



NEW MEMBER WELCOME SHEET

Welcome to the Metro Watershed Partners! We hope that this condensed guide is helpful to you.

WHO ARE THE METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS?

The Metro WaterShed Partners is an innovative, dynamic coalition of over 40 public, private and non-profit organizations in the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota metropolitan area that, through collaborative educational outreach, teaches residents how to care for area waters. The mission of the WaterShed Partners is to promote a public understanding that inspires people to act to protect water quality in their watershed. This award-winning partnership cooperates through educational projects, networking, and sharing resources. A Directory of Members can be seen at: <http://www.cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/Partners/directory.htm>

WHEN AND WHERE DO THE METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS MEET?

The Metro WaterShed Partners meet on the second Wednesday of every month from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture 90 West Plato Blvd, in downtown St. Paul. The first agenda item for each monthly meeting is for Partner updates. This is an opportunity for each Partner to tell about their upcoming event, present an idea for an event, or to ask for input from the other Partners. There is an email listserv that partners use to communicate about events, meetings, and other information. Agendas and meeting minutes can be found at: <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/meetings/>

Watershed Partners Email Listserv

To join the listserv, please click on this link:

<http://listproc.hamline.edu/cgi-bin/sub1.cgi?listname=watershedpartners>

You will be asked to enter your name and email address. You can choose regular delivery, which will send you each message, or 'Digest' delivery, which compiles several messages in one email. Shortly after submitting this, you should receive an email asking you to confirm your subscription. Click on the link it provides to do so.

To email all the partners, send your email to: WATERSHEDPARTNERS@listproc.hamline.edu

Brenda Erickson is the owner of the list, and she will monitor the messages going out. Brenda can be contacted at berickson08@hamline.edu or 651-523-2591 with any questions.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Metro WaterShed Partners web site is packed with information for its Partners and for concerned citizens everywhere. The web site is extensive and is the best source of information for new Partners. Please familiarize yourself with the site. <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed>.

Can't find what you are looking for? Try clicking on the "site-map" at the bottom of any Metro WaterShed web page.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee meets regularly on the 4th Monday of each month, 2-4 p.m., at CGEE. Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
2004 members are:

Cliff Aichinger, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, 651-704-2089
Sharon Doucette, 651-714-3538
Jay Michels, Minnesota Erosion Control Association, 651-351-0630
Jerry Spetzman, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651-297-7269
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Ron Struss, University of Minnesota Extension Service, 651-480-7708
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SPECIFIC METRO WATERSHED PARTNER PROJECTS ONGOING

Project NEMO (Nonpoint Source Pollution Education for Municipal Officials)

<http://www.mnerosion.org/nemo.html> (a project of MECA - Minnesota Erosion Control Association). NEMO is an educational program for local land-use officials that addresses the relationship of land use to natural resource protection. MECA strives to communicate erosion and sediment control techniques and practices, and encourage the use of those practices.

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership (VSMP)

<http://www.cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/vsm/index.htm>

The Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership (VSMP) works to support, strengthen and coordinate volunteer stream monitoring in the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Supported by grants from the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services and the McKnight Foundation, VSMP is a program of the Water Resources Center at the University of Minnesota.

WaterShed Exhibit <http://www.cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/Exhibit/index.htm>

The WaterShed exhibit is the original educational project of the WaterShed Partners. Its interactive exhibits provide learning opportunities about metropolitan watersheds, and about people's connections to rivers and other waters through everyday actions in watersheds. WaterShed Exhibit Calendar: <http://www.cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/Exhibit/calendar05.htm> see this to find out when the exhibit is reserved and for which event. Reserving the WaterShed Exhibit - everything you need to know about that procedure can be found at <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/Exhibit/hosting.htm>. You'll also find the proper forms on that page to reserve the exhibit.