

## Notes from Implementation Working Group Meeting - April 24, 2019

*Attendees: Shannon, Louisa, Suzanne, Anna, Nicole, Joanna, Nina*

### **Bold - From January 2019 meeting**

Goal Today: Work through each one of the bullets below from the January meeting- brainstorm ideas and identify actions

**For Next Meeting: Finish brainstorming and then define actions and who is going to do it**

### **Implementation Working Group Objectives:**

- **Identify possible leadership structures for implementation**
  - **Determine who has oversight over the Watershed Action Plan once EPA has accepted it so ensure the plan is implemented.**
  - **Is this a long term structure or short term?**
  - Brainstorm ideas:
    - Nicole usually morphs into less formal group, but decision making structure still exists
    - SCC as continued facilitator
    - Interest in some sort of formal framework
    - Our role: figure out who is going to step up to make sure it gets implemented
    - Importance of continuing to recruit people and maintain interest, maintaining records
    - Think about it as types of solutions: Capital improvements, programmatic solutions, regulatory. Lots of group do work, but who is in charge of oversight
    - Oversight and framework for implementation
    - Question - Resolution, come from staff rather than city council members
    - Long-term structure - yes!
    - Oversight structure necessary
    - Consider formal agreement to define roles - MOU with City and SCC for implementation?
  - Actions:
    - Meeting to Chris to explore ideas of resolution coming from City staff rather than council, formal agreement - with Suzanne and Nina
- **Identify diverse funding mechanisms for implementation**
  - **Possible potential for the authority over the Watershed Action Plan to have a sub-committee responsible for funding/grant writing etc.**
  - Brainstorm:
    - Drainage Utility Fee
    - One Water as an opportunity for funding
    - Grants City can get but nonprofits
    - Clean Waters State revolving funds, low interest loan
    - Nicole - more funding for rural
  - Actions:

- Ask Jessica Wilson for her ideas on this, she has lots
  - Ask Mateo about ideas for funding of Waller 3
  - Share One Water conference info with whole group
  - Fill in the spreadsheet of funding sources
  - Anna share ideas from Cypress, Stream Team
- **Identify avenues for implementation of management measures that work within the City's existing programs, policies and priorities**
  - Ideas:
    - Go department by department and then review city strategic plan then figure out how it aligns
    - Good start on WCR
    - Depts: Public Works, Watershed, Transportation, PARD, Zoning
    - Policies: Watershed Protection Watershed Plan
    - MS 4 - specific things listed
  - Actions:
    - Review existing programs, policies and priorities and creating a short list document
- **Ensure final Plan is easy to read, approachable and accessible to the public, in partnership with E&O working group**
- **Ensure key stakeholders and decision makers involved throughout the process**