

October 25, 2000

Dear WaterShed Partner;

Did you know that WaterShed Partners have been in existence in some form since 1992? Did you know that we started out with 11 members and now we have around 40? Growth and change has been good for us and we are faced with some important questions about what we want the coalition to be and how we want it to function.

The Steering Committee invites you (and encourages you) to be at the November 8, 2000 WaterShed Partners meeting. It will be like no other meeting we have had in the last five years.

It has been almost five years since we undertook our first planning and organizational work. It was a large effort and resulted in developing our current structure and how we operate, the WaterShed Partners handbook, creation of the WaterShed and evaluation of the WaterShed. Almost once a year since then we have revisited and reaffirmed our mission, vision and structure and have planned for the upcoming year.

It is now time to do more in-depth examination of WaterShed Partners, what works about the collaboration, what doesn't work, what organizational structure fits our current and future needs and what we want our group to focus on in the future. Your insight, perspective and experience are needed as we shape WaterShed Partners into an even better organization.

Lunch and snacks will be provided compliments of the WaterShed Partners. Please **RSVP by November 1, 2000** to Tracy Fallon at tfallon@gw.hamline.edu so that we can order the needed amount of food and beverages.

We will meet in Sorin Hall at Hamline University (see the enclosed map) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2000. The enclosed agenda provides information about the day and what we plan to accomplish. Please note a continental breakfast is provided beginning at 8:30 a.m. and our meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

We hope to see everyone on November 8th. Please call any member of the Steering Committee if you have any questions or comments about our planning session.

Sincerely,

WaterShed Partners Steering Committee

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Jim Falvey

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