

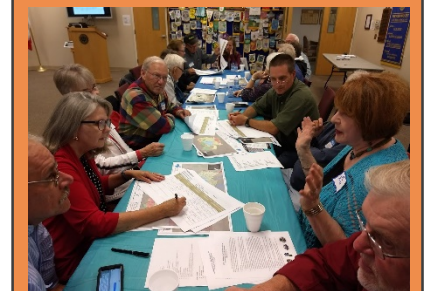
LEECH LAKE RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN PROJECT UPDATE

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News of note

- During the official comment period, comment letters were received from the organizations listed below. A summary of these comments will be provided to the Advisory and Policy Committees in their upcoming meetings.
 - MN Board of Water and Soil Resources
 - MN Department of Agriculture
 - MN Department of Natural Resources
 - MN Department of Health
 - MN Pollution Control Agency
 - Bay and Swift Lake Association
 - Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations
 - Wabedo – Little Boy – Copper – Rice Lake Association
- The September 15 kick-off event was a huge success! Approximately 65 people attended to take part in a community meal, hear a talk from Ron Schara, and contribute their ideas for priority issues to be considered in the plan. Thank you to all those who donated to, volunteered at, and attended this event!
- You can go online to contribute your thoughts regarding potential priorities to be considered in the plan now through *October 18* by going to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeechLakeRiver1W1P.
- A new, easy to use, link to the 1W1P website has been created: www.co.cass.mn.us/LLR1W1P. Please update your records.



September 15, 2017 kick-off meeting in Walker

Calendar

- October 27, 2017: *Advisory Committee* meeting to develop recommendations on plan priorities and begin developing the communication, education and outreach portions of the plan.
- November 17, 2017: *Policy Committee* meeting which will include reviewing and taking action on Advisory Committee recommendations for plan priorities.

Tidbits

According to Peter Jacobson, Minnesota DNR, “Tullibeas are a great ‘canary in a mineshaft’ species” (Star Tribune, Feb 2, 2015). Tullibeas thrive in cold, deep lakes with plenty of oxygen. If you have tullibeas, you’ve got healthy water. The Leech Lake River watershed has 12 lakes that support tullibee; 2 lakes are in Hubbard County (Benedict, Kabekona) and 10 lakes are in Cass County (Cooper, Girl, Howard, Little Woman, Long SW Bay, Long Main Basin, Man, May, Portage, Ten Mile).

For more information please visit: www.co.cass.mn.us/LLR1W1P or contact one of the people listed below.

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