Metro WaterShed Partners

Meeting Notes
11.4.09

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

ATTENDEES
Anne Weber, St. Paul
Jana Larson, Hamline U. - CGEE
Lane Christianson, City of Minneapolis
Erica Sniegowski, MWMO
Eli Condon, MN Waters
Tracy Fredin, CGEE
Cherie Wagner, Freshwater Society
Angie Hong, Washington Conservation District
Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens League
Allison Plute, City of Rochester
Deb Ryun, St. Croix River Association
Gabe Sjoberg, City of Eden Prairie

Member Updates:

1. Erica from MWMO- winter parking lot and sidewalk maintenence workshop - how to apply sand and salt - for contractors, city staff, property mgrs. Wednesday December 9, 10 am to 2:30 pm at St. Anthony City Hall. reg. priority to MWMO watershed. Other workshop listings can be found at PCA website - search "roadsalt".

2. You're invited to the CGEE 19th Anniversary event Thursday November 4, 2009 in the Kay Frederick's ballroom in the Klas Center on the Hamline campus.

3. Angie Hong is developing outreach materials to talk to companies about LID practices, green building, sand and salt, turf care - new materials available on the CleanwaterMN.org

4. Mind-opener breakfast to talk about findings and recommendations of their water policy study. November 17, 7:30 Breakfast 8:00 Program at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. with Gene Merriam, Janna Flisrand, Sean Dershaw. more info at: citizensleague.org

5. Cherie Wagner from Fresh Water Society is working with League of Women Voters Mpls. focused on water quality in Minneapolis. holding a series of forums in march april may - endocrine disruptors in water, urban land use, water conservation and re-use. looking for speakers to talk on these topics and what citizens can do. also opportunities for tabling at the forum.

6. City of Rochester is finishing a month-long survey (on survey monkey) on cigarette butt litter. Gauging citizen awareness about the effects of butts on water quality - task force will

get the results and set the course of an anti-butt campaign that will tie into the annual "A Litter Bit Better" clean-up in April.

WATERSHED PARTNERS UPDATES:

Clean Water MN Media Campaign
has completed its season - is short of funds to cover this year's successful programs so if your organization is thinking of becoming a contributing member of the campaign, we'd be grateful.

State Fair Exhibit Committee meeting:
Has been meeting to discuss the development of a new exhibit for the State Fair that is specifically built for that space. One possibility is collaborating with NCED to develop an interactive multi-media wall or table that shows how our watershed works. Puzzle that shows the watersheds in the whole state of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Steering Committee for 2010
continuing: Lyndon Torstenson, Angie Hong, Trevor Russell, Tracy Fredin, Denise Leezer, Jen Dullum, Anne Weber
joining: Erica Sniegowski and Cherie Wagner

Brainstorming for 2010 presenters and topics:

- Molly Schulz from MEP (Jan)
- Clean Water Council (Feb)
- Jenny Winkleman from MWMO on Clean Water DVD in Hmong, Lao, and Cambodian
- Connie Fortin on road salt - residential and or commercial
- Climate change and stormwater, focus groups on talking to city about issue - Julie Westerlund
- Using social media to educate people about issues
- Relationship of ag and water quality
- Outreach to Somali community
- energy production and ethanol production
- re-use of stormwater at an ethanol plant
- chisago county energy who wanted to drill down to aquifer - ground water issues and interface with non-point source pollution
- conclusions of report by Lanya Ross of Met Council of groundwater sustainability
- MN Waters presentation on guidebooks for citizens
- TMDL - outreach, engagement, involvement MPCA citizen
- MIDS update: develop standards for LID practice (fall?)
- re-issuing phase II permits
- Magnolia Blossom
- Deb Swackhammer

December potluck sign-up and 2011 meeting treat sign-up went around.

Brainstorm WSP-Saint Croix River Association collaboration ideas

- CGEE Waters to the Sea K-12 education
- Make science and jargon understandable for public
- Hamline St. Croix Rivers Institute
- expanding media campaign to include St. Croix River Basin
- Road Salt trainings - how to expand coverage
- At Spring conference on the St. Croix - have an education strand
- Is there an effective way to reach rural and ag communities? How to we bring a mind-change shift?
- expanding WSP AND MEDIA campaign to be more statewide - collaborate with Red River and St. Cloud watershed orgs etc. - perhaps use MAWD, MASWCD, MPCA, MN Waters or Freshwater Society to carry outreach ed. statewide
- develop webinars