



Minnesota Northland NEMO Program Update June 2013



NEMO BWSR GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

The Minnesota NEMO Program is in-part funded by a grant with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) supported by resources from multiple metro region watershed organizations. This update is meant to communicate the efforts taken largely as part of that grant. There are additional NEMO programming efforts underway across the state.

PROGRAMMING PAST AND UPCOMING – A SAMPLING

- May 9 City of Minnetonka - Linking Land Use to Clean Water – Annual Stormwater Permit
- May 4 Chisago Chain of Lakes Cities - *Stormwater Ordinance Revision workshop*
- March 26 City of Medina - Improving Water Quality through Effective Stormwater Management: The Connection to Local Land Use Decisions
- March 12-13 Minnesota Shade Tree Short Course – *Two concurrent sessions with the NEMO Trees for Clean Water module*
- June 21 League of Minnesota Cities Conference – The new MIDS Community Assistance Package
- June 25th City of Victoria – Stormwater Adaptation for a local community
- July 1 City of Waconia – Linking Land Use to Clean Water
- July 17 St. Croix Watershed – Creating Change for the St. Croix River – A NEMO on-the-river workshop

ST. CROIX WATERSHED

The NEMO BWSR grant coupled with additional support from a 319 Grant administered through the MPCA and the Washington Conservation District provides focus NEMO efforts on the MIDS Community Assistance Package to four pilot communities (a substantial amount of effort January – May 2013). Intensive NEMO workshops on ordinance revisions included:

- East Bethel - April 22, March 19, February 26
- City of Lindstrom - April 10, March 18, March 6, February 20, February 6
- Center City - March 11, February 18, February 11
- Chisago City - March 7, February 21, February 7
- St. Croix Basin Conference April 8th

REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE PROGRAMS SUPPORTED THROUGH THE GRANT

Grant funds are leveraged to provide several large scale programs and conferences that include NEMO programs for local leaders including:

- **2013 Low Impact Development Symposium** - NEMO is partnering to offer several tours and also offering several presentations and workshops on its resources and experiences in cities and serves on the Symposium Planning Committee. August 18-21
- **Clean Water Summit Green Infrastructure for Clean Water – The Essential Role of People** - This year's Summit will feature an emphasis important to NEMO, how to get people (including local leaders to act, what triggers people to take action. September 13
- **Minnesota Water Resources Conference – October 15- 16**
- **Watershed Game Training and Facilitator support** - New WSG website and multiple training opportunities including July 10th

Visit the **What's Happening** section of the website at www.northlandnemo.org - the calendar shows upcoming and past programs and has links to additional information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 2013 METRO NEMO BWSR PARTNERS. THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMMING:

- Capital Region Watershed District
- Carver Water Management Organization
- Elm Creek Watershed District
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
- Riley-Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District
- Shingle Creek Watershed District
- South Washington Watershed District
- Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization.
- West Mississippi River Watershed
- And BWSR serving as fiscal agent
- Coupled with funding from Minnesota Extension & Minnesota Sea Grant Programs

NEMO ACROSS MINNESOTA

NEMO Program efforts across other regions of the State are also supported by a team of Educators from both Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Sea Grant. *Some recent examples include*

- City of Red Wing - January 30th
- SE Leadership Cohort Training featuring the NEMO Watershed Game - January 10th
- Watershed Game Training - Iowa Stormwater Conference - March 5
- Understanding How Watershed Work: Minnesota Master Naturalist Program - May 9th *One of the many recent uses of the NEMO Watershed Game*
- Sherburne County - Meeting Clean Water Goals - October 24

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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