



NOTES February 14, 2007

ATTENDEES

Angie Hong, Wash. Cons. Dist.
Anne Weber, St. Paul
April Rust, MN DNR Project Wet
Elizabeth Storey, CAP region Watershed
Faith Krogstad, Eco Education
Jana Larson, Hamline U. - CGEE
Jenny Winkelman, MWMO
John Bilotta, U of MN Ext, Carver Cty.

Linda Henning, Metropolitan Council
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA/NPS
Margie Vigoren, City of Plymouth
Nila Hines, MN Dept. of AG
Pam Taher, RWMWD
Paula Liepold, Dakota County
Tammy Joho, MWMO
Tracy Fredin, Hamline U. - CGEE
Trevor Russell, Friends of the Mississippi

MEETING LOCATION

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

UPDATES ON METRO WATERSHED PARTNER ACTIVITIES

1. Dawn's Blue thumb program is really picking up! A group is meeting weekly. Next meeting is Thursday February 22nd from 8:30 to 10:30 am
A Task force is developing an intro course which will be available to the partners.
2. Project WET and Heart of The Beast Theater held a teacher training workshop to go along with Heart of The Beast's upcoming show about water issues called "Invigorate the Common Well"
(for more info go to www.hobt.org)
3. Ralph Pribble from PCA has allocated funds to create an exhibit for eco-experience. He wants input and suggests forming a task force (of Watershed Partners) to give input.
4. Friends of the Mississippi River is bringing Tyrone Hayes here to deliver a lecture. (specialist on endocrine destructors)
March 20, 5:30 – 7pm followed by a reception. Location TBD
5. Hamline received a Science Education grant and will be doing biology education throughout the state and will be incorporating watershed ed. into the curriculum.
6. We've been asked to present at the Target Environmental fair again this year – we're sending a booth and Elizabeth Storey and Kathy Swenson will staff it.
7. The 2006 Metro-media Campaign report was handed out for review.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. WSP member information sheet: A sheet describing who we are and what our mission is will be available on the website and at every meeting. We may also read a portion of the information sheet together at each meeting.
2. It has been suggested that we write a one-page request for funding to support Watershed Partners. That request will be written and sent out to members by the end of March.

3. There is now a handout describing the roles and responsibilities of the Convener, Steering Committee and Administrative Assistant. This will be available at meetings and will be posted on the website.

Convener: April Rust

Steering committee members: Angie Hong, Paula Liepold, Trevor Russell, Anne Weber, April Rust, John Bilotta, Ron Struss, Sharon Doucette, and Tracy Fredin.

Administrative Assistant: Jana Larson

Exhibit Coordinator (non-State Fair): Jana Larson

Exhibit Coordinator (State Fair): Kate Knuth

4. Many emails from the listserve are being classified as junkmail; if you are not receiving emails from the listserve, please check that watershed partners is added to your email "safe list."

5. ECO-EXPERIENCE:

Do we want to hand anything out? If so, we need to think about it now and figure it out what it is – what message do we want to get out?

If we deliver materials to put in WCCO staffers bag maybe that's what we could hand out at the exhibits.

We need staff for the State Fair: Sign up for both exhibits at DNR AND at Eco-experience.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Storm water U put on last week was overfilled –

Registration is now open for a second session of Stormwater U: Designing for Volume Control in the East Metro. The workshop will be held Thursday, March 1 in the spacious Bayport Public Library. The content will be mostly the same as that of our first workshop, with a few minor modifications to improve the quality of the workshop.

Stormwater U is sponsored by the East Metro Water Resource Education Program, the University of Minnesota Erosion and Sediment Control Program, Brown's Creek, South Washington and Valley Branch Watershed Districts and the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization.

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2. Rice Creek and Ramsey County will present a training on raingardens for landscapers

3. CAP region and Ramsey Cons. Dist meeting on Friday February 23, 8:30 – 11:30

4. CAP region watershed is holding an open house

Wed April 11 5 - 6:30 open house/reception

6:30 – 8 pm Mark Sealey and sells his weather almanac.

5. NEMO meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month and there is an email list to receive minutes

6. Project WET Wild and Learning Tree facilitator workshops are coming up in June 13 and 14 at Warner Nature Center. Contact April Rust for more information

7. Dakota County/VRWJPO will be holding Rain Garden intro courses open to Eagan residents
Speaker Greg Thompson
To include Intro workshop and Further technical gardens workshops

workshops available

a. Alternative Shoreland Management Standards Workshop
Participants will learn about the flexibility of this approach and become familiar with sample ordinance language.

Topics include:

- * A review of the Alternative Standards
- * Open space requirements for shorelands
- * When, why and how to use conservation easements
- * The need and value of low impact design principles in your ordinance
- * The importance of native vegetation restoration and preservation to protect water quality
- * Case study and exercise on conservation subdivisions
- * Improved administration and efficiencies
- * Emerging issues and answers to your questions.

Audience: For those new or experienced in land use planning who are interested in an extensive review of shoreland development issues and how the alternative standards can be used to address them. Of particular value to zoning administrators and planning commission members.

To register: http://www.mngts.org/LandUse/downloads/Land_Use_2007.pdf

FACULTY: Kris Larson, Jay Michels, Peder Otterson, Paul Radomski, and Brian Ross

Presented in cooperation with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Discover the benefits of Minnesota's Alternative Shoreland Management Standards plus new and important principles in shoreland management.

March 16 - Little Falls
March 22 - Mankato
March 28 - Duluth
April 13 - Alexandria

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (check in 8:00 AM)

Special Registration Fee of \$80

More Information: Carol Schoeneck at 651-222-7409 ext. 205 or by email at cschoeneck@mngts.org.

b. Shallow Lakes Forum IV: Assessing, Managing & Restoring Shallow Lakes

The Shallow Lakes Forum is a collaboration of public and private interest groups concerned about the current status and management of shallow waters in Minnesota. The Forum was forged in 2003 by a group of interested stakeholders and we have sponsored subsequent events (The

Shallow Lakes Forums) in North Mankato (2004), Alexandria (2005), and Willmar (2006). As a result of the Forum, a shallow lakes brochure has been produced and awareness about shallow basin issues has been elevated. The Forum participants are working within their own ranks and collectively to promote management practices that avoid damaging the sensitive functions of shallow lakes and deepwater wetlands - while remaining reasonable about land use needs and desires. If you are concerned about shallow lakes management, then the Forum's events are for you!

Held on April 4, 2007 in St. Cloud. To register, go to:
<http://www.shallowlakes.info/getregistered.html>

NOTES

- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 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, March 19, 1 to 3 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 knuth01@hamline.edu.

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