

FWIC Project Identification & Selection Workshops

October 26, 2023 and November 13, 2023

Thursday, October 26, 2023 (Day 1 - Virtual)

*breaks will be incorporated as needed

Webinar and Call in information for the workshop:

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Meeting #: 1990588640

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1:00-1:10 Welcome (Bethany Hoster/Sara Schmuecker)

- FWIC POCs/Introductions
- Review Directions for River Team (Bethany/Sara)
 - Program neutral project identification approach
 - HNA II Indicators will be considered in development of projects
 - Collaborative project development with partners and sponsors
 - Identify projects for UMRR and NESP factsheet development
- Timeline/ Schedule

1:10-1:50 UMRR Overview (Marshall Plumley)

- Program background, authority, and need
- Directions to River Teams

1:50 – 2:30 NESP Overview (Jesse Ray)

- Program background, authority, and need
- Directions to River Teams
- Task alignment with NESP forestry and mitigation components

2:30 – 3:00 HNA-II Indicators Report (Nate DeJager)

- What indicators mean and how they can be used to inform current conditions

3:00-3:45 ArcGIS Online Support Tools

- Demonstration (Danah Kleppe)
- *Task: Problems, Opportunities, Constraints/Considerations Mapping Exercise (Sara Schmuecker/Bethany Hoster)*
- Support resources (John Winter)

3:45 – 4:00 Wrap-up (Bethany Hoster/Sara Schmuecker)

- Overview of read-aheads and other resources
- Next steps
- Questions (All)

Monday, November 13, 2023 (Day 2 – In-person)

Location: USACE Mississippi River Project Office (L&D 14) 25549 SE 182nd Street, Pleasant Valley, IA

Workshop Goals:

- Review mapping exercise and Partner entries
- Collaboratively identify priority areas and associated project ideas.
- From list of identified project areas, select projects to further refine into UMRR HREP and NESP factsheets.
- Bonus! If time allows, identify factsheet teams and begin factsheet development.

Agenda:

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9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and Introductions (Bethany Hoster/Sara Schmuecker)

9:45 to 12:00 Structured Mapping Exercise (Bethany Hoster/Sara Schmuecker)

Round One (~70 minutes) Small Groups

- Identify “facts”
- Identify if areas are maintaining (green to green) or improving (red to yellow) (Different conditions and anticipated future conditions)
- Identify any additional problems, opportunities, constraints, considerations
- Target area connections and proximity to allow projects to benefit from each—amplify benefits

Round Two (~70 minutes) Small Groups

- Identify potential projects
- Mapping Summary

12:00-12:30 WORKING LUNCH (Please bring money to order in pizza or pack your own lunch)

12:30-1:00 Develop Screening Criteria (Bethany Hoster/Sara Schmuecker)

- What are immediate needs?
- What are future needs?

1:00 – 5:00 Review Potential Projects (Bethany Hoster/Sara Schmuecker)

- Review potential projects as identified during the mapping exercise
- Evaluate using - HNA II and Structured Decision Making Criteria
- Reduce down to requested numbers of UMRR and NESP projects (shelf other potential projects for future project needs)
- Break up into small groups per factsheet/project

5:00 - 5:30 Wrap up & Dismiss (Bethany Hoster/Sara Schmuecker)

- Assign “Factsheet Lead”
- Review timeline and due outs