

Joint Education and Public Outreach Committee (Joint EPOC) Meeting

January 8, 2008 – Plymouth City Hall – 8:30 AM

Those present at the meeting represented Bassett Creek WMO, Shingle Creek WMO, Elm Creek WMO and West Mississippi WMO. (Bassett Creek representatives were Richard Johnson, Margie Vigoren, Liz Thornton and Pauline Langsdorf)

Metro Blooms Rain Garden Workshops - Judie Anderson reported that Metro Blooms Rain Garden Workshops funded by the Joint EPOC will be held in Plymouth, Maple Grove, and Crystal in the spring. St. Louis Park is also sponsoring workshops in the spring. The Joint EPOC will provide cities with utility bill inserts to promote the workshops.

Joint Watershed Residential Survey – The survey funded by the joint watersheds (Bassett Creek, Shingle Creek, Elm Creek and West Mississippi WMO's) has been completed and the Joint EPOC has received the raw data. *We will make arrangements for Decision Resources Ltd. to present a summary to the Joint EPOC. The four WMO's commissioners/alternates, city staff (TAC) and our consultants as well as the local press will be invited to this presentation.* The survey budget did not include individual WMO presentations, by Decision Resources. This will be your opportunity to have survey related questions answered by the company that conducted our survey. We expect this presentation to take place sometime within the next month.

After receiving data interpretation from Decision Resources, the Joint EPOC will set our next meeting date. Survey results will provide important guidelines for our education and public outreach plans.

Articles for City Newsletters – The Joint EPOC feels that one of the best communication tools available to us is space in city newsletters. We will continue a discussion of how best to accomplish this at future meeting.

Notes by Pauline Langsdorf