## **Bois de Sioux - Mustinka** *One Watershed One Plan*

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## **Plan Progress**

Despite some weather-related cancelations and delays, planning work for the Bois de Sioux – Mustinka One Watershed One Plan has been moving very steadily through winter and spring.

In February the three committees tasked with developing the plan (the Advisory, Policy, and Steering Committees) met jointly to discuss establishment of planning regions, a Participation Plan, and a Plan Outline to guide the planning process. These were later approved by the Policy Committee in their March meeting.

The first two major steps of the planning process are developing a list of issues the group wants to address in the plan, as well as hosting one or more public kickoff meetings to engage the public. A list of issues (collectively called the 'Issues Table') was developed after a review of existing local water plans and regional and state planning documents. The Issues Table was presented to the public through two public kickoff meetings in early April, one each in the Cities of Wendell and Wheaton (Photo to right from Wendell meeting). Citizens were asked to vote for the issues they felt were most important and should be covered in the plan.

These results were used by the Steering and Advisory Committees in April and May to assign a priority to each issue within each planning region in the Bois de Sioux and Mustinka River Watersheds.

#### **Accomplishments to Date:**

- Approved Participation Plan and Outline
- Public Kick-off Meetings with Over 80 Attending
- Issues Identification and Planning Region Prioritization



### **Next Steps**

- The Advisory Committee will meet to review the priorities in the Issues Table on June 6, 2019.
- The Steering Committee will also meet on June 6, 2019 to discuss how to set measurable goals for each priority issue.
- The draft plan will be written section by section through the remainder of the year. Each committee will review and approve sections of the plan one by one.

#### **Plan Timeline**



#### **Project Contacts**