

# Priority 2 Work Group Purpose, Structure and Charter

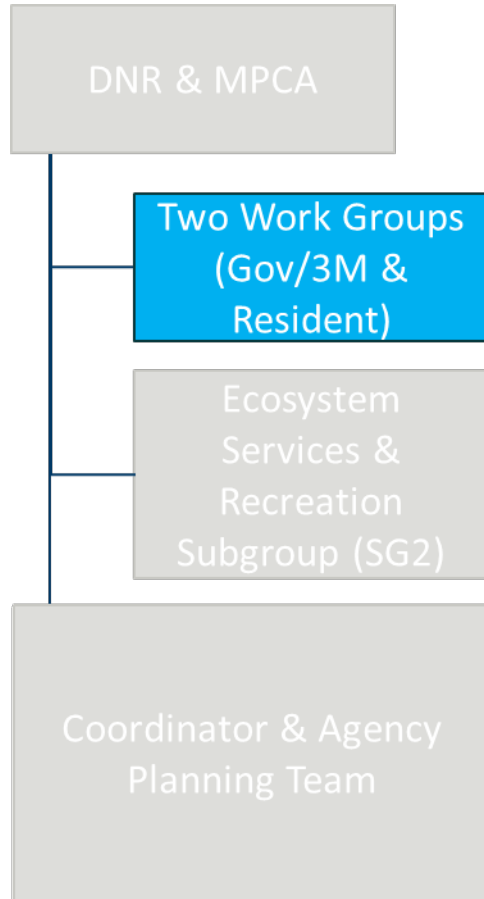
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- Work groups will be used to support the Priority 2 planning process
- Work Group membership is broadly defined in the settlement:  

"Working Group" shall mean a working group established by the MPCA and the DNR, consisting of representatives of the MPCA, the DNR, East Metropolitan Area municipalities, and 3M. The composition of the Working Group may vary depending on the project(s) at issue.

# Priority 2 Structure: Work Groups



## Government/3M & Resident Work Groups

- Who's involved
    - Community and company representatives for the Government/3M Work Group
    - Residents of Washington, Ramsey and Dakota counties for the Resident Work Group
  - Work group role
    - Will provide feedback on Priority 2 goals, evaluation criteria, and the RFP solicitation scope and language
    - Will NOT discuss specific project ideas or proposals\*
- \* Ensures work group participants are not conflicted out of submitting proposals

# Government/3M Work Group Membership

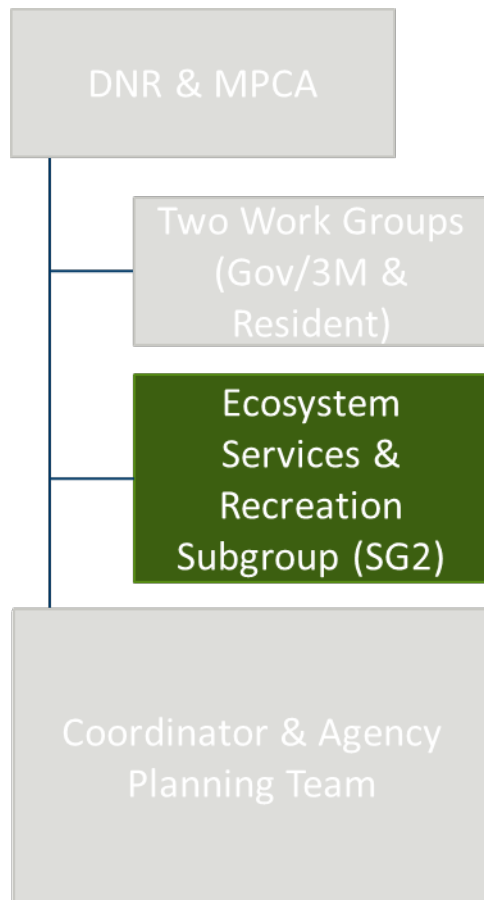
- Communities were invited to join the Priority 2 Government/3M Work Group if they:
  1. Have experienced natural resources injuries or recreational service losses from PFAS released by 3M; and
  2. Are located in the East Metropolitan Area and downstream locations of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers
- There are currently 11 members on the Government/3M Work Group

# Resident Work Group Membership

- Priority 2 Resident Work Group
  - Residents from Government/3M Priority 2 geographic area were invited to apply
  - 19 members are currently on the Resident Work Group
  - Includes several Priority 1 Citizen/Business Work Group members that have opted to continue on the Resident Work Group

# Priority 2 Structure: Subgroup

## Ecosystem Services and Recreation Subgroup (SG2)



- Who's involved
  - Technical, recreational, natural resource, and environmental staff from Priority 2 work group communities and counties
  - Watershed districts
  - Resource- and recreation-focused stakeholders
- Subgroup role
  - SG2 members will provide information about local natural resource and recreation planning efforts\*
    - Includes restoring and enhancing aquatic resources, wildlife, habitat, fishing, and outdoor recreational opportunities
  - No full Subgroup meetings
    - Mostly email engagement, one-on-one meetings with some of the Subgroup organizations

\* Subgroup participants are not conflicted out of submitting proposals

# Examples of Planning Information

## Lower St. Croix River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan



July 28, 2020



## Dakota County Natural Resource Management System Plan

May 2017



## MASTER PLAN FOR POINT DOUGLAS REGIONAL TRAIL AND TRAILHEAD



## WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS

APRIL 10, 2012 (FINAL)



# Work Group Charter





## Mission

- Provide feedback to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on key Priority 2 planning and process documents to support distribution of funding from the Grant



## Timeframe

- RFP-based process that is currently expected to take 12 – 18 months

## Meetings

- The Work Group is expected to meet bi-monthly, or more frequently if needed.
- The meetings are open to the public, and time will be reserved at the end of each meeting for public questions or comments

# Work Group Responsibilities

- Provide feedback on Priority 2 goals, evaluation criteria that will be used to guide project selection, and RFP solicitation scope and language
- Provide feedback on meeting topics

# Work Group Member Expectations

- Attend meetings in person or via online access
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing all relevant materials
- Actively participate in discussion by sharing ideas and expertise
- Provide feedback on requested materials either during the meeting or afterwards
- Listen to and respect the viewpoints of others
- Consider public questions or comments that are provided at the meetings

# DNR and MPCA Work Group Support

- Coordinate meetings and manage public participation at the meetings
- Direct state contractors to assist with planning
- Prepare meeting agendas
- Present Work Group charter for final feedback
- Develop drafts of the Priority 2 goals, evaluation criteria, and RFP solicitation scope and language for review by the Work Group and approval by the DNR and MPCA
- Coordinate preparation of reports on Priority 2 implementation
- Provide relevant background information to the Work Groups
- Prepare and implement communication plans
- Promote consistency among groups

- The Settlement specifies that a Work Group shall be convened to provide feedback regarding Priority 2.
  - The Priority 2 Work Groups have been created because it is important to the DNR and MPCA that residents, local communities and 3M have an opportunity to provide feedback on key Priority 2 planning processes and documents, which will shape the projects that are funded through the Grant.
  - The DNR and MPCA have the final decision-making authority.

## Reporting

- Notes containing a brief summary of topics, conclusions, decisions, and next steps of each Work Group meeting will be made accessible to the public through the 3M Settlement website (<https://3msettlement.state.mn.us/>).

## Confidentiality

- The Work Group is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and will operate under the presumption that records associated with the Work Group are accessible to the public. The Work Group will not review private, confidential, or nonpublic data.

# Feedback From Work Group Members

- Questions, concerns or feedback on the work group purpose, structure or charter?
- Should the work group meetings continue to be combined?
- If separate, is there a desire/need for a liaison between the work groups?

