

SWPPP Steering Committee
Meeting Notes from 8-13-03

Present: Rich Axler, Tim Bates, Bev Ecklund, Cindy Hagley, Erik Larson, Marnie Lonsdale, Candice Richards, Jesse Schaumberg, and recorder Cheryl Anderson.

Absent: Tom Beery, Tim Holst, Mahjoub Labyad, David Schimpf, John Rashid, and John Weiske.
Guests: Howard Mooers and David Stark, UMD Geology Dept.

Minutes from the June 5, 2003 meeting were approved.

Individuals introduced themselves.

Report from the Pollution Control sub-committee:

- met to determine road salt and sand handling procedure.
- drafting notes into F.M. procedure and BMP
- looking for format suggestions for standardizing BMPs
- next task is to review current fertilizer and pesticide practices and re-write FM procedure and BMP

Report from Illicit Discharge sub-committee:

- mapping campus storm sewers
- reviewing current FM practices
- creating a wetlands map of campus (to be complete before beginning of winter)
- reviewing campus impervious surfaces (to begin this fall)

Glensheen received a grant to restore 140 feet of shoreline and parking lot Stormwater treatment. The design is 90% complete.

Marnie Lonsdale (City of Duluth) may have access to property fly-over maps from the 1950's if needed. George Host at NRRI also has access to aerial photos.

October 18 is International Water Monitoring Day. The City would be willing to buy testing kits if UMD had students that wanted to do water testing.

Report from the Regional Education committee:

- next meeting scheduled for 9 am Friday 8-15-03 at MNDOT (Mesabi Ave)
- regional logo contest being organized. UMD art dept is interested in participating.
- biggest issue for our region is Stormwater awareness- "We are all part of a watershed".

Education sub-committee for UMD had not met as of this meeting and group discussed how sub-committee should be organized so that it functions appropriately but does not duplicate work being done by the Regional Education committee. Concepts from this discussion include:

- Any messages coming to campus from the Regional group will need to be tailored to UMD to appeal to students. The "big topic" this year is litter control.
- Web page development for UMD SWPPP could utilize the Duluth Streams web site.
- It would be helpful to have an FM employee on the sub-committee (if not the chair).
- Coursework at UMD that features Stormwater issues should somehow be cataloged or organized for inclusion in the annual report. A suggestion was made to utilize grad students to document curriculum components that qualify. Group could write a proposal to administration to fund 2 graduate students for this purpose.

Bev Ecklund reported that when parking lot G was replaced, the new design would include a Stormwater retention system that would handle parking lot run-off from lot G.

Meeting adjourned 3:20 pm.