

SWPPP Steering Committee meeting 9/23/05

Present: Rich Axler, Tim Bates, Bev Ecklund, Cindy Hagley, Nicole Hynum, Erik Larson, Mahjoub Labyad, Marnie Lonsdale, Candice Richards, David Schimpf, Jesse Schomberg, John Weiske, Zandy Zweibel, and recorder Cheryl Anderson

Meeting minutes from the 2-18-05 were distributed for review and approved.

Steering committee membership was reviewed. Greg Fox has not sent out renewed appointment letters and Candice will follow up. SC members will continue to seek out students and other faculty and staff members that may be interested in serving on the steering committee.

Education Efforts: Group discussed which education efforts should be documented towards our SWPPP commitment. Include any presentations, conferences, educational expos, and classroom discussion.

Data from the Swenson pond will not be available for SWPPP inclusion until spring 2006. Pond is scheduled to be filled with city water, not rain water as was hoped.

Marnie will be representing the RSPT group at an upcoming conference in Chicago. Our regional stormwater initiatives will be presented.

Erik and Candice will be giving a presentation on UMD storm water efforts at an October 11 MAPPA (Higher Education Facilities Officers) conference in St. Paul.

MPCA Annual Report Update:

Changes for the University include a portion to submit "data" to support report information. "Data" specifications are unknown at this time.

The word "minimize" has been changed to "reduce" in the report guidelines. The University is at a "no net gain" capacity.

There are changes related to trout streams.

The new permit report will be due annually in June. Our SWPPP will need to be resubmitted, which is a positive opportunity to make changes. All plans will need to be submitted in their entirety.

Watershed Festival report: Betsy Larson from WLSSD did a wonderful job organizing the Watershed Festival in June. She also assembled a booklet with all of the details of the festival, which can now be used as a model for future events. UMD was recognized with a Certificate of Participation for contributions of staff time and prizes.

Litter subcommittee report: The group condensed their findings and developed 7 recommendations for action, based on focus group discussions. They are:

-Hold 2 campus-wide clean-up events, to be collaborated and coordinated by various campus departments or groups.

- Design a Freshman educational program with Paula Knutson and the First Year Experience staff.
- Move smoking receptacles to reflect on-campus policy change.
- Create a poster campaign, possibly targeting Freshman smokers in the dorm areas.
- Advertise in the Statesman and on the UMD home page.
- Insert a brochure in the Freshman welcome/information packet.

The group is working on implementation and will continue working with the same committee members.

#### RSPT Report:

Anyone with grant sources or funding ideas for RSPT should forward them to Marnie.

The sediment collection project in Duluth went well last spring and will be repeated next spring in a modified format.

RSPT is planning an "Adopt a Storm Basin" program in conjunction with area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts this fall.

The Rain Garden Celebration will be September 29<sup>th</sup> on site in the rain garden, located off of Lot B. All steering committee members are encouraged to attend. Event will include a grand opening, food, tours, etc.

Facilities Management is seeking proposals for student internships for approx 10 hours/week. Larger project ideas will also be considered. Internship goals should focus on meeting SWPPP commitments.

#### 2006 SWPPP tasks/program ideas include:

Several pollution prevention / good housekeeping BMP's will be combined, and will be addressed as part of review of grounds standards.

Current campus land usage will be identified and landscape practices will be reviewed as a first step in developing grounds standards. Criteria for grounds standards will include how areas are used, appearance, environmental impact, maintenance costs and available resources. The campus community will be engaged in decision-making process through surveys and interviews.

There was discussion of a Stormwater Seminar Series, much like the current Brown Bag lecture series, to be held next Spring. Faculty could be drawn from different departments to provide a cross-disciplinary appeal. Several members will continue discussion.

Walking tours of campus storm water projects could also be made available.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting date is pending.