

Greening Your Organization

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) and Practices Workshop

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Ken Allen—Public Works/Buildings & Grounds

Washington County Public Works

Ken Allen is the Utility Supervisor for Facilities Operations in the Department of Public Works at Washington County. He has been with the county for over 16 years, first as a utility worker, then as a shift supervisor, and now as the Utility Supervisor. He supervises a staff of 28, plus three cleaning contractors. His staff clean 16 buildings totaling over a million square feet.

Pam Anderson—Public Works/Buildings & Grounds

Akeny Kell & Associates

As a partner, architect, and project manager for Ankeny Kell Architects in St. Paul, Pam Anderson is responsible for all phases of project development from planning and programming through design development and construction administration. During her 14 years with AKA, Ms Anderson has proven herself an effective and talented project manager, working extensively with city councils, city staff, county commissioners, educators, and citizen groups on a variety of public projects.

Ms. Anderson manages the firm's sustainable design work and many of her projects have included sustainable design elements reflecting the principals of the Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines (The 'B3') and the LEED Certification process. Pam is well-versed in the high standards associated with LEED Certification, its design guidelines and approval processes, and her most recent projects include the Washington County Service Center in Cottage Grove and the Service Center & Library in Forest Lake.

Angela Bourdaghs—Office Operations

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Angie Bourdaghs works for the MN Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul, MN. She worked exclusively on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing for three years before becoming a Senior Pollution Prevention Specialist this Fall. She assisted or led in the development and implementation of all the EPP Workshops around the metro as well as greater MN over that timeframe. She continues to have involvement in EPP as it is a special topic area for her as well as can be applied to many different environmental areas, including pollution prevention.

Madalyn Cioci—Office Operations

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Madalyn Cioci is a member of the Source & Toxicity Reduction Unit at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Her primary work is helping businesses and organizations prevent waste. In addition to her focus on office paper, she works on alternative contracting for waste hauling services and administers the Retired Engineers Technical Assistance Program.

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Paul Gutkowski—Office Operations

Printing Industry of Minnesota

Paul Gutkowski is the Director of Safety and Environmental Services for the Printing Industry of Minnesota. He is responsible for managing the Minnesota Great/Green Printer program, conducting environmental, health and safety (EHS) audits, and providing EHS training programs. Mr. Gutkowski began his career at the Minnesota OSHA program. Since that time he has spent most of his 25 years of experience within private industry. There he was responsible for managing all aspects of the EHS program.

Albert Joe—School Operations

Xcel Energy

Albert Joe has worked for Xcel Energy/Northern States Power Company for 18 years. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota. He currently works with metro area school districts promoting energy conservation and rate savings.

Kabby Jones—School Operations

Minnesota Environmental Initiative

Kabby Jones joined the Minnesota Environmental Initiative (MEI) in October 2005 as Manager of Environmental Projects. She manages Project Green Fleet, a voluntary initiative supported by businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations to reduce school bus emissions. By the end of 2007, Project Green Fleet will have retrofitted more than 500 school buses with pollution control equipment, reducing air emissions and riders' exposure to diesel exhaust. In addition to her work on Project Green Fleet, Kabby staffs the Clean Air Minnesota program, and contributes to other air quality and water quality initiatives at MEI.

Julie Lehr—Public Works/Building & Grounds

City of Woodbury

Julie Lehr has been the City of Woodbury communications coordinator since October 1993. Prior to that, she served as editor of two community newspapers in St. Paul and as public information officer for a regional government agency. She has long had an interest in environmental issues, and assisted in setting up the curbside recycling program for her southeast St. Paul neighborhood. In 2003, Lehr became the communications and environmental education coordinator in Woodbury, serving as staff for the Environmental Advisory Commission and managing the city's recycling program and solid waste licensing. She has journalism degrees from Ohio University (Athens, Ohio) and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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Jennifer McLoughlin—Public Works/Building & Grounds

City of Woodbury

Jennifer works on sustainability initiatives for the City of Woodbury, including programs at the city level and those that involve community outreach. She is also the staff liaison to the Woodbury Sustainability Committee which consists of eight Woodbury citizens who are tackling issues of green building, energy conservation, and community education and awareness. Before joining the City of Woodbury in October 2006, she worked as an environmental consultant in the Twin Cities and in Austin, Texas. She has a master's degree in soil science from Iowa State University with an emphasis in biology and natural resource conservation.

Keith Paulson—School Operations

Anoka-Hennepin County School District ISD 11

Keith Paulson has worked in the school transportation industry for 30 years. He served as Transportation Director for the South Washington County School District from May of 1985 to July of 2007. Through two grant opportunities the school district retrofitted 101 school buses with Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (D.O.C.s) and/or Spherical filters. In his current position as Director of Transportation for the Anoka-Hennepin School District, he is working with the Minnesota Environmental Initiative to retrofit school buses that serve the northern suburbs.

Gayle Prest—Workshop Keynote

City of Minneapolis

Gayle Prest is Manager for Sustainability with the City of Minneapolis. Previously she worked for Dakota County on recycling, composting, household hazardous waste, and general solid waste policy/programming. She also has experience in promoting residential energy conservation and storm water management issues at the local level. Her love for the environment stems from growing up in Marine / Stillwater and spending countless hours on the St. Croix River.

Paul Springstroh—Public Works/Buildings & Grounds

Washington County Public Works

Paul Springstroh is the Fleet Manager for Washington County Public Works. He is a member of the American Public Works Association and has been Chairman of the Washington County Safety Committee. Paul lives in Somerset Township, Wisconsin with his wife Jeanne. He truly believes that there is much that we can do to green up our purchases and practices at work and at home.

Greg Wood—School Operations

Stillwater Area School District ISD 834

Greg Wood is Supervisor of Operations and Transportation for Stillwater School District and has been there for a year. Prior to Stillwater, he worked at the Forest Lake School District for 4 years. Greg has a Master's Degree in Public Health from University of Colorado.