June 10, 2009

WATERSHED PARTNERS MEETING MINUTES.

Attendees:

Trevor Russell, FMR

Meghan Dudle, FMR

Tracy Fredin, CGEE

Eli Condon, Minnesota Waters

Jen Dullum, Farmington

Denise Leezer, MPCA

Louise Watson,

Cherie Wagner, Freshwater Society

Lark Weller, NPS

Allison Plute, Rochester

Elizabeth Storey, Capitol Region Watershed District

Erica Sniegowski, MWMO

Lane Christianson, Minneapolis

Paula Guetter, MCWD

Jana Larson, CGEE

Angie Hong, Wash. Conservation District

Lyndon Torstenson, NPS

Jean Buckley, Bloomington

Sage Passi, RWMWD

Jon Fure, BOWSR

Member updates:

- Angie Hong, Wash Cons. Dist: Wed. next week will be a NEMO on the water boat tour down the St. Croix. Minnesota and WI DNR partnership. Over 100 people attending.
- Denise Leezer, MPCA: St. Croix is on the 303D list for excess nutrients. Community meetings begin in June.
- Paula Guetter, MCWD: MPCA Creek Clean-up on July 12, convening at Lake Hiawatha. Free breakfast for the first 250 people to arrive. Free lunch and a

beer sponsored by Leinenkugel. Need to register at livegreentwincities.org or minnehahacreek.org or waterstop.org. Partnership between Citizens for the Minnehaha Creek, Leinenkugel, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

- Lane C., City of Minneapolis: getting a stenciling kit together, available to groups who want to do stenciling projects.
- City of Minnepolis: Trying to secure a mplsdogs.com domain for all things related to dogs, and will include a stormwater education component. Stormwater education will also be at the City of Minneapolis sponsored movies in the park events and running the Rubber Duckies PSA. Location of movie event changes. Temporary off-lease park will be set up.
- Elizabeth Storey from Cap Region: Public Art policy plan meeting June 11, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm at Metro State University. collaboration with Ramsey Washington WD, Cap Region, City of St. Paul. Will develop a doc to be used by watershed districts so that all projects include a public art component from its inception.
- Louise Watson describes her work with the Watershed Advisory Commission: she's training them to better understand BMPs.
- Arboretum Waterocity is open. Blue Thumb and Freshwater Society has some art displayed there.
- NPS is doing a monthly Mississippi River Forum series. 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30 – 9: St. Cloud Public Library, Friday June 19 Warren Fromo, executive director, MN Ag Water Resources Coalition presents "Connections between agriculture and water quality" and Friday July 17 in the Twin Cities (location TBA) Dave Hokanson, Water quality Program Director presents "Interjurisdictional River Coordination"
- NPS Bio-blitz: This Friday/Saturday 24-hour blitz of scientists working to document all species they can find in Crosby Park 5 pm – 5 pm in collaboration
- The City of Rochester will soon be launching "Realize Rain Gardens Rochester." a cost share program for residents. The city will award participants grants up to $750 for design, materials, and labor. Participants host a Raingarden Party to educate friends and neighbors, put a sign in their yard, submit photos to Rochester's stormwater website, and allow public viewing. see wwwlrochester
- Solstice River event Sunday 21st
- July 25 and 26 Mississippi River Challenge. FMR. (44 miles)

- Dakota Co. and HKGI hosting a series of river corridor planning and visioning series on water quality, recreation and habitat protection. see email sent to listserve for more information.

STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. MEDIA CAMPAIGN IS UP AND RUNNING

- 5-WEEK 220 PSAs showing on Channel 45 is finishing up this week
- MPR public radio campaign starting this week. KNOW 18 ads, gateway message online for KNOW and the Current
- Billboard 7.2 million impressions
- St. Paul Saints games ads on radio and community access TV throughout the summer

2. Fundraising update:

- Media Campaign funds raised so far: $27,150.00
- Watershed Partners general operating expenses raised so far this year: $16,525.00

3. Please sign up to work at the Watershed Partners exhibit at the State Fair. To sign up go to cgee.hamline.edu/watershed, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the calendar

4. UPCOMING WATERSHED PARTNERS MEETINGS

- No meeting in July
- We will be hosting our annual Magnolia Blossom boat trip, this year in August. RSVP is required. We will provide coffee, donuts and bagels. Partners are asked to bring potluck items (fruit, cheese, juice, etc.) to supplement.
- In September we'll meet at the Mill City Museum. John Anfinson will present.
- October, Cherie Wagner from the Freshwater Society will present on the Year of Water.
- November, Dan McGuinness or new director of the St. Croix water board will present on the work on their work on the St. Croix.
- December will be our end of the year potluck and celebration of our achievements for the year.

Presentation:

Angie Hong from the Washington Conservation District presented about the MS4 toolkit.

Cleanwatermn.org/ms4toolkit