

SWPPP Meeting – 4/30/04

Present: Rich Axler, Tim Bates, Bev Ecklund, Cindy Hagley, Nicole Hynum, Erik Larson, Marnie Lonsdale, Candice Richards, David Schimpf, John Weiske, Zandy Zwiebel, recorder Cheryl Anderson.

Absent: Tom Beery, Tim Holst, Mahjoub Labyad, Jesse Schomberg

Minutes from 3/26/04 were approved. Erik will post approved minutes on the SWPPP Website.

Introductions

Marnie- Report from RSPT. TV and radio spots are underway and community interest at the Home Show was improved over last year. The web site and watershed festival grant applications were approved while the evaluation grant application was not funded. The Stormwater Permit application is undergoing changes from the MPCA and municipalities will have 90 days from date of receipt to re-file applications. No one is sure what changes will be included except for an impaired waters addition, which will probably only affect NRRI and the Limno Lab on the UMD campus.

Nicole- Report from Earth Day Litter Campaign. 168 students participated in the campus litter pickup last week. Participants were given a tally sheet to complete while picking up trash, which will be useful for future campaign focus. The freshman dorm areas were particularly littered and there was an overall covering of cigarette butts across campus. Group discussed ways education could be implemented to cut down litter around ash urns. Nicole plans to link result data from this trash collection to the Duluth Streams web site, along with a campus map and other pertinent information. In addition, Nicole also plans to organize another litter collection campaign in the fall.

Erik- report on weather station purchases. New water meter will cost about \$350 and will only be used for water level metering, not for any other kind of testing. Remainder of weather station equipment has not been purchased.

Erik- update on Rain Garden. Request for proposals brought in 7 design proposals, which will be reviewed by Erik, Candice, Dan McClelland (FM) and Peggy Dahlberg (FM) when they arrive. Anyone else that would like to review the proposals is welcome to do so and should notify Candice or Erik of your interest.

Glensheen stormwater project is 80% complete. Project is going very well and should be complete by May 7. Erik is looking for assistance with before-and-after project signage (similar to heritage markers). Suggestions were made for possible assistance may come from Sea Grant and/or NRRI.

Rock Hill Pond will be drained beginning next week to eliminate invasive fish species. Doug Jensen from Sea Grant is working on print media/notification. Water outlet device will be installed to naturally drain pond into the west branch of Tischer creek and once it is drained below 3 1/2 feet the water will be pumped out. Work is being coordinated between the DNR, Bagley group, MPCA, John Pastor, Sea Grant, FM, and the Army Corps of Engineers. Rich Axler will provide some sample bottles to Erik for samples from the pond and further downstream. Erik will email Marnie the information being sent to the MPCA for use if Tischer creek neighbors call in with concerns.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be late September. Sub-committees will address Best Management Practices during the summer. We will schedule steering committee meeting at the end of summer, when fall schedules are better known.

A spreadsheet of sub-committee assignments was explained and distributed for updates.

- Grey columns will be done by Twin Cities, Environmental Health & Safety, or FM staff and will be available for steering committee review.
- Litter Control committee will be co-chaired by Nicole Hynum and Jesse Schomberg.
- Those interested in Student Education (BMP 104) should attend the Litter Control task force meetings. (BMP 609).
- Impervious Surface Review (BMP 501) will be done in fall and led by Erik Larson.
- Pollution Prevention Subcommittee will continue address each BMP (shown in green on spreadsheet) and Fertilizer/Pesticide Application review (BMP 604) in succession. Candice Richards will lead the subcommittee.

Notices of all Sub-committee meetings will be sent to whole steering committee so that anyone may attend meetings of interest. All steering committee members are responsible for final review of Best Management Practices for the annual report.

Meeting Adjourned