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September 10, 2008

ATTENDEES

Anne Weber, St. Paul
April Rust, Project WET, DNR
Dawn Pape, Rice Creek WD
Denise Leezer, MPCA
Elizabeth Storey, CRWD
Erica Sniegowski
Jana Larson, Hamline U. – CGEE
Jen Collova, City of Farmington
Lane Christianson, City of Minneapolis
Linda Henning, Met Council
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA / NPS
Madeline Banschbach, Carver County
Mike Kinney, Spring Lake Prior Lake WD
Paula Guetter, Minnehaha Creek WD
Tracy Fredin, CGEE
Trevor Russell, Friends of the Mississippi

MEETING LOCATION

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

UPDATES ON METRO WATERSHED PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Cap Region and FMR are collaborating to take people on a rain garden tour Monday September 15, 5:30 – 7:30

September 25 6 – 7 Capitol Region WaterShed District will 10 year anniversary celebration and kick-off event of a new 10-year management plan at Como Park Pavillion. Steve Wise from Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago will present from 7-8:30

Dawn Pape from Rice Creek Watershed District announces that her Resource Teachers Program is now in 5 schools. Teachers go in as guest teachers and substitute teachers go in and teach about Natural Resources.

The next Blue Thumb partner meeting is Friday September 19 from 8:30 to 11 am. at Capitol Region Watershed District.

Water festival is still in need of volunteer. Wed September 24.

On Friday the 26 the Chisago County Water Festival could also use more volunteers.

Also, look for John Bilotta's email about training to be an observer and evaluator of this event.

September 23 and 24 the Lake Pepin TMDL conference is coming up. Email Denise Leezer at the PCA if you're interested in attending.

Jen Collova: This Friday Farmington is having its 12th annual pollution prevention day. Students spend the whole day going to different stations.

Lyndon of MNRRA Big River Journey is currently taking reservation requests for this coming spring. Need to request by October 15.

Metro Blooms and the City of Minneapolis have a new initiative to reach out to faith based organizations to help them to put rain gardens at their places of worship. Will be developing a data base of people

September 27 and 28 Million Shades of Autumn: Healthy water festival at William Obrien State Park
2-day event with free admission to the state park and lots of activities.

St. Croix research rendezvous October 27?, Scientists present data

FMR Fall Colors Paddle, October 11

FMR will be hosting Trout tracking on the Vermillion On October 18.

STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Tracy Fredin gives Watershed Partners Funding update:
Mc Knight funding has stopped so Watershed Partners no longer has funding to support our programs. Hamline will maintain its support through December 31st and search for funding; if no funding is found, Hamline will have to change the way it supports the Watershed Partners. Regardless, we will need to restructure and re-vision our outreach and programs. Watershed Partners can continue to meet and move forward whether or not we find funding but partners will have to take more responsibility for operations of the organization. We can look at this as opportunity and are poised to move to a new level. We need to clearly articulate to new funders who we are and what we want to do in the future with our organization. Steering Committee held an extended session in September to discuss this issue and it seems there are some opportunities for some of our members and friends to provide some more financial assistance to our organization.

(Watershed District folks chime in and suggest that Watershed Partners attend Watershed Districts and present to the board members. They need to be educated and directly asked for funds.)

(Dwayne Stenlund from MNDOT suggests that penalty money paid by organizations like MNDOT for putting sediment into the water should go into a state legislated Environmental Reparation fund rather than in the black hole of general funds.)

Metro Media Campaign
State Fair posters in the bathroom stalls were up.
Cable TV ads September 22 to October 13
We are short of our fundraising goals this year so we will be on the air for four weeks getting free rotators but only getting three weeks. We'll be on some really big shows this run so it will be a very

exciting campaign. We will send out a notice of when and where we'll be on. We'll run both our fish bowl ads and Rubber Ducks ad. We'll be sending out a fall request for support soon that will include an announcement about our new website. We will be having a meeting this fall of the work group to strategize how to re-configure how the campaign is managed and how to think about budgeting the coming year.

Please send us your ideas for 2009 presentations.

PRESENTERS:
Dwayne Stenlund from MNDOT gave a presentation: State of the State
Building at the edge of fiscal reality and not escrowing funds to maintain it. Our infrastructure is falling apart and we have no funds being investing in it. How can we make our infrastructure more green? The state will do nothing if the public doesn't get involved.

Education
Permit issues
Adopt and Monitor
Lessons learned from the St. Anthony bridge collapse
State of the State

Educate the public how to recognize:
What makes poor design and poor maintainance.

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- **The next meeting of the Metro Watershed Partners is on October 8th from 8:30 to 12 pm at the RWMWD 2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada, MN.** It will consist of a tour of innovative stormwater management projects in the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD). We will carpool and caravan to several sites within the district that showcase a variety of physical and educational projects - and demonstrate long term solutions to water quality and flooding problems. We'll also tour the green stormwater infrastructure elements (porous parking lot, green roof, raingardens) of RWMWD office space. We'll gather at the RWMWD office (2665 Noel Drive, Little Canada, MN - just east of 35E & north or Hwy 36) at 8:30am, and tour from 9am-12pm. Please join us!
- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2 to 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://www.hamline.edu/gse/cgee_site/WaterShedPartners/Partners/directory.html**
- PLEASE **update your listings** for Metro WaterShed Partners by emailing jlarson25@hamline.edu.

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