



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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FUNDING UPDATE

Targeted Watershed Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will accept Targeted Watershed Grant proposals until **Tuesday, September 9, 2008**. EPA will award up to \$4.2 million to support approximately 15 to 25 outstanding proposals.

Projects must involve water quality trading or other market-based initiatives and must address reduction of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment, or other pollutant loadings that cause low oxygen levels in waters entering the Mississippi River system.

EPA will consider projects from the three main sub-basins of the Mississippi River (Ohio River, Upper Mississippi River and Lower Mississippi River). Proposals must be nominated by the Governor of the state in which the project resides.

The MPCA will assist with Governor Pawlenty's nomination process. To be considered in this process, submit proposals to David L. Johnson via email at david.l.johnson@pca.state.mn.us by **Friday, August 15, 2008**. Johnson is also available by phone at 651-296-6041.

For more information on the submittal process and requirements, visit the MPCA Web site at

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants/index.html#wqtf>

Or visit the EPA web site at

<http://epa.gov/owow/watershed/trading/TWG>

WEB DEVELOPMENTS

TMDL Project Web Pages

Each Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), or water quality study, underway in the state has an individual webpage. Each TMDL Project webpage provides a description of the waterbody, background on the impairment, the TMDL report and Implementation Plan (when applicable), supporting documents, related links and contact information. The projects are divided into three main categories depending on their status:

TMDLs Underway: the study is underway

Draft/Public Noticed TMDLs: the TMDL is in draft form and is on public notice and/or awaiting EPA approval

Approved TMDLs and Implementation Plans: the TMDL has been approved by EPA and an implementation plan has been developed

To view individual webpages, visit the TMDL Projects portion of the MPCA's Impaired Waters and TMDLs Website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/index.html>.

For more information contact Megan Pavek by phone at 651-296-7389 or via email at megan.pavek@pca.state.mn.us.

Watershed Funding Website

The MPCA recently finished a redesign of the Watershed Project Funding website. The site features links to useful information about the funding system, including fund availability, requirements and priorities.

The Watershed Project Funding System is designed to support water protection and restoration projects around the state. Information sharing among internal and external groups is critical to the success of this system. The new website helps the MPCA provide information to and gather feedback from internal staff and external partners. Please share your comments, suggestions and ideas for making this site the best it can be.

Visit the MPCA's Watershed Funding website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/watershed-funding.html>.