

## Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources SWIMS Project Summary

### General Project Information

**Project ID:** ARRA\_Project10 WTDJ  
**Name:** ARRA 10 St. Croix Planning Position Grant 2P-00E73201  
**Type:** Grant Project  
**Subtype:** ARRA Pass Through Project  
**Status:** COMPLETE  
**Start Date:** 02/08/2010  
**End Date:** 06/30/2011  
**Purpose:** Lake St. Croix Contract - Lake St. Croix TMDL implementation plan and plan coordinator funding; contract with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.  
**Objective:** Lake St. Croix is proposed for 303(d) listing by both Minnesota and Wisconsin. MPCA has hired a contractor to write a TMDL plan (basin-wide in both states), and is seeking funding for development of an Implementation Plan. Funding is being sought through this source to cover Wisconsin's share of the Implementation Plan development costs. The TMDL and Implementation Plan are needed to achieve the objectives of the St. Croix Nutrient Reduction Agreement to reduce phosphorus inputs to Lake St. Croix (signed by Wis. DNR and MPCA for both states in 2006).

Nutrient addition is the number one threat to the St. Croix Basin and Lake St. Croix. Developing the TMDL Implementation plan will set the framework for imposing point and non-point controls to stop the eutrophication of Lake St. Croix, as well as improving the main stem, tributaries, and lakes within the basin in both Minnesota and Wisconsin.

**Comments:** DUNS #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCR#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total project award: \$40,000

- Outcome:**
- o Lake St. Croix TMDL Implementation Plan, developed with stakeholder input.
  - o Area-wide Water Quality Management Plan amendment.
  - o Mass cap limits for phosphorus to be placed in WPDES permits.
  - o Road map for achieving non-point source reductions needed to achieve the TMDL goals.

### People

Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
BARTILSON, KATHY M	PROJECT_OFFI	ACTIVE	10/03/2009		Wisconsin DNR	
Leezer, Denise	COORDINATOR	ACTIVE	04/05/2010		MPCA	
MPCA,	GRANT_RECIP	ACTIVE	10/03/2009		Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	

### Project Statuses

Date	Reported By	Status	Comments
04/05/2010	Denise Leezer	Progress: 0-25% Cor	Currently in the process of developing a workplan for use in hiring a consultant to perform tasks associated with the preparation of the Lake St Croix TMDL Implementation Plan.
06/15/2010	Denise Leezer	Progress: 0-25% Cor	After initial discussions, it has been determined that the amount of the ARRA grant will successfully complete phase 1 of the Lake St Croix TMDL Implementation planning stakeholder process. In order to have the highest likelihood for successfully achieving the needed phosphorous reductions, a larger basin-wide stakeholder process will be critical for identifying priority reduction activities and establishing local partnerships. Phase 1 will be used for developing a stakeholder participation strategy, a communications plan and education and outreach to work group members to better prepare them for decision-making as well as team development. In addition, the MPCA will contribute the additional funds needed for Phase 2; to be used for working with stakeholders to develop the elements of a complete Lake St Croix TMDL Implementation Plan. MPCA will be submitting a contract amendment request with revised scope of work and timeline.

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09/30/2010	Denise Leezer	Progress: 0-25% Cor	Processing contract amendment to alter scope of work and extend the deadline to May/2011.
01/11/2011	Denise Leezer	Progress: 0-25% Cor	The MPCA and WDNR meet with the consultant to introduce themselves to the group and to develop a understanding of what each group is looking for from their work. The consultant then reviewed the Draft TMDL and each state's implementation plan requirements. A survey was then sent out to members of the St. Croix Basin team to understand each person's role and to obtain information about who is missing and who else should be involved in developing the Implementation Plan.
03/22/2011	LISA HELMUTH	Active	Delay possibly related to issues with hiring contractors. Extended final date through June 30th and on target to be finished at that time. (Requested a 2 month extension)
04/21/2011	Denise Leezer	Progress: 50-75% C	The consultant has completed Tasks 1-3 of their workplan. They have begun to interview key stakeholders in the basin to discuss how best to engage and inform them. As this information is collected the consultant is developing a draft of their engagement and communication plan. They are currently 45% complete with this task. The final report is also being developed as information is collected. The next steps are to finish the Key stakeholder meetings, develop the draft report, and integrate the approved information into the final report.
08/01/2011	Denise Leezer	Progress: 75-100% C	Overall, most of the work on the Final Report is complete. However, both the MPCA and the WDNR staff have concerns regarding the report and if it has addressed all of the details listed in the workplan. At this time the MPCA is working with the consultant to clear up these issues and finish the report.
08/10/2011	Denise Leezer	Complete	On August 8th, the consultant responded to comments the MPCA, WDNR, and the Basin Team had on the report. It was decided that they have addressed all of the tasks required of them in their workplan, and a final payment has been made. The Final Lake St. Croix Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and communication plan has been received. After some internal formatting it will be posted on the MPCA, St. Croix Basin Webpage.

### Project Status Detail

Question	Answer
1. Reporting Timeframe (Q1 (Oct-Dec), Q2 (Jan-Mar), Q3 (Apr-June), Q4 (July-Sept):	Q3
2. Amount expended this time period:	\$17978.00 This closes out the contract and agreement
3. Subcontracts or subgrants awarded this period:	None
4. Number work hours created or maintained to date:	156
5. Work accomplished this reporting period:	During the third quarter, the consultant worked on meeting with key stakeholders in task 4, developed a final draft report for Task 5, held a final core team meeting for task 6, and worked on final reports for task 7 and 8.
6. Work goals for coming reporting period:	While the project should have been complete by May 30th, there are concerns by the MPCA and WDNR that some items in Task 5, Task 7, and Task 8 that were not fully addressed. Currently both groups are in talks with the consultant to address these concerns, and are holding any final payments until these issues are addressed. The goals for the next reporting period are to receive a complete and approvable report from the consultant. This will hopefully be addressed before the end of the

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Question	Answer
7. Overall project status:	next quarter.
8. WDNR Question: Job equivalent Created	Active

### Actions

Action	Detailed Description	Start	End Date	Status
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### Monitoring Stations

Station ID	Name	Comments
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### Assessment Units

WBIC	Segment	Local Name	Official Name
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### Lab Account Codes

Account Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
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### Forms

Form Code	Form Name
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### Methods

Method Code	Description
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### Fieldwork Events

Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
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### Documents

Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
AARA_10_Q2FFY11_Report			04/29/2011	
ARRA 10 St. Croix Planning Position Project 2009 Project Description	Project Description	Wdnr	05/26/2009	
ARRA Project 10 St. Croix Planning Position 2009 Contract	Contract	Wdnr	05/26/2009	
ARRA_10_Q1FFY11_Report			01/31/2011	
ARRA_10_Q2FFY10_Report		Wdnr	04/28/2010	
ARRA_10_Q3FFY10_Report			07/30/2010	
ARRA_10_Q3FFY11_Report			08/08/2011	
ARRA_10_Q4FFY10_Report			11/01/2010	
Lake St. Croix TMDL Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Communication Plan	The Stakeholder Strategy and Communitation Plan describes people's response on how they view their engagement in the TMDL process for Lake St. Croix and outlines what may be the challenges for implementing the TMDL. It also helps understand what everyone's role in the St. Croix Basin is, and who they should be working with as	Bonestroo and CR Planning	05/30/2011	

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Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
	activities to reduce nutrients move forward.			

### Budget

Combined Budgets:

Combined SLOH:

### Funding

Organization	Source	Type	Amount	Start Date	End Date
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