

7. Implementation Plan Prioritization

The FCWMA met on January 29, 2015 to discuss the priorities of the Implementation Plan. Exercises were developed for the members of the WMA to determine their priorities in three categories: Funding Needs, Policy Modification, and Education/Communication. Every exercise presented each member in attendance with a list of the tasks and goals of the Implementation Plan and they were asked to anonymously rank them. The results are presented below.

Top Priorities List

Funding Needs

1. Hire Watershed Coordinator
2. Streambank Restoration (Fourmile)
3. Water Quality Monitoring
4. Fourmile Creek Greenway (Land Acquisition)
5. Streambank Restoration (Tributaries)

Policy Modification

1. Adopt Stormwater Management Manual
2. Fourmile Creek Greenway (Property Dedication/Preservation Requirements)
3. Develop Consistent Regional Water Quality Monitoring Protocols
4. Create Regional WMA Collaboration Committee
5. Review Central Iowa Jurisdiction Development Requirements for Consistency/Conflicts and Create Model Ordinance

Education/Communication

1. City and County Officials
 - a. Updates on WMA activities
 - b. Watershed impact education
2. Agricultural and Rural
 - a. Updates on WMA activities
 - b. Watershed impact education
3. Developers and Business Communities
 - a. Watershed impact education
 - b. Updates on WMA activities
 - c. Review model ordinance
4. Identify Strategy Champions
5. Communication with Legislators on Water Quality

A collaboration discussion was conducted to get an overall top five ranking. The top five rank in descending order is as follows: Hire Watershed Coordinator, Water Quality Monitoring, Establish Greenway, Create Model Ordinance, and Streambank Restoration (Fourmile).