is recognition that developing a watershed-based system is necessary, there is minimal organization commitment.	Existing process for planning and implementing as set in 103B & 103D or 103C. Watershed Approach Study Report.	Low. Need a facilitator with understanding of issues	Must be completed first and used as a filter for ideas and approaches raised in following tasks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWSR• MPCA• SSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGUs, state agencies, METC• WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources• Understanding of issues/options• Representation of multiple interests• Lack of program leadership commitment and priority• The groups that need to agree about this all have own agendas.• Turf protection,• Legal requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocate resources• Do research into watershed approach studies• Appoint workgroup members that represent various interests• Put individual agendas aside and work together• Consult Watershed Report• Leverage the MPCA Commissioner’s Office’s stated commitment to a watershed approach	No	N/A	Staffing Workgroup Possible Consultant	Yes, but could be managed via reallocated staff resource	\$0 for existing staff to \$50,000 for new staff or consultant	03/09 This should be an aggressive schedule seeing that it is not in current staff work plans, but seems important to do in this time frame if we are to impact <u>current</u> legislative discussions. The rest of the scheduled completion dates are based on this task completion date.
#2	I.B.b. Define an appropriate scale for a watershed focus.	Medium. Little existing commitment to change in scale of management, but recognized as issue for state-wide approach	National and international watershed management research can give some guidance.	Low. alternative scales, other than WMOs/WDs, and counties, have not been evaluated	Needs to be considered after (a) and before next items. This will be part of I.B.f .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWSR• MPCA• SSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGUs, state agencies, METC• WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources• Need analysis of existing structures• Mismatch between political boundaries and watershed boundaries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocate resources• Complete study of successes and failures of existing structures	No	N/A	Staffing Workgroup Possible Consultant	Yes	\$0 for existing staff to \$10,000 for new staff or consultant	08/09
#3	I.B.c. Identify the “soft factors” that make a watershed-based approach successful.	Low. No existing commitment	None	Medium. Need study – some analysis has been completed here and in other states.	Can be completed simultaneously using principles developed in (a), (b), and (c). Soft factors may also be identified during I.B.f.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWSR• MPCA• SSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGUs, state agencies, METC• WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources• Need clarification of issues in different regions of the state	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocate resources• Study identifying regional issues and obstacles with approaches developed in (a), (b), and (c).	No	N/A	Staffing	Yes	Low- allocate existing staff & rely on existing research	08/09

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#4	I.B.d. Consider improvements that would streamline existing structures.	Medium. Significant vested interest in existing structures – will be resistant to change. Some parties are committed to change.	SSC Roadmap, MPCA SW program plan, MEI Land & Water Policy Integration Project, Citizens League Water Policy Study Committee	Low. Needs principles from (a) to apply against existing government structures	Needs to follow (b) and evaluate how existing structures fit with proposed scale and if changes need to be made. This will be an integral part of ICc & ICf. May require legislation to fully realize benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWSR• MPCA• SSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGUs, state agencies, METC• WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources• Lack of thorough understanding of options• Need for rule and statute changes.• Overwhelming complexity• Legal requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocate resources• Complete study of optional scales and issues• Get buy-in early on from LGUs, WMOs/WDs environmental groups, state agencies.• Have partners push through legislature.• Hire third party facilitator	No	N/A	Staffing Workgroup Possible Consultant	Yes	\$0 for existing staff time to \$20,000 for consultant	12/09
#5	I.B.e. Identify a high level governmental and stakeholder leadership structure.	Low. No existing agency commitment exists	Survey and analysis of MN and other state operations	Medium. Little analysis of leadership structure and decision dynamics has been completed in MN – expertise exists in other states and universities.	Can be completed simultaneously using principles developed in (a), (b), and (c). Need strong representation from agency policy makers and key people from LGUs, cities, WMOs/WDs and counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWSR• MPCA• SSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGUs, state agencies, METC• WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources• Lack of understanding and documentation of leadership structures, issues and alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocate resources• Study of leadership dynamics, issues, alternatives	No	N/A	Staffing	Yes	\$0 for existing staff time to \$10,000 for consultant	08/09
#6	I.B.f. Identify methods for integrating watershed and local government based structures.	Medium. Existing interest in subject, but no existing commitment except for some effort in LID program.	Existing LGU examples and NEMO (local and national) products. Center for Watershed Protection products.	Medium. Existing Watershed Districts and WMOs experience as well as LID experience should help.	Can be completed simultaneously using principles developed in (a), (b), and (c).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BWSR• MPCA• SSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGUs, state agencies, METC• WMOs/WDs, SWCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources• Local government resistance to interference• Need understanding of priority regulatory issues• There appears to be some aversion to using what has been successful and already in place. 103B, 103D and maybe 103C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allocate resources• Analyze options, solutions, incentives for overcoming resistance.• Analyze/identify priority watershed regulatory issues & conflicts or inconsistencies at local levels.• Determine where it fits in the overall priority for the agencies. It seems to be a priority for most LGUs to achieve efficiency and greater effectiveness of stormwater.	Partial funding in MPCA LID Program activities	LGUs WMOs WDs	Staffing	Yes	\$0 for existing staff time to \$20,000 for consultant	12/09

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#7	I.B.g Implement watershed-based approach based on principles.	Medium. Significant vested interest in existing structures – will be resistant to change. Some parties are committed to change.	None	Medium. Need study to develop best approach to use with agencies and local governments—some analysis has been in other states.	Last step	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BWSRMPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LGUs and their associations (LMC, AMC, AMT, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResourcesUnderstanding of issues/optionsRepresentation of multiple interestsLack of program leadership commitment and priorityLocal government and agency resistance to change & interferenceLegal requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allocate resourcesAnalyze options, solutions, and incentives for overcoming resistance.Develop governor and legislative support for legislation developed in (a) through (f).	NO	N/A	Staffing, Agency and LGU Lobbying support, Long term agency implementation support	Yes, but some of the ongoing support could be existing staff resources in MPCA and BWSR	\$200,000 (Legislation and rule adoption) \$100,000/yr. (Training and education) \$150,000/yr. (Implementation support)	06/10 and ongoing