

Dear WaterShed Partners and Others:

At our November 14 meeting, Metro Watershed Partners will hold an "Art of Hosting" style conversation to discuss **possible future directions and collaborative projects for our partnership**. Come to the meeting and help to discuss how we can continue to be relevant and beneficial to our members. (See attached agenda for more information and directions to the meeting.)

For 15 years, the Metro WaterShed Partners has been a vehicle for public, private and non-profit entities to collaborate and share educational resources in order to promote a public understanding that inspires people to act to protect water quality in their watershed. Our partnership has grown over time and we can be proud of the many achievements we have made toward educating the public and protecting our water resources. This year, we will use the November Round Table event as an opportunity to check in and make sure that WaterShed Partners is doing what matters most for you and our other partners.

Watershed issues and opportunities have changed over the past 15 years, and the Steering Committee has come to the realization that there are many different directions our partnership could go. **This is your chance to put your opinions and ideas on the table:**

- How can the WaterShed Partners best serve your organization's needs?
- What does your organization want the WaterShed Partners to be?
- What is working, and how do we get more of it?
- What topics or activities do you wish the WaterShed Partners would focus on?

If you haven't attended a WaterShed Partners meeting in a while, this is the meeting to attend!

Join us on **November 14, 8:30 – 11:30 am, at Hamline University's Kay Frederick's Ballroom** for a conversation that will use *Art of Hosting** strategies to entertain these questions.

Doors open at 8 am.

Breakfast and coffee will be served.

Meeting will be held at:

Hamline University, St.Paul Campus
Kay Frederick's Ballroom, Klas Center
1535 W Taylor Ave
St Paul, MN 55104

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Parking is available in the visitor's parking lot (LotC) across from 1467 Hewitt Ave., or in on the street. (Visit Hamline's website for a campus map and more detailed information: <http://www.hamline.edu/about/locations.html>)

* *Art of Hosting* is part of the Incommons initiative at the Bush Foundation; partners may find *Art of Hosting* a useful model for citizen engagement work. Peggy Knapp, who has attended training in *Art of Hosting* strategies, will facilitate the meeting.

Invite colleagues to join us, and come with a topic you'd like to discuss.

RSVP to Jana Larson, jl Larson25@hamline.edu

Thanks! Hope to see you all there!

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