

Announcing the first Watershed Association Initiative workshop: **“Understanding and Influencing Local Governments for Water Protection”**

WHO: Members of citizen-led lake and creek groups throughout the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD)

DATE: Wednesday May 21

LOCATION: Eisenhower Community Center, Rm 215E, 1001 State Hwy 7, Hopkins, MN 55305

TIME: 6:00 – 8:30PM

A **light dinner** will be provided.

Cost to attend: \$10.00 /per person – pay at the door

FREE for citizen-led lake, stream or watershed associations/committees/orgs with three or more members in attendance!

Registration Deadline: Tues, May 13

The workshop will equip citizens to:

- understand the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies and elected officials making decisions that impact your local waters
- identify which decision-maker you need to influence in order to advance your group’s priority lake, creek or watershed issues
- examine different tactics for influencing key decision-makers
- develop strategies to engage your communities to more effectively influence key decision-makers

Featuring expert presenters, the workshop will be educational, insightful, and interactive.

Workshops attendees will have the opportunity to learn from the following water resource experts:

- Ken Bradley: Executive Director, [Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota](#)
- Julie Klocker: Assistant Director, [MN Board of Water and Soil Resources](#), [Minnesota Waters](#) Board Chair
- Daniel Huff: [Minnesota Waters](#) Board Member
- Mike Shouldice: President, Schutz Lake Association (Victoria)

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Registration is limited! **Bring as many members of your lake, stream, or watershed group as possible to the workshop in order to plan as a team.** Workshop spots will likely fill fast, so register today!

For more information about the Understanding and Influencing Local Governments workshop and future workshops visit: www.minnehahacreek.org/citizeninvolvement.php or contact Leah Peterson at leahp@minnesotawaters.org

To register for this workshop, email the following information to leahp@minnesotawaters.org

1. Your Name:
2. Your Association/Group:
3. Your address:
4. Your phone number:
5. Special Dietary needs:

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