



# 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 are Announcement Forms available for you to fill out with the details so that your update is recorded properly. If you can't attend a meeting, but would like your announcement mentioned, please submit your announcement to Pamela Jessup via email: [pajessup@hamline.edu](mailto:pajessup@hamline.edu) and it will be sent out to the Watershed Partners list serve.

Agendas and meeting minutes can be found at: <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/meetings/>  
The agendas and minutes are posted on this relatively private site, so you need the exact URL to get to it - you should probably bookmark it.

## 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>. Our more popular website addresses include:

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 every fourth Monday from 2-4 p.m. at Hamline University, the offices of the Center for Global Environmental Education. The meetings are open to the general public. Current members are:

Clifton Aichinger, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District  
Tracy Fredin, Hamline University Center for Global Environmental Education  
Mergie Vigoren, City of Plymouth  
Jay Michels, Minnesota Erosion Control Association  
Michele Hanson, Minnesota DNR, Watershed Protection Initiative  
Jerry Spetzman, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Ron Struss, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources/ University of Minnesota Extension Service

### **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/calendar03.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.

### **Communications Campaign**