



The Watershed Game – Training the Trainer Workshop

Learn to use the new Classroom Version for youth and the Stream, Lake, and River Versions for local leaders.

July 20 & 21, 2017

**Participants select one day to attend*

9:30 – 5:00 pm

North Suburban Library, 6340 N 2nd St, Loves Park, IL 61111

Who should attend?

For League of Women Voter members and Rotary Club members from Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, representatives of land trusts, Extension and Sea Grant staff, and teachers and other informal science educators from the surrounding area.

About the Watershed Game

The Watershed Game is an interactive tool that helps individuals understand the connection between land use and water quality. Participants learn how a variety of land uses impact water and natural resources, increase their knowledge of best management practices (BMPs), and learn how their choices can prevent adverse impacts. Participants apply plans, practices, and policies that help them achieve a water quality goal for a stream, lake, or river.

The Watershed Game is available in four versions. The Stream, Lake, and River Versions for Local Leaders are used with elected and appointed officials, community leaders, business leaders, and citizens and a Classroom Version for use with middle to high school youth audiences. The Watershed Game is a curriculum and resource developed and published by the University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program and University of Minnesota Extension.

The training will feature:

- ✓ A showcase and demonstrations of the various versions of the WSG (Classroom Version and Stream, Lake, and River Versions for Local Leaders).
- ✓ Exercises where participants role-play and lead practice use.
- ✓ Discussions and presentations with game facilitators.
- ✓ Creating teams of League Members to implement the WSG in communities.



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Objectives of the Train-the-trainer workshop

- ✓ Participants will leave prepared and more confident to organize, facilitate, and use the Watershed Game (WSG) with a variety of audiences including with residents, local community leaders and youth.
- ✓ Participants will increase their knowledge and understanding of core water literacy concepts.
- ✓ Participants will be more enabled to engage and bring together citizens, business owners, and other community members often with differing opinions about water resources.
- ✓ Participants will increase their skills at developing and communicating learning objectives to target audiences and to use the WSG to teach to those objectives.
- ✓ Increase knowledge and understanding of local, regional, and national impacts of our actions and decisions to water resources.
- ✓ University of Minnesota faculty will share successful strategies and experiences with the WSG including best game facilitation practices and practices to avoid.
- ✓ Participants will be able to share their successful strategies with one another in a peer-to-peer atmosphere and begin to create a team of watershed education cohorts.

Expect an interactive experience!

The Watershed Game is best learned by using it, so participants will actively take part and lead the different versions of the Game throughout the day. Discussions between peers will provide valuable insight. Workshop instructors will also provide information about the history, intended audiences, settings, preparation work needed prior to use, and how to get your own copy.

For more information about the Watershed Game, review the information guide attached and see more at northlandnemo.org/watershedgame.html

For more information about this training, contact:

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\$20 per person*

Register today at z.umn.edu/lovespark

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