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UWRW Objective 1

Communicate, promote and advance the mission and goals of the Watershed Authority by creating an Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Resiliency Network. The network should foster partnerships between agencies, political entities and sub-entities, and organizations, consider all aspects of flood prevention and recovery, and maximize local, state and federal resources.



Strategy 1 Overview



Strategy 1: Foster exceptional multi-agency/organization communication to build partnerships and engagement that will result in information sharing, and long-term commitment and sustainability beyond planning through implementation

- Action 1: Establish a working committee that serves to communicate the mission, purpose, goals, objectives and actions of the Watershed Management Authority.

- Action 2: Facilitate annual stakeholder meeting (Including EMS, SWCD's, CCB, Engineer's Offices, Sanitarian Offices, NRCS, City Park and Rec, Iowa DNR, Wastewater Management Offices, Etc.)

- Action 3: Encourage agencies, organizations, departments and other partners to link online media and social media resources

- Action 4: Foster and encourage participation in Interagency Silver jacket Projects and other projects that bring local, state and federal partners together with any subset of the WMA or with the WMA in its entirety for the improved functionality and health of watershed and its subwatersheds.

- Action 5: Work with partners independently and collectively, across political boundaries throughout the watershed, to expand collection, use, and coordination of, stream and river water quality data, stream and river flow data, precipitation data, soil moisture data, and other data that will help the WMA and its partners better understand and manage the hydrology of the watershed.

- Action 6: Encourage local agencies and departments to refer to this plan

Action 1



Establish a working committee that serves to communicate the mission, purpose, goals, objectives and actions of the Watershed Management Authority.

The UWR WMA Community Committee and Education and Outreach Committee, which includes one or more representatives from several member communities. Both of these committees are important in communicating the mission and goals of the WMA to outside entities and the public.

Action 2



Facilitate annual stakeholder meeting (Including EMS, SWCD's, CCB, Engineer's Offices, Sanitarian Offices, NRCS, City Park and Rec, Iowa DNR, Wastewater Management Offices, Etc.)

Cooperation between agencies and organizations across political boundaries within the Upper Wapsi Watershed is crucial to the success of this plan. Sharing information, technical assistance, collaborating on projects are all ways in which organizations can work together to implement the strategies outlined in this plan and ultimately make the Upper Wapsi River Watershed more resilient.

Action 3



Encourage agencies, organizations, departments and other partners to link online media and social media resources

In today's society, information moves quickly. Most organizations utilize multiple outlets to provide information to their members, constituents, or stakeholders. Organizations and agencies in the UWR Watershed cooperating to implement strategies outlined in this plan, it is imperative to share information, data, current events, or other news pertaining to the watershed through online resources, social media, and websites. This will encourage more widespread participation in programs and projects throughout the watershed.

Action 4



Foster and encourage participation in inter-agency Silver jacket Projects and other projects that bring local, state and federal partners together with any subset of the WMA or with the WMA in its entirety for the improved functionality and health of watershed and its subwatersheds.

Action 5



Work with partners independently and collectively, across political boundaries throughout the watershed, to expand collection, use, and coordination of, stream and river water quality data, stream and river flow data, precipitation data, soil moisture data, and other data that will help the WMA and its partners better understand and manage the hydrology of the watershed.

Action 6



Encourage local agencies and departments to refer to this plan

The UWR Watershed Resiliency Plan is intended to be a reference for local agencies and organizations looking for projects and resources to complete projects. Project ideas, activities, and locations are detailed in the plan to help public and private groups prioritize where to invest their resources most efficiently.

Strategy 2



Strategy 2: Foster implementation of this plan through expanded technical assistance through local, state and federal partner agencies and organizations.