

### **Contact and Partnerships**

The WMO designates an Administrator to assist with day to day activities and coordinate Board policy. Questions regarding the Watershed Management Plan or GCLWMO activities can be directed to:

Eric Macbeth, Gun Club Lake WMO Administrator  
c/o City of Eagan  
3501 Coachman Point Road  
Eagan, Minnesota 55122  
651-675-5300

The WMO submits request for proposals to retain engineering and legal services as these needs arise. Current services are provided by:

Todd Hubmer, P.E.  
WSB and Associates Inc.  
701 Xenia Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416  
763-287-7182

Joel Jamnik, Attorney  
Campbell Knutson PA  
317 Eagandale Office Center  
1380 Corporate Center Curve  
Eagan, Minnesota 55121  
651-452-5000

The WMO has partnered with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District to provide technical services. These services include various administrative, education, outreach, and project implementation tasks. Information about these services can be directed to:

Brian Watson, Manager  
Dakota County SWCD  
4100 220<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 102  
Farmington, Minnesota 55024  
651-480-7777



## **2010 Newsletter**

### **Introduction to the Gun Club Lake Watershed Management Organization**

The Gun Club Lake Watershed Management Organization (WMO) is an established Joint Powers Organization formed to meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act Chapter 509, Laws of 1982; Minnesota Statutes 473.875-473.883 (subsequently recodified to 103B.201 to 103B.255). The Gun Club Lake Watershed comprises 21,120 acres (33 square miles), and includes most of the City of Eagan and small portions of the Cities of Inver Grove Heights and Mendota Heights that are part of the Minnesota River Watershed.

### **Watershed Management Organization Principles**

The fundamental premise behind the Watershed Management Statute is that rainfall and storm water runoff has no regard for governmental boundaries. Rain that falls in one community may run through another city or county causing flooding, erosion, or the degradation of water quality downstream. The watershed approach is especially appropriate where there is a feature like a river, stream or chain of lakes that cross governmental boundaries. Watershed Management Organizations were established to provide for consistent management of water resources within a watershed and to provide a vehicle for intercommunity projects. The WMO guiding principles also apply to the monitoring, evaluation, and protection of the quality and quantity of storm water runoff, groundwater, fish and wildlife habitat, as well as serving as an education resource in these matters.

### **History of the WMO**

A Joint Powers Agreement established the WMO in 1986. The State requires, among other things, the preparation of Watershed Management Plans by watershed organizations in the 7-County Metropolitan area. The Watershed Management Plan describes policies and actions that provide guidance to the WMO and cities in the watershed. Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the governing body that has final approval authority for Watershed Management Organization plans. BWSR formally approved the most recent WMO Water Management Plan in 2007. Each city in the watershed has, as a minimum, a Storm Water Management Plan that conforms with the WMO Watershed Management Plan.

### **WMO Purpose**

It is the mission of the GLWMO to enhance the ability of member communities to:

- Protect, preserve, and use natural surface water and groundwater storage and retention systems;
- Minimize public expenditures needed to correct flooding and water quality problems;
- Identify and plan for means to effectively protect and improve surface water and groundwater quality;
- Establish more uniform local policies and official controls for surface water and ground water management;
- Prevent erosion of soil into surface water systems;
- Promote groundwater recharge;
- Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities; and
- Secure the other benefits associated with the proper management of surface water and groundwater

### **Board of Managers**

The GCLWMO Board consists of five managers appointed by their representative municipalities. Municipalities may also designate by appointment an alternate if necessitated by the absence of its respective manager. Meetings are scheduled on an annual basis and are held at the Moonshine Park Retreat Center located at 1317 Jurdy Road in Eagan. The public is invited to attend GCLWMO Board meetings. For specific meeting times and locations, contact your Board of Managers representative. Advisory committees are appointed as needed.

Current CGLWMO Board Members are:

Jerry Engelke	Eagan	651-454-5662
Jeff Sluiter	Eagan	952-913-2692
Wayne Sames	Eagan	651-452-7845
Gary Johnson	Inver Grove Heights	651-450-5939
Larry Craighead	Mendota Heights	651-454-4348

Current GCLWMO Board Alternates are:

Douglas Kniech	Eagan	651-686-5197
Allan Cederberg	Inver Grove Heights	651-451-2283

### **Funding**

The general operating costs of the WMO is funded by cities within the watershed based on land area.

In addition to the funding provided by member communities, the WMO pursues funding from State grant opportunities and Dakota County. These funding sources are for special projects to implement activities identified in the Watershed Management Plan or for pursuit of new opportunities.

### **Activities Completed in 2009**

Wetland Buffer Review in Member City Parks

Student Lake Water Quality Lake Monitoring Project

Review of Local Surface Water Management Plans and actions to ensure compliance with WMO Plan

Through an executed joint powers agreement with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District the following services were provided:

- Conducted three water quality education workshops for landowners
- Provided cost share funds for installation of six raingardens
- Provided cost share funds for installation of four native plantings

### **Projects and Activities Anticipated for 2010**

Execute grant agreement with State for implementation of the Schwanz Lake Runoff Reduction Project

Develop process for project implementation within the Schwanz Lake

Evaluate appropriateness of conducting sub watershed assessments within WMO boundary

Through and executed joint powers agreement with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District provides the following:

- Hold three water quality education workshops for landowners
- Assist with funding three to five water quality improvement projects

### **Volunteers**

The WMO may have tasks identified on an annual basis that local volunteers or organizational groups can assist with. Activities may include water monitoring, vegetative management, seeding or planting, or general maintenance of water quality practices. If you are interested in assisting the WMO, please contact the Administrator listed under Contacts.

### **Installed Raingarden**



### **More Information**

The WMO Plans are on file at local libraries, and at each of the member cities where they can be viewed during normal business hours. These documents are also available on the web at:

<http://www.dakotacountyswcd.org/watersheds/gunclubwmo/index>