

2015 Clean Water Summit



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA | EXTENSION



Minnesota Landscape
ARBORETUM



165 PARTICIPANTS



85% STRONGLY
AGREED OR AGREED
THAT THE SUMMIT
INCREASED THEIR
KNOWLEDGE



74% INDICATED
PIGEONHOLE
GREATLY ENHANCED
THE Q & A SESSION.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The CWS explored the role green infrastructure plays in protecting and recharging groundwater, including current research, regional trends, the latest in technologies, and both policy and planning efforts that focus on reconnecting our landscapes to our groundwater systems below.

PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

- The History of Hydrology and Green Infrastructure in the Land of 10,000 Lakes
- Groundwater Basics: Myths and Truths!
- Green Infrastructure - Pollution Prevention or Pollution Problem?
- Enhanced Recharge, Groundwater and Sustainability
- Policy Panel - Green Infrastructure and Groundwater Use and Supply



12
EXPERT
PRESENTERS

**Presentations from the Summit can be found at
www.arboretum.umn.edu/2015CleanWaterSummit.aspx**



THE SUMMIT PROVIDED AN EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

- The majority of participants indicated the various presentations fit within the Summit and that the speakers were competent and clearly communicated their subject matter.
- Participants found the panel presentation and discussion useful, effective, and increased their understanding of the various state agency roles in surface and groundwater management.

THE SUMMIT HAS INSPIRED ACTION

Three themes that emerged from participant evaluation

- ☒ **Reduce chloride use**—through education & advocacy
- ☒ **Increase the use of pervious pavement technologies**—through demonstrations, cost-share, & campaigning
- ☒ **Adjust compost use** in green infrastructure practices



Sponsors

- * Capitol Region Watershed District
- * Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
- * Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- * Barr Engineering Company
- * Erosion and Stormwater Certification Program, University of Minnesota
- * Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association
- * Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
- * Plaisted Companies
- * Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District
- * University of Minnesota Extension



Pigeonhole live audience interaction a huge success !

231 total participants over the three Pigeonhole sessions

More questions got asked — more questions got answered

⇒ **95 questions submitted for the presenters**

⇒ **49 questions were answered during Q & A - amazing!**

69% of the users indicated Pigeonhole was an awesome way to engage.

"This was a great addition. It should become the norm."

56% felt Pigeonhole kept the discussions on track and kept the questions focused and succinct (56%)

All the questions along with some of the answers submitted by presenters can be found on the Clean Water Summit website.