CMSCWD
Citizen Advisory Committee
September 15, 2020

- Ann Warner
- Jim Schoeller
- Diane Rohan
- Steve Dibb
- John Bower
- Pam Arnold
- Scott Alexander
- John Goodfellow
Welcome and Thank you!

- Barb Bickford, Bickford Collaboration Meeting Facilitator
- Mike Isensee, CMSCWD Administrator
- Bobbie Law, CMSCWD Administrative Program Assistant
CAC Purpose

- Supports the mission and the goals of the District
- CAC works within guidelines and goals of the watershed management plan and
- CAC provides informed input on issues and projects.
Tonight's Agenda

- Visioning for the CAC
- Refine draft recommendations to Managers
- Prepare to get more input from stakeholders
- Visioning for the watershed
- Adjourn
- Optional social time
Visioning question:
“I aspire that the CAC to be a group that _______________

- **Alone**, answer the question, 1 min
- **Pairs**, share answers, write down more ideas, 2 min
- **Fours**, share, write a list of best ideas, 4 min
- **All**, share best ideas, remaining time
Date: October 1, 2020

To: Carnelian Marine St. Croix Board of Managers

From: CMSCWD Citizen Advisory Committee

Re: 2020 CMSCWD Watershed Management Plan Recommendations

The Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District (CMSCWD) received 310 survey responses from residents within the watershed district between April 1 and October 1, 2020. 145 shoreland survey respondents and 165 general survey respondents completed 13 questions related to the values, issues, and priority actions of water resources and land conservation within the 81 square mile CMSCWD. The full responses were reviewed and considered by the Citizen Advisory Committee. The following issues and priorities were identified by the respondents:

Summary of Survey Respondents Concerns

Most survey respondents strongly agreed that three areas of greatest concern in the Carnelian Marin St. Croix Watershed District are: aquatic invasive species 84% (260/310), terrestrial invasive species 84% (260/310) and stormwater runoff pollutants 82% (253/310).

Next, they have concerns about river bluff, stream, and lake shore erosion 61% (188/310) followed by a growing concern regarding the quality of groundwater 47% (146/310) and closely related failing septic systems 30% (93/310).

Additionally, shoreland landowners overwhelmingly identified preserving natural shoreland areas 90% (130/145) and maintaining septic systems 56% (129/145) as actions peoples should take to be good stewards of their shoreland properties.

Summary of Survey Respondent Priorities

Preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species was identified by 70% (217/310) of shoreland and general survey respondents. 85% of respondents identified AIS as an issue for water resources within the District. The CAC believes this priority is driven by the high probability of AIS significantly impacting the quality and recreational value of water resources.

Enforcing rules was identified by 64% (197/310) of shoreland and general survey respondents.

Ensuring clean and safe streams, lakes, rivers, and wetlands was identified by 62% (191/310) of shoreland and general survey respondents. When asked what factors where problems for local water resources 82% of respondents identified stormwater runoff pollutants.

Planning and constructing water quality projects and providing expert assistance to landowners were identified by 39% (122/310) and 38% (117/310) respondents, respectively. The CAC believe this priority is predominately driven by concerns regarding terrestrial invasive species, stormwater runoff pollutants, and eroding shoreland, streambank, and bluffland areas as primary sources of water pollution in the District.
Recommendations

Based on survey results the Citizen Advisory Committee respectfully requests the CMSCWD Board of Managers prioritize policy, programs, and practices to address the following CAC recommendations:

Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species

- Increase protection programs to prevent new introductions of AIS
- Coordinate Aquatic Invasive Species rapid response planning and actions within the District
- Manage Aquatic Invasive Species infestations that negatively impact the ecology and water quality
- Manage Terrestrial Invasive species that negatively impact ecology and water quality.

Enforcing Rules

- Constantly enact rules to manage the collective impacts to water resources from to conversion of natural areas to other land uses.
- Ensure rules are coordinated, applied, and enforced consistently

Ensuring clean and safe lakes, streams, river, and wetlands

- Increasing efforts to protect and restore water resources within the District
- Continue evaluating the health of water resources within the District
- Promote voluntary behaviors and actions that support clean and safe water resources

Planning and constructing water quality projects and providing expert assistance to landowners

- Focus funding to install effective water quality improvement projects
- Continue providing expert assistance to landowners

Groundwater

- Increase monitoring and education about the importance and health of groundwater in the District.

Shoreland Conservation

- Focused shoreland landowner programs on lakes, streams, river, and wetlands to value, protect and enhance shoreland areas.
Think from other perspectives

- What groups of people may not have been well-represented well in the surveys?

- What plants, animals, and other aspects of the environment might have something to say?

- What institutions and organizations might have opinions about the recommendations?

- Who might find these recommendations to be controversial?
What is missing or should be changed?

Based on your own understanding of the watershed, your communities, and your review of the survey results, should anything be changed or is anything missing from these recommendations?
Test the Recommendations

- Is it non-controversial?
- Can it be evaluated (subjectively)?
- Is it framed in positive language?
- Is it relevant to the context?
- Is it operational (practical to implement, not philosophical)?
- Does it apply to everyone?
- Does it avoid having a specific outcome? (a specific outcome may be kept if it is non-controversial)
Are you interested?

Survey Outreach
Who Will Draft Final Recommendations to the Board of Managers?

Final Recommendations

Due September 30, 2020
Aspirations

“We aspire that the watershed district be an organization that _______________”

“We aspire that the people who live or work in or visit the watershed be ones who _______________”
Tonight, we . . .

- Refined the draft recommendations to the Board
-Reviewed the input from stakeholders
-Prepared to finalize the recommendations
-Began visioning for the CAC and for the watershed
-Planned our next steps as the Citizens Advisory Committee
Plan Adoption Schedule

- January 2021 CAC consider draft issues and goals.
  - January 30 provide recommendations to the Board of Managers

- March 2021 CAC consider measurable goals and draft implementation table
  - March 30 2021 provide recommendations to the Board of Managers

- May 2021 Plan sent out for 60 day review and comment

- June 2021 CAC has the option to submit comment on the draft plan

- September 2021 District response to comments and plan revisions.
Additional CAC Meeting in 2020?

- Review progress in 2020
- Continue to refine the vision for the CACs role
- Set goals and priorities for 2021
- Set meeting dates for 2021
- Elect officers?

Next CAC Meeting Jan. 2021

- Review Watershed Management Plan Draft Issues and Goals
- Provide Comments/Recommendations by January 29th
Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees

The managers appoint members to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to advise the board on regular watershed business or special projects. Committee members must live in the communities that are included within the watershed boundaries. CAC members can be appointed to the advisory committee at any regular board meeting throughout the year. MS 103D.331. For more information or to volunteer to participate, contact Mike Isensee at (651) 433-2150.

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas & Minutes

May 19, 2020 Agenda
Presentation Slides
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Post Meeting Chit-Chat?