



NOTES

September 13, 2006

ATTENDEES

Anne Weber, City of St. Paul
Angie Hong, Wash. Cty. Cons. Dist.
Dawn Dubats, Rice Creek WD
Kate Knuth, Hamline University-CGEE

Louise Watson, RWMWD
Ron Struss, U of M Extension
Sarah Roley, Capitol Region WD
Sharon Doucette, City of Woodbury

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

Capitol Region Watershed District is going to be hiring an **educational outreach coordinator**. The position should be posted in the next month. Mark Doneux, CRWD administration, is the contact for this position. mark@capitolregionwd.org, 651-644-8888.

The **Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District** is doing **webcasts** from its board room. The most recent one covered illicit discharges. Contact Louise Watson if you would like a copy of the slides on CD.

Angie Hong is nearly finished with a new education plan for Ramsey Washington Conservation District.

The **City of Woodbury** is undertaking a **city hall expansion project** that includes a number of stormwater best management practices including: porous pavement, a green roof, and a rain garden.

All sorts of things are happening at **Rice Creek Watershed District** including:

- The SHEP (Stream Health Evaluation Program) volunteer monitoring program working with Friends of the Mississippi River and others.
- The "Resource Subs" substitute teacher program (looking for teachers to get involved, and you don't need a teacher certification, just a 4-year degree).
- An open inspector position
- The "Blue Thumb" program. It's up and running; stickers and bookmarks available.

Contact Dawn Dubats, ddubats@ricecreek.org, for more information.

A **NEMO Extension position** is still on track and will likely be located in the Farmington office.

Get ready for the **Children's Water Festival**, coming up on September 27th.

UPDATES ON METRO WATERSHED PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Metro WaterShed Partners was all over the **State Fair** with three main impacts

- **Exhibit at the DNR Building:** With an estimated 34,000 visitors and many positive volunteer comments, the DNR building exhibit was a success. Volunteers commented that the computers and “Your Streets Connect to Lakes and Rivers” attracted the most attention. Thanks to all who volunteered!
- **WCCO Bag Coupons:** An ad/coupon for clean water was included with 90,000 WCCO bags. We are still waiting to hear about coupon use from participating businesses.
- **Eco Experience:** Table 3 and a computer kiosk were part of the Eco Experience stormwater display. An estimated 350,000 visited the Eco Experience, which also included a stormwater display on a model “Eco-home” including a rain garden, rain barrel, and other stormwater management practices.

Metro Media Campaign fall ad buy will start at the end of September. With 400 spots over a few weeks, look for the ads all over cable. They will feature rubber duckies, and a “sweep up, rake up, pick up” message. Six third-page ads will be running in *The Scoop*, the magazine published by the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association.

PRESENTATION

Update on the Campaign for Conservation – Steve Hobbs, Director, Rice Creek Watershed District

Steve Hobbs updated the Partners on the work of the Campaign for Conservation, and shared the Campaign’s publication “Minnesota Calling.”

The Campaign for Conservation is a “coalition of citizens and organizations committed to developing long term conservation strategies, funding sources and policy tools that will ensure the preservation of Minnesota’s cherished outdoor tradition for future generations.” The Campaign is made up of a steering committee plus two additional committees committed to the “what” and “how” aspects of conservation in Minnesota. Working with a diverse set of partners, the Campaign has divided Minnesota into 14 conservation regions and is working on conservation plans for each area. These plans will be used, in partnership with local organizations and units of government, to prioritize conservation projects and spending in each region. In an effort to secure increased and more stable funding for conservation, the Campaign is working on an increase in conservation funding from the State of Minnesota

More information, as well as a PDF version of “Minnesota Calling” is available at www.campaignforconservation.org.

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- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 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, October 17, 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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