

# Chapter 8

## Process For Revising The Plan

The main purpose of the Subwatershed Management Plan (SWMP) is to identify and implement actions needed to restore designated uses and resolve water quality and quantity concerns. As stated in the permit language, the long term goals of this voluntary permit “shall include protection of designated uses of the receiving waters as defined in Michigan’s Water Quality Standards”. These designated uses are as follows:

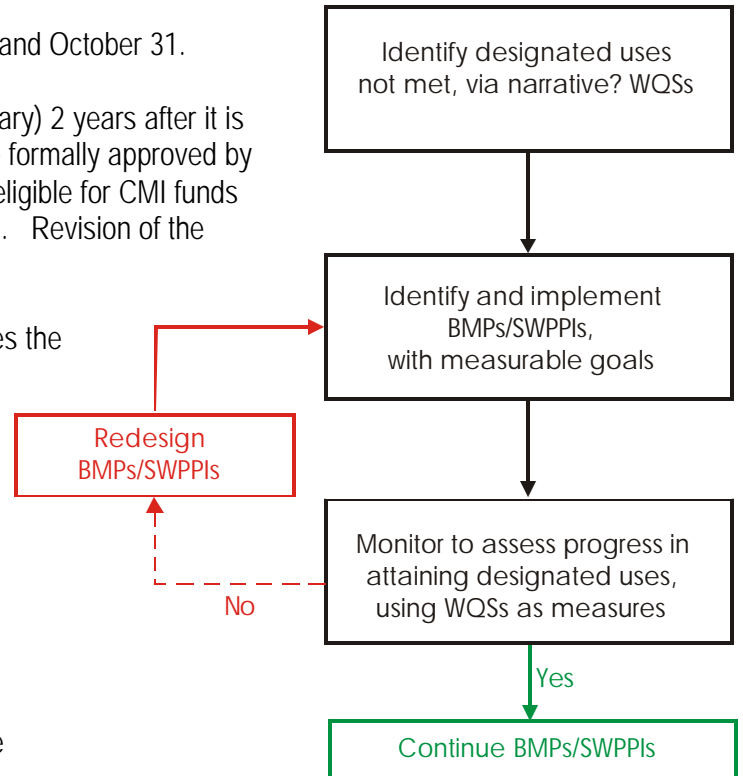
- Agriculture
- Industrial water supply
- Public water supply at the point of intake (not applicable to Rouge)
- Navigation
- Warmwater fishery or cold water fishery (Johnson Creek)
- Other indigenous aquatic life and wildlife
- Partial body contact recreation
- Full body contact recreation between May 1 and October 31.

The SWMP must be reviewed and revised (if necessary) 2 years after it is submitted. Although the SWMP does not need to be formally approved by MDEQ (as the SWPPIs do) communities will not be eligible for CMI funds unless their WMP is formally approved by the MDEQ. Revision of the SWMP does require additional public involvement.

The schematic diagram shown in Figure 8-1 illustrates the revision process.

If the SWMP needs revision the Subwatershed Advisory Groups will meet to develop the revised plan.

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 and meet the long-term goals consistent with state and federal water quality requirements.



**Figure 8-1: Revision Process**

As in the development of this plan, the public will be invited to participate in the review of progress, reassessment of long-term goals, and consideration of alternative actions for the next five-year period. At a minimum, public meetings and formal hearings before local governing bodies will be provided. Workshops 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 SWAG intends to meet periodically to share data, assess progress, and review new information on best management practices. Based upon new information, the SWAG may recommend modifications to the Subwatershed Management Plan prior to the targeted 2005 update. Any changes that occur to the Plan prior to 2005 will be reviewed with the MDEQ prior to adoption and, depending upon the scope of the changes, may be subjected to formal public review and comment.