

The Home Stretch!



We are heading into the home stretch of your certification as Master Water Stewards. I hope you know how happy and proud all of us at Freshwater are to have had the privilege to work with you in the first year of the Master Water Steward program. I know that not all of you will make it to the event on Nov. 12, so I wanted to be sure you all hear that message from me loud and clear. A couple things for the weekend, in preparation for the celebration on Tuesday, Nov 12:

A Survey-

The supplemental funding we received from the Hennepin County Green Partners program comes with a requirement that we find out what kind of impact the program contributes to. So, we have a short survey we ask you to complete, and I need everyone to help me out on this.

If at all possible, please complete the survey by Tuesday, Nov. 12.

The survey is at this link:

<http://masterwaterstewards.org/survey/>

Please return it by Nov. 12 to Peggy Knapp at

pknapp@freshwater.org

Volunteer hours-

There have been a lot of questions about volunteer hours. So, let's try and clear those up. The hours you spent on your capstone project are not counted as volunteer hours. We do want to know how many hours you spent on the projects you did- both the installation and the education and outreach projects. Knowing how much time these capstone projects took will help us refine and describe the program in coming years.

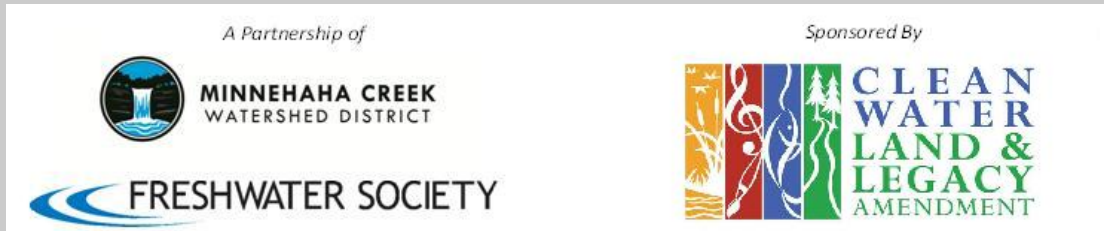
Any time you spent on anything else related to managing stormwater counts as volunteer hours. That means:

- Talking to neighbors about your project or the Stewards program
- Talking to your neighborhood or community group about stormwater
- Assisting other Stewards on their capstone projects
- Volunteering with MCWD on cleanup or community education programs
- Working with your community organizations on stormwater- churches, schools, garden clubs, or any other community group
- Presentations on stormwater at meetings, conferences, or other gatherings
- Volunteering with Metro Blooms or other any water-related outreach to groups on stormwater projects- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Wild Ones, Audubon, Izaak Walton, Dept. of Natural Resources, Great River Greening, The Well, Women's Environmental Institute, Friends of the Mississippi River, etc.

If you are working on projects, educating about stormwater, it counts as volunteer hours.

Thanks for all your hard work. I look forward to our celebration on Nov. 12!

~Peggy Knapp



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