

## RSPT Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2022

Attendees: see last page



### 1. Welcome & Host Kick-Off - City of Duluth

- Ryan Granlund shared a unique illicit discharge recent experience. He said it was one of the hardest in his experience and welcomed comments and questions.
- Grant street – Congdon Park neighborhood illicit discharge
- August 2021- received call - sewage smell from garden. Investigating found sewer pipe culvert previously unknown now added to GIS, draining into a rain garden with sewage. Where is it coming from?
- Catch basin found on neighbor's property across street, going under road. Dye tested homes and never saw dye come out to the storm sewer. Tried to back it up and pressure it. Not sure where sewage is coming from. Dye tested multiple times. Tried smoke testing. No connections found. Found house built directly on top of a storm sewer. Hard to plug the storm pipe- not work well. 1926 pipe.
- Televised sanitary sewers. Found water coming in from a pvc pipe/mesh and concrete patch. Found a plug and hole in a sanitary sewer line over 500 feet away that had migrated through the soil to the and granular backfill on outside of sanitary sewer until it found the mesh patch. All sealed and fixed now. Took 8 days!

### 2. Review & Approve December, 2021 Minutes – approved (Ryan Granlund, Jim Aird)

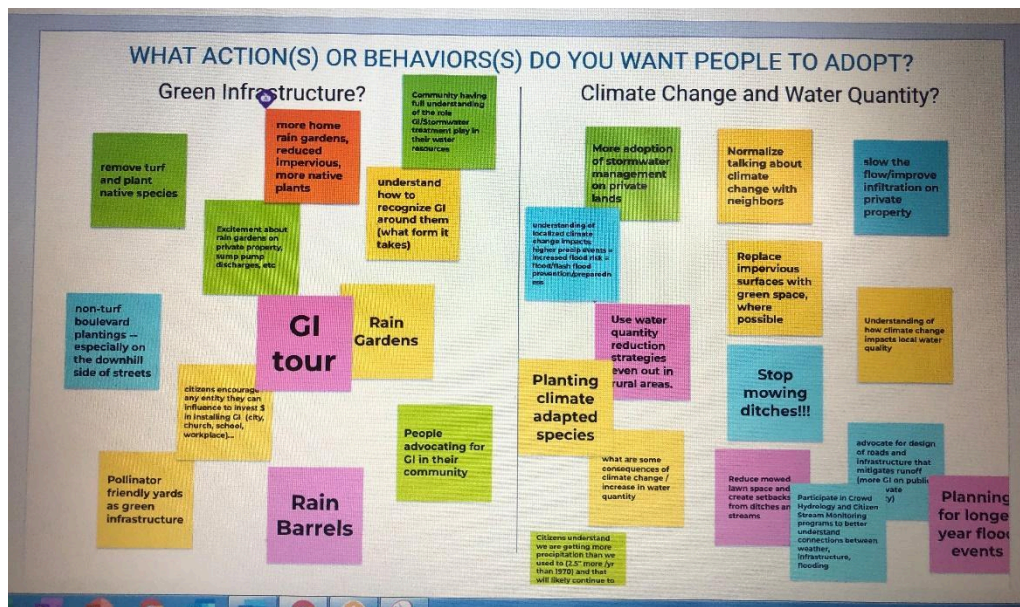
### 3. Executive Chair Update - Ryan

- a. 2022 dues coming out – Ryan sent letter that John and Andrea had drafted with the invoice. Julie at SSL SWCD will take care of the other end. If any issues, let Ryan or John know!

### 4. Media Team - Karina and Megan

- Discussion around vote results – Karina reviewed the 2 outreach topics vote results of Green Infrastructure and Climate & Water Quantity. 3<sup>rd</sup> litter, and 4<sup>th</sup> yard waste. Karina used Jamboard to generate ideas on:
  1. What actions or behaviors do you want people to adopt?
  2. What existing resources, efforts or campaigns can help us?
- Many sticky notes were added to the Jamboard! Good ideas. Also generated questions.
- Discussion on ditches need to be mowed occasionally by the county- reach out to Carol if want more info.
- If you want to join media team or nominate someone- please do! Karina and Megan meeting next the 21<sup>st</sup> of Jan at 10 am

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## 5. Public Participation Opportunities for 2022 -

- a. [Lake Superior Ice Festival](#) – Jan 28-29<sup>th</sup>! Lisa and Megan will be hosting a table 12-4 on Saturday. A lot of new and exciting activities. Smart Salting Table- water wheel. Focus on Superior and WI. Happy to invite more RSPT members to participate. Will have handouts for the water wheel.
- b. Review need for purchasing educational outreach materials
  - Current “Stormwater Swag” supply/needs and reminder of where stored
  - Ryan is really low
  - City of superior is flying through them. No known stash anywhere
  - Ryan has many stream cards
  - Carol has many salt stickers she will send to Ryan.
- c. Initial brainstorming
  - MS4s must offer at least one public involvement activity every year. RSPT typically offers more than one event though need to keep the number of events manageable.
  - Want to be intentional about offering this year. Ice Festival would be an example. Sidewalk Days was last year. Tabling is a bit of stretch as public participation.
  - Rain barrel distribution is something done in the past. Kmart parking lot water festival happened in the past but not something would want to do again.
  - Val shared - We tried having a rain garden weeding and home rain garden instruction workshop at our town hall. No one came.
  - Becca mentioned rain barrel workshop in N St. Louis. City of Hibbing does yard waste pickup/meeting.
  - Brainstorm new events, or revisit past events with end goal of putting specific projects on the RSPT planning calendar, identify planning leads and etc.
  - Tammy offered that Lake Superior College would be willing to serve as the host site (their parking lot) again if we did another rain barrel order.

## 6. Subcommittees/Initiatives

- a. Ad-hoc Website Assessment and Support -LakeSuperiorStreams, PFU, others?
  - LakeSuperiorStreams- Becca and Erin Updated- the website should be locally led, BWSR isn't a data organization, suggest tabling for a few months to bring it up for

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implementation for 1W1P. Good for another year for the domain. Rich sent much information in an email to some RSPT members.

- Erin also noted that watershed-based implementation might be useful to goals of RSPT
- A few people noted conflicts for next meeting with Climate Forum.  
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/lake-superior-climate-resilience-forum.html>- so Next meeting date may change.

## 7. Roundtable Member Updates – All

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Name	Representing	Update notes
John Anderson	Cloquet (City of)	No update no microphone
Ryan Granlund	Duluth (City of)	If you have any testimonials about syringes in stormwater or experience to share, send to Ryan
Eric Johnson	Hermantown (City of)	Updating shoreline ordinance to match up with DNR. City looking to hire stormwater related project management. Will share more when know more.
Tammy Wilman	LSC	Dec trained custodial staff- just had annual online meeting. New civil tech engineering instructor to inspect outfalls.
James Aird	Midway Township	Nothing to report
Karina Heim	National Estuary Reserve	Lake Superior Reserve St Louis River Summit is now open- nothing stormwater related to report. <a href="https://lakesuperiorreserve.org/summit/">https://lakesuperiorreserve.org/summit/</a>
Becca Reiss	North St Louis Co SWCD	Applying for an Urban Ag Grant. Finishing up measurable goals for St. Louis 1W1P
Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist	Had to head out early
Val Brady	Sea Grant/NRRI	Not much stormwater, planning for spring. Wondering -if you are a trained property inspection for stormwater or clearing land- where do you get that training? Send her an email!
Carol Andrews	St. Louis County Public Works	Working on climate and sustainability, workshop with state climatologist.

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Lisa DeGuire	Superior (City of)	Reporting season - job opening with stormwater- closing Jan 30- be Megan and Lisa's boss! Stormwater contractor training April 6th at Estuary if safe. Superior job posting: <a href="https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/superiorwi/jobs/3355253/stormwater-and-administrative-manager-environmental-services?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs">https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/superiorwi/jobs/3355253/stormwater-and-administrative-manager-environmental-services?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs</a>
Megan Högfeldt	Superior (City of)	WI Salt awareness Jan 24-28. Creating webinar to provide info on salt - research water softeners etc. 12:30-1 - quick conversation and learning. FOG designated can wipes, fats, grease safe and out of the pipes- leaving cans on doors. <a href="https://www.wisaltwise.com/Take-Action/Salt-Awareness-Week">https://www.wisaltwise.com/Take-Action/Salt-Awareness-Week</a>
Sam Lobby	WLSSD	Not a whole lot. Met with many on the line. Talk with infiltration updating comprehensive plan 5-year update. Getting idea of future communities.
Jonna Korpi	UMD	Students back, lot of snow moving, will probably participate in chalk fest again.
Erik Larson	UMD	UMD Facilities- working with TC campus to standards and specifications for stormwater. Will be nice!
Erin Loeffler	BWSR	Open grants link in chat
Kate Kubiak	MNDOT	No update
Tuomas Sivula	NSLSWCD GreenCorps	Storm drain stenciling grant from U of M WRC looking for research proposals
Robin Murphy	Rice Lake	left early
Jerry Henneck	NRRI	left early

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