

**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.