

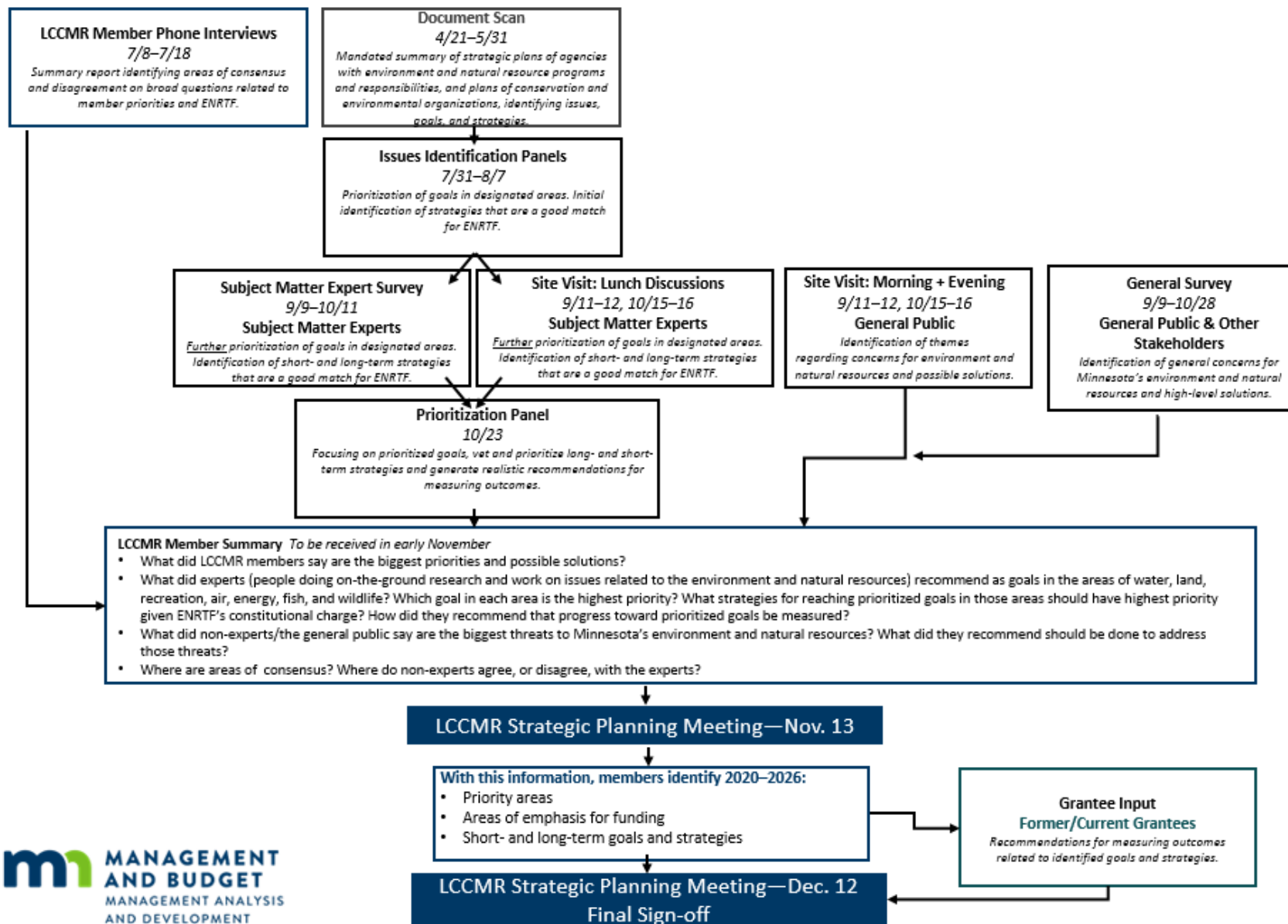


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LCCMR Subcommittee on Strategic Planning Presentation

Thursday, December 7, 2023

ENRTF Strategic Planning Process Overview



Overview of Stakeholder Engagement Process



Stakeholder Engagement Process

LCCMR Members

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Public Survey Process

- Purpose:
 - Gather broad input on areas of concern and preferred method to address those concerns.
- Distribution:
 - Posted on LCCMR social media.
 - Emailed to 200 stakeholders.
- Timing:
 - September 9, 2019 – October 28, 2019 (7 weeks)

Public Survey Questions

- Which one of the following is your biggest area of concern for Minnesota's environment and natural resources?
Options: Agricultural Practices, Air Quality, Aquatic Habitat and Management, Climate Change, Energy, Environmental Education, Outdoor Recreation and Open Spaces, Wildlife Habitat and Management, Water Quality, Water Quantity, Other
- What is the most important thing Minnesota could do to address the area of concern you selected above?
Options: Conduct research to develop new tools, practices or solutions; Collect and analyze data to better understand causes and status, or to measure progress; Increase education and public awareness; Pilot, demonstrate, and implement innovative solutions; Other
- What is your big, bold idea for protecting Minnesota's environment and natural resources?

Public Survey Additional Questions

- How old are you?
- How do you identify your gender?
- How do you identify your race or ethnicity?
- In what Minnesota county do you live most of the time?
- Do you work for, or are you affiliated with, an agency, organization, or program that works on issues related to the environment or natural resources?
- Do you work for, or are you affiliated with, an agency, organization, or program that received funding from the ENRTF?
- How would you categorize the agency, organization, or program you work for or are affiliated with?
Options: Academic, Non-Profit, Private, Tribal, Local Government Agency, State Government Agency, Federal Government Agency, Other
- Have you participated in any of the following ENRTF Strategic Planning stakeholder engagements?
Options: Expert panel; Lunch group discussion or evening listening session; Not sure; Have not participated in any of these engagements

Public Survey Results

- 2,430 responses
 - 46% from Greater Minnesota
 - 46% from Metro area
- Results:
 - Climate Change (31%), Water Quality (19%), Wildlife Habitat & Management (12%), and Agricultural Practices (12%) were biggest areas of concern.
 - Piloting, demonstrating, and implementing innovative solutions (47%) was the leading strategy to address these concerns.

Additional Detail: Appendix C and Appendix P of the 2019 ENRTF Strategic Planning Process Report

Subject Matter Expert Survey Process

- **Purpose:**

Prioritize goals identified by the Issue Identification Panel and recommend strategies to address those goals.
- **Distribution:**

Sent to 434 subject matter experts identified by LCCMR staff, primarily project managers of ENRTF-funded projects from 2008-2018.
- **Timing:**

September 9, 2019 – October 4, 2019 (4 weeks)

Subject Matter Expert Survey Questions

- For each issue area (Outdoor Recreation and Open Space; Air and Energy; Water – Increased Knowledge; Water – Improved Outcomes; Habitat, Fish, and Wildlife):
 - Which one of the following goals, do you think is most important for Minnesota to achieve?
 - What is one strategy you think would be key to achieving the goal that you have selected above?
 - Is there another strategy you think would be key to achieving the goal you have selected above?
- In which of the following areas do you have expertise or experience related to environmental or natural resources issues?

Subject Matter Expert Survey Results:

- 189 responses (44% response rate)
- Leading goals in each issue area:
 - **Water – Increased Knowledge:** Minnesota water resources are better managed for both water quality and quantity, as a result of better understanding of the connections between surface water and groundwater.
 - **Water – Improved Outcomes:** Minnesota is prepared for water volume changes and extreme runoff events resulting from climate and land use changes.
 - **Habitat, Fish, and Wildlife:** Minnesota has healthy and diverse wildlife populations that sustain and enhance the state's environment, economy, and quality of life.
 - **Outdoor Recreation and Open Space:** Outdoor recreational users in Minnesota understand the environmental issues that impact those activities (e.g., habitat loss, invasive species, toxic ammunition), are meaningfully engaged in conservation efforts, and have adopted more sustainable practices when needed.
 - **Air and Energy:** Minnesota achieves reliance on non-polluting, renewable energy in all sectors (including transportation, building, industry, agriculture, and others).
- Hundreds of strategies were proposed to achieve the 21 goals described in the survey.

Additional Detail: Appendix E, G, H, I, J, K, and L of the 2019 ENRTF Strategic Planning Process Report

Public Listening Sessions Process

- Purpose

Gather broader input on areas of concern and preferred methods to address those concerns from additional stakeholders (but not subject matter experts).

- Format:

- Sessions held during LCCMR site visits.
- Varying methods depending on time and location (open and invite-only).
- Same questions as general public survey.
- Comments recorded during sessions.

- Timing:

September 11, 2019 (University of Minnesota, Morris), September 12, 2019 (Common Cup Coffeehouse, Morris), October 15, 2019 (University of Minnesota, St. Paul), October 16, 2019 (Fiddlehead Coffee Co., Rochester; Maria's Colombian Café, Minneapolis)

Public Listening Session Results

- **Participants:**
 - Not clear how many participated in public listening sessions, but at least 90 people participated in public and subject matter expert sessions.
 - 80% completing evaluations were affiliated with an organization, agency, or program that works on issues related to the environment or natural resources, and 70% of those people had received funding from the ENRTF.
- **Results:**
 - Wildlife Habitat & Management, Water Quality, Agricultural Practices, and Climate Change were biggest areas of concern.
 - Piloting, demonstrating, and implementing innovative solutions was the leading strategy to address these concerns.

Additional Details: Appendix D of the 2019 ENRTF Strategic Planning Process Report