

## The St. Croix County Ground & Surface Water Quality Study Group

### Objectives and evaluations of meetings<sup>1</sup>

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**Meetings:** The objective of each meeting is to gain knowledge and insights about a particular issue related to water resources use, protection, and pollution. This knowledge will be developed through presentations to and discussions among study group members, who may also consult subject matter experts and resource people present at the meeting. The cumulative impact of the meetings will be a level of understanding sufficient to achieve the overarching goal.

Meeting topics will include discussion on 3 broad categories:

- **Water resources and impacts on quality:** Hydrologic characteristics, generally and specific for St. Croix County; factors impacting quality; monitoring; main and potential sources of pollution; protecting versus cleaning up; erosion; storm water runoff; BMPs, etc.
- **Water users (use and impact on water resources):** livestock facilities, cropping operations, homeowners, industry, recreation, environment, etc.
- **Approaches, regulatory and other, to protecting water quality:** Focus on Wisconsin county-level responses to protecting water quality, but also address regulatory context within state and Federal framework. Address issues of effectiveness, costs of implementation, feasibility, liability, resources needed to implement, etc.

#### Meeting Evaluations (Sample Table)

Meeting Topic	Member response
Did the meeting provide enough information to formulate recommendations to the County Board, which they could act on to provide general guidance to the County Departments?	
Do you have a clear understanding of the link between the topic, sources of pollution, pollution issues, and options for protection of water quality?	
What gaps in knowledge on the specific meeting topic remain?	
What questions do you have that were not answered during the meeting?	
What type of expert is needed to help eliminate the gaps and remaining questions?	

**Member Preparation:** Study Group Members should read any materials furnished beforehand, if any, and come with questions to discuss. If possible, questions should be forwarded to the group chair who will forward the questions to the scheduled presenter so that the presenter has a chance to adequately prepare a response. All questions received will be forwarded without editing, and a record of all questions received will be maintained.

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