



BECOME A SUPERIOR STREAMS PARTNER -- PLEDGE FORM

Superior Streams Partner Program – Participant Pledge

To restore and protect Lake Superior and our local streams and lakes, we pledge to partner with the Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) to take action in a manner that fits our needs and situation to keep pollutants out of stormwater runoff and to minimize the quantity of runoff from our property.

We understand that stormwater runoff from developed properties is a leading source of pollutants that can impair our waters, and that increased runoff rates can lead to erosion. Even natural materials like sand, soil and leaves can foul the water. Therefore, we plan to take the following actions to help the RSPT reduce stormwater pollution at the source. We will also encourage our employees, students, or organization members to increase their awareness and to make changes that will reduce stormwater pollution.

Actions we will take: *(See list on reverse side for ideas):*

New Superior Streams Partner signature: -----

New Superior Streams Partner (Print name): -----

Date: -----

Preferred method(s) of communication: -----

(Please keep a copy of this pledge form for your records and send one copy to RSPT.)

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO YOUR WATER

www.lakesuperiorstreams.org/stormwater/rspt.html

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WE ARE ALL PART OF THE SOLUTION

The following are some action ideas that will help keep our streams and Lake Superior clean by reducing stormwater pollution. These are just suggestions – you may think of others that are a better fit for you. Visit www.lakesuperiorstreams.org to find out more about how streams work and the effects and costs of stormwater runoff. Check out the **CITIZEN** and **STORMWATER Site Design Toolkit** sections for suggestions and details on how you can help maintain the quality of our streams, lakes and Lake Superior.

At your Building:

- Regularly clean parking lots and never sweep sand, salt or leaves into the street
- If you use a leaf blower be sure to blow debris back onto vegetated areas or bag it for trash removal rather than onto a street or other hard surface
- Properly dispose of paints and other chemicals
- Minimize or eliminate use of lawn fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides
- Replace unnecessary lawn with natural plantings
- Plant trees, trees and more trees
- Do not wash cars in paved parking areas that drain directly to stormwater
- Install rain barrels
- Reduce runoff from impervious (hard) surfaces on your property
- Plant rain gardens, vegetated swales, wet ponds or other systems that keep more rain on-site and filter out pollutants
- If you will be constructing a new building or parking area, learn early on about design alternatives that can minimize stormwater impacts
- Pick up litter regularly
- Securely store garbage

In the Community:

- Educate your employees, members, and/or customers about stormwater and how to keep it clean; this could include placing an educational display in your lobby, hosting a speaker, or other actions
- Help sponsor the award-winning www.lakesuperiorstreams.org web site
- Do a storm drain marking project
- Help RSPT continue to air TV and radio ads
- Participate in MnDNR's "Adopt-a-Stream" program

Really Big Things:

- Help us create new displays at the Great Lakes Aquarium, Lake Superior Zoo, shopping malls etc. to educate the public about stormwater
- Help sponsor 2009 Watershed Festival