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Activities January-March 2009

1. Watershed Education and Outreach

- Media: Press release was sent out in March for the ZWP/Olmsted SWCD booth and nitrate testing clinic at the 2009 AgriNew Farm Show. Please clip and save if you see ZWP information in your local newspaper.
- Newsletter: No newsletters have been published in 2009. Do we want to continue with the newsletters? How often?
- Outreach: The ZWP was or will be involved in the following outreach activities:
  - Forum on Agricultural Practices in Shoreland Areas: Feb. 4, 2009
  - Rochester Area Home Builders Show: Feb. 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Energy Fair in Fillmore County: Feb. 28, 2009
  - AgriNews Farm Show: March 25-26, 2009

2. Grant, Donor and Membership Fundraising

We are still waiting for a final decision from the McKnight Foundation about grant award for 2009. However, we have received a work contract for the MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG). Monitoring for the SWAG will begin in April after the contract is finalized.

Name of Grant	Purpose	Objectives	Funding Source	Award Status	Date of Notification	Amount of Award	Grant Period
McKnight Foundation	Operational	1. Continue operations for the ZWP 2. Membership drive/outreach education	McKnight Foundation	Final proposal submitted 12/8/08	Feb-09	requested \$40,000	3/2009-2/2010
2009 Surface Water Assessment Grant - Nitrogen and Bacteria Monitoring of the Zumbro River Watershed	Monitor data for state water quality assessments	1. Monitor nitrate-N and E. coli bacteria in class 2A cold-water streams 2. Monitor nitrate-N and E. coli bacteria in 3 class 2B streams 3. Enter data into STORET	MPCA	Awarded	1/14/2009	\$25,250	4/2009-6/2011

- Memberships: See the chart below for the fundraising progress report.

**2009 Fundraising & Membership Report- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Update**

	2009 Goal	Actual to date	% of Goal
Overall Fundraising	\$12,750.00	\$2,600.00	20%
# of Paid Citizen Board Members	13	5	38%
Board Member Donations	\$750.00	\$500.00	93%
Total # of Memberships	187 members	49 members	26%
Membership Donations	\$10,000.00	\$2,090.00	21%
Benefit Events	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%

### 3. Coordination with Technical Partners and Grant Funding Agencies

- PAC meetings: No PAC meeting held this month.
- Interagency meetings:
  - a) Attended meeting with McKnight Foundation on Jan. 21
  - b) Attended Rain Garden meeting at Quarry Hill on Jan. 23
  - c) Attended Rain Barrel Program meeting on Feb. 10
  - d) Assisted with Rain Barrel construction on March 4th
  - e) Attended Home Show on March 14 & 15
  - f) Met with ECCO representative on March 17
  - g) Attended Farm Show on March 25 & 26
  - h) Co-hosted the TMDL Stakeholder Meeting on March 31
  - i) Progress continues with the rain barrel program, sponsored by the RC&D, Olmsted SWCD, ZWP and RPU. This fundraising program was launched at the Think Green Fair with a free barrel give-away drawing. Other barrels were given away at the Home Show, the Energy Fair in Fillmore County and the Farm Show. Order forms are now available, distribution in May 2009. Barrels will be sold for \$60 each.
  - j) The final TMDL stakeholder meeting was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. ZWP may be considered as possible candidates for the creation of the Turbidity TMDL Implementation Plan, with funding offered for this service.

### 4. Other information

- Committee meetings facilitated
  - a) Executive Com: Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 25
  - b) Membership/Fundraising Com: Feb. 24, March 3
  - c) Human Resources Com: Jan. 28, March 4