

Priority 2 Work Group Overview and Feedback

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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)

Work Group Feedback

Summary of Feedback Topic

Topic: Work Group member asked a question about conflict of interest -
"Why is the project evaluation process not public?"

- Per MN statute: [13.591](#):

“Data created or maintained by a government entity as part of the selection or evaluation process...are protected nonpublic data until completion of the selection process or completion of the evaluation process...”

Questions?

- Clarifying questions on the work group Overview and Feedback?

