

Little Fork River 1W1P

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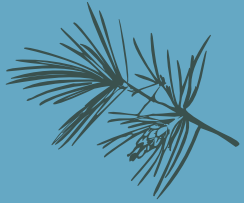
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OVERVIEW OF
AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- 1W1P Overview
- Policy Committee By-Laws
- Notification Process
- Plan Writing Consultant
- Wrap Up

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OVERVIEW OF
1W1P PROCESS

What is One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P)

- Funded through Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, administered through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
- Replaces County Water Plans previously aligned to county boundaries with Watershed Plans to create a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management

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Why Plan Along Watershed Boundaries?

- Water doesn't follow political boundaries
- Improves collaboration between all government units that focus on water quality work
- Makes implementation more efficient and effective
- Eligible for reliable, non-competitive grant funding for targeted implementation through Watershed-Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) which is administered through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)

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1W1P PROCESS

Who is Involved?

- Local Units of Government responsible for water management
- Anyone who lives, works, or recreates in the watershed is welcome to participate in the planning process
- Main Planning Committees:
 - Policy Committee
 - Steering Committee
 - Advisory Committee

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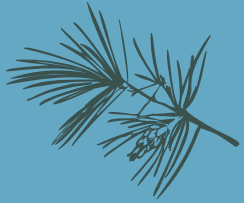
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- Decision-making group of the planning partnership
- One representative from each participating government unit (signed the Planning MOA)
- Responsibilities:
 - Approve plan content
 - Guide overall direction of the planning process
 - Report back to individual Boards about plan content and progress
 - Adopt the final Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

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Steering Committee

- Staff from each participating government unit and BWSR representative(s)
- Provide day-to-day organization and coordination
- Active throughout the planning process and engages with all other committees

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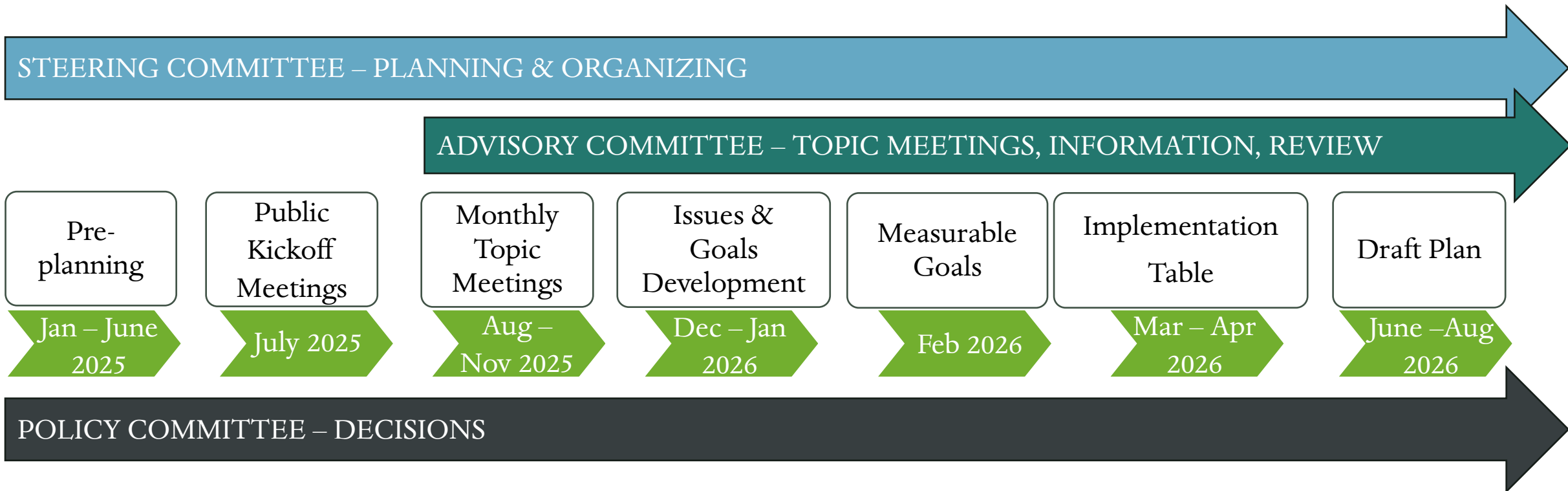


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Advisory Committee

- Professional and community topic experts
- Provide technical input and local perspective
- Collaborate to identify:
 - Resource issues and concerns in the watershed
 - Action strategies to address resource concerns
 - Measurable goals to track progress

Draft Little Fork River 1W1P Planning Schedule



Final Approval and Adoption of Plan – Late 2026

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Public Kickoff Meetings

- July 22nd – Cook Community Center
- July 24th – Littlefork Community Building
- In-Person Presentation (tentatively 5:00-7:00 pm):
 - Provide overview of 1W1P process
 - Review watershed data
 - Present and discuss priority resource concerns and issues
 - Gain public feedback and input
- Online / Paper Surveys:
 - Gather public feedback and input throughout the public comment period

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Advisory Committee Monthly Topic Meetings

Draft Schedule:

- August 7, 2025 – Lakes & Streams
 - September 4, 2025 – Forests & Wetlands
 - October 2, 2025 – Urban Stormwater & Drainage
 - November 6, 2025 – Farms & Groundwater
 - January 8, 2026 – Full Priority Issues List & Priority Areas
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- Meetings will be held around the watershed and will likely be hybrid (in-person and virtual options for participation)

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OVERVIEW OF 1W1P PROCESS

Little Fork River One Watershed, One Plan Partnership GRANT BUDGET

This document is an attachment to the 1W1P grant work plan and will be put into eLINK.

	LEAD	ESTIMATED COST		
Plan Development Costs		Consultants	Partnership	Total
Pre-Planning				
Aggregate watershed information	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$7,200.00
Notify plan review authorities and host public kickoff meeting	Collaboration*/Consultant		\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Planning				
Write the land and water resources narrative	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,600.00
Identify and prioritize resources and issues	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$20,000.00
Establish measurable goals	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$25,600.00
Develop a targeted implementation schedule	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$18,600.00
Describe implementation programs	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$7,800.00
Determine plan administration and coordination	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$7,800.00
Write draft plan for review	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$18,600.00
Meeting Facilitation	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$61,000.00
Plan Review and Submission				
Conduct formal review	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$12,800.00
Write final plan and submit to BWSR	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$9,000.00
Other Costs				
Little Fork LSP Development	Collaboration*/Consultant	\$ 13,000.00		\$13,000.00
SUBTOTAL: Plan Development		\$ 148,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$205,000.00
Administration Costs	LGU Lead	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total
Fiscal Coordination	SWCD	60	60	\$3,600.00
Grant Reporting (Elink)	SWCD	60	60	\$3,600.00
Policy /Advisory Committee Coordination	SWCD	60	150	\$9,000.00
Meeting Expenses (facility, materials, food)				\$5,600.00
Publication Expenses (notices, invitations)				\$1,200.00
SUBTOTAL: Administration				\$23,000.00
CONTINGENCY (add 10% to final amount)				\$22,800.00
TOTAL				\$250,800.00

*Collaboration between Koochiching SWCD, Koochiching County, North St. Louis SWCD, St. Louis County, Itasca SWCD, Itasca County, and Bois Forte

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Format for Partnership Billing Against Planning Grant for Eligible Activities

- Formal agreement with each planning partner
- One master agreement outlining “not to exceed” amounts for each planning partner/ planning task
- Other method?

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REMAINING
AGENDA ITEMS

- Policy Committee Bylaws
 - Review / Approve Bylaws
 - Elect Chair and Vice Chair
- Notification Process
 - Review / Approve draft letter
 - Review / Approve Advisory Committee
 - Review Topic Meeting Expert List
- Plan Writing Consultant
 - Review / Approve HEI Agreement
- Schedule Recurring Policy Committee Meetings
 - Suggest setting monthly meeting day, time, and location(s); individual meetings can be canceled if not necessary for that particular month

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Additional Items and/or Questions?

Thanks for coming!