

The NEMO Program

Making a difference with local leaders



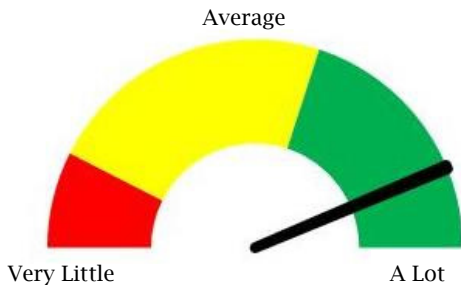
NEMO On-the-Water Workshop—Lake Minnetonka—July 2015

Highlights

- 85 local elected and appointed officials and community leaders participated with representation from 28 cities, 8 watershed districts & commissions, and 6 community organizations.

Local leaders increased their knowledge and understanding

Participants indicated the program greatly enhanced their knowledge and understanding in five areas



1. How lakes and streams work,
2. Pollutants and monitoring techniques of lakes and streams,
3. How impervious surfaces and stormwater runoff can lead to water pollution,
4. The impact of Curly-leaf pondweed and zebra mussels to clean water, and
5. The need for continued education efforts and the challenges around educating for change.



Workshops-on-the-Water provide opportunities to learn new information, acquire new skills, and network with other community leaders.



Being on the water greatly enhanced participant learning experiences and created a high educational value.

Participants take actions

Turn over to learn how



Participating cities

- Chanhassen
- Crystal
- Deephaven
- Eden Prairie
- Edina
- Excelsior
- Golden Valley
- Hopkins
- Independence
- Long Lake
- Maple Plain
- Medicine Lake
- Medina
- Minneapolis
- Minnetonka
- Minnetonka Beach
- Minnetrissa
- Mound
- Norwood Young America
- Orono
- Robbinsdale
- Spring Park
- St. Louis Park
- Tonka Bay
- Waconia
- Watertown
- Wayzata
- Woodland

Community Organizations

- Lake Minnetonka Conservation District
- West Metro Water Alliance
- Friends of Diamond Lake
- Gleason Lake Imp. District
- Lake Independence Citizen Association
- Alliance for Sustainability

Participating Watershed boards/advisory members

- Carver WMO
- Minnehaha Creek WSD
- Nine Mile Creek WSD
- Pioneer Sarah Creek WMO
- Bassett Creek Commission
- Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek WSD
- Elm Creek WMO
- Shingle Creek WMO

Local leaders who participate in NEMO programs will take action

1. Connect and work more with the local watershed districts and organizations especially in regards to education and public outreach.
2. Communicate and share the information with others following the program. Specific actions include sharing with other local leaders at upcoming meetings, lake associations, with the public through websites and electronic communication.
3. Attend more NEMO workshops.

“I will use the resources to further enhance knowledge and interfacing with other community leaders and for reaching out to and educating the public.”
NEMO Program participant

“I will make sure MIDS (MN Minimal Impact Design Standards for stormwater) are incorporated when redevelopment occurs and try to make sure more BMPs are incorporated into street reconstruction.”

NEMO Program participant



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Salt – Sand – Snow : Winter Road and Parking Lot Management

A Workshop for local leaders—October 2015

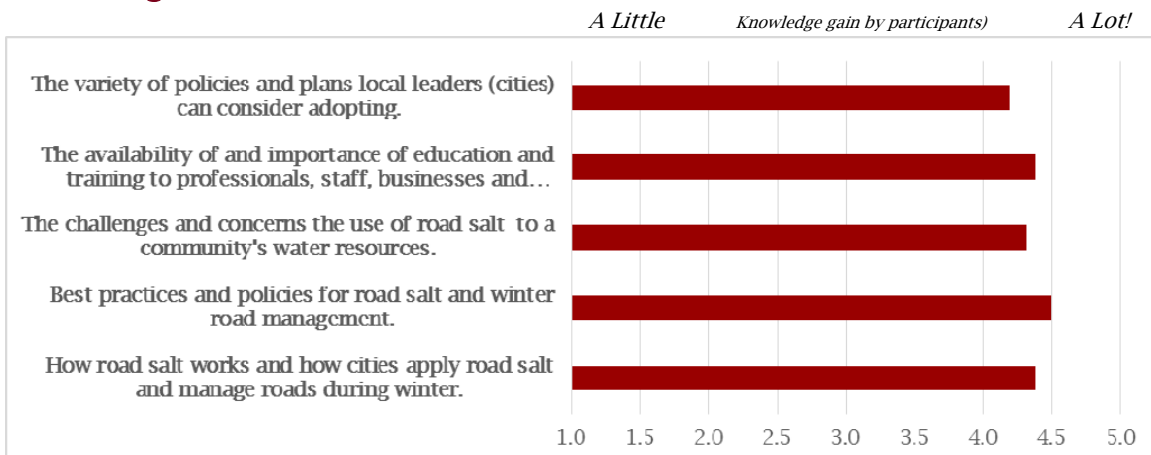
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From knowledge gain to action

Participants including 8 city council members identified very specific follow-up actions. Two themes emerged:

- Request a work session on chlorides and winter road management for the city council or planning commission.

"I'd like to put together a meeting with public works staff and MPCA staff, UMN experts and possibly other city staff. I also want to ensure that we're on record supporting the liability bill."

- Share the information and videos from the workshop with other local leaders and with the public.



NEMO workshops with hands-on learning and demonstration are effective.

- ✦ The format (demonstration & presentations) and venue (a public works facility) greatly enhanced learning enhanced the participant learning experience.



- ✦ Participants indicated a higher degree of ability to answer questions from residents, business owners, and others about how professionals and cities apply road salt and manager winter roads.

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