

1.1 IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY ISSUES

Identification of priority issues was completed through ongoing discussions with the Commissioners and Technical Advisory Committee, and discussion at the joint meeting of representatives from each member city Citizens Advisory Committee and at a meeting of City Managers and their representatives. Based on input from the Commissioners, TAC, member city staff, and CAC, the following issues have been identified as of high priority for this Management Plan.

THIRD GENERATION MANAGEMENT PLAN PRIORITIES

1. Begin implementing priority projects and actions in 2015, providing cost-share to member cities to undertake projects to achieve WRAPS lake and stream goals.
2. Use the results of the WRAPS study to establish priority areas, and complete subwatershed assessments to identify specific Best Management Practices that feasibly and cost-effectively reduce nutrient and sediment loading to impaired water resources. Convene a TAC of agencies specializing in ag outreach to help guide assessments in agricultural subwatersheds.
3. Develop a model manure management ordinance regulating the placement of new small non-food animal operations using the City of Medina ordinance as a reference, and require member cities to adopt that ordinance or other ordinances and practices that will accomplish its objectives.
4. Partner with other organizations to complete a pilot project for targeted fertilizer application and to increase and focus outreach to agricultural operators.
5. Continue participating in joint education and outreach activities with WMWA and other partners.