

# Southeast Minnesota Water Quality Forum

Focus on Fecal Coliform Bacteria and Sediment

Heintz Center, Rochester, Minn.

Nov. 12, 2003

- 08:30 – 09:00            REGISTRATION
- 09:00 – 09:10            WELCOME –Terry Lee, Olmsted County (moderator) and Pete Riestler, Chair, SE Minnesota Water Resources Board
- 09:10 – 09:25            *Southeast Minnesota Streamscape* – Bob Hurt, Architectural Environments
- 09:25 – 09:45            *Governor Pawlenty’s Clean Water Initiative*  
-- Tim Scherkenbach, Executive Director,  
Governor’s Clean Water Cabinet
- 09:45 – 10:00            *Impaired Waters Restoration in Southeast Minnesota*  
– Sheryl Corrigan, Commissioner, MPCA
- 10:00 – 10:15            BREAK
- 10:15 – 11:30            Achieving Water Quality Goals through Collaborative Projects
- *Water Quality Goals, Agency & Partner Roles* – Norman Senjem, MPCA
  - *Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program* – Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
  - *A Two-Pronged Approach to Fecal Coliform Reduction* -- Bea Hoffmann, SE Minnesota Water Resources Board
  - *Residents’ Attitudes about Septic Systems, Water Quality, and Homeowner Responsibility* – Doug Malchow, University of Minnesota Extension
  - *The SE Minnesota Pilot Subwatershed Project (S. Branch Root River)* -- Donna Rasmussen, Fillmore County
- 11:30 – 12:15            Legislative Panel on water quality-related issues in the 2004 legislative session.
- Rep. Ray Cox, vice-chair, House Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee
  - Rep. Dennis Ozment, chair, House Environment & Natural Resources Finance Committee
  - Representation from the Minnesota Senate also has been invited.

- 12:15 – 1:25 LUNCH
- 1:00 – 1:25 Luncheon Address: *The Shifting Ground of Agriculture in Southeast Minnesota*  
-- Gyles Randall, University of Minnesota
- 1:30 – 2:30 Southeast Minnesota Water Quality in Three Dimensions
- *Getting Beneath the Surface of Water Quality Concerns*  
– Jeff Green, DNR Waters
  - *Stream Impairments from Fecal Coliform and Turbidity*  
-- Lee Ganske, MPCA
  - *Human Health Risks Posed by Water-Borne Pathogens*  
-- Eric Anderson, Minnesota Department of Health
- 2:30 – 3:30 Informal discussions
- 3:30 ADJOURN