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June 9, 2004

ATTENDEES

Alyssa Hawkins, Earth Force GREEN
Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works
April Rust, MN DNR – Project WET
Barb Luikkonen, UM Water Resource Ctr.
Christopher Feider, Eco Education
Daniel Huff, Dakota Co. EE Program
Debbie Meister, Ramsey-Wash Metro WD
Don Berger, MPCA
Doug Mensing, Applied Env. Services
Doug Snyder, Mississippi WS Management Org.
Irene Jones, Friends of the Miss. River
James Falvey, Mississippi Rvr Basin Alliance
Janell Miersch, Rice Creek Wtrshd District
Jay Riggs, Dakota County SWCD
Jeanne Prok, Freshwater Society
Jeff Ledermann, MN Office of Environmental Astnc
Jenny Schaust, Hennepin Conservation District
Jerome Wagner, Capitol Region WSD
Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Agriculture
Jim Heintzman, Science Museum of MN
Jim Vaughn, City of St. Louis Park
Joan Ellis, Minnehaha Creek WSD

John Bower, Carnelian-Marine WD
Julie Westerlund, MN DNR
Kathy Kinzig, Eco Education
Katie Galloway, Friends of Miss. River
Kevin Bigalke, Lower MN River WS District
Linda Henning, Metropolitan Council ES
Lisa Gilliland, Anoka Co. Parks – Wargo
Louise Watson, RWMWD
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA
Maria Olson, Great River Greening
Mary Karius, VSMP
Michele Hanson, MN DNR – Watershed Protection
Pam Davis, St. Croix River Basin
Paul Nordell
Randy Thoreson, NPS – RTCA
Rich Cairn, Cairn and Associates
Roger Ranthum, MPCA
Ron Struss, MN Extension Service/BWSR
Sage Passi, RWMWD
Sarah Riddle, Eco Education
Sharon Doucette, City of Woodbury
Teri Heyer, USDA
Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE

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Como Lake Water Festival, Saturday, June 19, 2004, 11 AM to 4 PM, Rain or Shine,
On the grassy area near the Schiffman Fountain, just south of the Lakeside Pavilion
(1360 North Lexington Parkway, St. Paul)

Come celebrate clean water at this popular, free family event.

From 11 AM to 1 PM: Help spruce up beautiful Como Lake with a shoreline clean up. Black Bear Crossing on the Lake will provide lunch for volunteers.

From Noon to 4 PM: The festival continues with activities, music, puppets and lots of fun!

You can:* Enjoy On the Day You Were Born by In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, music by Mister Jim and Como Zoo and Conservatory's

“Save Our Species” show * Learn about watersheds and water quality issues through hands-on activities for all ages * Take a walking tour of the park's shoreline restoration and new rain gardens

* Paddle around Como Lake in a Wilderness Inquiry Voyageurs canoe * Learn how your activities affect our lakes no matter where you live * Gain useful tips on environmentally-friendly lawn care * Look at, and learn about, the different reptiles, amphibians and other critters that live in and around Como Lake * Learn to fish * Enjoy face painting, crafts and games. Register ahead of time if you want to volunteer for clean-up activities. Trash bags will be provided, but volunteers should bring gloves. This event is sponsored by the Capitol Region Watershed District, Black Bear Crossings on the Lake, District 10 Community Council and the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation. The Capitol Region Watershed District, working to protect and improve the water resources of our district, covers portions of St. Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, and Roseville. To register as a volunteer, or for more information, contact Debbie Meister at 651-647-6816 or meisterd@qwest.net.

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Announcement: If you would like a copy of the Quick Guide brochure please give me a call. We are currently reprinting the CD but it is available on our web site at:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/nrig/index.html>

If you know of a group or community that would like a presentation on the guide please give me a call. We have 3 versions available; a five-minute intro/add for the brochure and CD, a 20 minute presentation appropriate to be give as an intro during a council or board meeting and a 1-1.5+ hour workshop.

Quick Guide to Using Natural Resource Information in Local Decision Making MDNR 2004

The Guide illustrates how using natural resource information at the beginning of the local land use planning process can ensure that environmentally sensitive and fiscally responsible land use decisions are made. It outlines a step-by-step Natural Resource-based Planning Process designed to provide planning guidance for people with a wide range of backgrounds and interests, including: local officials, local staff, concerned citizens, developers and other land use professionals.

The Guide presents a different approach land use planning. Traditional, development-oriented planning starts with areas 'suitable for development' based on logistics like proximity to roads, utilities, and other infrastructure. Natural Resource-based planning starts a natural resources inventory, which identifies what the natural resources are within the community and then works 'backward' to finally determine where development is suitable. The inventory is used to clarify the values and goals the community has for protecting their natural resources. Communities are able to avoid the unintended consequences of the typical planning process, where open space becomes the 'leftover' pieces, water resources become degraded, and community character is often lost.

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Large rain gardens were erected at Battle Creek Middle School in St. Paul as a partnership between RWNWD, Eco Education, Anoka Soil and Water Conservatin District, the Community Design Center and St. Paul Community Education. A second garden was built with the partners listed above and RSVP with 5th grade students from Farnsworth Aerospace Magnet as a mini-grant project through Community Education.

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Training workshops on June 19 at Mississippi Regional Park. From 9-12 there will be a monitoring design workshop and from 1-4 we'll be helping you understand what your data are telling you about your stream. There is no charge for the workshop, but you must pre-register. Contact Julia Frost Nerbonne at 612-625-6781 or nerbonne@umn.edu.

PRESENTATION:

Minnesota Environmental Literacy – Survey Results
Tony Murphy, CGEE, Hamline University

Steering Committee planning review of MWSP's focus and scope; meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 11:30 am, Hamline University, Law/Grad center room 8. All are welcome to attend.

NOTES:

- **Next Steering Committee meeting:** June 21st, at 11:30 am, Hamline University, Law/Grad center room 8. All are welcome to attend.
- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting:** Mini Golf at the Science Museum! **Wednesday, July 14th, 9 a.m.** 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.

2004 STEERING COMMITTEE:

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