



Northland NEMO Partner meeting

DATE: Friday, August 6th

TIME: 9:30-11:30am

LOCATION: U of M St. Paul Campus, McNeal Hall 194 - Water Resource Conference Room.

Agendas, notes, programs, and other resource items are posted online at www.northlandnemo.org

Agenda and Notes

Attending: John Bilotta, Michele, Julie, Anna, Jay, Trevor, Claire, Jack, Stacey, Amy.

1. Extension Stormwater Education Program (SEP) – *Stormwater U and NEMO grows by 1 FTE!*
 - a. *Doug Malchow, Extension Educator joins SEP fulltime –*
 - b. *See the attached PDF for more information.*
2. Northland NEMO Strategic Planning – *set a date*
 - a. *The strategic plan is 3-4 years old and need revision, or at least in-depth discussion.*
 - b. *Who and when?*
 - c. *Yes this is needed. Target date October 12th. 11th & 14th. (not 26-29, 19-20, 13, 15)*
 - d. *Planning / scoping committee JB, Julie, Anna, Michele. Claire offered if more input is needed. Will meet September 10th at 11:30am*
 - e. *Strategic session should not be at the WRC conference room, location with lots of space, white boards, and at least 4 hours.*
 - f. *JB passed around various previous NNEMO strategic documents, plans etc. (JB may upload those to the NNEMO website as we approach the strategic planning session).*
3. Northland NEMO and Minnesota GTS (Government Training Service) (10 minutes) - Julie Westerlund
 - a. *discussion of partnership – need recommendation and ideas to move forward at the September 9th GTS meeting*
 - b. *Julie will represent NNEMO with the GTS planning team that meets September 9th.*
 - c. *GTS has a project/workshop/collaboration proposal form*
 - d. *Would be great to get a NEMO workshop on the 2011 GTS docket.*
 - e. *NNEMO topic would have to be generic and cover broad geography*
 - f. *GTS would need to know the funding needed to implement it.*
 - g. *List of workshops we could offer to do include*
 - i. *Stormwater Rule/Regulations 101 – and recent changes*
 - ii. *How to comply with unfunded mandates*
 - iii. *Basic NEMO and BMPs*
 - iv. *Bioretention module*
 - v. *Pervious Pavement module*
 - vi. *Salt and winter road management module*
 - vii. *Trees as a urban stormwater management tool*
 - h. *Julie will report out at the next NEMO meeting or when she knows more information.*
4. Northland NEMO modules – status, priorities, rollout plan
 - a. *Pervious Pavement Technologies – tabled see note below*
 - b. *Update on other modules*
 - c. *Setting completion dates and the training dates*
 - d. *Bullet points of the discussion (not comprehensive notes)*
 - e. *The NNEMO Bioretention for LDMs is ready. (meaning, its completed, the team is ready to train-the-trainer, and they have a packet nearly complete to go along with the presentation and NEMO workshop.)*
 - f. *Pervious Pavement Technologies for LDMs is about 75% complete and John has just not had the time to compile it. After compilation, a review is needed at a future NEMO meeting (originally scheduled for this August meeting)*

- g. NEMO 101 – A revised NEMO 101 is not that far off from being completed. Using various 2010 versions, adding more BMPs and a little more depth, using the outline we developed this past spring – we could have something ready for train-the-trainer relatively soon. (we should incorporate the MS4 Toolkit as a resource)
 - h. Advanced NEMO Watershed Game Training – the proposed date is the BWSR academy, so the WSG training is postponed (not October 29th)
 - i. JB covered a little about the 3 NEMO program foci for 2010:
 - 1. Continue to provide NEMO programming to communities.
 - 2. Create unique opportunities for NEMO programming in communities including workshops on-the-water, land-tour based workshops, and other unique venues and programs.
 - 3. Develop new workshops, effective tools, and materials.
 - 4. Build capacity to deliver NEMO programming through train-the-trainer programs
 - j. JB covered the multiple programs scheduled and continued need and requests.
 - k. OUTCOME OF THIS DISCUSSION**
 - l. The partners present supported an approach for JB to concentrate November & December, and time before then (not already committed) to completing the 4 above NNEMO tools. Completing these tools, train-the-trainer should be the priority.
 - m. Partners present supported then, JB not taking on any other local NEMO programs for communities during that time (other than what is on the calendar now).
 - i. *This does not mean local NNEMO partners can't proceed to implement NEMO workshops on their own or with each other's help.*
 - n. Partners thought this was especially timely considering some or many LDMs could change with November elections anyways.
 - o. Completing the modules and scheduling train the trainer to increase capacity will be the main focus.
 - p. Train the trainer dates to avoid: Nov 11, 12, 19 and December 1, 2,6,7,17
5. Blue Star Program – *update (10 minutes – Trevor Russell)*
- a. July 19th was the official launch
 - b. 12 cities have registered. 4 have been awarded. ~20 more cities are in the preliminary stages of registering or applying.
 - c. Blue Star has a website up and running at www.bluestarmn.org
 - d. Trevor offered to send around the BS assessment questions to anyone who wanted them. John will send them out to those who indicated. Email John for more information as they will not be widely distributed.
 - e. Partners can and are encouraged to promote the BS program.
 - f. Trevor has some brochures available.
 - g. BS will become one of the “tools” NNEMO offers. JB will make a spot for it on the NNEMO “What We Do” webpage at <http://northlandnemo.org/whatwedo.html>
 - i. You will find a short description there, BS brochure, and link to the website
6. MIDS program – *update & information request (10 minutes – Julie, Jay, Angie)*
- a. The MIDS NEMO St. Croix pilot project is moving forward. A workshop on the St. Croix held on July 21 had more than 100 local officials in attendance and built on concepts introduced during last year's workshop. WCD has a seasonal staff person collecting ordinance and policy information from St. Croix communities. Minnesota SWCD's will be sending a letter of support for the project and other parallel efforts to their communities. Jean Coleman and Jay Michaels will be working with the WCD to develop and implement model ordinances with three pilot communities – one developed, one developing and one county. The team will be conducting focus groups with local communities in the early fall; these will be coordinated with focus groups scheduled for the St. Croix TMDL stakeholder involvement process.
7. Northland NEMO “Resources” web page – *status of assignments (10 minutes – John)*
- a. JB reviewed what was not yet complete.
 - b. LID, NRBP, and Chloride resources were all sent. JB will review and ask TS to make the website edits.
 - c. We will remove the Street Reconstruction, Ordinance & Policies, and Redevelopment sections until we have resources to upload.

8. Summer NEMO Program review and Summer-Fall programming update
 - a. See the Summer and Fall Programming schedule for more information.
9. Partner Updates on NEMO type programs and efforts
 - a. Erika Sniegowski (MWMO) has her baby – it's a boy!
 - b. Jenny Winkelman (MWMO) was in a car accident and is unable to join us for NEMO this month. Feel free to send her get well wishes!
 - c. Angie – demonstrated a new tool she created for the St. Croix NEMO program “Putting the Pieces Together” see Angie for more details.
 - d. Claire – has a new homeowner salt and snow bmp pamphlet available. It was mailed to all households in the 9 Mile Creek watershed.
 - e. Claire – is in the process of visiting with all public works staff in the 9 Mile Creek Watershed.
 - f.
10. NEMO at the SMM and continued partnership with the SPRC & NCESD – SAFL
 - a. JB...
 - b. Outcome. JB will be meeting with NEMO-SMM-SPRC partners this fall. Also will investigate at cost or discount rate on additional, bulk purchases of the SPRC SW Manual card deck
 - c. Cost to print & distribute is \$30/each
 - d. SPRC is interested in packaging the manual with workshop instructions and directions to obtain mapping in more of a self contained game format with a website component.
 - e. JB will provide more information after I meet with SMM and SPRC later this fall.

Tabled items:

- Review of the 2010 Northland NEMO Module: Pervious Pavement Technologies for Local Decision Makers (*originally scheduled for this August meeting, but likely to be postponed this month*)
- Extension Stormwater Education Program (SEP) program approach

Announcements:

- **The Watershed Game wins yet another award** – ANREP Mixed Education Materials Bronze Award (*Association of Natural Resource Extension Educators*)
- **Northland NEMO communication** (*your response needed*)
Can we release your name and email to others on the Northland NEMO contact list? Please indicate your willingness to participate.
- **MIDS Project request** – the MIDS Project Team is seeking **information about any stormwater/water quality/bmp research or monitoring studies.** They are particularly interested in unpublished or anecdotal information that the consultants may not know about or easily access. We need every bit of information and data we can get our hands on.
 - Send or contact Julie Westerlund your information.

Meeting schedule: *Previously scheduled and newly proposed*

** Please bring your planners to the August 6th meeting.*

September 10th - 9:30-11:30am – *Full meeting – proposed change!*

October 8th - 9:30-11:30am– FULL Metro NNEMO Meeting

October 12th ? (TBD) NNEMO Strategic planning session

October 28th or 29th – Northland NEMO Advanced Watershed Game Training – **POSTPONED**

November 5th - 9:30-11:30am – *module work groups only as needed*

December 10th - 9:30-11:30am– FULL Metro NNEMO Meeting

September 10th – Full NEMO meeting – draft agenda items

1. Extension Stormwater Education Program (SEP) approach – Shane Missaghi

October 8th Full Meeting agenda items

1. Blue Star Program (30 minutes) Trevor Russell