



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

Section 319 Development, Education and Research Grants

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for Federal Section 319 (319) Development, Education and Research Grants will be published in the State Register on August 25. Proposals will be accepted until October 10 for projects that implement specific action steps in the current state Nonpoint Source Management Program Plan. Successful applicants will be notified at the end of December. Selected projects will receive a maximum of \$300,000. Funds will become available fall 2009 following approval by U.S. EPA and appropriation by Congress.

For additional information, including the proposal form, scoring criteria and answers to frequently asked questions about the program, visit the MPCA Web site at

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cwp-319.html>

Clean Water Partnership

Clean Water Partnership (CWP) loan funds for 2009 will be used to support current projects and project continuation requests. Funds will not be available for new projects. For more information, contact Sara Johnson at (651)296-8278 or sara.johnson@pca.state.mn.us.

EVENTS

Low Impact Development Tour: August 12

The Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) will host its annual Low Impact Development Tour on Tuesday, August 12. For more information, including tour highlights and a registration form, visit the MECA Website at www.mnerosion.org or call the MECA office at (763)478-3267.

Third Annual Lake Pepin TMDL Technical Conference: September 23-24

The MPCA will host the Third Annual Lake Pepin TMDL Technical Conference Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23-24 at the Alltel Center in Mankato. The conference, entitled, *Creating a Blueprint for Restoration* will feature information on sediment and phosphorus reductions needed from upstream tributaries to meet water quality standards on the Mississippi River and in Lake Pepin. For more information, contact Norman Senjem at (507)280-3592 or norman.senjem@pca.state.mn.us.

Minnesota Invasive Species Conference 2008: October 26-29

The Minnesota Sea Grant College Program will host the Minnesota Invasive Species Conference 2008: *Acting Locally to Protect Our Legendary Lands and Waters* at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center October 26-29. For more information, visit the Invasive Species page on the Soil and Water Conservation Society Website at www.minnesotaswcs.org/Invasives.htm.