

## Steering Committee Meeting Summary

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### Participants

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### Updates



### Prioritizing Issues

The Steering Committee (SC) reviewed how Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers (MSTR) Watershed issues were prioritized at the July SC meetings. The issues were approved by the SC and will be submitted to and approved by the Advisory (AC) and Policy Committees (PC) in upcoming meetings.

The resulting issues were prioritized according to the following categories:

- **Priority A:** Issues that will be the focus of initial implementation efforts during the 10-year plan.
- **Priority B:** Issues that will be addressed during the 10-year plan, likely with additional funding.

- **Priority C:** Issues that are not the focus of this plan but may be addressed with additional funding.

## Prioritizing Resources and Measurable Goals

The SC set out to begin the resource prioritization process which involves:

- Using criteria to prioritize resources and
- Establishing a process for setting goals

Resource prioritization is a process that identifies natural resource assets on which to focus implementation funding and efforts first.

HEI walked through three issues (or groups of issues) with the SC, covering groundwater issues, wetland / upland habitat, and flooding. The SC looked at a map with available criteria that indicates the condition of various resources across the MSTR Watershed. The SC began thinking about goals and actions to address issues in each planning region (PR). Members of the SC and AC were assigned to subcommittees for each issue to identify goals.

## PTMApp

PTMApp (Prioritize, Target, and Measure Application) is a tool used in watershed planning that can identify problem areas and the costs and benefits of solutions on the ground. An update for the PTMApp process was provided: hydroconditioning is almost complete and HEI will soon run the non-contributing analysis before the PTMApp analysis can begin. Point persons were assigned to aid in the identification of Priority Resource Points (PRPs) for the Watershed.

## Priority Resource Points

PRPs are locations within the watershed that serve to estimate phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment loading in PTMApp. These points help to make decisions about where to prioritize projects and funding.

Typically, PRPs are located:

- At watershed and subwatershed inlets and outlets
- Downstream of impaired waters
- At lakes, reservoirs, and/or impoundments
- At locations of large projects

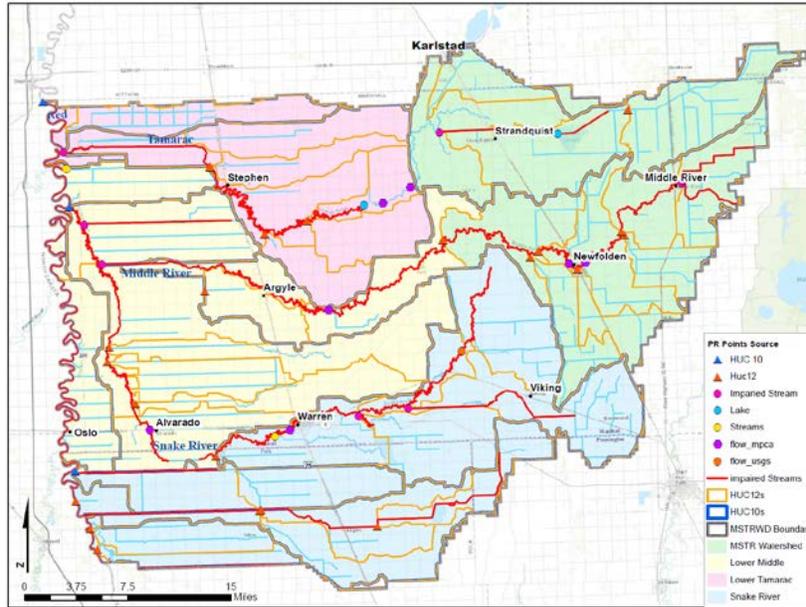


Figure 1: A first look at potential PRPs in the MSTR Watershed

## Next Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings for each planning committee are as follows:

- **Steering Committee:** First Wednesday of every month, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- **Advisory Committee:** Third Wednesday, every other month, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- **Policy Committee:** Third Wednesday, every two months (following the Advisory Committee meeting), 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Next Scheduled Meetings:

- **Steering Committee:** September 1, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- **Advisory Committee:** Tuesday, September 14, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM