Land Use Decisions and Their Impacts on Clean Water
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Bemidji, MN
Small Group Discussion Harvest

Question 1: In your role, what do you see as important for you to do? What actions would you take?

**Top Answers:**
1) Money from lakeshore clouds judgment  
2) Buffer zones  
3) Educate the people  
4) Build sustainable partnerships  
5) Officials cross jurisdiction lines when writing policies

**Discussion Harvest:**
1) Uphold current ordinances  
2) Build sustainable partnerships  
3) Provide sound technical guidance  
4) Promote good “lake” stewardship  
5) Protect wetlands and their functions  
6) Think and act “watershed” out of the box  
7) Future “forward” thinking  
8) Change through education  
9) Important for planning board to follow through with ordinances – no more variances  
10) Never follow up to see if landowner did what was required  
11) City – staff that understand the importance of storm water  
12) Citizens should recognize the importance of city staff following ordinances  
13) County officials look at money that lakeshore development can bring in – clouds judgment  
14) Keep WRAPS project moving forward with stakeholder involvement  
15) Public stay informed  
16) Parks, irrigation/sewer management  
17) Watershed association – invasive species  
18) Personal habits  
19) Education of people  
20) Clean water projects  
21) BMP’s  
22) Permitting decisions  
23) Land use plan education and compliance  
24) Control erosion, slow down water runoff  
25) Encourage ag BMP’s: no till, cover crops  
26) COLA: lakeshore buffer zones, septic maintenance  
27) Start making ordinance in township  
28) Monitor groundwater influence  
29) Support and sustain land use ordinance  
30) Lakeshore management study to determine if township takes over enforcement of lakeshore management  
31) Work with elected and appointed officials and work across jurisdictions to implement sound water policies (sanitary sewer, appropriate land use)
Question 2: How can you in your role help to meet clean water goals for this watershed?

Top Answers:
1) Storm water utility fee
2) Keep water on land longer
3) Education the people
4) Ensure mitigation for impacts
5) Regulations and BMP’s

Discussion Harvest:
1) Monitor vegetation in ditches
2) Develop relationships with local, county and district groups
3) Engage newspaper, invite to educate people
4) Keep water on land longer
5) Water doesn’t run uphill
6) Make sure permits don’t degrade water quality
7) Public access monitoring
8) Storm water utility fee – establish the importance of it
9) Senior citizen drugs taken to law enforcement, not flushed
10) Education and communication – public
11) Senior citizen clean-up day, use leaves as compost
12) Limiting human lakeshore development
13) Boat inspections
14) BMP’s
15) Infrastructure improvements
16) Educate the people
17) Advocate policy change
18) Smart development
19) Install BMP’s
20) Strict interpretation of codes
21) Engaged, enthusiastic partners
22) Ensure mitigation for impacts
23) Variance? What do we get?
24) Policies to regulations
25) Implement regulations
26) BMP – sewer pipe
27) Shoreland regulations