

Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Strategy Implementation Survey

The Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Plan includes the strategies listed below. Please take this survey back to your boards or councils and complete each question. This survey will help the Northeast Iowa RC&D Watershed Planning Team articulate the capacity of the WMA partners, the technical and administrative assistance currently available, and the technical and administrative assistance needed for implementation of the Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Resiliency Plan. It will also help the WMA board better understand individual member and overall WMA group leadership, partnership and capacity.

- 1) Please name the City, County, or SWCD filling out this survey. _____
- 2) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity to be the Upper Wapsipinicon WMA Coordinator.
 - a. True, if funding is available
 - b. True, even if funding is not available
 - c. False
- 3) In relation to the Upper Wapsipinicon River WMA Coordinator circle all that apply.
If funding is available, my entity is willing to _____.
 - a. Administer a contract to support the position
 - b. Hire a coordinator
 - c. House a coordinator
 - d. Manage a coordinator
 - e. Contract a person to serve as the coordinator
- 4) In relation to the strategies outlined for the Upper Wapsipinicon Resiliency Plan answer the following questions under each strategy.

Strategy 1.1: 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? (Establish and facilitate multi-agency/organization that coordinates work and partnerships across political boundaries watershed wide.)

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) (Circle all that apply) My entity is willing to _____.
 - a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 3) (Circle all that apply) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 1.2: Foster implementation of this plan through expanded technical assistance through local, state and federal partner agencies and organizations.

- 1) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, within our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) (Circle all that apply) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 2.1: INCREASE INFILTRATION: Implement on-site practices that enhance soil health, reduce runoff and increase water holding capacity across the watershed. (NRCS four principles) These practices will minimize disturbance, maximize presence of living roots. maximize soil cover and maximize biodiversity.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
 - a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 2.2: IMPLEMENT WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
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 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - a. All of the above

Strategy 2.3: STORE EXCESS RAINFALL RUNOFF

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
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 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work

- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - a. All of the above

Strategy 2.4: RESTORE AND PROTECT STREAM AND RIVER CORRIDORS AND FLOODPLAINS

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
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 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
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 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - a. All of the above

Strategy 3.1: Support projects that target priority landscape positions

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
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- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
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 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
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 - c. Counties
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Strategy 3.2: Provide research, content, and recommendations that encourage location and practice prioritization in local plans, projects, and programs

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
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- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply. My entity is willing to _____.
 - a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 3.3: Assure the plan is a working document that meets the criteria outlined by the Iowa DNR, has local buy-in, provides expert guidance for the partners and provide regular updates and reports to that others may learn from our efforts.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
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 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 4.1: Increase public awareness of watersheds and the power of working through the watershed approach to measurably reduce flooding and improve water quality.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply. My entity is willing to _____.
 - a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
 - a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 4.2: Encourage farmers and landowners to implement agricultural practices that conserve soil and improve water infiltration.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
 - a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False

- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
- a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
- a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 4.3: Promote greater understanding of best management practices for urban storm water management, and develop champions for watershed protection among community leaders.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
- a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
- a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
- a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
- a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 4.4: Engage students and youth, the next generation of community leaders, in watershed education and improvement projects.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
- a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
- a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
- a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
- a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 5.1: Support UWR WMA participation in WMA's of Iowa meetings and events.

- 1) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
- a. WMA Coordinator
 - b. WMA Board officer _____
 - c. Other _____
 - d. All of the above

Strategy 5.2: Support UWR WMA participation in WMA's of Iowa Board and WMA's of Iowa committees.

- 1) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
- a. WMA Coordinator
 - b. WMA Board officer _____
 - c. Other _____
 - d. All of the above

Strategy 5.3: Periodically develop, implement and analyze UWR WMA Watershed Resident Surveys to better understand public perception and attitudes, assess the UWR WMA's impact on the watershed and to inform future WMA and partner work.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
- a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
- a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False
- 3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.
My entity is willing to _____.
- a. Administer a related contract
 - b. Hire an employee
 - c. House an employee
 - d. Manage an employee
 - e. Contract someone to complete the work
- 4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
- a. SWCDs
 - b. Communities
 - c. Counties
 - d. Other _____
 - e. All of the above

Strategy 4: Set aside time annually for the UWR WMA Board to plan for and discuss future WMA activities, funding and sustainability.

- 1) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy? (Facilitation of discussion)
- a. WMA Coordinator
 - b. WMA Board officer _____
 - c. WMA Board Committee
 - d. SWCDs
 - e. Communities
 - f. Counties
 - g. Other _____
 - h. All of the above

Strategy 5: Educate legislators about the need for WMA funding, and advocate for legislation that provides for a watershed approach to address significant flood and water quality protection.

- 1) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?
- a. WMA Coordinator
 - b. WMA Board officer _____
 - c. WMA Board Committee
 - d. WMA's of Iowa
 - e. SWCDs
 - f. Communities
 - g. Counties
 - h. Other _____
 - i. All of the above

Strategy 5.6: Identify and pursue grants, partnerships, and other means for sustaining funding for flood reduction projects in the UWR Watershed.

- 1) My entity currently has an employee with the capacity and time to implement this strategy?
- a. True
 - b. False
- 2) My entity is willing to take on additional staff or work with a contractor/consultant to implement this strategy, outside our jurisdiction (City or County)?
- a. True, if the focus area encompasses portions, or all of our jurisdiction.
 - b. True, even if the focus area doesn't encompass any of our jurisdiction.
 - c. False

3) If you answered True (a or b) to question #2 circle all that apply.

My entity is willing to _____.

- a. Administer a related contract
- b. Hire an employee
- c. House an employee

- d. Manage an employee
- e. Contract someone to complete the work

4) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?

- a. SWCDs
- b. Communities
- c. Counties

- d. Other _____
- e. All of the above

Strategy 6.1: Develop measurable, defined objectives for overall WMA effectiveness that can and are reviewed annually.

2) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?

- a. WMA Coordinator
- b. WMA Board officer _____
- c. WMA Board Committee
- d. SWCDs

- e. Communities
- f. Counties
- g. Other _____
- h. All of the above

Strategy 6.2: Evaluate the overall participation and accomplishments of the WMA partners on an annual basis, based on the agreed upon measurable, defined objectives.

1) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?

- a. WMA Coordinator
- b. WMA Board officer _____
- c. WMA Board Committee
- d. SWCDs

- e. Communities
- f. Counties
- g. Other _____
- h. All of the above

Strategy 6.3: Incorporate and review *Evaluation Parameters* for each Objective and Strategy included in the UWR WMA plan.

3) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?

- a. WMA Coordinator
- b. WMA Board officer _____
- c. WMA Board Committee
- d. SWCDs

- e. Communities
- f. Counties
- g. Other _____
- h. All of the above

Strategy 6.4: Evaluate the effectiveness of the paid coordinator, and the UWR WMA's need for and employment structure of UWR WMA staff.

1) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?

- a. WMA Coordinator
- b. WMA Board officer _____
- c. WMA Board Committee
- d. SWCDs

- e. Communities
- f. Counties
- g. Other _____
- h. All of the above

Strategy 6.5: Develop and distribute an annually update to the UWR WMA Plan, that includes a summary of all evaluations, updated measures for objectives and strategies based on those evaluations, and overall recommendations for UWR WMA efforts in the next year.

1) Which entity do you feel should be responsible for this strategy?

- a. WMA Coordinator
- b. WMA Board officer _____
- c. WMA Board Committee
- d. SWCDs

- e. Communities
- f. Counties
- g. Other _____
- h. All of the above