



Northland NEMO Metro Work Group Partner Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, December 20, 2011

TIME: 2:00-4:00pm

LOCATION: Capital Region Watershed District

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

Attending: Jenny, Stephanie, Vanessa, Claire, Madeline, Jay Riggs, Leslie

Agenda (preliminary) and bullet point notes

1. 2011 NEMO Annual Report ideas
 - Discussion of what would be most useful. Please review the 2012 Report beforehand. On the homepage at www.northlandnemo.org
 - Please come prepared with specific example of plans, practices, or policy impacts & outcomes from 2011.
 - Please come prepared to discuss most desirable format.
 - **Summary:** Partners agreed the format from last year was effective. John will prepare a 2011 report in a similar format. Will try to include more impact stories and pictures. Target date for completion will be by the end of February. John will be seeking contributions. As a start, those present, did go around and share some of their program highlights and 'big dipper impacts' from 2011.
2. 2012 program and community priorities
 - Partners come prepared to provide communities and programs that we should schedule and get in the cue for the first 6 months of 2012
 - JB will offer programs and priorities already on his list.
 - **Summary:** Discussion about 2012 NEMO program priorities in regards to content or topic, specific projects, and by geographic location. **See table below.**
3. Funding status, update, and 2012
 - Thank you to 2011 financial partners:
 - Program budget for FY through June 2012
 - **Summary:** In short, John has stretched the current funding through June 30, 2012. That includes about \$54K in local partner financial support for the program with the remaining coming from Sea Grant and Extension. In light of that stretching, we are not at this time asking for local partner 2012 support as we have traditionally done this time of year. Sometime in 2012 we will reassess how we want to go about the financial plan for the program. John first has to have discussions with Extension, Sea Grant, and BWSR. John's work, will concentrate in the Metro program delivery to meet the local partner needs, but will also have some broader statewide programming as part of the Extension Water Resource Team.
4. Train-the-Trainer (report on WSG training, scheduling LLWQ (basic) training for Jan/Feb)
Summary: Last week we completed the 5th Watershed Game Facilitator Training. That makes for 60+ WSG Facilitators. All participants continue to rate the training very effective and more than 50% indicate they will use the tool within the next 3 months. John is considering stepping-up efforts for more regular support to the current trained Facilitators in 2012. For future T3 programming (Train-the-Trainer) this is what may be on the docket: new WSG training to match the revised versions in 2012, training on the revised LLWQ (basic NEMO) module for both urban and rural audiences, and how to work with local decision makers.
5. Program reporting/sharing – JB
6. Program reporting/sharing – partners
7. Extension & Sea Grant Water Resource Team update - NEMO as part of their work plan across the state
 - *The Extension Water Resource Team expands to offer NEMO in other parts of the State.*
 - **Summary:** The Extension Water Resource Team (WRT) in part re-tooled and Educators will be providing NEMO programs in additional other parts of the State. Eleanor Burkett (Brainerd), Karen Terry & Annette Drewes (Red River Valley, Fergus Falls region), Doug Malchow (SE, Rochester and Metro with John), Mary Blickenderfer (Grand Rapids), and Shane Missaghi (Metro). The WRT will also be

providing additional Stormwater U workshops and work in Watershed Education efforts. There is a one page brief available (ask John).

8. News from the National NEMO Hub

Summary: FYI the National NEMO Network was denied funding from its original source beyond June 2012 to continue the Network. So the Hub is researching other options for funding and work. Options include other funding sources but also what services they may have to suspend if we do not find funding. John and Jesse are visiting with the Hub staff to see where we may be off assistance. In those discussions, we still continue to talk about Minnesota hosting the NEMO U8 conference in 2012.

9. Meet Vanessa Strong, new Education & Outreach Coordinator

All the upcoming and past NEMO Workshops & Programs can be found under the What's Happening page of the website at <http://northlandnemo.org/programs.html>

Announcements:

Meeting schedule: 2012 quarterly meeting schedule to be determined at the December meeting. Discussion about Metro NEMO Partner meetings vs state wide NEMO advisory group meetings.

March 23 9:30-11:30am

June 15 9:30-11:30am

October 19 9:30-11:30am

December 21 9:30-11:30am

2012 program and community priorities – some initial thoughts...

Content/Concepts	Projects	Locations
Trees & their role in clean water	Revise LLWQ (basic NEMO 101) for both urban and rural	Metro
SAFL – iron filtration	Watershed Game revision	St. Croix & South Washington - Summer on-the-water workshop? - Pilot community workshops (2-3)
New NPDES permit requirements?	SPRC stormwater cards – use of?	Cap region n/a
DNR priorities? Synergies with awarded grants?	T3 – Watershed Game	MCWD - LLWQ basic - Shoreland variance workshop (DNR) - Boat or creek tour/workshop - Orono, Medina, - Upper Lakes TMDL - Forums ??? - GI Summit
BWSR priorities? Synergies with awarded grants?	T3 - LLWQ	9 Mile - Hopkins – basic LLWQ - Minnetonka planning commission - Eden Prairie?
	T3 – How to reach local decision makers	MWMO - VFBR, individual city follow-ups, land-based workshop (LAL), workshop in new building
	Green Infrastructure Summit	Vadnais - TMDL for nutrients/stakeholders - Salt training (SWU)
	2013 LIDS Conference	South Washington - see above
	Stormwater BMP Lessons Learned Symposium	Carver - Watertown, Chaska, Carver - WENR Tour – July, Bevens/Carver turbidity TMDL
		Riley-Purg – n/a