

HC COLA Committee Report: Education

Water-related activities to share information on with your Lake Association, keep informed about and to also participate in potentially - by Sharon Natzel

1. Leech Lake One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) – comment period open until 9/8/17
 - a. Inviting all recipients of this notice to submit water management issues they feel the process and resulting plan should address and any expectations for the plan. Please submit the requested information by September 8, 2017, to: John Ringle Director, Cass County Environmental Services Department Cass County Courthouse PO Box 3000 Walker, MN 56484 218/547-7256 john.ringle@co.cass.mn.us

HC COLA suggestions to include could be: AIS, Septic Systems, Sediment Runoff, E-Coli, Stormwater, Climate Change affecting tulibee refuge lakes with warming water, winter and summer chlorides on roads, nitrates, pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, drinking water, etc. Can you think of more??

- b. A **public kick-off meeting** for the planning effort is scheduled for **Friday, September 15, 2017 from 5 to 7 pm at the Walker Community Center** to review and compile watershed data, discuss priority issues identified by stakeholders, and provide additional opportunity for the Leech Lake River Watershed One Watershed One Plan Partnership to gain feedback. **Ron Schara will be speaking & brats / beans served.** http://www.co.cass.mn.us/government/county_directory/environmental_services/leech_lake_river_one_watershed_one_plan_partnership.php
2. Rapid Response Plan by Hubbard County Released (for Aquatic Invasive Species discovery) - <http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/Hubbard%20County%20Rapid%20Response%20Plan.pdf>
 - I. On HC website is link to MN DNR referenced plan also http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/rapid-response-ais.pdf
 - II. Here is link to generic lake association rapid response plan – please get your LA RRP updated/created: http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/example_lake_association_ais_rapid_response_action_plan.pdf
 - III. ***A draft flow of steps which occurred with faucet snail listing is a handout at meeting. We will be adding to the flow with Eurasian Watermilfoil steps too.***
3. MN 25% improvement by 2025 (25x25) - Bemidji is for a town hall discussion on Sept 13, 6:30-8:30 pm. <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/25-2025-overview>
4. Minnesota 2017 Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase – Sept 13 in St. Paul – registration required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-minnesota-aquatic-invasive-species-research-and-management-showcase-tickets-35942145926>
5. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is available for the Proposed Line 3 Pipeline with comment period ending 10/2/17. HC COLA will review & comment as it has done before in the process steps. ***Chuck Diessner has prepared a Status of Line 3. Handouts will be provided at the 8/31/17 meeting.***