



Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 1/11/23, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

In-Person @ MnDOT: 1123 Mesaba Avenue, Duluth, MN 55811

- **Welcome, Introduction/new attendees**
- **Guest Speaker - Ashley VandeVoort, Douglas County Land Conservationist**



Village of Solon Springs Rain Garden

- Project with Douglas County Land Include
 - Rain Barrels- Environmental Reserve Fund
 - Lake Nebagamon Rain Garden
 - Solon Springs Rain Garden
 - Assists landowners when there is too much impervious surface on a property to meet ordinance requirements.

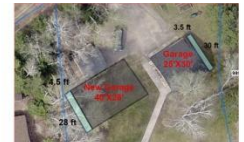
Goals

- Surface Water Quality
- Groundwater Quality
- Invasive Species
- Agriculture
- Education



- **Review & Approve [Dec 14 meeting minutes](#) – All**
 - Megan made motion to approve- 2nd from John. None oppose. **Motion passed.**

Impervious Surface Mitigation



- **2023 Dues Announcement - Ryan**

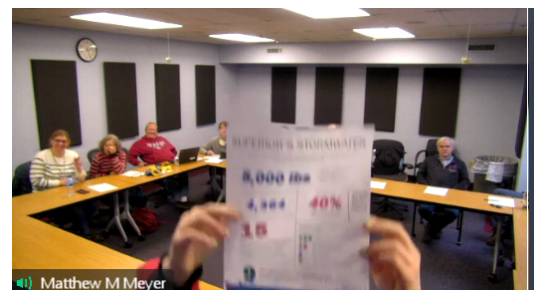
- Ryan talked to Julie with S St. Louis SWCD who will manage the QuickBooks, mailing, and receive the dues paid. Due paying RSPT members should look for mailings to come during the month of January. Please send back to S St. Louis SWCD.



- **Media Team update – Megan**

- In attendance: Carol, Ryan, Karina, Tiff, Megan, and Joe
- Chatted about future. Karina is stepping down. Megan is stepping up in leadership role.
- Leadership: Are you interested in being a Media Team Co-Chair? Or, want to be more involved?
- Big Picture Ideas for 2023:
 - Develop detailed 2023 work plan (guided by the seasons, budget, & capacity)
 - Focus on 2023 local events (i.e., Lake Superior Ice Festival, Lake Superior Day, Native Plant Sale)
 - Do not reinvent the wheel: use existing PSAs and social media packets- NO NEW PSAs
 - Where can we use them differently?
 - Also make cheap easy video of RSPT members

- **Action Item: Do you post to your organization’s Facebook page? Email Joe to let him know when you do! And he will share it on the RSPT page!**
 - How to relate to more events- Megan cause for paws, different events locally
 - Next meeting probably February
- **RSPT Inclusivity Statement**
 - Visit [RSPT Google Site](#) to view
 - Ryan was reacquainted with the document while working with a consultant
 - Reminder that this is in place to consider for messaging and also know it is there when needed for different reports.
- **Adopt-a-Storm Drain discussion?**
 - Member interest level in being involved?
 - Becca (NSLSWCD) is looking into watershed-based funding for expanding the program to the St. Louis River Watershed for the One Watershed, One Plan’s first biennium and wondering what interest is from other municipalities
 - Current feedback from Duluth involvement - Ryan
 - For GIS data, only included catch basins owned by the city- no large storm tunnels, no private or state assets
 - No culverts
 - Welcome packet includes: 1 pager, intro, safety information, links to city resources, guidance on disposal, yard sign, adopter reports bi-annually
 - Annual report for city of how much is picked up
 - Duluth press release – MS4 annual review got some response
 - 80 adopters so far!
 - Planning big advertising with the end of spring salt
 - What city is still hesitant about? Push on city side to advertise- utility bill inserts- etc
 - Funding is per capita
 - What if need to quit the program? Users will still be able to see and adopt. Just not actively getting correspondence form Hamline/welcome packet/sign/etc.
 - Superior has- 10-20 dedicated volunteers in their adopt a storm drain program that include personal connections and in person trainings
- **2023 RSPT Feedback Survey - Lisa**
 - New date needed for monthly meetings
 - Meeting format check-in
 - Guest Speaker ideas
 - Will choose new meeting time by February meeting and review result
- **Roundtable Member Updates – All**
 - City of Superior mentioned trying a new approach to gather public input including a promotion that would involve local business dollars. **Ryan made a motion to move the unused portion of the gameshow funding (\$200) from 2022 to be used by the city of Superior for their public input**



campaign. Jonna gave 2nd. None Oppose. **Motion passed.**

- Carol: Are we going to make a yearly plan for RSPT? Work off of what was made last year. Annual plan is a great place to start and then update. RSPT exec team will work on it and Ryan will bring to Media Team will try to work on it in February to bring to whole RSPT.

RSPT January 2023 meeting		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Update notes</u>
Becca Reiss	North St Louis Co SWCD	NSL Tree/plant sale is open www.nslswcd.org/shop
Carol Andrews	St. Louis County Public Works	Continuing working on stormwater project
Erik Larson	UMD	
James Aird	Midway Township	
John Anderson	Cloquet (City of)	Working with SEH on stormwater study. Gotten through initial faze of what exists and moving into what climate change might do
Jonna Korpi	UMD	New Greenspace - 1.7 acres. Will be a pollinator and native plant park off woodland.
Lisa DeGuire	Superior (City of)	MS4 Reporting- need to get public input. Compiling information into an infographic that includes key stats from the report. Will then have a group scavenger hunt to guide people through. Participants enter into a chance to win local business dollars (BID bucks).
Megan Högfeldt	Superior (City of)	Salt Awareness Week last week in January. FIND LINK. Freshwater Salinization Syndrome is a global emerging issue. Another stormwater art grant program in the works. https://www.wisaltwise.com/
Ryan Granlund	Duluth (City of)	Looking at stormwater treatment zones. Using planning tool to do some additional stormwater treatment using biotreatment. Issued RFP for a biofiltration treatment area. Study of hillside street tunnels and recommendations for repairs.
Ryan Ihrke	WLSSD	Lots of internal work on energy etc. Will be doing some testing on PFOS.
Sam Lobby	WLSSD	Comprehensive plan is on public notice.
Chris Filstrup	NRRI	
Valerie Brady	U of M	
Eric Johnson	Hermantown	
Jerry Henneck	NRRI	
Matt Meyer	MN DOT	Working on design of London Road and treatment of stormwater. Working with the City of Duluth.
Tammy Wilman	LSC	Promoted stormwater at welcome week. Bringing downtown center back to main location. Heated sidewalks are great.
Ashley Vande Voort	Douglas County Land	Poster contest for youth in underway focused on water

Reminder to update the online [Activity Sheet](#)!
2023 activity sheet now available