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### City of Mora Stormwater Assessment

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# **Topics to Cover**

- ▲ Water Quality why do we care?
- ▲ City Stormwater where does it go?
- Overview of City Stormwater Assessment Project
- Final Thoughts



# **Pollutants in Stormwater**

- Primary Pollutants in urban areas
  - Sediment\*\*
  - A Phosphorus\*\*\*
  - 🔺 Nitrogen
  - 🔺 Bacteria
  - Chloride
- Water Quality Standards
  - Streams
  - 🔺 Lakes
  - ▲ <u>T</u>otal <u>M</u>aximum <u>D</u>aily <u>L</u>oad





### Where Does your Stormwater Go?



## Where Does it Eventually Go?

#### Mora Lake

- Not yet impaired
- Recent monitoring indicated high P levels

#### Snake & St. Croix Rivers

- No Impairments
- National Scenic Riverway
- Protect water quality

#### Cross Lake & Lake St. Croix

- Impaired for nutrients (P)
- TMDLs completed
- Cross: 1,100 lbs/yr reduction
- Lake St. Croix: 76,000 lbs/yr reduction



### City of Mora Stormwater Assessment Project

#### Purpose:

"To identify several stormwater best management practices (BMPs) for the City of Mora to help improve water quality in Mora Lake and downstream waterbodies"

#### Recent Montioring:

- Mora Lake (2013-2015)
- Outfalls to Snake River (2013-2015)

#### Primary Pollutants of Concern:

- Sediment
- A Phosphorus

#### ▲ <u>Tools:</u>

- Urban stormwater model (P8)
- Lake model for Mora Lake (BATHTUB)



# **Types of Stormwater BMPs**

#### Catch Basin Sumps and **Sediment Traps**





Water & Light Sediment -OUT

#### **Stormwater Ponds**





# **Types of Stormwater BMPs**

#### **Infiltration Basins (Rain Gardens)**





#### **Filtration Practices**





# **Types of Stormwater BMPs**

#### **Underground Systems**





### **City of Mora Current Conditions**



### **Proposed BMPs**



- BMP rankings: Cost/lb reduction

### Library Park Underground Infiltration/Filtration BMP



- Sediment reduction: 5,700 lbs/yr
- Phosphorus reduction: 38 lbs/yr
- Cost: \$500K +
- Note: Very good cost benefit



### **County Fairground Raingardens**



- Sediment reduction: 900 lbs/yr
- Phosphorus reduction:
  6 lbs/yr
- 🔺 Cost: \$60K
- Note: Moderate cost benefit

### Riverside Street Neighborhood Raingardens



- Sediment reduction: 400 lbs/yr
- Phosphorus reduction:
  3 lbs/yr
- ▲ Cost: \$30K
- Note: Moderate cost benefit



# **Final Thoughts**

- 19 Potential Stormwater BMPs Identified
  - 70,000 lbs/yr sediment reduction
  - ▲ 380 lbs/yr phosphorus reduction
- ▲ Future BMP planning Next Steps
  - ▲ Determine BMP feasibility
  - Prioritize
  - Incorporate into road reconstruction, park planning, other CIPs
  - Funding sources: CWF grants (state), 319 grants (federal)
  - Partnerships: SWCD, County, Snake River Watershed Management Board



# **Questions?**

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