

Workshop-on-the-water

Building knowledge and skills of local leaders in plans, practice and policies for clean water.

July 23, 2015

5:00—9:00 pm

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop on Lake Minnetonka that provides an opportunity for elected and appointed officials and community leaders to build their knowledge and provide skills that will assist them in making informed decisions for water resource protection and restoration. Although the program occurs on Lake Minnetonka, leaders from cities in the west metro region and the participating watersheds are invited and the content will be applicable to local community lakes and streams.

A GUIDED VIEW OF LAKE MINNETONKA WILL PROVIDE THE BACKDROP FOR MULTIPLE LEARNING STATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS EXPLORING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS THIS YEAR:

- ☒ **Characteristics of our community’s lakes and streams including how they function and how they work.**
- ☒ **The current health of our lakes and streams including:**
 - what do we know,
 - how do we monitor, and
 - where local leaders can get more lake and stream specific information.
- ☒ **Threats and concerns to our community’s lakes and streams and the practices and policies leaders can use to minimize and prevent impact including:**
 - stormwater runoff, with an emphasis on impervious surface and pollutants,
 - aquatic invasive species, with highlights on *zebra mussels* and *curly lead pondweed*, and
 - apathy and lack of public knowledge in water resources accentuating the need for continued support of education and outreach efforts.

Plus provide the opportunity to network with local leaders from more than 45 west metro communities and water management staff from multiple organizations and agencies.

REGISTRATION—BY JULY 9TH

Space is limited. There is no cost for the program, however your commitment to attend is appreciated. Participant interest will exceed workshop capacity.

REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTP://Z.UMN.EDU/LAKEMINNETONKA](http://z.umn.edu/lakeminnetonka)

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Communities invited include:

Belle Plaine	Bloomington	Carver	Chanhassen	Chaska	Cologne
Crystal	Deephaven	Eden Prairie	Edina	Excelsior	Golden Valley
Greenwood	Hopkins	Independence	Laketown Township	Long Lake	Maple Plain
Mayer	Medina	Medicine Lake	Minneapolis	Minnetonka	Minnetonka Beach
Minnetrista	Mound	New Germany	New Hope	Orono	Norwood Young America
Plymouth	Richfield	Robbinsdale	Shorewood	Spring Park	St. Bonifacius
St. Louis Park	Tonka Bay	Victoria	Waconia	Watertown	Wayzata
Woodland	And leaders from Carver and Hennepin Counties and the multiple watershed districts and organizations in the west metro				

