

Wetland Study Council Meeting
September 17, 2020
9:00 – 11:00 am
Held Online via Zoom

<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Notes/Follow-up</u>
Call to Order	<p>WSC Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim Andryk - Tracy Hames - Robert Rosenberger - Karen Gefvert - Carol McCoy - Tom Larson - Matt Howard - Paul Kent <p>Other participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tom Pearce - Mike Thompson - James Brodzeller - Jennifer Western Hauser
Public Comment	No public comments received
Review and approval of Agenda	Decision: Agenda approved
Approval of Board Minutes	Decision: Minutes approved with one name change
Meeting Frequency Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council intends to meet every other month • Next meeting 12/3, then third Thu of February, April, June, August, October, December
Overview of DNR Waterways Strategic Plan wetlands goals and objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top goals – public health and safety, nature, balance public and private rights, relationships, staff support • Goals and objectives internally developed and based on stakeholder input, based on a 2-year timeframe • DNR is work planning focused on the plan, and reporting on our outcomes on a quarterly basis • DNR reviewing and adjusting priorities on a quarterly basis • Highlighted the wetland general permit surcharge fee spending goal – using \$140,000 to restore roughly 400 wetland acres • DNR interested in Council feedback on prioritizing goals if Council has input <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR to send quarter update to Council • Council to review Strategic Plan and discuss at next meeting if there is interest

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<p>Wetlands Program dashboard idea</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the list of permit and mitigation statistics from Tracy • Discussion on items the Council is interested in including in a dashboard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permit withdrawals and related information ○ Short narrative describing the numbers ○ Number of pre-application meetings compared to permit submittals • DNR will work to identify how the data can be displayed on the new website <p>Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members to email items for a full “wish list” of content for a wetlands dashboard to the group • Tracy and Matt to work with Mandy on feasibility and planning
<p>Integrated Watershed Management (wetlands and stormwater)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall question is how to combine water resource solutions, several approaches to answers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create wetlands to improve flood storage ○ In some urban developments, could use wetlands for stormwater management and mitigate impacts if needed ○ Design stormwater ponds to function as wetlands, serve as wetland enhancement ○ Reduce permitting burdens for stormwater pond maintenance • Desire is to balance watershed planning and needs with proposed site impacts to develop better project outcomes • Discussion on what would be needed to pursue this idea – legislative changes? DNR practices? Permit processes? <p>Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Kent to develop a one-page concept paper to frame the scope of the approach, will send out to Council for feedback
<p>Future Business</p>	<p>Next meeting 12/3, 9:00 – 11:00 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater concepts • Wetlands dashboard • Future meetings to be on Zoom