



NOTES March 14, 2007

ATTENDEES

Angie Hong, Wash. Cons. Dist.
Anne Weber, St. Paul
Elizabeth Storey, CAP region Watershed
Jana Larson, Hamline U. - CGEE
John Bilotta, U of MN Ext, Carver Cty.
Karen Phillips, FMR

Louise Watson, RWMWD
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA/NPS
Scott Vreeland, MPRB
Tammy Joho, MCWD
Teri Heyer, USDA Forest Service
Tracy Fredin, Hamline U. - 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

Ramsey-Metro

- Ramsey is starting a workshop series for master gardeners
- Watershed Advisory Commission is a new advisory board:
Doing Education coordination, peer collaboration, etc.
Comprised of 35 people, made up of landscape staff and citizens combined.
Bi-monthly evening meeting with educational speakers, an annual planting meeting and an annual fieldtrip.
17 teams of 1 – 10 people with goals for each team.
Public works forum: technical advisory committee for pond maintenance, post-construction measures, pollution control, local road research board – creating an operators manual to give standards for public works.
- E newsletter published: if you'd like to get on that list, email Louise Watson.
- Waterfest is coming up May 19th.

Children's Water Festival – registration MetroCWF.org

Carver received \$300,000 Clean Water Legacy Funding; demonstrate outputs within two years. Goal to put in 26 miles of Buffer strips. Working on managing septic systems. TMDL implementation plan.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Calculating the value of trees in terms of Carbon sequestration and Water Quality. General discussion and then Louise Watson brought up following:

There will be an informational webcast Tuesday (3/13) at 1p.m. CST--actually Central Daylight Saving Time. The DNR and USFS will be hosting this educational demonstration on the uses and value of mapping urban tree cover and impervious surfaces. This is one of the first LOCAL studies to utilize this technology! Speakers will share results of a recent satellite imagery analysis study of Middleton, Wisconsin. This is a new and exciting technology that can be utilized by communities of any size to assess aspects of urban areas including canopy cover, impervious surface mapping, and data integration for extrapolating urban tree benefits.

The full announcement with log-on information is below:

<<http://www.salesforce.com/link-redirect.jsp?oid=00D500000006d3F&retURL=%2Fservlet%2Fservlet.EmailAttachmentDownload%3Fq%3D00m500000003SCq00D50000006d3F00550000000rXee&us=1>>

Ralph Pribble at PCA has allotted 20 – 30 K to create Water Quality display for Eco-Experience for the State Fair. He is looking for advisors on that exhibit and wants proposals from people who want to build the exhibit. Will be an RFP, compete for the state contract.

We will discuss this at April's meeting.

Earth Day Clean-ups – please share information about all that are happening so that we can coordinate a list.

Lyndon T.: Wouldn't it be great to have a Fall Watershed Clean-up to do some cleaning when the water level is lower?

Metro Media Campaign:

- Met last Thursday and decided to run radio ads during Twins games. 2 – 15 second ads during each game about keeping grass clippings out of the street. Plus additional ads on Saturday mornings. Total cost of 38 ads during 6 weeks is \$8000.
- Writing an RFP for someone to update the Clean Water Bin website.
- Park Board is running the rubber duck ads at the end of the meeting broadcast. – Anyone who has Municipal Broadcast – please consider putting them on the air. Can see them on the CleanWaterMN website.

Eco-Ed:

Its important that we all volunteer at Eco-Experience and the DNR exhibits at the State Fair.

WSP FUNDING:

We are going to develop a membership/sponsor form for all members to bring back to their orgs to help fund the WSP operating costs. We will send the letter to you; if you need us to send it to someone else, there will be a notice inside the envelope where you can note the address of that person. Then return the letter to us and we will re-send.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIP MEETINGS:

June meeting will be held on a river boat – there's a possibility of another fieldtrip in July, August or October.

Options include a tour of research lab at St. Anthony Falls Lab, Mill City Museum, Gorge paddle with FMR in October (would need to get permits today), "Beyond Raingardens" a tour of projects in Cap Region and Metro Watershed and pub crawl, Barr Engineering and the City of Burnsville tour, Woodlake Nature Center exhibits with Karen Schragg as presenter.; East Coon Rapids Dam with exhibits made by KidZibitz, or Como Zoo.

The steering committee will make decisions about this at our meeting on Monday, March 19. Please let us know if you have input you would like us to consider.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. This Friday March 16, the Blue Thumb group is meeting at 8:30 am at the CRWD.
2. This coming Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 pm, Dr. Tyrone Hayes will give a talk "From Silent Spring to Silent Night: Endocrine Disruptors and Amphibian Decline" at the HHH Institute of Public Affairs, Cowles Auditorium on the West Bank of U of M campus – located at 301 19th Avenue South. Presented by Friends of Mississippi River. Talk is free but pre-registration is required. To register contact Sue Rich srich@fmr.org or 651-222-2193
3. Rain Garden Workshop given by Gregg Thompson, Tuesday April 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at First Lutheran Church Education Building, 463 Maria Street, St. Paul 55106
4. Capitol Region Watershed District Open House, Wednesday April 11, 5 – 6:30 pm. Presentation by Mark Seeley at 6:30 pm: "The Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources." 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN 55108
5. The Upper Mississippi forest Partnership collaborates with the National Fish And Wildlife Foundation to support forestry related projects in the Upper Mississippi Watershed. The NFWF currently is taking pre-proposals for the upper Mississippi watershed fund. Deadline is April 1, 2007. For more information, go to their website www.nfwf.org.

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- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 9 to 11 a.m.** at Capitol Region Watershed District, 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN 55108. Contact any Steering Committee member with an agenda item to include. WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, March 19, 1 to 3 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://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed>.
- **PLEASE update your listings** for Metro WaterShed Partners by emailing jl Larson25@hamline.edu.

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