

SE MN Water Quality Forum for Elected Officials

Focus on Fecal Coliform Bacteria and Sediment

Heintz Center, Rochester, Minn.

Nov. 12, 2003

- 08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION
- 09:00 – 09:10 WELCOME – Steve Morse (moderator)
- 09:10 – 09:25 Southeast Minnesota Streamscape – audio slide show
- 09:25 – 09:50 Water Quality Initiative for SE Minnesota
-- Governor Tim Pawlenty
- 09:50 – 10:00 Moving Ahead through the Clean Water Cabinet
-- Sheryl Corrigan, MPCA
- 10:00 – 10:15 BREAK
- 10:15 – 11:15 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
-- Jerry Smith, Minnesota Department of Health
- 11:15 – 12:15 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
 - The Southeast Minnesota Pilot Subwatershed Project (S. Branch Root River Watershed) -- Donna Rasmussen, Fillmore County
- 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 – 2:15 Legislative Panel – Legislators (including Environment and Agriculture chairs) discuss Southeast Minnesota water quality issues, what can be done to address them, etc.
- 2:15 – 3:30 Informal discussions, displays, poster presentations