

Section 9

Process for Revising/Updating Plan

The short-term goals established in this plan are intended to cover the first five years of a long-term effort to protect the Middle 3 Rouge River and restore the designated uses. The process for revising the plan will be based on results of the measures for progress. Revisions will begin in 2002 with a target for the first Middle 3 Rouge River Subwatershed Management Plan Update in 2003. The updated plan will document the success in achieving the short-term goals, reassess long-term goals and schedule new initiatives for the next five-year period (2006-2011). Through this iterative process the communities and agencies will be able to evaluate and apply the most cost-effective approaches to protecting and restoring the river to meet the long-term goals consistent with state and federal water quality requirements.

As in the development of the plan, the public will be invited to participate in the review of progress, in the reassessment of long-term goals, and in consideration of alternative actions for the next five year period. Public meetings and formal hearings before local governing bodies will be provided at a minimum. Workshops and/or other public involvement mechanisms may be utilized to assist in obtaining public input and support of plan revisions.

Within the next five years the Middle 3 SWAG intends to meet periodically to share data, assess progress and review new information on best management practices. Based upon new information the Middle 3 SWAG may recommend modifications to the Middle 3 Rouge River Subwatershed Management Plan prior to the 2005 update. Any changes to the Middle 3 Subwatershed Management Plan that occur prior to 2005 will be submitted to the MDEQ.

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