

Memorandum

To: Brian Dorn, Acting President, Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW)

From: Caitlin Burke, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.

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Re: DRWW 2017-2021 Draft Workplan Comments

After reviewing the 2017-2021 Draft Workplan, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. would like to offer the following question / comments:

- 1) The plan is broad and inclusive of many issues within the Watershed. Could it be improved with more focus, e.g. choosing the three most important objectives to tackle over the next 5 years? How will we specifically measure whether the group has achieved these objectives?

That said, it might be beneficial to:

- 2) Incorporate measurable goals into the workplan, particularly within Strategy 3: Water Quality Improvement Projects, Planning and Implementation. These could be presented as objectives or action steps within Strategy 3 for measuring future project success (e.g. a certain percentage of waters moving from impaired to not impaired).
- 3) Provide further detail / guidance on long-term maintenance. Long-term maintenance is included under Strategy 3 as an objective but is not further discussed. Include specific action steps related to long-term maintenance.