



From planning to implementation

Relaunching the subregional engagement effort



Here we go again!

Subregional Engagement

- Highly successful approach during plan development
 - New relationships
 - Integrated water approach
 - Identification of actions
 - Some for Met Council
 - Some for other agencies
 - Some for locals
- Request for continuation
- Written into MWSP and WPP



What we've been up to



Iterating for implementation

- Learning from round one
 - Review of input and feedback from participants
 - Evaluation (SWOT) by staff who led subregions
 - Feedback from MAWSAC/TAC
- Adapting for ongoing implementation
 - Round one an intense, concentrated period of activity
 - Round two will be ongoing
 - How does purpose change?
 - What structural changes are needed? Internally? Externally?
 - Visioning
 - Full Water Policy and Planning team
 - Focus group of core team members
 - Input from others engaged

Purpose (1/2)

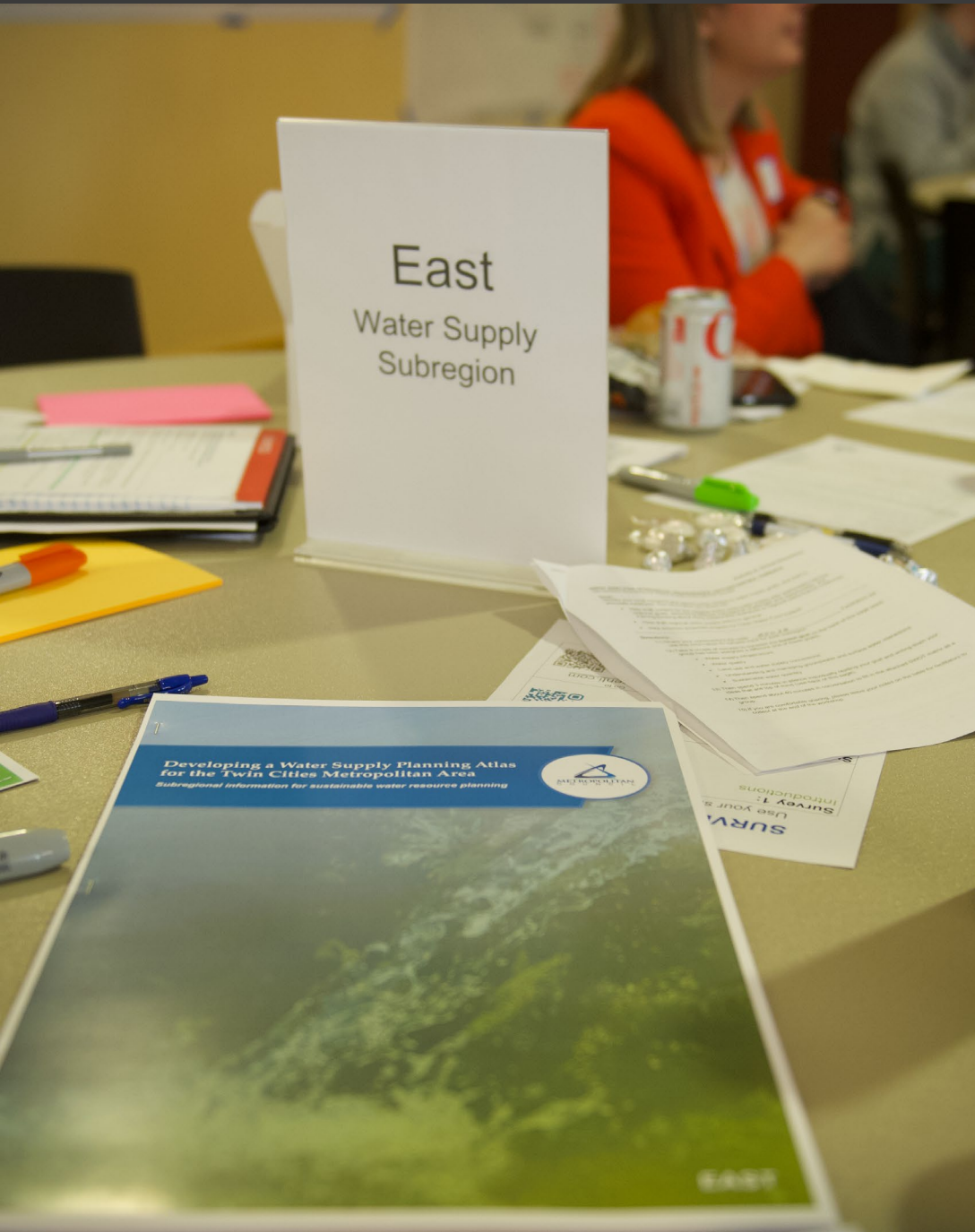
**To create a space
where water and
land use
professionals can...**

- collaborate,
- solve problems,
- learn from each other,
and
- build relationships

**...to ensure clean and
sustainable water for
today and the future.**



Purpose (2/2)



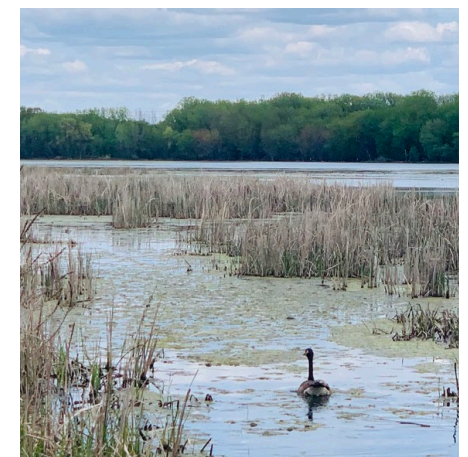
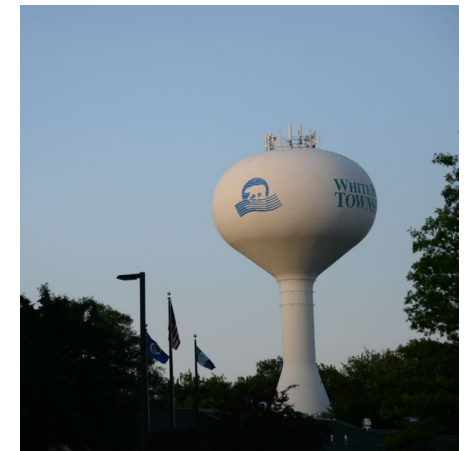
High level goals

- One water/integrated water approach
 - Round 1 had integrated perspectives, but primarily a supply focus
 - Round 2 will continue to broaden both perspectives and focus
- Shared ownership of approach and implementation
 - Buy-in
 - Movement on local priorities
 - Movement on regional priorities

Who will be invited

Expanding perspectives, enhancing inclusion

- **Core team**
 - 2 Met Council staff
 - 4-5 local staff
 - Community design/planning
 - Conservation and/or watershed
 - Water Supply
 - County
 - Tribal
- **Other Met Council**
 - Policy Advisory Committee members
 - Community Development staff
 - Council members
- **External perspectives to invite**
 - Tribal, State, Regional, and Local government
 - Nonprofit and academic
 - Parks, public works, public health, planning
 - Watershed and conservation
 - Water supply—various community types and sizes
 - Environmental justice
 - Community members



Current Status



Preparing to launch

- Core teams for co-ownership
- Aiming for:
 - First year:
 - Setting tone, expectations, building momentum
 - Prioritizing actions, early work towards “quick wins”
 - Two events:
 - One solo engagement per subregion
 - One all-subregion engagement
 - Second year:
 - Continued work on “quick wins”
 - Taking on bigger bites
 - Three events
- MAWSAC/TAC workplan connections

Reactions?



How is this feeling?
What would you encourage?

...stay tuned!



Thank You

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