

# Priority 2 Work Group Overview/Reminder

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- **Priority 2 is intended to replace, protect, enhance the natural resources and services that have been lost.**
  - “... projects that restore and enhance aquatic resources, wildlife, habitat, fishing, resource improvement, and outdoor recreational opportunities in the East Metropolitan Area and in downstream areas of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers.”

# Revised Priority 2 Settlement Goals

**Goal 1** – Restore, protect, and enhance aquatic and terrestrial resources, wildlife, and habitats.

**Goal 2** – Increase understanding of fish tissue contamination, improve communication about PFAS-based fish consumption advisories, and identify and enhance alternative, non-contaminated fishing areas.

**Goal 3** – Improve and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities

# Priority 2 Process

- Government/3M and Resident Work Group's role is to support the Priority 2 planning process
  - Provide feedback on Priority 2 goals, screening and evaluation criteria, and some components of the RFP
- Technical subgroup's role is to help identify relevant natural resource and recreation planning efforts
- Priority 2 projects will be solicited via a competitive, public Request for Proposals (RFP) process
- The Co-trustees will select the projects that best meet Priority 2 goals

# Priority 2 Process

- Need to be highly cognizant of potential conflicts of interest to ensure Work Group members are not perceived as having a competitive advantage
  - Cannot discuss/advocate for specific projects in Work Group meetings
  - Need to be careful about which topics are discussed with the Work Groups, and how feedback is elicited about topics (e.g., those related to the RFP)

# Questions?

- Clarifying questions on the work group Overview/Reminder?

