



Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup

Monitoring Committee

6/3/2015

2:00-2:45 PM

Outcomes:

- Develop recommendation to the Executive Board regarding Monitoring Strategy and 319 grant funds
- Determine strategy to handle NPDES compliance and 319 funds
- Determine schedule and next steps for Water and Sediment Chemistry Proposal evaluation

Agenda

- Discussion - **Monitoring Strategy and 319 Grant Scope:** SMC received an Illinois EPA 319 grant scope, in part to complete watershed-based planning in the Des Plaines River watershed within Lake County. In addition, there is \$47,500 to complete a monitoring strategy document for the DRWW. DRWW membership dues will be used as required match for the grant. The grant application was submitted approximately one year ago. In the interim, the DRWW Monitoring Committee has developed a monitoring plan by working backwards from the amount of dues available for monitoring. Feedback was sought by the DRWW from Illinois EPA and Chris Yoder from Midwest Biodiversity Institute on the current monitoring design. Comments received from Chris Yoder and the draft SMC 319 scope are included.

Outcome: The Monitoring Committee needs to make a recommendation to the Executive Board whether it is necessary to use these grant funds to develop a Monitoring Strategy or not.

- Discussion - **319 grant and NPDES compliance:** 319 grant funds are not to be used for permit compliance, including NPDES permit compliance. The use of the DRWW membership dues as match for SMC's 319 grant and the funds available for a monitoring strategy document have been called into question.

Outcome: Develop a strategy to use dues for match for 319 grant.

- **Water and Sediment Chemistry RFP Response:** Two proposals were received. Copies will be distributed as well as evaluation procedures and next steps will be determined.
- **Next Meetings:** Membership Meeting May 12th
 - Monitoring Committee meeting



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Outcomes:

- Determine next steps for SMC's 319 grant

Agenda

- Invoice and Agreement update
- 319 Scope: Develop a Monitoring Strategy document under 319 funds or not.