METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS

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Capitol Region Watershed District
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Attendees:

Jen Dullum, City of Farmington
Carrie Magnuson, RWMWD
Michael Keenan, Metro Blooms
Emily Shively, Metro Blooms
Randy Thoreson, NPS
Madeline Seveland, Carver Co.
Lestlie Yetka, MCWD
Mallowry Anderson, MCWD
Chandi McCracken, Eden Prairie
Bill Allen
Trevor Russell, FMR
Peggy Knapp, Freshwater Society
April Rust, Project Wet
Anne Weber, St. Paul
Mike Kinney, Prior Lake, Spring Lake WD
Angie Hong, EMWREP
Cliff Aichinger, RWMWD
Dan Miller, Scott Co.
Amy LeMieux, WMWA
Jana Larson, Hamline University

Member Updates:

Freshwater Society got a grant from MWMO to look at stormwater management capacity for urban agriculture and community gardens.

MCWD is working on the Clean water summit. Thursday, September 13, at arboretum. Topic is looking at Essential role of soil in stormwater management. Learn about soil, soil basics, building health soil, and soil as it relates to stormwater. Keynote looking at Urban Ag. as a driver for stormwater infrastructure.

St. Croix is having its annual river summit at UW River Falls April 24, 2012.

Mod Summer Tour hosted by Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District on June 22.

Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District may be closed and incorporated into Carver County Water management.

Hennepin County got a LCCMR grant to do a gardening and water education program and will be doing teacher workshop for Northside teachers. Project WET will be involved. Will be hosted at MWMO's new building. More formal announcement will go out to the listserv when more information is available.

FMR July 28-29 Mississippi River Challenge. This year they will not go through lock and dams don't want to bring so many boats through the lock as a way to cut down on lock usage. First stage of event will be on the Minnesota river and go to Fort Snelling overnight. Party will be overnight in Fort Snelling. Can do a ½ day, 1 day or 2 day paddle, or just participate in the party.

Steering Committee Updates:

2012 funding ask went out.

June boat trip is on the 13th. Open to staff, board members, policy makers, friends of water… boat has a capacity of 300. Speakers will include: Intro on Mississippi makeover project. History of pool 2. Asian Carp. Drawdown.

Working on November roundtable. Let us know if you have topics you'd like to hear about.

Girl scout clean-up October 13. A representative will start attending a WSP meeting in May. We will be using our fall PSAs to promote the clean-up. Lots of scout leaders will be looking for help to figure out what to do; expect phone calls.

Twins ads will start in May.

Presentation by Leslie Yetka: Minnehaha Creek Watershed Stormwater Adaptation Study

Climate research, current weather patterns, and projected trends show a significant increase in both the frequency and severity of rain events across Minnesota. Communities could face both financial and environmental challenges posed by stormwater management systems that are designed for past or current conditions, without taking into account future trends. The Minnehaha Creek Watershed Stormwater Adaptation Study will address these issues and future stormwater adaptation planning by examining rainfall and land use trends, evaluating the vulnerability of existing stormwater infrastructure, identifying ways to adapt our systems – including costs – and facilitating a community-led planning process to provide a framework for developing local stormwater adaptation plans

Presentation by Cliff Aichinger: Maplewood Mall Stormwater BMP Project

The Maplewood Mall Stormwater Infiltration Retrofit Project is now entering its fourth and final phase, installing highly engineered BMPs that are integrated with artful and educational elements. This unique project will improve the water quality of Kohlman Lake and downstream waters, while making the problem of stormwater and the possible solutions transparent to the public (and maybe even fun).

NOTES:

- **Next Steering Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 – 11:00 am**, at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University**.** The Steering Committee meets each month to determine agendas and help steer programs. Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **Next WaterShed Partners Meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 9:00 – 11:00 am. at the Capitol Region Watershed District Offices.** Kristen Nelson, Associate Professor**,** Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology and Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota will present on the Twin Cities Household Ecosystem project. The WaterShed Partners regularly meet the second Wednesday of each month, from 9-11 a.m at Capitol Region Watershed District: 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul.

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