



AGENDA

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: February 5, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Location: Littlefork Community Building
 220 Main St, Littlefork, MN 56653

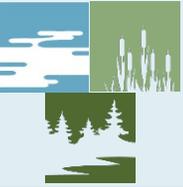
PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING

Review: Draft Goals, Draft Vision Statement

AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION	TIME ALLOTTED
1. Welcome and Introductions	Introduce	9:00 – 9:20
2. Review Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where we are and where we are going 	Introduce	9:20 – 9:30
3. Lake Prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review draft prioritization developed by the Steering Committee 	Discuss	9:30 – 10:10
4. Break	--	10:10 - 10:20
5. Review Draft Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review goals developed by the Steering Committee 	Discuss	10:20 - 11:00
6. Visioning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review draft Vision Statement from January brainstorming 	Discuss	11:00 – 11:15
9. Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting: March 5, In-Person Next Topic: Plan Actions 	--	11:15 – 11:30

Draft Goals Brainstorm



Resource	Draft Goal Name	Goal	Goal Number Information	Priority Areas
	Water Quality Contaminants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term: Increase Agricultural BMPs by 827 acres (5% of crop/pasture acres in watershed) • Long Term: Increase Agricultural BMPs by 1,653 acres (10% of crop/pasture acres in watershed) and LOW TMDL. 	Total cultivated/pasture in LFRW: 16,533 acres Current: 3.5% of acres have BMPs (Healthier Watersheds)	Ag acres Run this by Ryan Clark.
	Land Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term (10 Years): 980 acres protected (5% LSP) • Long term: 19,592 acres (100% LSP) 	Goals based on LSP SFIA, Easements, 2c (St Louis). Lots of SFIA already in the watershed.	LSP
	Erosion and Shoreline Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term: X mile of streams/ditches restored/stabilized • Long Term: X feet of shoreline restored/stabilized 	Since 2008: 6 projects with 673 feet of shoreline/streambank protected	Little Fork Sediment Study, WRAPS – <i>Develop a subcommittee with Mike to determine goal number and priorities</i>
	Restore Hydrology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term: 1 Peatland restoration feasibility study(ies). • Long Term: No net change in discharge 	Suggestion: 1-2 studies	Ask DNR and James BWSR peatland RIM program DNR federal grant TNC feasibility study
	Forest Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term (10 Year): 74 plans, 9,939 acres (non-industrial lands, average plan size 130 acres) • Long term: 744 plans, 99,391 acres (100% of LSP) 	Goals based on LSP Include re-enrollments Already completed: 274 plans; 36,428 acres	LSP

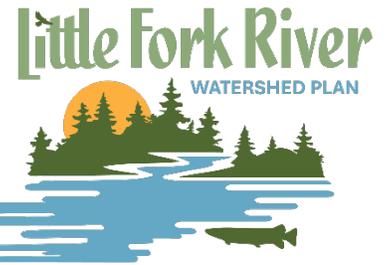
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	Drinking Water Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term (10-Year): Seal 10 wells • Short Term (10-Year): Replace 40? failing septic systems • Long Term: Seal all priority wells, replace all priority septic systems 	<p>Since 2008: 2 wells decommissioned, 16 septic systems improvements.</p> <p>From Ada: there are 23 noncompliant septic systems in the St. Louis County portion of the Little Fork watershed</p> <p>Koochiching: 20-25/yr replaced(1/3 in watershed).</p>	Watershed-wide, Priority: low income funding. MPCA and BWSR funding
	Stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term: Develop stormwater plans in Cook and Littlefork • Short Term: Implement 2 stormwater projects (includes partnering with MNDOT) • Long Term: Address all priority stormwater concerns in Littlefork and Cook, as well as other priority areas, as outlined in the Stormwater Topic Meeting. 		Watershed-wide

Keep habitat language in to link to water quality

Wild Rice Health – ask Nett Lake/Bois Forte, what do they do to manage health?

Forest and Recreational Infrastructure (connectivity, stormwater, erosion, hydrology | who? county, state, federal?)

- Study for how, what, and where?
- Consider closure of some trails or roads? (Headwaters plan)



Visioning

Description

A vision statement is an inspirational statement of an idealistic emotional future of a company or group.

Elements of a good statement

1. Who/Where we are: what is uniquely identifiable
2. Our impact: changes for the better
3. Short and to the point

Brainstorming

At the January Advisory Committee meeting, participants brainstormed words and phrases for the vision statement of the watershed. Here are the initial ideas explored:

- Flows north
- Intense logging industry
- Low development density
- Extensive public land and government that will protect resources
- Designing activities that are a good fit for maintaining guardian/habitat as well
- Enjoyment of the river
- Big woods country
- Northwoods
- Semi-wilderness
- Lots of forests
- Logging/forest industry – economically important for jobs/industry and recreation
- Big watershed, small town feel
- Turbid water, but healthy biology
- Younger river, still cutting

Draft Vision Statement

“Forests and waters sustaining healthy northwoods communities.”

