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Reviewer #1: 1. This article proposes a web-based participatory planning system for optimizing a multistage implementation plan that can assist decision-making in watershed planning, but it reads more like a manual for information software than the literature on environmental management.

- 2.This article uses a case study of decision-making for soil erosion control in a small agricultural watershed as an example. Still, it is not necessary because such a case is too simple. The readers would wonder why such decision-making information support and network information sharing are required. The authors should let us realize the necessity of using such a decision-making system in a realistic policy-forming mechanism.
- 3.The participatory watershed planning system proposed in this article is very suitable as a platform for distance learning of environmental management-related courses. Under the teacher's guidance, students can present decision-making thinking based on the simulations from this system, which can become excellent case studies for educational research papers but less impressive contributions as papers in environmental management.
- 4.This research adopts a multistage BMP implementation plan for decision-making of optimization. However, as we see, the content is only a scenario exercise of information simulation and lacks a test evaluation for potential users. So far, the existing research content needs to convince us of the practicability of this information system.
- 5. The authors should conduct a systematic analysis of this information system to analyze which parts are necessary and which parts must be adjusted according to environmental management needs so that readers can refer to their research.

Reviewer #5: 1. New contributions in field of optimization technique aren't clear.

- 2. Highlights are weak. Graphical abstract needs to improve.
- 3. Abstract has to rewrite by focusing on new results.
- 4.Introduction shall modify.Authors didn't explain benefit of optimization process.No indication to competative methods of optimization techniques.I propose to see reference:
- "A hybrid optimization framework for road traffic accident data", International Journal of Crashworthines Taylor&Francis, Vol.24, No.6, 2019.
- 5. Section 2.3 is weak. Fig. 4 needs to improve.
- 6. Formulating of optimization problems shall explain.
- 7.Fig.5 isn't clear.Fig.6 is unmeaning.
- 8.Discussion of Fig.8 has conflicted conclusions.
- 9.Fig.9: No validation for optimal results.

10.Conclusions shall rewri	te by explanation of new contributions
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