Citizen Advisory Committee

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Welcome and Thank you!

- Wade Johnson, President
- Mike Isensee, Administrator
- Bobbie Law, Administrative and Program Assistant
Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- Role of the CAC
- Overview of the Watershed Management Plan
- Introduce the first CAC task
CAC’s First Task

- Begin gathering input for the watershed management plan update
Next Meeting

- June/July
- Generate CAC draft priorities and concerns
- Elect a CAC officers and begin work to establish a vision
Third Meeting

- August/September
- Review District-wide input and provide CAC recommendation for the Board of Managers

Watershed Tour?
Introductions

- Barb Bickford, Bickford Collaboration
- Wade Johnson, President
- Mike Isensee, Administrator
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Getting to Know One Another

What big challenge do you bring to the CAC?

What do you hope to give to the people of the watershed?
CMSCWD Organization

Basis for All Decisions

- Priorities
- Programs
- Budget
- Rules
Board of Managers

- Make decisions based on priorities in the Watershed Management Plan
- Approval expenditures, contracts, grants, agreements
- Wade Johnson, Kristin Tuenge, Paul Richert, Andy Weaver, Eric Lindberg
CMSCWD Roles

Staff
- District Administration
- Public Communications and Education
- Permitting/Inspections/Enforcement
- Capital Projects Coordination/Grants
- Technical Assistance and Cost Share
- Operations and Maintenance
CMSC WD Roles

Citizen Advisory Committee

- Support the mission and the goals of the District
- Raise issues of concern from the public and serve as a liaison for our area
- Assist in review and development of educational events/materials
The CAC Must

- Be familiar with what we do and understand our projects and programs.
- Work within the guidelines and goals identified in the Watershed Management Plan.
- Provide informed input on issues and projects beyond your usual social network.
Board Manager Directives for a Successful Citizen Advisory Committee

The CAC Must Not

- Be the deciding body regarding something moving forward or not.
Staff Citizen Advisory Committee Goals

Year One

- Start learning about the Districts issues and projects
- Gather input for the Watershed Management plan update.
- Evaluate all input received from stakeholders and provide a recommendation to the board.
- Consider what else the CAC might do.
Staff Citizen Advisory Committee Goals

Year Two (if you choose to continue)

- Continue learning about the Districts issues and projects.
- Continue reviewing and proving input for the Watershed Management plan update.
- Assist in review and development of the CMSCWD education events.
- Start doing other activities the CAC deems important.
## Engagement

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<th>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL</th>
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<td>To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.</td>
<td>To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.</td>
<td>To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.</td>
<td>To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.</td>
<td>To place final decision making in the hands of the public.</td>
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<td>We will keep you informed.</td>
<td>We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.</td>
<td>We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.</td>
<td>We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.</td>
<td>We will implement what you decide.</td>
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Overview

- 81 square miles
- 31 lakes, 22 streams, 18 miles of St. Croix River
- Ten Year Management Plan
  - Water Quantity (flood control)
    - Permitting
    - Carnelian Channel
  - Water Quality Protection/Improvement
    - Improvements (projects)
    - Monitoring
    - Permitting
    - Aquatic Invasive Species
    - Maintenance
    - Public Education
Comments/Questions on our Draft WMP Update Information?

Watershed Management Plan Update

What is a watershed management plan?

A watershed management plan identifies problems and threats to water resources and develops a framework to address these issues within a specific watershed. The primary purpose of a watershed management plan is to guide watershed coordinators, resource managers, policy makers, and community organizations to restore and protect the quality of lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands in a given watershed. The plan is intended to be a practical tool with specific recommendations on practices to improve and sustain water quality.

Why is management plan important?

No matter where we live or work, we are in a watershed teeming with unique inter-related natural processes. These natural forces help shape the watershed landscape, its water quality, and in turn our lives. Each watershed has unique living and nonliving components that interact, with one element responding to the action or change of another. Knowing your watershed means coming to learn the natural processes working within the watershed boundaries.

Careful watershed planning does more than just protect the water and the plants and animals that actually live in the water. It can help protect the physical, chemical, and biological components of your watershed or restore those that have already been degraded.

What is a watershed management plan update? Why is it important?

Our management Plan is a “living document,” meaning that as conditions change over time in a watershed, the plan must be reexamined and revised to reflect goals that have been achieved or not met. Our update is our way of reexamining and revising our management plan. During the update process, the CMSWWD will seek input from various stakeholders including the public, state agencies and local governments about local stormwater-related issues, water management goals, regulations and programs. Updates of the plan can allow us to reset or add to our goals, strategies, and implementation actions. This process yields better management by generating ecologically based, innovative, cost-effective solutions, forging stronger working relationships, and supporting consistent, continuous management of the resource.

Why is CMSWWD updating the management plan now?

This plan is updated every 10 years in accordance with state law. The plan sets out goals, strategies, and implementation actions based on current data on the status of the water and natural resources of our watershed. All these factors are ever changing which is why it is important for the watershed to update its management plan continuously. This plan update, which will be completed by 2023, will be the fourth official Watershed Management Plan published and/or adopted by the Watershed District.

Who plays a role in our update process?

Stakeholder input is an important part of establishing Plan priorities and fostering the community support and cooperation necessary to successfully carry out CMSWWD projects and programs.

Throughout the Plan update, the District will use a range of activities to work with various stakeholder audiences. Plan update stakeholders include residents, neighborhood organizations & community groups, state agencies, property & business owners, citizen advisory committee (CAC), a technical advisory committee (TAC) representing municipalities, state and regional agencies and major institutions, and adjacent watershed organizations.

Let your voice be heard!

Shoreline Focused Survey
https://forms.gle/sxuqzF852uAhaDwT9

General Input Survey for all Landowners
https://forms.gle/Cs2PMn979It2PRA

How can you provide input?

The Plan update is divided into four phases: public outreach, draft plan development, formal plan review, and plan adoption. Throughout the Plan update process, the District will be seeking input from stakeholders like you. You can provide input to the watershed via surveys or attending one of our online webinars. We want to make sure your voice is heard. This data will be presented to the board for review throughout the Plan update process.
First CAC Task

Think of as many ideas as you can about how the CAC might gather input from the public.

➤ Who would you talk with?
➤ Where would you go?
➤ When would you go?
➤ What might you do?

*open your chat in the breakout room when you get there*
Next Meeting

- June 16
- July 21
- August 18
- September 15

Second Meeting

Third Meeting

Put the dates that works best for you in the chat box.
District Tour?

Who is interested in taking a District Tour?

I will follow up with date options.
What is one thing you will hope will happen while you are on the CAC?
Overview and Thank you!

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Random Discussion Until 8:30

⇒ You are welcome hang out and chat if you would like.