Inspiring Community Action for Stormwater Management

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Stormwater management requires not only technical solutions... …but also the commitment and action of people, including residents and policy makers
Objectives

1. Assess the capacity of municipalities to engage their communities in stormwater management

2. Examine what motivates residents to engage in stormwater issues

3. Explore the roles of community organizations and local government units in stormwater management
Study Sites

- St. Cloud
- Duluth
- Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Area
Activity I (Jan - Aug 2019)
• Online survey of local government unit staff

Activity II (March-November 2019)
• Mail survey of residents

Activity III (March-Aug 2019)
• Onsite survey with racially and ethnically diverse community members

Activity IV (Oct 2019-March 2020)
• Focus groups with community based organizations and LGU staff

Activity V (Sept 2019-May 2020)
• Analysis and reporting

Identify capacities and needs for community engagement from a resource professional’s perspective
Inform programs for increasing community action around stormwater management
Create a comprehensive, social-science based framework of drivers and constraints to stormwater management
Provide information about the role community-based orgs and local gov. officials can play in promoting community action around stormwater management
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Project Status

1. Developed draft survey to be administered online with LGUs

2. Developed onsite survey - racially/ethnically diverse residents
   Developed mail survey – residents in St. Cloud and Duluth

3. Developed partnerships with local organizations