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**MISSISSIPPI  
WATERSHED  
MANAGEMENT  
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## STEWARDSHIP FUND PROGRAM

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### GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR WATER QUALITY PROJECTS

#### Pass It On!

Water pollution comes from many different sources, including our everyday activities. How we care for our yards and grounds, wash and maintain our cars, and even dispose of pet waste can contribute to water pollution in the Mississippi River. The hard surfaces of our driveways, sidewalks, and pathways increase the amount of stormwater entering the stormdrains. There are many choices we can make to reduce these harmful impacts on water quality.

Become a partner organization with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) by applying for a Stewardship Fund grant to work together to improve water quality in the MWMO. The MWMO includes parts of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, the City of Saint Anthony Village, and Lauderdale.

Projects funded through the Stewardship Fund Program should achieve the following:

- 1) **Improve water quality or improve water and natural resource management**
- 2) **Build community understanding, knowledge, and initiative related to water and natural resource issues and solutions**

#### **\$250,000 is available through three types of grants**

**Mini Grants** up to \$2,000 – February 1, June 1, and October 1 cycles each year

**Planning Grants** up to \$10,000 – February 1 annual cycle

**Action Grants** up to \$50,000 – October 1 annual cycle

Nonprofit organizations, officially recognized neighborhood groups, schools, local units of government, and business and professional associations are eligible to apply. *Individuals, home owners associations and condominium associations, and private businesses may partner with eligible applicants in order to apply.*

#### **Letters of Interest for Mini and Planning Grants due Wednesday, February 1, 2012 by 3:00 pm**

For information about the application process, visit [www.mwmo.org/stewardshipfund.html](http://www.mwmo.org/stewardshipfund.html)

Attend a **Stewardship Fund Program Information Session** at the MWMO's new office (note address above).

**Wednesday, January 18, 3-4 pm**

**For more information** contact Erica Sniegowski, Education and Outreach Specialist, at [esniegowski@mwmo.org](mailto:esniegowski@mwmo.org), or (612) 465-8780, ext. 206