*Chapter 5*

Charts for Chapter 5: Implementation tasks chart, categories A-L; budget summary chart

*Implementation Tasks*

The accompanying charts (categories A through L) detail the tasks necessary to implement the Little Manistee River WMP. Each row in the chart identifies one task, followed by columns showing costs, milestones for meeting a reasonable schedule, and other information.

The Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council has the major role of monitoring tasks and coordinating activities among the many partners and stakeholders in the Watershed.

The charts assume a 10-year time frame for implementation of the plan. Costs listed for individual tasks are based on the best possible information and are necessarily subject to refinement. Interim milestones are included for each task so that the LMWCC can evaluate progress toward accomplishing the plan goals within the 10-year schedule. LMWCC will review the plan progress each year at its annual meeting and retreat.

Table xx on page 000, following the main implementation chart, summarizes the anticipated costs of accomplishing the tasks.

While the tables contain an inclusive listing of tasks to be addressed by Watershed partners, it is helpful to define a smaller set of actions that can be initiated quickly. Defining – and accomplishing – those initial tasks will have a positive impact on water quality, and will help to create a strategic momentum for completing the remaining items on the lists.

Under this strategic plan, items to be addressed immediately upon approval of the plan (or, in some cases, underway during the WMP planning phase) are:

• The baseline monitoring program, including new thermal monitoring on the Little Manistee;

• The work on Syers Lake, removing an earthen dam and reestablishing connectivity;

• Streambank mitigation and associated habitat improvement using woody debris;

• The educational component focusing on groundwater protection and the potential long-term benefits of land use regulation.

For each task, the charts list one or more “Project Partners.” Where multiple partners are given, the organization listed first and in bold, underlined text, is the lead organization working to accomplish that task

Where the letter “X” appears in any milestone column, it indicates that no activity is anticipated in that milestone period. The letter “C” is used to indicate that activity continues from the prior column.

The implementation task listing, like the overall WMP, is intended as a “living document” to be revised periodically by the LMWCC as tasks are accomplished and new information becomes available.