Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 PM - virtual

1. **Welcome, Introduction/new attendees:** No new attendees

2. **Guest Speaker - George Masson**:

   - Served as a GreenCorps Member for 21-22 at City of Duluth and wanted to make impact on climate and climate change.
   - Duluth City Council declared climate change an emergency in 2021- led to questions of what are the opportunities?
   - George had experience with GIS methodology in Murray County to identify solar/pollinator installations. He was able to tweak the inputs to fit for green infrastructure in Duluth.
   - George's work resulted in two projects being funded for green infrastructure projects!
   - Methodology that George used is with city of Duluth
   - Andrea: interested in potential in Hillside area. Ryan- not public information, but shared information on potential
   - Ryan: What did you think about the GC program? Happy to have been paired with Ryan and Mindy. Glad to have had the real word experience and has an edge on how it works in the real word in comparison to others that are with him in grad school currently especially when it comes to different levels of government and agencies can work together to make change when it comes to environmental policy and climate change.

More info:
https://duluthmn.gov/sustain/news-updates/climate-change-and-green-infrastructure/

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/aaca1f7479b04ff094057e680344e001

3. **Review & Approve September 14, 2022 minutes – All**
   a. Motion to approve- Carol, 2nd – Lisa, None oppose, **Motion passed.**

4. **Officer Nominations for 2023 (John)**
   - John does not plan to stay on as Chair for next year.
   - Ryan-not seeking a renewed term due to time constraints.
   - Becca- on the fence-can't attend most in person-supports someone else seeking the position
   - Lisa is willing to continue on as Vice Chair
   - Please send nominations to RSPT gmail: rsptduluth@gmail.com

   Hold nominations open until next meeting (November)
   Hold Election at meeting in November
   Listing of previous officers
   Listing of membership

   b. **Chair- open**

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c. **Co-chair-open**
d. **Vice Chair-** Lisa nominated by Becca
e. **Treasurer-open**
f. **Secretary-open**

5. **Media Team Update - (Karina)**
    a. Poop Fairy video launched today!!! Link FB all now on KBJR. Side development by Hermantown on website poopfairy.university is looking great! Please share!
    b. **need members to help participate:**
        - Support media team by sending Joe Wickland content ideas after poop fairy dust has settled. Beautiful photo of a creek, storm drain, whatever! NEED MORE! Options:
            1. Email Joe: jwicklund@hermantownmn.com
            2. Message RSPT facebook page
            3. Google form: https://forms.gle/R146UoLZM3wjnEud9
    c. **need members to participate and lead this team:**
        - Karina stepping back and leadership/guidance is needed. Starting in the new year or anytime!
        - November Meeting for Media Team ideas for next year etc and invite all of RSPT

6. **1W1P comment period (Becca)**
    a. Becca reminded that the St. Louis River 1W1P is in public comment period through October 26th and encouraged RSPT members to especially review items that list RSPT/municipalities as a lead such as:
        - Promotion/cost share to purchase salt reduction equipment
        - Evaluate county salt training with Smart Salting and identify any gaps
        - Develop and implement a salt use education/reduction campaign
        - Make road salt alternatives readily available to homeowners
        - Better planning for snow storage and reduce moving snow
        - Other items listed as a support
        - https://www.southstlouisswcd.org/1w1p/
        - Draft plan: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WqzK9Rv2Buc13qfa9tTiAKfxZu-WxEh4?usp=sharing

7. **Location for next meeting - WLSSD**
    a. WLSSD In person meeting – Allison Madison – Wisconsin Salt Wise Partnership

8. **Roundtable Member Updates - All**

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Name	Representing	Update notes
Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist	No update
Becca Reiss	North St Louis Co SWCD	Just 1W1P update
Carol Andrews	St. Louis County Public Works	Carol- annual meeting- public input. Native plant giveaway to bring people in? Add to agenda for next meeting?
Eric Johnson	Hermantown (City of)	Hermantown looking to raise stormwater utility fee to $8/mo, expect received public comment
Jims Aird	Midway Township	No update
Jerry Henneck	NRRI	No Update
John Anderson	Cloquet (City of)	Busy with project wrapping up as snow flies- Grant funded storm capacity hydrology study with SEH
Jonna Korpi	UMD	No Update
Karina Heim	National Estuarium Reserve	No update
Lisa DeGuire	Superior (City of)	Five storm drain murals installed along Tower business corridor; project celebration/gallery show postponed until spring. Lots of outfall screening.
Ryan Granlund	Duluth (City of)	Left before roundtable
Sam Lobby	WLSSD	WLSSD celebrating 50th anniversary of clean water act on Oct 18 5:00 -7:30 tours, snacks, games prizes
Tammy Wilman	LSC	Left before roundtable
Matthew Meyer	MN DOT	MnDOT is working on preliminary design/corridor study for the Central Entrance and London Road Corridor. Looking at all options for treatment seeing this is in the MS4 area that requires an attempt to treat existing impervious. Will reach out to Ryan to chat about findings on these corridors.
Ryan Ihrke	WLSSD	WLSSD 50th anniversary of clean water act on Oct 18 5:00 -7:30
Chris Filstrup	NRRI	Katie Cassidy's thesis research on environmental impacts of road salt alternative, potassium acetate: https://umn.zoom.us/j/94938689200?pwd=Ymh3NjdrYmFzU2lnV09CenhlYjVRdz09

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George Masson	UMN/ Duluth (guest speaker)	Left after presentation

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