**Upper Mississippi River Region ILO**

**FY 20-21 Plan of Action\* DRAFT**

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| **ACTION** | **STRATEGY FOR**  **IMPLEMENTATION (1)** | **Activity for FY20-21** | **Past Activity** |
| **A.**.Purchase and use Watershed game |  | Need support of U of M staff to get training and updated games. Bonnie Cox will be asked to be in contact with the U of M to facilitate this action. | Games were purchased, members trained and presentations made. There is demand for more training, but no events are scheduled. |
| **B.**.Print materials to support ILO goal | New non-farming owners flyer available now | Find opportunities to use the flyer which can be made available to all UMRR members. | UMRR original brochure is still available for reprint |
| **C.**.Continue upgrading and using universal power points | Consider making videos that can be used by local Leagues | Nonvoice-over PPs are available on the website titled “Presentations” and can be edited by any UMRR member. |  |
| **D.**.Determine collaborative organizations to work with | Add to the list of organizations where we can either maintain a membership and/or collaborate on programming. | Each member is urged to expand our advocacy through joining additional environmental organizations and taking a visible stance where possible. Money is available for expanded memberships or sponsorships. | Partnerships with Izaak Walton League and Land Stewardship Project have resulted in joint workshops for retired farmers.  Continued collaboration with Minnesota Environmental Partnership. New partnerships have been formed with Ikes, LSP plus the U of M Soils Department. |
| **E**..Monitor and share public policy | Many environmental issues affect more than one state or region. | Each member organization can ask UMRR for specific action on an environmental issue. |  |
| **F.** Engage the media – print, social etc.- to expand UMMR issues | Expand our advocacy through clean water/climate change information in public media. | Encourage and work with local newspapers and other media outlets to include environmental information. | UMRR Jo Daviess has printed several environmental columns in the Galena Gazette in 2019/20. Anoka County began a newspaper column in May 2020. |
| **G**..Engage environmental speakers | Each UMRR gathering will feature an environmental speaker | The UMRR member responsible for the meeting will be in charge of soliciting speakers | Each bi-monthly and annual meeting of UMRR has featured environmental speakers |
| **H** Solicit grants and funds to operate the UMMR ILO | Grants may be needed for specific purposes |  | 2 grants received for $1,000 each from ERC |
| I. Interact with legislative and congressional reps to promote clean water | . | UMRR must stay engaged in lobbying activity at the local/state/national level either singly or collaboratively to positively affect the environment. | Many letters and phone calls to local environmental regulators, legislators and congress this past year. |
| **Possible additions to FY20-21 Plan of Action** |  |  |  |
| Facilitate efforts with other LWVs |  |  |  |
| Watch for “golden/geeen? Opportunities as they arise | As economies rebuild post Covid19, LWV UMRR can advocate for support for green industries, not fossil fuel. |  |  |