

## Community Outreach Program an LCMR 2000 Request # EE 14

The WaterShed Partners.  
A consortium of over 40 organizations, will expand an interactive exhibit, initiate a community network and train government officials about watershed issues and non-point source pollution reduction.



Students teaching fellow students.



Children teach their families about watersheds.

### Expand an interactive WaterShed Exhibit

- Education Lab to deliver Waters to the Sea to 10,000 youth
- Education Guides to compliment youths understanding of exhibit
- Exhibit components to demonstrate BMPs for erosion, agriculture & forestry practices
- Statewide River Basin/ Watershed display-“What Watershed do I live in?”
- Evaluate success of WaterShed Exhibit

### Initiate a WaterShed Network

- Develop Website Resource Guide for programs and curricula
- Watershed Education Hotline-personal assistance in locating resources
- Distribute Waters to the Sea CD ROM
- Connect local government experts with youth, community and educational organizations
- Support programs implementing watershed education

### Educate Government officials and staff

- Workshops demonstrating WaterShed Education Tools
- Training on the implementation of BMPs for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Program
- Convert Water Resource Guide to CD ROM (Resources to use in developing localized watershed education brochures)

Exhibit visitors and workshop attendees will learn about their own connections to rivers and other water resources in their everyday actions within watersheds. The goal of the Community Outreach Program is to educate the public and local governments to make informed, environmentally conscious decisions and to take responsible actions.



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**Partners for 2000**

- Anoka Conservation District
- Anoka County Parks
- City of Bloomington
- Dakota County Environmental Education Program
- Eco-Education
- Fortin Consulting, Inc.
- Freshwater Society
- Friends of the Mississippi River
- Great River Greening
- Hamline University - Center for Global Environmental Education
- Hennepin Conservation District
- Hennepin Parks
- Lower Phalen Creek Project
- Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
- Minneapolis Environmental Management
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- MN Board of Water and Soil Resources
- MN Department of Agriculture
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- MN Erosion Control Association
- MN Office of Environmental Assistance
- MN Pollution Control Agency
- The Minnesota Project
- MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge
- Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
- Mississippi River Basin Alliance
- Ramsey-Washington
- Metro Watershed District
- Rice Creek Watershed District
- Rivers Council of Minnesota
- St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
- St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium
- St. Paul Public Works
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Washington County Public Health and Environment
- Washington Soil and Water Conservation District
- Water Resources Center (UofM)
- Watershed Resources Youth Stewardship Project

**The WaterShed Partners**

An Award-Winning Partnership for Watershed Education in the Twin Cities Metro

**The 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.

Keep leaves, grass clippings, and fertilizer off streets and driveways.



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