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### AGENDA

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

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- 9:00      **Intros; Partner activities, announcements, & updates**  
Partner updates and announcements are limited to 2 minutes.
- 9:30      **Steering Committee Updates**
- 9:45      **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
- 10:00     Short Break
- 10:10     **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).

#### About the Presenters:

**Cliff Aichinger** attended the University of Minnesota, College of Forestry. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Resource Management. Cliff has previously held environmental planning and program management positions with Dakota County, the City of St. Paul and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.

As District Administrator for the last 21 years, Cliff has been responsible for administering the District programs and projects including its permitting program, natural resources management, GIS and data management, BMP cost-share program, education program, water quality monitoring, research and

capital improvements program. Cliff has been involved in a number of state and national committees regarding wetland management, storm water management in urban areas, GIS and watershed management.

**Leslie Yetka** is the Education Program Manager with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, where she implements education and outreach activities designed to raise awareness and engage communities on a variety of issues related to water resource enhancement and protection. Areas of focus include stormwater management, green infrastructure, non-point source pollution, land use and development, habitat restoration and protection, and clean water practices. Leslie has many years of experience working in the water resource management field and with a diverse audience, including private landowners, businesses, non-profit groups, professional staff, municipalities, and community groups engaged in protecting clean water.

## 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, 9:00 – 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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