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Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

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Attendees

Randy Thoreson, National Park Service, RTCA
Michaela Neu, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
Zoua Her, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
Jessica Bromelkamp, Rice Creek Watershed District
Erica Sniegowski, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
Tracy Fredin, Hamline University
Mallory Anderson, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
Lyndon Torstenson, NPS/MNRRRA
Anne Weber, City of St. Paul
Meghan Jackson, PLSLWD
Angie Hong, EMWREP
Sage Passi, RWMWD
Teri Heyer, US Forest Service
John Bilotta, NEMO
Jen Dullum, City of Farmington
Katie Clower, FMR
Adam Flett, FMR
Jeff Lederman, MN Department of Education

Partner activities, announcements, & updates

- National Park Service and Friends of the Mississippi River: State of the Mississippi River presentation on at 7pm on April 17, 2013 at the Minnehaha Academy.
- NPS is taking reservations for Big River Journey fall field trips.
- LID Symposium held in August in Saint Paul. Accepted 300 presentations. Registration info will come out in May.
- Clean Water Summit will be held in September at the Landscape Arboretum. Summit to focus on social practices for stormwater.
- Metro Children's water festival needs people on the planning team and funding in order to continue. Reminder will go out on the listsev.
- Protecting the St. Croix Conference was held April 8th in River Falls.
- Nine Mile Creek WD handed out a flyer of summer events.
- Mother Earth Fest Saturday, April 20 from 9-5 at the Wellstone Center in Saint Paul.
- US Forest Service new children's book – Why would anyone cut down a tree?
- CGEE: Upcoming River Institutes: St. Croix in June and Mississippi in July.

Steering Committee Announcements

- Media Campaign held a meeting in March. Twins baseball ads will be out at the end of April. Received 7 bathroom stall ads for free. Waiting on TV ads to see how much money comes in. Salt message planned for February/March of 2014.
- May WP meeting – tour of MWMO facility by Jenny Winkelman after the meeting.
- June Boat Trip will be on the Minneapolis Queen. The State of the River Report is the theme with presentations on Asian carp and Atlas 14.
- K-12 Work Group Reviewed results of survey conducted by the work group. 24 responses were received.
- MS4 Work Group Plan to send survey out to MS4s. Requested money from Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition. Next meeting April 16th.

Presentation: Jeff Lederman: Working with K-12 audiences: roles and strategies for watershed groups

Jeff provided a brief highlight of environmental and outdoor education programs in Minnesota, including a summary of related state education standards and his experience working with teachers and schools the past couple of years. He then led a discussion on how watershed groups can best support standards-based learning in Minnesota schools.

NOTES:

- **Next Steering Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 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, May 8, 9:00 – 11:00 am**, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization offices. Special workshop: The Power of Social Media: Stories and Strategies from the Sector with Jamie Millard. This will be a two-hour workshop. There is a \$20 fee for attendance. Registration will be taken in advance of the meeting and attendance is limited to 50.

The WaterShed Partners meet regularly, the second Wednesday of each month, from 9-11 a.m. at **Mississippi Watershed Management Organization offices**: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418. Phone: 612-465-8780.

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