

Lower Souris River Watershed

Yearly Results Report

for Source Water Protection Plan Implementation

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Executive Summary

Implementation of the Lower Souris Watershed Source Watershed Protection Plan is well underway. During the early stages of the Implementation process there have been success stories and unforeseen gaps and barriers. It is clear that the model that has been the most effective at implementing our Source Water Protection Plan is one that involves locally guided and delivered programs. This model effectively engages local residents and encourages action towards implementation of key action items.

Unfortunately issues such as a lack of local technical assistance, financial resources and regulatory authority often impede locally guided efforts. Often lead agencies have been identified that are not locally focused and have not placed a high priority on implementation of our Source Water Protection Plan. The importance of developing effective symbiotic partnerships is paramount to the successful implementation of these plans across our watershed.

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Results Report

Agency responsible for Key Action:	Results:	Evaluation (please rate this Key Action from 1 to 4, 1 being unaddressed , 4 being complete):	Gaps/Barriers/Successes If the evaluation of this Key Action received a 1 or 2, please identify gaps or barriers that are preventing completion of this Key Action and how those gaps or barriers can be addressed. If the evaluation of this Key Action received a 3 or 4, please explain why :
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6.1 Watershed Education

6.1.1 Key Action: Develop and implement an education and communication strategy within the watershed.

Agency: 1. Lower Souris River Watershed Board 2. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Marketing and Education 3. Ducks Unlimited Canada	Results: An education and communications strategy was developed by the Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc. (LSWC), DUC and SWA in 2007. The LSWC is implementing the strategy by developing and distributing newsletters, organizing youth activities, designing and erecting billboards, producing and distributing educational brochures and placemats, organizing workshops and regularly updating the Lower Souris Watershed website.	Evaluation: 3	Gaps/Barriers: 1.We have been ineffective in delivering classroom materials to the local students. An effective method that engages the teachers will be paramount to success. This Key Action item remains of high importance and we will continue to deliver the programs that have been developed.
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6.1.2 Key Action: Initiate a focus group and survey to track success of the education and communication strategy within the watershed.

Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Marketing and Education	Results: The LSWC established a focus group and conducted an associated survey in 2008 to benchmark the future success of the education and communication strategy within the watershed area.	Evaluation: 3	Gaps/Barriers: 1.The contact staff at our partnership agencies has changed. When we go to revisit our success the new staff members will be new to this process.
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6.2 Groundwater Threats and Protection

6.2.1 Key Action: Develop an abandoned well program within the watershed.

Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Groundwater Management; Regional Operations, Weyburn 2. Prairie Farm	Results: The LSWC has completed a 2.5 year Well Head Integrity and Well Decommissioning project funded by Environment Canada's EcoAction program in 2009. A total of 3 well decommissioning workshops were delivered to 49 local participants. A total of 37 on site well head integrity visits were	Evaluation: 2	Gaps/Barriers: 1.Involvement by SWA and AESB was limited towards this Key Action item. Local producers always appear interested in well decommissioning, however very few implement this BMP within their operations.
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Rehabilitation Administration 3. Lower Souris River Watershed Board	conducted during this project.		
6.2.2 Key Action: Develop an informational package on how the oil and gas industry protects the watershed's source water.			
Agency: 1. Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers 2. Saskatchewan Industry and Resources	Results: CAPP has been unsuccessfully contacted by the LSWC between 2007 and 2009 in regards to addressing this action item. A document titled Saskatchewan's Oil and Natural Gas Industry (2006-0022) produced by CAPP was forwarded to LSWC by SWA planning staff in 2008. As we move forward the LSWC will attempt to re-engage the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources towards addressing this key action item.	Evaluation : 1	Gaps/Barriers: 1. There is lack of involvement by the lead agencies.
6.3 Community Water Supplies			
6.3.1 Key Action: Develop a groundwater risks methodology for community wells within the watershed.			
Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Regional Operations, Weyburn; Projects and Partnerships	Results: Terry Hanley with SWA Regina has been contacted in regards to the work his group has been conducting in the area on this key action item. No results or progress report was returned to our organization	Evaluation: 2	Gaps/Barriers: 1. The lead agency has been working independently towards the implementation of this key action item with limited communication with our organization.
6.3.2 Key Action: Develop a wellhead integrity program within the watershed.			
Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Groundwater Management; Regional Operations, Weyburn; Projects and Partnerships; Watershed and Aquifer Planning 2. Lower Souris River Watershed Board	Results: The LSWC has completed a 2.5 year Well Head Integrity and Well Decommissioning project funded by Environment Canada's EcoAction program in 2009. A total of 37 on-site well head integrity visits were conducted during this project. SWA publication titled "A Landowner's Guide to Water Well Management" was distributed as a technical reference during local trade shows, workshops and on-site visitations.	Evaluation : 3	Gaps/Barriers: 1. Limited technical advice or training was extended by the lead agencies to assist the LSWC in delivery of this project. The LSWC staff sourced appropriate materials to deliver this program. Continued long term work in relation to this Key Action is required.
6.4 Water Quality Monitoring and Moosomin Reservoir			
6.4.1 Key Action: Develop a source water quality monitoring plan to track phosphorus, TDS, and chlorophyll a levels in the watershed planning areas			
Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Monitoring and Assessment Branch	Results: In partnership with the Moosomin Lake Stewardship Group ongoing water quality monitoring has been conducted by SWA staff. SWA has continued with water	Evaluation : 2	Gaps/Barriers: 1. Only one of the listed agencies has been effectively engaged towards this Key Action. Limited local communication surrounding

2. Saskatchewan Environment 3. Saskatchewan Health	quality sampling of the Moosomin Reservoir and the surrounding watershed.		this work is available to the LSWC or public.
6.5 Landfills (Waste Disposal Ground)			
6.5.1 Key Action: Determine the level of risk to source water within the watershed from community landfills.			
Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Environment	Results: Brent Wilson (southern EPO) was contacted via e-mail on Feb 17 th with no response. Don Howe (northern EPO) with Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment has indicated on March 11, 2010 that he will assist in the determination of the level of risk to source water within the watershed from community landfills once it is clear what needs to be included to create a risk analysis model.	Evaluation: 1	Gaps/Barriers: 1. There is limited response or engagement from the lead agency at this time.
6.5.2 Key Action: Develop a database of all existing and abandoned landfills within the watershed.			
Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Environment 2. Urban and Rural Municipalities	Results: There has been limited action to date in response to this key action item. Don Howe (northern EPO) has indicated that the development of an inventory of all existing or abandoned landfills and existing transfer stations is underway.	Evaluation: 1	Gaps/Barriers: 1. There is limited response or engagement by the lead agencies to date. Response dated March 11, 2010 will aid in the completion of this Key Action Item. The LSWC has not identified this as a priority Key Action.
6.6 Municipal Sewage Lagoons			
6.6.1 Key Action: Determine the level of risk to source water within the watershed from community lagoons.			
Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Environment	Results: The Ministry of Environment has indicated that they support this key action in principle but suggest an alternative key action that seeks funding to construct required upgrades to community lagoons and to address the assessed risks to source water as needed. In March 11, 2010, in a communication from SME, it was indicated that without additional testing it will be difficult to determine whether lagoons have an impact on ground and surface water within the watershed. The Ministry of Environment has indicated that they will produce an inventory of all municipal lagoons and identify which ones release effluent. The LSWC has partnered with the Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewardship Committee Inc (MJRWSC) towards the	Evaluation: 2	Gaps/Barriers: 1. The LSWC is doing as suggested by the lead agency and is looking for alternative solutions that address risks to source water. The LSWC has struggled with engaging urban municipalities surrounding this Key Action. Potential GO GREEN project funds were unfortunately pulled by the province.

	development of a zero flow constructed wetland project in Avonlea to demonstrate a viable alternative towards addressing source water concerns.		
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6.7 Agricultural Activities

6.7.1 Key Action: Support the agricultural Beneficial Management Practices of the Lower Souris River Green Plan initiative.

Agency: 1. Lower Souris River Watershed Board	Results: The LSWC has been successfully delivering an Agri-Environmental Group Plan (AEGP) within our watershed boundaries since 2006. The AEGP project has enabled the LSWC to assist local landowners to adopt beneficial management practices (BMPs) that have a direct improvement to source water within the watershed. The BMPs that have been actively promoted by the LSWC include winter site management, range management, forage conversion, well decommissioning, corral relocation and wetland restoration. Producers are encouraged to participate in LSWC extension workshops, field days and demonstration sites to assist in the development of their own BMP projects. The LSWC Group Plan Advisor assists individual producers develop project applications while providing technical guidance on an ongoing basis. Quarterly newsletters assist in educating the watershed residents about our AEGP and relevant program information. Additional funding made available through SWA has enabled the LSWC to provide BMP funds to producers who have completed corral relocation, well decommissioning and run-off control projects within the watershed. The LSWC has become an active member and project partner with the Saskatchewan Watershed Evaluation of Beneficial Management Practices (WEBs) project.	Evaluation : 4	Success: 1.The success of this project can be directly attributed to the impact of having local staff promoting, educating and assisting area producers with BMP development and implementation. This successful method of delivery has been replicated across the province. Gaps/Barriers: 1.Unfortunately, annual project budgets are continually trimmed and no long term commitment to funding of this program has been approved.
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6.7.2 Key Actions: Develop a fact sheet on agricultural drainage and farm water management within the watershed.

Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Regional Operations, Weyburn 2. Lower Souris River Watershed Board	Results: SWA Regional Operations has provided the LSWC with two fact sheets to reference and provide to local landowners as stated in their May 2007 response. Fact Sheets (FS-314) titled Drainage Approval Process and (FS-300) titled Water Disputes Relating	Evaluation: 3	Success: 1.Two fact sheets were created by SWA for LSWC. Gaps/Barriers: 1. All agencies that were engaged have not met the expectations
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	to Drainage Works. The 4-Creeks Watershed Advisory Committee developed and adopted a Drainage and Wetland Policy in co-operation with SWA between Nov. 2004 – Feb. 2006. There has been no additional information related to the developing SWA Provincial Wetlands and Drainage Policy received by the LSWC.		towards the successful implementation of this Key Action item.
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6.8 Watershed Management

6.8.1 Key Action: Create the Lower Souris River Watershed Board and continue the Watershed Advisory Committees in all three watershed planning areas to provide advice on water management decisions in the watershed.

Agency: 1. Lower Souris Watershed Board 2. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority	Results: The Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc. was incorporated in March of 2006. The Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc. board is governed by local representatives of all three sub-watershed basins. The three sub-watershed basins continue to meet as needed to effectively provide input towards project and future programs that effectively address water management issues within the region. Discussion about a revitalization effort of the sub-basin organizations has been initiated by SWA staff.	Evaluation: 4	Success: 1.The Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc was incorporated in March, 2006. Gaps/Barriers: 1.There is a lack of small local projects for sub- watershed groups to deliver and work on to make the members feel of value.
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6.8.2 Key Action: Develop a drainage and wetlands policy within the Four Creeks watershed planning area.

Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Policy; Regional Operations, Weyburn 2. Four Creeks Watershed Advisory Committee	Results: The Four Creeks Watershed Advisory Committee developed a drainage and wetland policy from Nov 2004 to Feb 2006 with the support of SWA.	Evaluation: 4	Success: 1. The local advisory committee worked diligently with the assistance of SWA staff at developing and approving a document to address local wetland policy. Gaps/Barriers: 1. To date no regulation or enforcement of this document has taken place.
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6.8.3 Key Action: Conduct a drainage and wetland inventory needs assessment in the Four Creeks watershed planning area and, from the inventory, determine potential storage sites.

Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Regional Operations, Weyburn 2. Lower Souris River Watershed Board 3. Four Creeks	Results: The LSWC has completed a detailed wetland and land cover inventory as a portion of their Ecological Goods & Services (EG&S) Pilot Project in 2008. DUC and SWA provided the technical expertise and knowledge to complete this bio-physical inventory. In a partnership with	Evaluation: 4	Success: 1. Through information made available through our EG&S project we were able to complete the detailed inventory of the entire watershed. Gaps/Barriers:
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<p>Watershed Advisory Committee</p> <p>4. Ducks Unlimited Canada</p> <p>5. Prairie Provinces Water Board</p> <p>6. West Souris River Conservation District</p>	<p>the MJRWSC the LSWC hired KGS Group to conduct a Water Supply Study for the Lower Souris Watershed area in 2008. Funding towards this project was provided by the Canada-Saskatchewan Water Supply Expansion Program.</p>		<p>1. This project information has not been collectively reviewed for future action. Involvement of the local sub-watershed organization has diminished due to limited local projects and participation.</p>
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6.9 Fish Migration and Habitat

6.9.1 Key Action: Within the Pipestone Creek watershed planning area: improve fish habitat by the development of rock riffle structures downstream of Moosomin Dam.

<p>Agency:</p> <p>1. Wawota Wildlife Federation</p> <p>2. Saskatchewan Environment</p> <p>3. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority</p>	<p>Results:</p> <p>Following a survey of fish passage barriers upstream of the Moosomin Reservoir conducted in partnership with the Pipestone Watershed Stewardship Committee in 2008 a rock riffle structure was proposed to remedy the primary impediment to fish passage. Funds were made available by the Wawota Wildlife Federation to conduct a detailed project site survey to allow for an engineered project design to be commissioned. An engineered plan has been completed and appropriate approvals have been applied for towards construction in the fall of 2010. To raise public interest and awareness surrounding this project, a project site tour and BBQ was held during the 2009 spring spawning run. Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation has become an important technical advisor towards the development of this project. Local EPO's have been actively engaged with this project since the projects inception.</p>	<p>Evaluation:</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Gaps/Barriers:</p> <p>1. Government regulations and approval processes led to the erosion of a potential industry funding source in the summer of 2009.</p>
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6.9.2 Key Action: Within the Antler River and Four Creeks watershed planning areas: conduct a fish habitat and migration survey to determine the extent and range of fish species.

<p>Agency:</p> <p>1. Fisheries and Oceans Canada</p> <p>2. Saskatchewan Environment</p>	<p>Results:</p> <p>A technical committee was created during the spring of 2007 towards conducting a fish migration project. Representatives from DFO and SWA were engaged towards participation. Poor winter snow cover and lack of spring runoff led to this project being remodeled into a fish passage survey upstream of the Moosomin Reservoir in 2008. No additional action towards full implementation has been taken at this</p>	<p>Evaluation :</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Gaps/Barriers:</p> <p>1. All lead agencies have not been fully engaged. Variables out of our control have been an impediment over the last few years. Funding of these kinds of projects is difficult to secure.</p>
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6.9.3 Key Action: Evaluate the barriers to fish migration upstream of Moosomin Reservoir on Pipestone Creek and contributing major streams.			
Agency: 1. Fisheries and Oceans Canada 2. Saskatchewan Environment 3. Lower Souris River Watershed Board	Results: The technical committee that was created during the spring of 2007 towards conducting a fish migration project became focused upon a fish migration survey upstream of the Moosomin Reservoir in 2008. A private fisheries biologist was contracted and he identified the principle barriers to fish passage. At this time an existing low level road crossing was identified as the primary impediment to spring fish passage. A proposed rock riffle project was suggested to remedy future fish passage issues.	Evaluation : 4	Success: 1.A strong partnership with SWF has assisted in completion of this Key Action. Gaps/Barriers: 1.Saskatchewan Environment hasn't been engaged at this point.
6.10 Water Supply for Small Communities			
6.10.1 Key Action: Develop a feasibility study for a rural pipeline(s) within the watershed			
Agency: 1. Cornerstone Regional Economic Development Authority 2. Urban and Rural Municipalities 3. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Basin Operations	Results: In partnership with the Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards Inc. a Water Supply Study has been completed by the KGS Group in 2008. The information in this report suggests that there is no annual sustainable volume of surface water available and there are a number of overburdened aquifers. In 2009 a meeting was hosted by the LSWC to explore the level of interest and commitment to developing a rural water pipeline project. Currently the Village of Maryfield is engaged in developing a water supply project that attaches onto a rural water pipeline project across the boarder in Manitoba.	Evaluation: 3	Success: 1.A Water supply study was completed by the KGS Group in 2008. Gaps/Barriers: 1.There are limits to engaging the agencies listed towards this Key Action item. The REDA has been dissolved and is no longer in operation. Engaging municipalities is a challenge, as there appears to be limits to local vision. Rural pipelines are perceived to be extremely costly to develop.
6.11 Auburton Reservoir Potential Spillway Failure			
6.11.1 Key Action: Develop a decision options paper in conjunction with the landowner			
Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Regional Operations, Weyburn 2. Lower Souris River Watershed Board 3. Antler River Watershed Advisory Committee	Results: The Antler River Sub-Watershed Advisory Committee hosted a series of informational and decision making meetings between Oct. 2007 and Jan. 2008 to determine the appropriate method to address the safety issue surrounding the Staples Dam. Representatives from PFRA and SWA were invited to the Jan 2008 meeting to present background and	Evaluation : 2	Gaps/Barriers: 1.No group wants to take on the associated liability risks of ownership of this structure. It is currently unclear as to whom the rightful owner of this structure is.

4. Landowner	present information about the dam. It has been determined that there is no clearly identified owner of this structure, and as such, minimal maintenance has been done for quite some time. In the event of a large run off or rainfall event, this structure may naturally breach and create major problems downstream. The Antler River Sub-Watershed Advisory Committee strongly believes that this structure needs to be repaired. No official options paper has yet to be received to date.		
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6.12 Operation of Moosomin Dam

6.12.1 Key Action: Create a Public Advisory Committee of all stakeholders for the Moosomin Dam.

Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Regional Operations 2. Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration	Results: The Pipestone Watershed Stewardship Committee Inc. has been extremely dedicated to this key action item, The Public Advisory Committee was struck and hosted countless informational meetings, public forums and have been dedicated to the development of an approved operation plan with the co-operation of AESB (formerly PFRA) and SWA.	Evaluation: 4	Success: 1. The organization of a representative stakeholder group was successfully developed due to full participation and engagement of all stakeholders. This model has been effective in fostering local communication and development of an operational plan for the reservoir.
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6.12.2 Key Action: Develop a written operating plan for the Moosomin Dam.

Agency: 1. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Regional Operations, Weyburn 2. Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration 3. Lower Souris River Watershed Board 4. Pipestone Creek Watershed Advisory Committee 5. West Souris River Conservation District 6. Manitoba Conservation	Results: Between 2006 and 2009 the Pipestone Watershed has tirelessly worked towards completion of this key action item. Through a series of informational and public consultation meetings the Pipestone Watershed Stewardship Committee Inc. in partnership with SWA, AESB, WSCD, and the LSWC have completed and approved a mutually agreed upon Operational Plan for the Moosomin Reservoir in October of 2009. Protocols within this operational plan have been followed and appear to be a success for all parties involved.	Evaluation: 4	Success: 1. Through the long term commitment and dedication of all agencies involved this Key Action item has been successfully completed. Gaps/Barriers: 1. The duration of this process was frustrating at times to the members involved with the development of this document.
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6.13 Water Conservation

6.13.1 Key Action: Initiate the restoration of storage dams or wetlands at a minimum of five locations in the Four Creeks watershed planning area.

Agency: 1. Lower Souris River Watershed Board 2. Four Creeks	Results: A water management and wetland conservation meeting was hosted by the LSWC within the 4-Creeks Sub Basin in	Evaluation: 2	Gaps/Barriers: 1. The Four Creeks Watershed Advisory Committee is not a water storage group, but rather
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Watershed Advisory Committee 3. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - Regional Operations, Weyburn 4. Ducks Unlimited Canada 5. Saskatchewan Environment	2007. SWA and PFRA staff presented water storage and management options to local land managers. The staff members of the LSWC make appropriate referrals related to wetland restoration projects to DUC staff on an ongoing basis.		they are interested in agricultural drainage programs. These storage sites will only act as a seasonal holding pond until they are released downstream.
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7. Implementation

7.1 Key Action: Hire a Watershed Coordinator on a three-year pilot project basis.

Agency: 1. Lower Souris River Watershed Board 2. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority 3. Ducks Unlimited Canada	Results: Sheldon Kyle was hired to act as the Watershed Co-ordinator commencing October 1, 2006. He has remained with the LSWC since this time and has been active in implementing the LSWC Source Water Protection Plan. Continued financial support from our local municipalities, provincial government, and various project funds provide on going financial resources to maintain this position.	Evaluation: 4	Success: 1.A LSWC Coordinator was hired in 2006. Gaps/Barriers: 1.No long term core funding has not been committed to the watershed organizations who are actively implementing source water protection plans across the province of Saskatchewan.
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7.2 Key Action: Continue with the Lower Souris River Watershed Technical Committee and meet annually with the Watershed Advisory Committees.

Agency: 1. Lower Souris River Watershed Board 2. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority 3. Lower Souris River Watershed Technical Committee	Results: The LSWC has not been diligent in a formal continuation of the LSWC Technical Committee or conducting formal annual meetings with their WAC's. An annual BBQ has been hosted annually during the summer with invitations extended to Technical Committee Members, Municipal Council Members, Sub-WAC Members and previous AEGP Producers to act as an informal opportunity to exchange ideas and celebrate our annual successes. We recognize that a formal venue needs to be established in order to review our Source Water Protection Plans as we progress forward.	Evaluation : 2	Gaps/Barriers: 1.Staff members continually change within some of our partnership agencies, making this sort of annual meeting difficult to organize. The LSWC has not previously focused on this Key Action as formally as they have needed to.
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Key Actions that are not in the SWPP but that have been completed – add additional rows as required

Key Action: Evaluate the effectiveness of Beneficial Management Practices to improve surface water quality.

Agency: 1. AESB 2. SWA 3. LSWC	Results: The LSWC has partnered with the Saskatchewan WEBs (Watershed Evaluation of BMPs) Team to study the water quality impacts of BMP implementation on a watershed scale.	Evaluation: 3	Success: 1.Funding has been secured to perform a four year project within the Pipestone Creek Sub-Watershed Basin.
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	Funding has been secured to perform a four year project within the Pipestone Creek Sub-Watershed Basin commencing in 2010.		Gaps/Barriers: 1.Communication of this project has been limited due to the time it has taken to get project approval and funding in place.
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Key Actions that should be added to the SWPP – add additional rows as required

Key Action: Evaluate how Ecological Good and Services relate to source water quality and quantity within the watershed

Agency: 1. LSWC 2. SWA 3. AESB 4. DUC	Results: The LSWC has completed a two year pilot project funded by ACAAF to evaluate various policy tools and options within an agricultural landscape to achieve desired environmental endpoints. Strong partnerships were forged with project partners such as DUC and SWA during this project. The LSWC has been asked to speak about this project both provincially and federally. The LSWC is currently looking for a method to take the results from this project to design a pilot project that will test the theory developed within the initial Ecological Goods and Services (EG&S) project.	Evaluation: 4	Success: 1.The LSWC has completed a 2 year pilot project to evaluate various policy tools and options within an agricultural landscape to achieve environmental endpoints. Gaps/Barriers: 1.E G&S policy is just emerging, and our project results may not have an impact on decision making well into the future.
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Please answer the following questions:

Q 1. What are your membership issues and how do you intend to address them?

A 1. The LSWC struggles with poor participation from our urban residents. There has been a thought that if we were to include an urban member on our committee this may be a potential solution.

Q 2. Given that SWA will continue to provide core funding, how do you plan to address non-core funding issues?

A 2. The LSWC continues to develop new programs and partnerships towards the delivery of programs. We anticipate that we will be able to continue upon our success at securing funds for relevant watershed programs. If times are to become extremely lean we have the ability to draw upon more funds from our surplus to offset any short term funding issues that may arise. The LSWC strongly believes that all levels of government need to be involved with the adequate funding of organizations who are dedicated to the safe guarding of water resources for society.