

Summary of Planning Process

Goals

1. Add value to watershed management
2. Encourage a comprehensive, multi-objective planning approach to watershed management that fosters understanding and use of SMART Planning Principles as well as inclusivity among all planning partners
3. Foster partnerships and engagement that will result in long-term commitment and sustainability beyond planning through implementation
4. Leverage professional, social, and financial resources to maximize planning and ensure implementation
5. Develop the TRW Plan as a comprehensive working document that meets the criterion outlined by the State of Iowa, has local buy-in and provides expert guidance for the partners. Complete regular updates and reporting
 - Quarterly TRWMA meetings – with learning sessions, presentations and decision time – TRWMA determine the final contents of the plan as approved at their meetings.
 - Quarterly public meetings throughout the watershed – information and findings to the TRWMA
 - Quarterly Alliance meetings (RC&D) – information and findings to the TRWMA
 - Complete a comprehensive watershed evaluation of the entire TRW as a system
 - Work closely with the Iowa Flood Center so as not to duplicate their effort and to use their information
 - Monthly water monitoring (Alliance)
 - Gather existing GIS layers, plans and studies (storm water run-off, community and county comprehensive plans, SWCD watershed project reports etc) Summarize and report findings to TRWA
 - Create new GIS layers and evaluations and inventories with input from IFC and TRWMA
 - Involve the TRWMA in the planning process – approval needed
 - Assist the TRWMA with meetings
 - Work with the Executive Committee and Chair to facilitate information and presentations to the TRWMA
 - Encourage participation in the TRW Iowa Flood Center Meetings
 - Support discussion and learning between the Iowa Smart Planning Office, IGSB, the Iowa Flood Center, the TRWMA and the public
 - Act as a liaison between the TRWMA and the public
 - SMART Planning – for TRWMA, Cities and Counties – lessons from W.Union
 - Model the impact of SMART Planning implementation (with IFC)
 - Distribute information via www.turkeyriver.org, emails, press releases etc.
 - Seek private and public funding to implement the plan and develop funding estimates for implementation
 - Use the Iowa Flood Center Findings in the TRWMA plan
 - Develop Goals, Objectives and Methods
 - Prioritize implementation in some way – sub watersheds, landscape areas etc.
 - Submit written quarterly status reports and final report