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Wednesday, December 12, 2012

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Missi Arens, Girl Scouts RV

Girl Scouts Day of Service report

Missi Arens from the Girl Scouts gave a report on the Centennial Day of Service: Girls from 49 counties were mobilized to clean up leaves to protect water. 26,324 girls participated in the event in 170 communities. 192 volunteer coordinators made the day happen. A patch was created for the event. The event was also connected to several badges. Girls involved in the project took a water quality pledge.

Some statistics from the day: Girl Scouts cleaned up 101,904 bags of leaves, which kept 20,378 pounds of phosphorous out of the water. That prevented 10,189,000 pounds of harmful algae. And distributed 50,000 educational door hangers. Go to GirlScoutsRV.org for more information.

Partner activities, announcements, & updates

Peggy Knapp: Freshwater Society is developing Master Water Stewards program. Curriculum determined. Finding people to do direct instructions. Would like WSP to attend another meeting to nail down training schedule. Pilot group will start going through training in early spring.

Randy Thoreson gives news about St. Croix. St. Croix river Assocn. kayak trip on the Namakagen this spring. Neotropical birds involved in a corridor study from here to Costa Rica.

April Rust has a new job: will be coordinating the invasive species training for the DNR.

Journey to the Falls out of Bohemian Flats and Big River Journey now open for registration.
www.nps.gov/miss

RWMWD got funding for a church BMP program to work on rain gardens for churches.

West St. Paul environmental justice seminar – Saturday, earth day, April 20, at Neighborhood House. Will have a water theme. Vendors, workshops, tables, etc. More info will be send to listserv when it becomes available.

EMWREP will be hosting a series of four Stormwater U trainings. Intro will be tomorrow (Dec 13) and three more in January: BMP toolbox, Site assessment, how to design systems for bioretention. More info will be send to listserv when it becomes available.

Peggy Knapp has been doing an investigation into Urban Agriculture as a green infrastructure strategy. Has a final draft of a white paper she will send around to get feedback from WSP.

FMR has an annual holiday party tonight at their offices. Free Beer!

If your group or association would like a State of the River report, contact Trevor Russell at FMR or Lark Weller at NPS.

Steering Committee Announcements

January meeting – hoping for a legislative update and will do more of a Roundtable wrap up.

Steering Committee: in 2013 we will continue with the following members: Tracy Fredin, Lyndon Torstenson, Angie Hong, Anne Weber, Jen Dullum, Jana Larson, Trevor Russell. Telly Mamayek from MCWD and Erica Sniegowski from Nine Mile Creek WD will be joining the steering committee.

Some numbers from 2013.

6,000,000: clean-up costs prevented by Girl Scouts event
2,733,900: media impressions from Twins ads
1,655,887: media impressions on Comcast
\$75,650: dollars contributed by partner organizations
34 partners contributed funds
26,334 girl scout volunteers
\$18,950: funds for watershed partners support
1995 year of first watershed partners meeting

Roundtable Review

Themes that emerged:

Understanding audiences and refining messages to match audience concerns. Creating tools to evaluate audiences.

Serving K – 12 (external audience)

Serving MS4s (internal audience)

Aquatic Invasives: should we take that on?

see powerpoint for more information.

NOTES:

- **Next Steering Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 9 - 11 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, January 9, 9:00 – 11:00 am at Capitol Region Watershed District offices. Look for agenda in early January.** The WaterShed Partners meet regularly, the second Wednesday of each month, from 9-11 a.m. at Capitol Region Watershed District offices: 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN, 55108.

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