



NOTES October 11, 2006

ATTENDEES

Anne Weber, City of St. Paul
April Rust, MN DNR Project Wet
Carrie Geraths, RWMWD
Dawn Dubats, Rice Creek WD
Johanna Schussler, City of Burnsville
Kate Knuth, Hamline University-CGEE

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Linda Henning, Metropolitan Council
Louise Watson, RWMWD
Ron Struss, U of M Extension
Tammy Joho, MWMO
Trevor Russell, Friends of the Mississippi

MEETING LOCATION

MWSPs meet at the offices of:

**Capitol Region Watershed District
1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4
St. Paul, MN 55108**

Find a map at <http://www.capitolregionwd.org> or phone 651-644-8888 for directions.

PARTNER UPDATES

Attendance at meetings was discussed.

The **Center for Global Environmental Education** has been nominated for the 2006 Panda Award at the Wildscreen Film Festival in Bristol, England. The interactive CD-ROM *Bigfoot: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle* was nominated for the interactive award.

In his new job at the **Dept. Of Agriculture** Ron Struss is gathering data for a report on the effectiveness of the phosphorous-free fertilizer law.

Johanna Schussler will be taking up a new position at the MPCA, working on volunteer monitoring.

UPDATES ON METRO WATERSHED PARTNER ACTIVITIES

The statewide **Stormwater Education Committee** has identified education needs, but is waiting to move ahead with developing action plans. No meetings are scheduled.

Metro Media Campaign fall ad buy is running now through the end of October. The ads are running on cable television and have a rake up, sweep up, clean up message. After this major fall ad buy, the metro media campaign will be building up again for spring.

The **kiosk program** is growing, with 7 kiosks now purchased for use around the Twin Cities.

PRESENTATION

Informing About and Promoting Stormwater BMPs – Louise Watson and Carrie Geraths, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District

Louise Watson and Carrie Geraths shared insight and lessons learned from their experience of creating a BMP brochure about rain barrels for the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District. Before getting started, both available resources and potential benefits were assessed. The reasons for creating a comprehensive BMP brochure include the need for a resource that provides all of the information necessary to help people make informed decisions about rain barrel use and to lower the barriers for use. The process involved research, organization, design; and review, edit, and redesign. Lessons learned include the need to provide enough, but not all, the information to install and use a rain barrel; and the need to include adequate information, including critical information, so people can make informed decisions about using rain barrels.

NOTES

- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 9 to 11 a.m.** at Capitol Region Watershed District, 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4, St. Paul, MN 55108. Contact any Steering Committee member with an agenda item to include. WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, November 13, 2-4 p.m.** at Hamline University, St. Paul. Steering Committee meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **E-mail Metro WaterShed Partners at watershedpartners@listproc.hamline.edu.** Senders must be subscribed to the listserv.
- **Find contacts** referred to in the text in the partner directory at <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed>.
- PLEASE **update your listings** for Metro WaterShed Partners by emailing kknuth01@hamline.edu.

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