TEMPLATE ARTICLE- WI STORMWATER WEEK (FOR MAMSWAP COMMUNITIES)

WI Stormwater Week Returns Sept. 21st -29th, 2024

September 21th-29th is Wisconsin Stormwater Week. During this week dedicated to all things stormwater, (Name of municipality/organization) is partnering with municipalities and organizations across Dane County and Wisconsin to help raise awareness about stormwater, what it is, the problems it can cause and actions people can take to prevent stormwater pollution to our waters.

Our actions on land have a huge impact on our local lakes, rivers, and streams; it's all connected. Rain and snowmelt that runs off rooftops, lawns, and pavement travels through storm drains and ditches into our waterways carrying trash, chemicals, soil, pet waste, leaves and other debris with it. These pollutants can cause algae blooms, low oxygen levels, harm wildlife and make it difficult to enjoy our local waters.

ADD QUOTE OR INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIONS/PROJECTS YOUR MUNICIPALITY/ORGANIZATION IS INVOLVED WITH TO REDUCE STORMWATER POLLLUTION.

Unfortunately, we can't curb stormwater pollution on our own, it's a community problem that requires a community solution. We need your help. Learn about local programs and resources that are available to help residents take actions to reduce stormwater pollution. Join a statewide webinar or participate in one of the local events planned for WI Stormwater Week.

Local Events:

Sept. 23rd 9:30-11am- Lil' Explorers Stormwater Adventure Program for preschoolers (ages 3-5)@ Lussier Family Heritage Center- (Free, 10 spots available-registration required)

Sept. 24th, 5-7pm- Plant Kit Sale and Native Gardening Workshop- Learn all about native gardening at learning stations and pick up a pre-ordered downspout or pollinator garden kit to plant. (Tickets required, Cost: \$23- 16-plant pollinator kit, \$46- 32-plant downspout garden kit, and \$30- garden design session and 16-plant kit). Tickets include entry to event. Tickets or garden kits will not be available to purchase the day of the event.

Sept. 26th, 8am-12pm- <u>Smart Salting Workshop and Equipment Open House (parking lots and sidewalks)</u> @ Madison Metro. Sewerage District- (Free, registration required)

Sept. 29th, 5pm- <u>Tales from Planet Earth-Waubesa Wetlands Film Screening</u> @ Lussier Family Heritage Center (Free, registration required)

Free Webinars (Registration Required):

Sept. 24th, **12pm** - A Salty Situation (Laura Herrick with Southwest Regional Planning Commission and Allison Madison with WI Salt Wise)

Sept. 25th, 5:30pm- Pond Problems, Solutions and Reporting (Root-Pike WIN and WI Dept. of Natural Resources)

Sept. 26th, 12pm- Is Stormwater Treated? (Megan Hogfeldt with City of Superior and Cari Roper with Milwaukee Metro. Sewerage District)

Learn more or register for events/webinars at: <u>https://ripple-effects.com/WI-stormwater-week</u>