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Activities April-May 2009

1. Watershed Education and Outreach

- Outreach: The ZWP was or will be involved in the following outreach activities:
  - Arbor Day Celebration in Rochester: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Family Fun Night in Rochester: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Environthon at Oxbow Park in Olmsted County: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day in Wabasha County: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Lake Zumbro Area Ducks Unlimited Banquet in Mazeppa: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Breakfast on the Farm in Viola: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Zumbro River Community Festival at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

2. Grant, Donor and Membership Fundraising

- Grants: We have received \$20,000 of McKnight Foundation grant award up-front funds, with the remaining \$10,000 as a grant match. Work for the MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG) will likely be contracted to the Wabasha County SWCD for a minimum of one year. Wabasha SWCD can run the monitoring and do the reporting necessary for the grant. Monitoring for the SWAG will begin in May/June and conclude in October.

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	Awarded	Feb-09	\$30,000 (\$20K upfront)	5/2009-4/2010
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– May 14, 2009 Update**

	2009 Goal	Actual to date	% of Goal
Overall Fundraising	\$12,750.00	\$2,865.00	22%
# of Paid Citizen Board Members	13	6	46%
Board Member Donations	\$750.00	\$600.00	80%
Total # of Memberships	187 members	54 members	29%
Membership Donations	\$10,000.00	\$2,265.00	23%
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 Arbor Day planning meeting at RPU on April 14
  - b) Attended Dodge County Water Planning Advisory Committee meeting on April 15
  - c) Attended BALMM meeting in Rochester on April 15
  - d) Met with Jen Dankers (Wabasha County SWCD) in Wabasha on April 17
  - e) Met with Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD) in Goodhue on April 21
  - f) Attended Arbor Day Celebration in Rochester on April 24
  - g) Attended LCCMR grant planning meeting in Lake City on April 30
  - h) Met with Jen Dankers (Wabasha SWCD) to GPS monitoring sites on April 30
  - i) Met with Rich Biske (TNC) in Rochester to finalize LCCMR grant proposal on May 1
  - j) Assisted with the rain barrel program distribution day in Rochester on May 2
  - k) Completed GPS sites with Jen Dankers in Wabasha County on May 5
  - l) Attended Family Fun Night in Rochester on May 5
  - m) Attended the 2009 Environthon at Oxbow Park on May 6
  - n) Attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day in Wabasha County on May 11

4. Other information

- Committee meetings facilitated
  - a) Executive Com: April 28, May 6
  - b) Membership/Fundraising Com: April 20, April 29, May 6
  - c) Human Resources Com: none this month

Many thanks to the Board, members and partners of the Zumbro Watershed Partnership! I had fun working with you, and learning more “as we go” than I ever thought possible.

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