

Joint Education and Public Outreach Committee

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 8:30-10:30 AM

French Regional Park Visitor Center – Plymouth

Represented at meeting: Shingle Creek WMO, Elm Creek WMO, West Mississippi WMO, Bassett Creek WMO and French Regional Park

Opinion Survey - Expect survey to begin mid-to-later October with results by the end of the year. This is the survey that is funded jointly by Bassett Creek and several other WMO's. Liz Thornton has been our representative on this subcommittee of the Joint EPOC.

Raingardens – Shingle Creek is developing a raingarden template that grant applicants can use. This template would also address maintenance of raingardens. Three Rivers Parks will explore holding a raingarden workshop at one of or more of their locations.

Metro Blooms – It was reported that Metro Blooms has a new business model which may not require as large a commitment of time and money as the one they explained to us this spring. A subcommittee was set up to meet with Metro Blooms staff to explore if their new model should be considered for further Joint EPOC discussion. Judie Anderson, Margie Vigoren and Pauline Langsdorf will meet with them on October 2nd.

Salt Workshops – Shingle Creek/West Mississippi will hold Salt Workshops in Plymouth on November 13th and in Maple Grove on November 14th. They are targeting private and institutional parking lot managers and city staff. They reported that it is difficult to find the names and addresses of the owners of the private properties they want to invite. Five cities in the Bassett Creek watershed also are partially in the Shingle Creek watershed.

Three Rivers Parks - We discussed that it would be very beneficial to the watersheds if Three Rivers Park District would develop a long term goal to educate the public on the topic – we all live in a watershed and each of us can have a negative or a positive impact on our water. The park district has facilities for classes, naturalists/instructors and public relations staff and we would like to have them include watershed/water as an area for focus. A subcommittee was set up to explore this with Three Rivers Parks. A tentative meeting date of October 16th was set for this subcommittee meeting.

Notes by Pauline Langsdorf