



NOTES July 12, 2006

ATTENDEES

Angie Hong, Wash. Cty. Cons. Dist.
Anne Weber, City of St. Paul
April Rust, Minn. DNR Project Wet
Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County
Kate Knuth, CGEE
Linda Henning, Met. Council

Louise Watson, Ramsey Washington MWD
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA/NPS
Margie Vigoren, City of Plymouth
Sarah Roley, Cap. Region Watershed Dist.
Sharon Doucette, City of Woodbury
Tracy Fredin, CGEE

MEETING LOCATION

MWSPs meet at the offices of:

**Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4
St. Paul, MN 55108**

Find a map at <http://www.capitolregionwd.org> or phone 651-644-8888 for directions.

PARTNER UPDATES

Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District has an intern working on a **rain barrel information packet** and is trying to fill it with up-to-date information about rain barrels. If you have information about rain barrels that would be useful to include, please contact Louise Watson.

April Rust will be teaching a number of **Project Wet** workshops around the state. In addition, there is an updated Project Wet catalog, and a new CD-ROM with all of the hand-outs in the Project Wet Curriculum is available for \$5. For more information on available resource, contact April Rust.

CGEE will be holding its annual **Rivers Institute** on July 24, 25, and 26. The course will bring educators out on the river to learn how rivers can be used to teach science and literacy. All spaces are full.

The National Park Service Mississippi National River and Recreation area is currently hiring a **Park Ranger (River Education, GS-5/7/9)** to be stationed in St. Paul, and working primarily at the Mississippi River Visitor Center located in the Science Museum of Minnesota. Further info: 612-290-4160. The job is posted online at USAJOBS, and on the MNRRA website, www.nps.gov/miss.

UPDATES ON METRO WATERSHED PARTNER ACTIVITIES

The **Metro Media Campaign** is going strong. The current focus is on two areas: a fall ad buy, and a coupon to be distributed as a WCOO State Fair bag stuffer. The TV ads will run on cable television networks such as CNN, ESPN, TWC, HGTV, etc., and the group is looking to spend \$20-40k for 3-5 weeks of coverage. The WCCO bag stuffer emphasizes a 'clean streets, clean water' message and directs people to the Clean Water MN website to access coupons for clean water. Funding for the Metro Media campaign is coming from cities, watershed districts, and member organizations. They are still looking for great stock photos of best management practices. Finally, improvements to the Clean Water MN website are being looked at.

The Minnesota **State Fair** is coming up August 24-September 4. Metro WaterShed Partners is running an exhibit in the DNR building, and volunteers are still needed. Contact Kate at 651-523-2812 or kknuth01@hamline.edu to sign up.

The McKnight Foundation grant has come through, with \$60,000 of funding over two years for the WaterShed Partners. Allianz is funding kiosk programs with \$10,000.

The first kiosk in a Minneapolis park has been installed in the Linden Hills Park.

The **internal organization small group**, which was formed to move forward the strategic planning, reported to the Partners. The small group has created a draft of a member information sheet, to be distributed to new members and referred to at Partner meetings. Currently, the group is working on descriptions for leadership positions in the organization. The internal organization small group has been holding regular conference calls to do this work.

Additional strategic planning small groups will update the Partners at future meetings.

PRESENTATION

Stormwater monitoring in an urban setting – John Mason, Capitol Region Watershed District

John Mason outlined the stormwater monitoring carried about the Capitol Region Watershed District. The District monitors a number of sites, testing stormwater run-off for pollutants. The District monitors storms with more than half an inch of rainfall, and John shared the specific data for suspended solids and phosphorous. Data were collected throughout 2005, and the number of sites has been expanded for 2006. The project may eventually help pinpoint sources of pollution by tracking trends of the level of pollutants in different areas of the District.

NOTES

- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 9 to 11 a.m.** at Capitol Region Watershed District, 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN 55108. Note that there is **no August meeting**. Contact any Steering Committee member with an agenda item to include. WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, September 18, 2-4 p.m.** at Hamline University, St. Paul. Steering Committee meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **E-mail Metro WaterShed Partners at watershedpartners@listproc.hamline.edu.** Senders must be subscribed to the listserv.
- **Find contacts** referred to in the text in the partner directory at <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed>.
- PLEASE **update your listings** for Metro WaterShed Partners by emailing kknuth01@hamline.edu.

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