



WaterFront Bulletin

Water Restoration and Protection: Headlines and Deadlines

WaterFront is a web-based bulletin featuring updates on impaired waters, watershed project funding and water restoration and protection activities underway throughout the state. *WaterFront* is published to share information with internal MPCA staff and external watershed partners.

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TMDL PROGRAM UPDATES

TMDL Development Protocols

The MPCA has developed the following draft TMDL protocols.

- Low Dissolved Oxygen
- Turbidity
- Bacteria
- Excessive Nutrients in Lakes

The purpose of the protocols is to ensure clear, technically rigorous and consistent TMDL development. MPCA has shared information about the new protocols at several events including an open house for external watershed partners, an in-house presentation for MPCA staff, and at the Lakes, Streams and Wetlands Conference. The protocols will also be an information item at the MPCA Citizens' Board meeting in March 2007. While there is no formal public notice period for the TMDL Development Protocols, comments and suggestions are encouraged, preferably by March 1. The protocols are available electronically for review on the MPCA Web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-publications.html#guidance> or in hard copy by request to Megan Pavek at (651)296-7389 or megan.pavek@pca.state.mn.us.

NEWS and EVENTS

Second Annual Lake Pepin TMDL Technical Conference

The second Annual Lake Pepin TMDL Technical Conference will be held February 7, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North, Arden Hills, Minn. The conference, titled *Streams as Sediment Sources*, will explore how geology, climate and land use in agricultural and urban areas combine to destabilize streams and generate high sediment loads. Among other topics, presentations relating to the geologic origins of sediment, trends in sedimentation,

sources of stream instability and reducing sediment loads are planned. For more information about the conference, visit the Events section of the Lake Pepin TMDL Web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-lakepepin.html>.

Minnesota Onsite Wastewater Association Convention

The Minnesota Onsite Wastewater Association will hold its annual convention February 26-28, 2007, at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center near Alexandria, Minn. The convention, titled *Meeting the Challenges: Technology, Policy, Business*, features a keynote address by Dr. Bryan Books, researcher with the Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research and Baylor Wastewater Research Program at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. More than 30 workshops will provide attendees with a variety of educational opportunities and continuing education credits. For more information, visit the Minnesota Onsite Wastewater Association Web site at www.mowa-mn.com.