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and improving our  
lakes & rivers

# The Confluence



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## Aquatic Plant Management Panel Featured at Upcoming Metro Summit

The Metro Summit is an opportunity for citizens interested in lake and river preservation to come together for an evening of dining, networking and learning. This year, leaders from lake and river groups, as well as individuals interested in becoming more involved, are invited from throughout the seven county metro-area. The summit features a keynote panel presentation on aquatic invasive species (AIS) management with representatives from several sectors: Steve McComas of Blue Water Science (aka the Lake Detective), Chip Welling from the Invasive Species Program at the Minnesota DNR, Dr. Udai Singh, water quality specialist from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and Mike Shouldice, president of the Schutz lake Association. Each offer their unique perspective on the challenges associated with AIS management and tips to point you in the right direction.

There will also be two breakout sessions featured for attendees to choose from: Protecting Our Lakes and Rivers from Salt presented by Carolyn Dindorf of Fortin Consulting, and Shoreline Management for Healthy Lakes presented by John Hiebert of the Minnesota DNR. In addition, there will be time for folks to mingle and network with other groups including during a round of the watershed game - a dynamic activity that focuses on watersheds and water health.

Cost: \$13 (dinner provided)

For more information or to register, please contact Alex at 218-251-1462 or [alexg@minnesotawaters.org](mailto:alexg@minnesotawaters.org) with your name, lake or river

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group name, and your email (for confirmation).

## Marian Bender to appear on Lakeland Currents on October 28th

Minnesota Waters' Executive Director Marian Bender will appear on "Lakeland Currents," a regional television program, on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:30 pm. "Lakeland Currents" is Lakeland Public Television's public affairs program based out of Brainerd. This production, hosted by Ray Gildow, gives viewers a chance to learn, and interact with others, about common issues being debated and events taking place throughout the region. Bender will discuss the citizen role in Minnesota's water issues, and current challenges facing our lakes and rivers.

Lakeland Currents is broadcast on Lakeland Public Television stations in central and northern MN, and the program will be viewable on the [station's website](#) after the broadcast.

Your gift to Minnesota Waters on Give to the Max Day could be worth \$1,000!

The generosity of Minnesotans broke America's online giving record last year...help us do it again!



### To participate:

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, visit [www.GiveMN.org](http://www.GiveMN.org)

Make gifts to your favorite non-profit organizations (like Minnesota Waters!)

You may be one of the lucky donors randomly chosen every hour to receive \$1,000 to give to your favorite non-profit...Good luck!

### What is GiveMN?

GiveMN.org is a smart way for you to discover, support and engage with the charities that are right for you. The online giving platform allows donors to find and support organizations that match their philanthropic goals and easily keep track of their donations all in a single online location.

- Communicate with a network of volunteers using our website, newsletter, and e-newsletter
- Offer follow-up support to citizen volunteer monitors
- Complete an effective SWAG application by providing:
  - Project details
  - Monitoring methods
  - Water monitoring training details
  - Quality Assurance and Quality Control procedures
  - Training Workshop Evaluation Reports
  - Budget details for a volunteer monitoring program

[2011 Lakes and Rivers Conference](#)

## Other Events

[8th Annual Lake Friendly Development Awards](#)

[Duluth Stormwater Conference](#)

[Candidates' Forum on Environmental Issues-Brainerd](#)

[Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society 2011 Conference](#)

[Red River Basin Land and Water Summit](#)

## Other Water Resource News

[Biology and Control of Aquatic Plants Handbook Available](#)

[Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story, now available on DVD](#)

[Clearinghouse for Information on Lakeshore Protection and Restoration](#)

[Score Your Shore-Now Online!](#)

## Funding Opportunities

[Support & Funding Available for Stearns County Landowners](#)

[MPCA Lake and River Monitoring Grants](#)

[Become a Member](#)

Costs for these services are allowable under the SWAG proposal. Our training materials and format were developed for, and approved by, the MPCA, and we have trained hundreds of volunteer water quality monitors over the past few years. Training participants receive a detailed manual that is customized for their lake or stream, and get hands-on training on how to properly collect samples. Our training program is continually improved by collecting participant evaluations.

If you are putting together a SWAG application or similar type of water quality grant proposal, and need help planning for a volunteer monitoring program, talk to Minnesota Waters' staff about getting the targeted help you need. For more information, please contact Courtney Kowalczyk at [courtneyk@minnesotawaters.org](mailto:courtneyk@minnesotawaters.org) or 218-343-2180.

## 2011 Lakes and Rivers Survey Results

Thank you very much to the more than 400 people who took our survey. Your responses will help us provide better educational options for you at our next statewide conference, April 28-29, 2011 in St. Cloud. We greatly appreciate your time and feedback.

Congratulations to the winners of the **FREE conference registration** (a \$165 value!):

Curt Forst  
Mike Anderson  
Peter Gove  
Carrie Zakrajshek  
Steffanie Musich

seal windows, unplug appliances, and winterize any plumbing that won't be in use during the winter. See the MPCA website for [more tips on winterizing your cabin](#) and for more tips on saving energy and living more sustainably, visit the MPCA Web site at [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us).

## Minnesota Waters Closed Thanksgiving Week

Please note that all MN Waters offices will be closed during the week of November 22-26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday and cost-savings furlough.

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