

HARVEST ROOM B/C: Breakout Sessions

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

VALUE-ADDED ENHANCEMENTS TO PROTECT AND RESTORE WATER RESOURCES

MODERATOR – JOE MULCAHY/ KAREN JENSEN

Phil Belfiori, Rice Creek Watershed District

Phil Belfiori is the Administrator for the Rice Creek Watershed District which is a 186 square mile watershed district that includes all or part of 28 cities and 4 counties in the north metro area. As District Administrator, Phil provides managerial support to the District Board on all aspects of District operations, programs, and regulations including adhering to various federal and state laws governing the watershed district as a special purpose local unit of government in Minnesota. He also supervises district staff so that the policies, projects, and procedures are effectively carried out. Phil has more than 23 years of experience in the field of water resource management at the watershed, municipal, county, regional, and statewide levels.

Laura Jester, Bassett Creek WMC

Laura Jester has been the administrator for the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission for nearly four years. Since the Commission has no actual employees, she works under a consulting contract. Laura's previous employment includes 15 years working with watershed organizations and leading water quality improvement programs with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District. Laura has undergrad and graduate degrees in water resources from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

Paul Moline, Carver County WMO

Paul Moline is currently the manager of the Planning and Water Management Department in Carver County, acting as the administrator of the Carver County Watershed Management Organization. The department develops and implements both the Comprehensive Plan and the Water Management Plan. He previously worked for the Community Planning Workshop in Eugene, Oregon, and the Regional Transit Board in St. Paul. Paul Master's degree in Environmental Planning from the University of Oregon, and a Bachelors in Geography from Gustavus Adolphus College.

