Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) Meeting Minutes

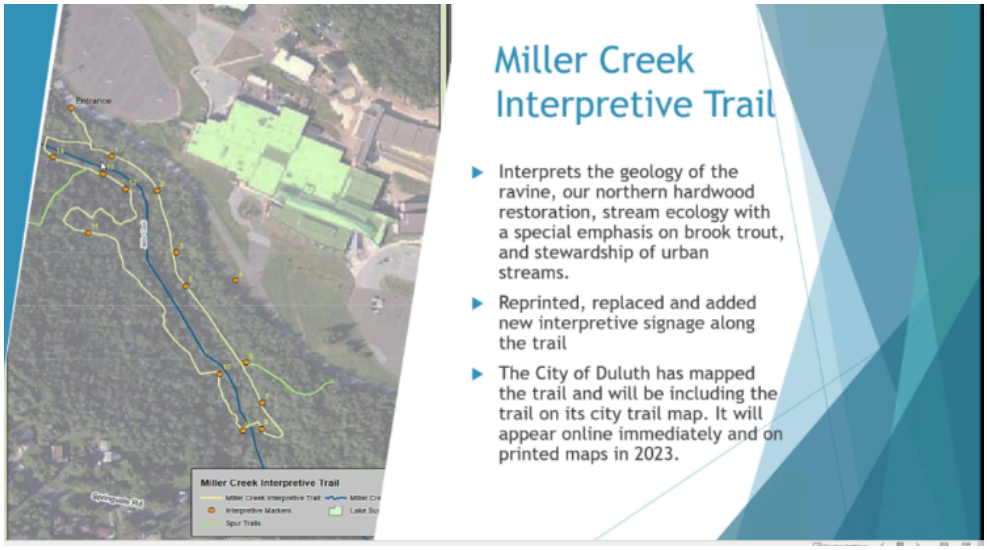
Feb 16, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 PM

1. **Welcome, Introduction/new attendees & Host Kick-Off - Lake Superior College (Tammy)**

   - Tammy Wilman shared information about Lake Superior College, a Minnesota State college.
   - Tammy's main job is safety at 4 campuses: Center for Advanced Aviation, Emergency Response Training Center, Welding C&C Trainings, and Main Campus on Trinity Rd.
   - MS4 is just main location where there is a temperature TMDL
   - Civil Tech students check outfalls each year into Miller Creek. There are three rain garden systems. Native flowers also on bioswale. 150 feet above miller creek. Pollinator areas next to parking lots. Infrastructure reduces 50% of sediment at lower parking lot.
   - Also have high tunnels for growing food locally.
   - Heated sidewalks reduce salt usage!
   - Miller Creek Interpretive Trail open to the public







2. **Review & Approve January 2022 Minutes – All**
   - Carol made motion to approve, Ryan 2nd. No opposition.

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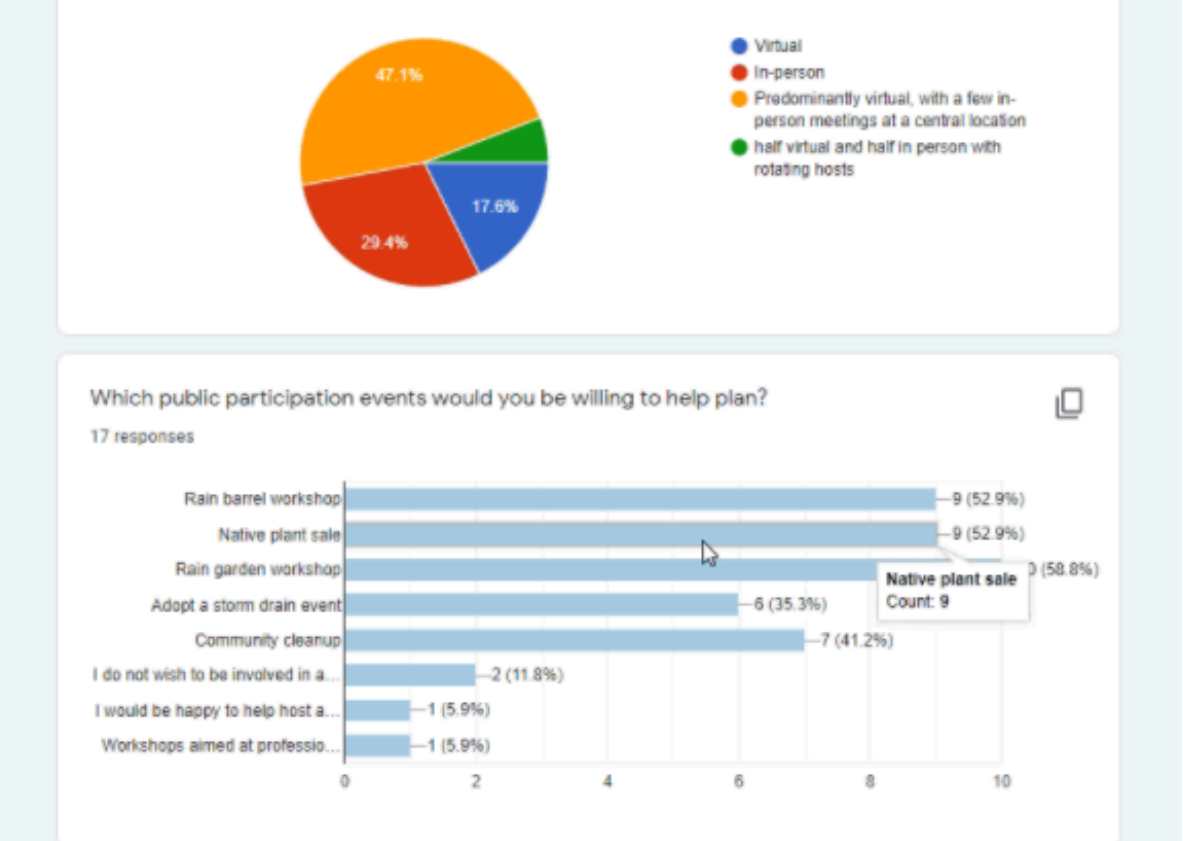
3. **Executive Chair Update - (John)**
    a. **2021 Annual Report**
        i. 2021 activity list will be sent out soon with the update on activities
        ii. 2021 website activity (LSS) / (PFU) – changed servers, not able to generate all the reports as previously with the change. Rich did put together a small report. John is trying to get a report for PoopFairy University website also.

4. **Treasurer Update -** 2022 invoices sent out (Ryan)- if any questions about this, send them to Ryan. Most likely everyone has received them by now. Ryan did ask for a finalized balance sheet for 2021. Was as expected. Used all the money but $186 of $16,000 in 2021.

5. **Media Team - Karina and Megan**

    a. Climate Change and Water Quantity- Thank you from Media Team for selecting these topics!
    b. Media team has met and are moving forward. Discussions are happening in real time on what is the easiest, most attainable practice for people to do at home. Developing a message for the general public to be able to understand and implement green infrastructure. Conversation has evolved to another Poop Fairy Campaign… **More to come…**
    c. Budget looks on track to create and play the PSA.

6. **Feedback Survey and RSPT Public Participation Events (Lisa)-** Took 3 minutes for everyone to complete the survey.
    a. **Majority of respondents wanted mostly virtual meetings with occasional in person.**
    b. Public Participation Events- largest support for Rain Garden Workshop (10), Rain Barrel Workshop (9), Native Plant Sale (9), and Community Cleanup (7).
    c. Using existing events to launch from was discussed as a possibility
        i. SWCD native plant sales- Lake, N & S St. Louis, and Carlton SWCDs have some offerings.
        ii. Monarch Fest (put on by Duluth Monarch Buddies) also has a plant sale. Last year there was not festival except for the plant sale.
        iii. Carol mentioned maybe RSPT advertises at already established plant sales.
        iv. Clean your Creek
        v. Sam mentioned WLSSD free disposal
        vi. Carol mentioned EcoLibrium 3 as a group to possibly work with
        vii. Lake Superior Day- 3rd weekend in July. The Reserve has always a Barkers Island Event that the City of Superior usually has a presence at! It's a regional event so other events can get held. MN Sea Grant may have done some things in the past on the MN side.



7. **Outreach for 2022 (John)-**
    a. **IDDE outreach for 2022 -used Mentimeter to gather ideas. Used a PSA in past.**



        i. IDDE: Illicit Discharge- some confusion on what it was. Poop Fairy lesson at: https://www.poopfairy.university/learn/illicit-discharge
            1. Andrea- There's also a lot of education that goes to municipal staff on how to identify it when out and about doing other work (Superior had a series of photos with an "Is it illicit").

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2. Megan- shared outreach on discharge dumping. People don't like "criminalizing"

b. Other Outreach Opportunities

i. Sidewalk Days tabling / PF appearance-Reached a fair number of people. Good cross section. July 13-15.
ii. Movies in the park / PF appearance- was very, very expensive to run ad on screen.
iii. Megan- Lake Superior Day. July 17- Barker's Island- Karina mentioned events can also be held elsewhere for a bigger presence. Andrea mentioned Julie McDonnel with DNR Coastal Program has also taken part in hosting LS Day in Duluth.
iv. Erin- SFA Harvest Festival- September
v. Becca- Earth Fest in Mt. Iron – April 23rd Megan supported going across boundaries. Becca mentioned she might not be able to do stormwater things depending on pending grants.

8. 2022 swag purchase for outreach (John) poop bag caddies/stickers/other?

a. Last time RSPT paid $2500 for 1000 poop bags. Now more like $3100 for 1000. Most are out of poop bags. Salt stickers also low.
b. Tammy asked when? Ordered 4 years ago last time- 1000.
c. Discussion on what style of poop bags to purchase. Want roll of bags easy to refill.
d. A few mentioned that their pets had destroyed them, cheap plastic is easy to break.
e. Soft container seems to be more durable? Lots of that hard plastic can be found in stormwater drains…
f. Need to change website to poopfiaryu.org
g. Also need clean stormwater stickers? Low on those.
h. Poop fairy bags match the poop fairy's belt
i. Possible new design for a sticker? Possible to look through what Stephanie created, but leaning toward purchasing what people already love.
j. Tuomas mentioned poop fairy is too busy to put on a small item. Megan said Lake Superior is a good image to use.
k. Ryan made motion to order 250 high quality soft bags, Andrea 2nded with Lake Superior Graphic and PFU website. None oppose. John will purchase.

9. Subcommittees/Initiatives (John)

a. Superior Streams / PFU.com- still trying to get a subcommittee to get together website. Can't generate reporting information for MS4 report right now. Still looking for volunteers.

10. Roundtable Member Updates

RSPT February 2022 meeting		
Name	Representing	Update notes
Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist	left early
Becca Reiss	North St Louis SWCD	Encouraged RSPT members to attend the St. Louis One Watershed, One Plan Stakeholder Meeting to review implementation activities for the plan.

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Carol Andrews	St. Louis County Public Works	ME3- how to address liability when it comes to salt application. bills in MN legislature, HF 2908 and SF 2768, related to preventing over-salting re going to various committees this week. MCEA says they have bi-partisan support. Does not pertain to road authorities use of road salt. The intent is to reduce oversalting done because of injury liability. County will stay neutral. Duluth Beach TMDL on public notice. Meeting with City of Duluth about Hartley Park and Tischer Creek.
Emily Nelson	Lake SWCD	left early
Eric Johnson	Hermantown (City of)	Quiet. Interview for Utility Manager Position with a strong stormwater aspect. A lot of looking at potential development.
Erin Loeffler	BWSR	Come to the One Watershed, One Plan meeting to share what you might want funding for to support. Help leverage federal funds. Help fund projects. St. Louis AOC people will be there.
Jerry Henneck	NRRI	left early
John Anderson	Cloquet (City of)	not much- waiting for results on grant MPCA climate resilience grant
Karina Heim	National Estuarium Reserve	Annual St. Louis River Summit. Schedule is now out also. Mostly virtual with a couple in person like field trip and poster sessions. https://lakesuperiorreserve.org/summit/
Lisa DeGuire	Superior (City of)	MS4 reporting process. Public meeting- a few people came in. City Council review in March. April 6th for contractor meeting.
Maggie Karschnia	MN Sea Grant	left early
Matt Meyer	MnDOT	Working on work twin ports interchange project and Blatnick project. Continuing to update TIMS database for outfalls and storm sewers.
Megan Högfeldt	Superior (City of)	Lesson at Cooper Elementary School. Salt Awareness Week. 1600 views! Archived so can still be watched. Ice Festival - smart salting table. A lot of attendance. https://wisaltwise.com/Take-Action/Salt-Awareness-Week
Robin Murphy	Rice Lake	left early
Ryan Granlund	Duluth (City of)	Not a lot to update
Sam Lobby	WLSSD	Annual I & I report. Ice Festival was fun!

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Tammy Wilman	LSC	Not much stormwater- revising sustainability committee- stormwater is a major part.
Tara Solem	Lake SWCD	1W1P Lake Superior North projects. 2018 stormwater Grand Marais project. Two Harbors has a stormwater management plan. Silver Bay wants to go forward with a stormwater management plan now also. Skunk Creek in Two Harbors impaired for E. Coli. Black Beach will be sampled for E. coli. Collaboration with Cleveland Cliffs. Silver Bay has a lot of development so will hopefully focus on low impact standards. Maybe Army Corps Engineering planning. Emily Nelson wrote a smart salting article for local newspaper. Community Member also wrote an article on salting. Two Harbors- management plan GLRI - lot of vacant land - Biochar two stage ditch to reduce E. coli maybe in development!
Tuomas Sivula	NSLSWCD GreenCorps	Put in proposal for a Stormwater Research Grant and is working off the comments received to develop a full proposal to research impacts on stormdrain stenciling
Val Brady	Duluth Twp	Just found out about 1W1P stakeholder meeting. Valerie will attend. Sucker River was not included in the DUAC group. Trying to talk about less salt because its everywhere. Low salt diet!