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July 11, 2007

ATTENDEES
Angie Hong, Wash. Cons. Dist.
Anne Weber, St. Paul
April Rust, Project WET
Jacqui Andrews, SouthEnd Water, Melbourne Australia
Jennifer Nelson
John Bilotta, U MN Extension
Karen Campbell, St. Anthony Falls Lab
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA/NPS
Maggie Jungbluth, Project WET Intern
Melissa Reimer, MCWD
Mike Kinney, Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed Dist.
Omid Mohseni, St. Anthony Falls Lab
Paul Labovitz, MNRRA
Randy Thoreson, NPS/RTCA
Ron Struss, Mn Dept. of AG
Sage Passi, RWMWD
Tracy Fredin, Hamline U. - CGEE

MEETING LOCATION
MWSPs met at St. Anthonly Falls Laboratory
2 Third Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES

METRO MEDIA CAMPAIGN:
We have nearly raised enough money to cover the expenses for the Media campaign this year!

BUDGET/OPERATING COSTS:
The steering committee discussed our relationship to the Metro Media Campaign in terms of finances and chain of command. We have reached an agreement on policies and procedures regarding this relationship.

WEBSITE UPDATE:
The first phase of the update is more or less complete. If you see additions or corrections that need to be made to the information on the website, let us know by contacting Jana Larson or one of the steering committee members.
The next phase of the website update will be to add exciting images and the like. Please email anything you think might contribute to the overall look of the website to Jana Larson, jlarson25@hamline.edu

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Reminder: there is no meeting in August. We will hold our regular meeting at the Capitol Region WaterShed District in September and then go canoeing on the Mississippi in October with FMR.

STATE FAIR:
It's important that we all volunteer at the watershed exhibit in the DNR!
RECRUIT OTHER STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION AS WELL!!! Remember they will get free entrance to the fair if they volunteer!
Please contact Jana Larson (jlarson25@hamline.edu) to sign up for a shift.

CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR OF SHIFTS TO SEE WHEN WE CAN USE YOUR HELP !!!

http://www.hamline.edu/gse/cgee_site/WaterShedPartners/Exhibit/2007_State_Fair_Exhi.pdf

UPDATES ON METRO WATERSHED PARTNER ACTIVITIES:

Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture released a report on the effectiveness of the Minnesota Phosphorous Lawn Fertilizer Law; findings how that the law has been quite effective without enforcement. A full copy of the report is available at www.mda.state.mn.us/phoslaw

Carver County is kicking off its $300,000 Clean Water Legacy grant to be used for TMDL Implementation. Funds and efforts will concentrate on upgrading septic systems, riverbank buffers, and other land use practices. Contact John Bilotta to find out more information..

National Park Service is currently going through a Strategic Planning process and are looking to become more proactive in engaging in water quality action and education.
The National Park Service has a new partner, the Mississippi River fund. Info available at www.missriverfund.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Metro Children's Water Festival will be happening on September 26. info at www.metrocwf.org
2. Upcoming Conference December 9 - 12: Mid America Trails and Greenways (MATAG). There will be sessions and subject tracts of interest, including "Green Infrastructure" and "Community Partnerships." Contact Randy Thoreson for information: 651-290-3004

TODAY'S PRESENTATIONS:

Omid Mohseni talked about the current stormwater research going on at the lab and then did a Q and A.

In brief: the lab is developing a stormwater assessment protocol, looking the impact of new development on trout streams, including developing software to look at land use impact on stream temperature, and assessing underground devices in stormwater treatment.

Karen Campbell then led us on a tour of the lab.

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- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 9 to 11 a.m.** at the Capitol Region Watershed District. WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Next Steering Committee meeting: August 20, 1 p.m. to 3 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 jlarson25@hamline.edu.

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