

2009 July-December Summary of Programs and Efforts

This is a brief summary of some of the programs and efforts of Northland NEMO in the Twin Cities region from July through December 2009. It is not a comprehensive list of programs completed*. Visit the Northland NEMO website www.northlandnemo.org to review past and upcoming programs, tools, collaborative meeting notes, and other resources. For more details, contact John Bilotta by phone at 651-480-7708 or by email at jbilotta@umn.edu.

NEMO Presentations & Programs**

- Green Infrastructure for Local Decision Makers – September 24, 65 participants, with representatives from 18+ metro area cities, members from 6+ watershed district boards, and more.
- Clean Water & Land Conservation Summit – September 24 & 25, 200+ participants
- DNR Central Division of Hydrologists, 25 participants
- HECUA – October, 12 participants
- 1000 Friends – October, 40 participants, from over 15 cities
- Mississippi River Renaissance Project – St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Rice regions (2 on-the-water programs, July & October), 50 participants

New Northland NEMO Website – www.northlandnemo.org – includes new features such as an up-to-date *schedule of upcoming and past programs* (with on-line registration & participant tracking options), *what NEMO does*, *Who the Northland NEMO partners are*, and a new site for the *Watershed Game*. More components will be added in 2010 including an all new “*Resources for Local Decision Makers*.”

The Watershed Game: The WSG tool revision process was completed and there are now three new versions; Stream (watershed), Lake, and River. The revision process created all new Game Boards, new & updated BMPs, and instructions for facilitators. The Watershed Game tool was revised to be able to teach both sediment and phosphorus water quality goals or *TMDLs*. The first train-the-trainer session was completed on October 30th and 24 educators participated**. The next training is scheduled for February 12th. The Watershed Game now has its own section on the NEMO website (*under What We Do*)

Northland NEMO Charter completed -*establishing membership and agreement for members*. 23 signed to date.

NEMO Program Exploratory**

- **NEMO at the SMM**—*continuation of workshop planning*
- **Mississippi River Renaissance Project**—*establishing a NEMO team & programs in the Mid-Minnesota Mississippi River Corridor*
- **Brainerd/Baxter/Crow Wing County region**—*establishing a NEMO team & programs*
- **NEMO and the DNR Central Division of Managers, Hydrologists, and other unit staff**
- **BWSR** - *Building watershed plans that have education and outreach plans with NEMO identified as a priority*
- **Science Museum of Minnesota** – *extension of grant into 2010 featuring Nine Mile Creek and Minnehaha Watershed Districts*

LID State Stormwater Steering Committee & MIDS Project participation

NEMO Program Funding— was secured for 2010. Various sources, grant applications, and partners.

*These are a sample of some of the programs John Bilotta, Extension Educator and NEMO Program Leader either led or co-led with various partners. There are many more not listed here.

** Program summaries that provide much more information may be available.