



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 INFORMATION

MN Federal Section 319 Grant and State Clean Water Partnership Loan Funding Available

The MPCA is currently accepting proposals for Section 319 (319) development, education and research grants, 319 implementation grants and Clean Water Partnership (CWP) loans. No CWP grants will be awarded during this funding cycle. CWP grant funds have been allocated to continuation projects.

Proposals will be accepted until September 6, 2007. There is a \$300,000 limit on 319 grant proposals, but no limit on the CWP loan requests. Successful applicants will be notified in November 2007 and asked to submit project work plans.

The Request for Proposals (RFP), the proposal form and other information about these funds are available on the MPCA Web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cwp-319.html>. For additional information, contact Sara Johnson, Section 319 grants, (651-296-8278) or Vickie Blomgren, CWP loans, (651-296-3630).

MPCA LEADERSHIP

Assistant Commissioner for Water Policy Named

MPCA Commissioner Brad Moore recently named Paul Eger to the position of MPCA Assistant Commissioner for Water Policy. Eger has extensive experience working with the MPCA, most recently with water policy issues. He previously served as an MPCA Legislative Liaison.

STORMWATER

Stormwater Web Site Updated to Include Impaired Waters

MPCA's Stormwater website contains new pages focusing on the links between stormwater and impaired waters. The site contains policy and guidance information, training modules and links to other informational sites. Development of the site will continue in the coming months. For more information, visit the MPCA Web site at

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/impairedwaters.html>.

Policy for Addressing Stormwater Waste Load Allocations in a TMDL

The MPCA recently developed a policy for addressing stormwater wasteload allocations in a TMDL. The policy outlines how to assign allocations for industrial, construction and municipal stormwater; the preferred form of wasteload allocation; accounting for future growth; and adjusting wasteload allocations after completing a TMDL. The MPCA Stormwater – TMDL policy is available on the MPCA Web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/impairedwaters.html>.

WASTEWATER

Pre-TMDL Phosphorus Trading

In response to the MN Supreme Court ruling on the Annandale/Maple Lake wastewater treatment facility, the MPCA developed Pre-TMDL Phosphorus Trading (PTPT). PTPT allows the MPCA to be protective of the environment and fulfill the requirements of the Clean Water Act while meeting the wastewater needs of communities. PTPT provides an option for new and expanding wastewater treatment facilities to receive a discharge permit prior to completion of an applicable phosphorus-related TMDL. Through PTPT, a new or expanding facility may increase its phosphorus discharge by purchasing a phosphorus reduction at another permitted facility. The MPCA documents the transfer of nutrient load, or trade, through the NPDES permitting process. PTPT will be presented to the MPCA Citizens' Board as an Information Item in August and as a Decision Item in October 2007. Additional information is available on the MPCA Web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/ptpt.html>.

EVENTS

Eco Experience at the Minnesota State Fair

The MPCA will host the second annual Eco Experience at the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 23 through Sept. 3, 2007. The Eco Experience is open each day of the fair from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Progress Center Building on the corner of Cosgrove St. and Randall Ave.

The Eco Experience is a 25,000-square-foot exhibit devoted entirely to educating visitors on ways to lessen their environmental footprint. Complete with lush rain gardens, a cutting-edge eco home and displays on renewable energy, organic products and environmental issues, the Eco Experience is the one place to stop and learn about adopting a “greener” lifestyle.

The Eco Experience is presented by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.