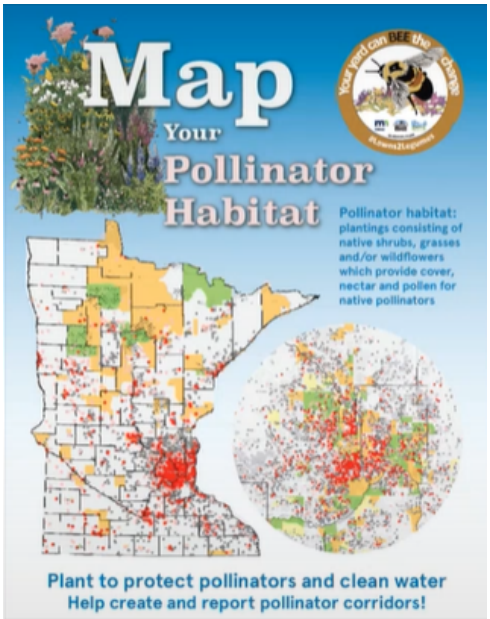
Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 06/21/23, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

- **Welcome, Introduction/new attendees**

- **Review & Approve May meeting minutes - All**
  - **John Made motion to approve the minutes.** Ryan gave 2nd. None oppose. **Motion passed.**

- **Guest presentation -** Blue Thumb Representatives (Laura, Becky Rice & Jacqueline)
  - Blue thumb is a partnership between Public Organizations (watershed/conservation districts, agencies, cities), Minnesotans (citizens/volunteers/gardeners), Private businesses (Landscapers, designers, native plant nurseries, non-profits).
  - Website has lots of information on plant selection, partners, and learning opportunities. Lots of use of the online resources
  - Workshops
    - Some are free like turf alternatives
    - Live online workshops -typically hosted by a local group and Blue Thumb provides some experts to talk.
- **Lawns to Legumes Program**
  - Duluth area- 196 applied for L2L program- 106 awarded - 39 completed project
  - How to bring up the completion rate? The challenge and opportunity!
  - Many are new gardeners
  - Lots of resources available for RSPT if partnered - from signs to coloring sheets to interactive display
  - Partner workshops and trainings-
    - soil training
    - sustainable landcare



- Funding & criteria
  - LCCMR now legislative funded
  - criteria include rusty patch BB and monarch ranges
- Questions
  - Lisa- Any WI equivalent?
    - resources available to all, but many aspects MN specific
  - Carol- How does one join the partnership? Cost is based on organization size:
    - $300-$10,000- based on revenue- self selected
    - 50% offset by volunteering/in kind
  - Magic roots display for sale to partners as well as borrow because located in twin cities.
  - Coaching: https://bluethumb.org/lawns-to-legumes/coach-info/

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- **Budget update -** Tammy - no major updates



- **Media Team update -** Megan (via Lisa)
  - Friday, June 16: Grandma's Expo (12:30 - 3:30 PM)
    - Megan put up a display!
    - Estimated people reached: 70-100 (actively)
  - NPF Cutout - the people have spoken!
    - 4imprint Banner Stand Single Face Cutout: out of stock
    - Back in stock: June 30
    - Earliest delivery date: July 19
    - 4Imprint will invoice RSPT.
    - **Can RSPT create a PO for the order?**
    - Ryan will check in with Julie/Tammy
  - Original NPF PSA videos: located!
  - Boost FB posts: boost post updates soon!
    - Let's collect some data:
      - No boost posts = hit about 0 - 500 accounts when Joe posted:
        - 5 posts w/NPF topics (06.12-06.16.23) & 1 post w/original NPF content (06.19.23)
      - Boost posts = For $20 and a geo-area of Duluth+30 miles we can reach between 485 and 1,400 account centers per day
        - Account centers are different than people, but not really …
          - Definition of "Accounts Center accounts" = An Accounts Center account refers to either (1) an individual Facebook or Instagram account that has not been added to the same Accounts Center as another account, (2) the two or more Facebook and Instagram accounts that have been added to the same Accounts Center.
        - Basically testing out some posting boosts!

- **Superior Streams website domain expiration 9/16/2023**
  - To renew or not to renew?
  - Something to consider! Outdated and not easily updated. Past discussion on costs to update etc. Keeping URL information active cost is relatively low.
  - Maggie- still has data from the survey. Google analytics just updated by Jane Reed at UMD.
    - Maggie will send data to RSPT chair

- **Stormwater Filtration Systems**
  - Grant application here
  - Easy application! Please report to the group if anyone gives it a go!

- **RSPT Tabling Opportunities - Lisa**
  - Lake Superior Day - Superior is registering/would like an RSPT partner - Sunday, 7/16 @ Barkers Island 11am-3pm

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- **WI Salt Wise October Equipment Open House** - Carol
  - Operators get to come for a workshop and have facilitated discussion
  - Wednesday, Oct. 4 (9-11 AM)
  - Host: St. Louis County
  - Mailing invitations: RSPT MS4s?
    - Jim - contract with County for plowing
    - Anyone else besides MS4s?
      - Ashland/Bayfield?
    - Jim- CaCl on gravel roads in summer? Carol will ask. Salt application helps keep sediment in place.
    - https://chlorideconscious.com/application-rates-rock-salt/
    - Carol plans to get invitations out soon.
    - Ryan gave a presentation to Duluth City Council which helped give a lot of information on the need for resources to be updated in the city when it comes to deicing.

- **Roundtable Member Updates - All**

RSPT June 2023 meeting		
Name	**Representing**	**Update notes**
Carol Andrews	**St. Louis County Public Works**	**Link to Woodland Hartley design- lots of construction next years: https://duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/progress-in-the-park/woodland-hartley-green-infrastructure/**
Jim Arid	**Midway Township**	**Nothing to report!**
John Anderson	**Cloquet (City of)**	**Wrapping up stormwater study. $53 million updates identified!**
Jonna Korpi	**UMD**	**New pollinator park including stormwater permit - greatly increasing pervious surface**
Lisa DeGuire	**Superior (City of)**	**Gallery opening for stormdrain art at Empire Coffee. Lake Superior Day. Rain Barrel workshop last week- 15 made!**
Ryan Granlund	**Duluth (City of)**	**Wrapping up MPCA stormwater study also. Had an opportunity to hear from Heidi Rupp UMN - saw the newest climate prediction models - up to 20% increase in precip and up to 13 degrees.**
Matt Meyer	**MN DOT**	**London Rd and Blatnick bridge planning with stormwater treatment- hard because of bedrock**
Eric Johnson	**Hermantown (City of)**	**Upcoming projects are not stormwater**

Sam Lobby	**WLSSD**	**Last RSPT meeting- accepted position at the capital with the Public Utilities Commission advising on the carbon neutral plan! Thanks for all your work Sam!**
Maggie Karschnia	**MN Sea Grant**	
Erin Loeffler	**BWSR**	**If you have specific question about things L2L, let me know as BWSR was appropriated $4 million through 2027 to fund the program.**
Tom Estabrooks	**MPCA**	
Matt Jacobson	**WDNR**	
Derrick Passe	**Lake SWCD**	