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December 10, 2003

ATTENDEES

Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works
April Rust, MN DNR – Project WET
Barb Liukkonen, UM Water Resource Ctr.
Christopher Feider, Eco Education
Cliff Aichinger, RWMWD
Corrie Zoll, Green Institute
John Bilotta, Extension Service – Carver Co.

Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA
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We're planning an infiltration/filtration workshop for February, more to come in January. Based on Carver County Water Management Plan.

Also working on a large (24x36) fold up, construction site erosion and sediment control for homeowners. (More to come in January)

Corrie Zoll

Green Institute

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Green Institute is located on Hennepin Ave. and Lake Street in Minneapolis. They will be building a green rooftop this coming spring. The Light Rail Transit will be passing within 30 feet of their rooftop, so all riders will be able to see the work on this, and the benefits of it.

Also he has storm drain stencils that are in Spanish, Hmong and Somali. If you would like to borrow them, please call Corrie.

Barb Liukkonen

University of Minnesota Water Resources Center

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Seventeen University of Minnesota Extension Service shoreland education workshops are planned for 2004. The workshops address shoreline management, shoreline revegetation, aquatic and wetland plant identification, and curly leaf pondweed management. For a complete schedule and registration materials, check out: www.extension.umn.edu/water/shore

Ron Struss

MN Extension Service

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The St. Croix Basin Team is offering a workshop: Protecting the St. Croix. February 12, 2004 from 8:00-3:30. \$40. To register, or for further information, please call John Haack at 715-635-6741 or email john.hack@ces.uwex.edu (subject line should read Attention: registration).

April Rust

MN DNR

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April is putting out a new grant request for the Make-A-Splash Water Festival for 2004. Areas that have not have a water festival in them yet are Northeastern MN and the Southern part of MN. If you know of an educator who is interested from this area, please have them contact April.

METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS UPDATE

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership – Barb Luikkonen

VSMP did not get the MEP grant. But they have other projects still going on with Mississippi WaterShed Management Organization. They are doing bacteria monitoring and E. Coli monitoring.

NEMO

There is a workshop going on today (Dec. 10) in Shorewood on plants for use in stormwater design that Jay is coordinating and presenting at.

Metro Media Communications Campaign – Ron Struss

There will be a meeting this Friday December 12 to start talking about the spring communications campaign.

The roll out meetings to get MS4's familiar with communications campaign resources are tentatively scheduled for Feb 10 at the Plymouth Creek Center, February 13 at Maplewood, February 18 Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington. Some of the presentations will be geared towards how to create new neighborhood norms from the grassroots level, storm drain stenciling ideas, and K-12 Education programs.

Steering Committee Members for 2004 – Ron Struss

The same members that are currently on the Steering Committee will be the members for 2004. We are seeking 1-2 new people on for training in 2004 for Steering Committee service in 2005 and beyond. If you are interested, please let Pamela Jessup know at pajessup@hamline.edu. About 1/3 of the steering committee group should turn over each year and new members should come on board.

Presentation: Grand Excursion 2004 River Exploration Education Trunks – Peggy Knapp, Center for Global Environmental Education

850 Trunks went out to 788 schools in four states. Nearly 500 of those trunks stayed in Minnesota. Every school in St. Paul and the Minneapolis school districts received a trunk for free. In 2001 the process of collecting education materials about the Mississippi River began. K-12 teachers made comments on the multitude of resources to decide what should go in the trunk. All the comments were compiled and transcribed and graphed by numeric priority. Each trunk now has 25-40 items in it. The overall question that was to be asked of the teachers/students, was "What is Your relationship with the river?". There ended up being a 20 teacher advisory board. Peggy was able to stick to her budget with many donations of materials. In six months and one year there will be follow up surveys given to the schools. For more information go to www.cgee.hamline.edu/GE04guide Peggy is now traveling around to schools doing workshops with the teachers about incorporating the trunks into their classrooms.

NOTES:

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, December 22, 2 p.m.**, at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University. 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.
- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 9 a.m.**, at the Dept. of Agriculture, St. Paul. Let a Steering Committee member know if you have an agenda item for the meeting. The WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9-11 a.m.

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