



# Southeast Regional Landscape Committee

August 18, 2003 - 9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Plainview Public Library

## Meeting Summary

**Attendees:** Ann Pierce, Bill Bruins, Carol Jacobs, Charles Schmitt, Doug Rau, Jim Heaser, Larry Gates, Tom McMillin, and Roger Steinberg  
**Staff:** Chad Skally

### Meeting Action Items

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• Contact other places to let them know about the plan.	Group	11/13/03
• Write letter to the State Forester supporting PFM in Southeast MN.	Chad	10/15/03
• Create a media packet that people can use when setting up an event.	Chad	11/13/03
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9:30 to 10:15

### Introductions / Current Activities

Group

#### Discussion:

- Everyone went around and gave a summary of activities:
  - Jim Heaser: Attended annual MFA meeting, which showed prairie seeding and low impact machines; September 10<sup>th</sup> Terry Helbig will be giving a chainsaw class; talked about the land stewardship project.
  - Carol Jacobs: Also attended MFA meeting and said it was good; mentioned the Vital Forest/Vital Community workshop, which is September 9-10; also the Goods from the Woods conference which is September 27-28.
  - Charles Schmitt: talked about the MLEP training and that there is going to be a GPS class this fall; the yearly northwoods expo was well attended and in the future it would be good to have a booth there.
  - Tom McMillin: went to the Menominee Forest and thought it was a great example of forest management.
  - Larry Gates: mentioned that the CREP program received funding; he also mentioned that there is a group looking at cold water resources in Southeast Minnesota.
  - Doug Rau: discussed the high amount of federal funding towards fire which may impact/delay other federal money that goes to Division of Forestry programs.

- Roger Steinberg: as of July 1 he is retired but still wants to participate with the group, and is looking for an extension person to also participate.
- Ann Pierce: talked about USFWS grants that are going toward prairie restoration (in the North/North West part of the state), rattlesnake habitat (in the SE), and woodland/blufflands (in the SE); she is in charge of the woodland one and is looking for opportunities to help identify priority areas for easements.

10:15 to 11:30	<b>Landscape Plan Outreach</b>	Group
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Each member of the group discussed where they had presented the Southeast Landscape Plan. Here is a list of places the plan has been presented to (and comments received):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Forest Resources Council (looks good), Whitewater Joint Powers (keep doing what you're doing), Land Stewardship Project (looks good), Hiawatha Coop, some small conservation organizations, several Wabasha county land commissioners, extension.</li> </ul> <p>Suggestions for other places we can present to include: MLEP, BALMM, PFM foresters, RC&amp;D, Future Farmers of America, birding festivals, TNC, horse logger association, county commissioners, and timber producers in the region.</p> </li> <li>● It was mentioned that since private land forest management is such an important part of the plan that we draft a letter to the Division of Forestry Director saying we support increased DNR PFM assistance in the region (and cc the commissioner and governor).</li> <li>● There was also some discussion on making this program along with other SE events more solid by offering continuing education credits. Any forestry related events and meetings can get SAF credits.</li> </ul>		
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12:00 to 3:25	<b>Landscape Strategies</b>	Group
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outreach:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Audiences: 1) private landowners (many are over 60) 2) loggers and foresters 3) local units of government (township boards, county planning offices).</li> <li>○ Places to advertise: libraries, local stores, churches, mailings to landowners (FSA, SWCD, and REA mailing), mailings to people with completed stewardship plans, new landowners, newspapers (agri-news, winona post, red wing, post bulletin).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Monitoring:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should be an influential part of the Planning Cycle (Develop Plan then Outreach/Education then Develop Programs then Site-Level Implementation then Monitor then revisit Plan and start cycle again).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

- Forest Legacy:
  - Look into activating the Wabasha Blufflands candidate forest legacy area.

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**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at the Plainview Community center (which is the building behind the library), November 13, 2003 from 9:30-3:30.

We will continue our discussions on forest legacy activation, outreach mechanisms, and methods to work with loggers to have them recommend landowners get Stewardship Plans prepared.