

**Watershed Action Volunteers**

**October 12th, 2021**

**4:30-6pm**

**Agenda - Online meeting**

Meeting access: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84753149415?pwd=TmpIWUtoVWRBajVhV3VTNDNHYnU4dz09

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions

2. 2021 Recap: A glimpse into the team effort!

* + - Rainbarrel workshop: Katherine
    - Boothing: Kyra (2 events)
    - Tour: Ceci & Ed, Gloria (cancelled)
    - Macroinvertebrates: Susan, Amy, Ceci and Ed
    - Picture Posts: Susan
    - Aquatic Invasive Species: Darren, Susan
    - Trash Pick-up: Kristine
    - St Mary’s of the Lake raingarden: Eagle Scout Alex Nelson
    - Teal Pond Planting: Lori, Connie, Bob
    - NOHOA Bioswale restoration: Sierra, Gary
    - Vadnais Heights City Hall Raingarden adoption: Kathy/VH Lions
    - Vadnais Heights City Hall raingarden maintenance: Jackie, Rogene, Bob, Susan, Katherine
    - Fox Meadow adopt-a-raingarden: Mick
    - Gem Lake Heritage Hall adopt-a-raingarden: Gloria
    - Vadnais Heights Elementary adopt-a-raingarden: Christ the Servant Lutheran
    - Lakeaires Elementary raingarden maintenance: Katherine, Ashley (staff), Lakeaires students. (Catalyst Church potential future volunteer).
    - MS4 support/Citizen Advisory: Ceci and Ed, Gina
    - City Council presentation/policy development: Katherine
    - Upstream: White Bear Center for the Arts

*Hours documentation needed from all volunteers: Oct 15th*

*Itemized categories*

Notes:

*Raingarden adoptions by groups are increasing. Congregations, Lions, employee involvement. Idea to develop this by checking businesses and organizations who are close by. Targeted outreach and awareness of local features.*

3. Upcoming projects and efforts:

**High priority and in focus:**

* + - Good Neighbor Guide: Ceci and Ed, Katherine
      * Point person needed.
      * Inquire from other watersheds: Who is asking for it – who has used it? Mail out to a broad audience? How its been dispersed?
      * Shoreview example? Fewer pages is good, highlight top points per category.
      * Project overview meeting: Fall/ November “starting” time range. Invite WAV to be on this sub-project.
    - MS4 and communications campaign support: Ceci and Ed, Gina
      * Volunteers welcome to comment and brainstorm on communications
      * Volunteers needed for taking place-based photos demonstrating watershed protection behaviors.
    - Booth and event training: Early spring, 2022
    - Raingarden tour re-do
      * Cancel Monday of the week of if need be
      * Find out what happened? Put out a line for what people think, inquire with past participants.
      * June: Broad email interest gathering
      * Map learning: People liked to pick and choose where to go
    - October/December Board meeting presentation to VLAWMO Board – update, questions, and presence
      * Check with Katherine
    - White Bear Lake Environmental Advisory Commission: WAV is invited to meet the WBL EAC - Nov 17th 6:30pm (in person or online)
      * Poll to see who’s here and who’s interested: Last week of October ask for interest and availability.
    - Tamarack Nature Center Wetland Health Assessment: Partnership with TNC volunteers and Ramsey County, macroinvertebrates (leaf packs), dragonfly monitoring, and vegetation assessment.
      * As details develop, keep WAV members updated.
      * Dragonfly monitoring interest (Ceci, Laurie)
      * Study and familiarize: Leaf Pack, send video to Laurie

**Low priority, available for volunteer investment and development:**

* + - Free little seed library (Little Free Library style)
    - Jr Watershed Explorer promo
      * 2021 Ceci dropped off at Library, Susan dispersed
      * Brainstorming locations, other volunteers dropping off at new locations, schools (VH Elementary).
      * Ongoing easy volunteer task to get prints and disperse to new locations.
    - Rainbarrel/native plant/lawncare webinar: Katherine
      * Existing materials good to go for next year.
    - Leaf Pack (x2 kits): Susan, Amy, Connie, Gary, Ceci and Ed
      * County Road F
      * Oakmede
      * Ed and Ceci need two ropes: swing by City hall this week.
    - Trash pick-ups: Internal WAV activity, target trash hotspots, VLAWMO supplies available
    - Great River Greening/sucker lake wetland restoration support: Fall, 2022
    - Chippewa Middle School Raingarden restoration?
      * Heidi Johnson? Women in Science club
    - Vadnais Heights Bridgewood Raingarden:
      * Installation Fall, 2021, sign installation and outreach spring, 2022.
      * Train VH parks commission on raingarden care, local residents invited
    - Other:
      * Vadnais field work Oct 22nd Ed, Ceci, Laurie, John

4. Recap, clarify roles and interests, 2021 Water Steward Award nominations

5. Adjourn.