

Learn about Wetlands with WHEP

The Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP) engages citizen volunteers to help monitor wetlands in their community. Are you interested in wetlands, ecology, and natural history? Then WHEP is for you!

Since 1997, WHEP volunteers have been monitoring wetland health throughout Dakota and Hennepin Counties. They provide important information to city and county planners, engineers, resource managers, and others. The data is also used by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to track wetland health throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

This is a valuable service and we rely on volunteers to collect data during each field season. Volunteers are typically recruited and asked to register between the months of March and May each year.

If you are interested in volunteering, training classes are available to learn more about WHEP, how wetland health is determined and how to conduct the sampling. Learn tips and techniques for identification. Meet other volunteers and join your team.

The Introduction to WHEP and Field Methods Training session include time outside, so please dress for the weather and wear appropriate field clothes. Please wear shoes that can get wet, the grassy areas may be a little sloshy. If you have waders, feel free to bring them.

Training Sessions

Introduction to the Wetland Health Evaluation Program & Field Methods

Dakota County

Tuesday, May 5
5:30 – 9 PM

Thompson Park Center-
Dakota Lodge
1200 Stassen Lane
West St Paul MN 55118

Hennepin County

Wednesday, May 6
5:30 – 9 PM

Minnetonka Community
Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

To register or for more information and additional classes, visit mnwhep.org

