

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Environmental Policy Board (EPB)
Monday April 2, 2012
6:30 pm
Trott Brook Room, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Citizen Input**
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes Dated March 5, 2012
5. **Policy Board Business**
 1. Environmental Expo Event
6. **Board/Staff Input**
 - Recap of the North Suburban Home Improvement Show
 - Spring Recycling Event (May 5, 2012)
 - Community Forest Bonding Grant update
7. **Adjournment**

Environmental Policy Board (EPB)

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Meeting Date: 04/02/2012

By: Chris Anderson, Community
Development

Title:

Approve Meeting Minutes Dated March 5, 2012

Attachments

Draft Meeting Minutes Dated March 5, 2012

Form Review

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**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY BOARD
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

On Monday, March 5, 2012, the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) met in the Mississippi River Conference Room at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Michael Max
 Vice Chairperson Thomas Stodola
 Board Member Bob Bentz
 Board Member John Enstrom

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Max called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Board Member Bentz and seconded by Board Member Stodola to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Max, Board Members Stodola, Bentz and Enstrom.
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Board Member Stodola and seconded by Board Member Bentz to approve the regular meeting minutes dated February 6, 2012.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Max, Board Members Stodola, Bentz and Enstrom.
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

POLICY BOARD BUSINESS

Case #1: Environmental Expo Event

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson presented the staff report.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that he has been discussing the coloring contest with Ramsey Elementary School and more specifically the awards presentation. He said that he asked the school if they thought the students might enjoy it more to receive their award during school with all their classmates present rather than the morning of the expo event. The principal responded by suggesting that the awards be presented during their Monday morning news show.

Board Member Enstrom stated that he opposed having the awards presentation at the school rather than at the expo event. He said that the event is incorporating kids' activities now and if the awards presentation is done off-site, that will just reduce the number of attendees and he just doesn't see the purpose then in offering the event.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that typically for the awards presentation, it is just himself, maybe a few board members, and the winning students and their families that are able to attend the event. He did not see how this would decrease the overall attendance of the event as there are typically plenty of kids and families attending regardless of the coloring contest. He also stated that he didn't see how this was any different than the bird walk(s) that Board Member Enstrom is working to coordinate, as they will all be offered off-site. In his opinion, that may have more of an impact on reducing the overall number of attendees than shifting the awards presentation to the school.

Chairperson Max stated that maybe both could be done.

Board Member Bentz suggested that QCTV should film the awards and that could be used as a brief filler.

Board Member Stodola stated that he has several different interactive templates similar to a couple different game shows that could be used to engage the public.

Consensus of the Board was to offer some sort of interactive game that would entice the public to stop at their booth.

Board Member Enstrom inquired about the status of applicants to serve on the Board.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that he didn't have any additional update beyond last month, which was that there were two applicants that indicated a desire, albeit it not necessarily their first choice, to serve on the EPB. The interviews will be conducted tomorrow night with City Council.

Board Member Stodola stated that he has not gotten a response from Lowe's and therefore he informed Mr. Anderson to remove that info from the newsletter.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that he left in more vague language about kids activities because he was hopeful that Lowe's may still participate in some

capacity but regardless, the 4-H Cheerful Chuggers group has responded that they will participate and that they are working on some hands on activities for the event.

Board Member Bentz stated that maybe Home Depot would have an interest in participating.

Board Member Enstrom stated that Mike Freiburg, the birding expert that was going to lead the bird walks, will no longer be able to attend the event. He was booked for an L.L. Bean event in Maine that same weekend. He did offer to gather up some photos that he could put into a slide show that could be cycled through throughout the event.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that that was really unfortunate but thanked Board Member Enstrom for all his efforts to try and coordinate this.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that he would possibly try to contact Lyle Bradley, who used to lead the bird walk at the elementary school, to see if there's any interest and/or willingness to lead a bird walk again this year.

Board Member Bentz suggested contacting former board member Kathleen Riley-Daniels, since she is involved with bird seed and other products.

Chairperson Max stated that another former member, Erika Sitz, might have some ideas for people that could lead a bird walk also.

Board Member Enstrom stated that if a person is found to lead the bird walks, they could still do it at his property. He also reviewed various other events he intends to host this summer.

Board Member Bentz suggested contacting the extension office about having a booth about septic system maintenance, similar to the classes that are offered periodically.

BOARD/STAFF INPUT

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated that the North Suburban Home Improvement Show, which is hosted by Ramsey, Andover, Anoka and Coon Rapids, is on March 24 at the Andover YMCA. He will be staffing both a recycling booth as well as a forestry booth throughout the day.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson reminded the Board about the joint community EAB workshop that will be held on Thursday, March 29 at the Andover City Hall.

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson informed the Board that Deputy City Administrator/Community Development Director Heidi Nelson has accepted the position of City Manager with the City of Wayzata and her last day with Ramsey will be sometime in early April.

Board Member Bentz stated that he heard on the radio a discussion about how clean water shortages across the globe are impacting where large corporations will site new facilities.

Board Member Enstrom stated that he heard from Carr's Tree Service that they've removed 10,000 trees associated with the transmission line easement clearing work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Board Member Stodola and seconded by Board Member Enstrom to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Anderson
Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator

Environmental Policy Board (EPB)

5. 1.

Meeting Date: 04/02/2012

By: Chris Anderson, Community Development

Title:

Environmental Expo Event

Background:

The intent of this case is to provide the Board with a final update regarding status of the Environmental Expo. As of the writing of this case, there are fifteen (15) exhibitors that have been confirmed for the expo event (as shown on the attached exhibit). Staff has also secured a group that will conduct concessions throughout the event as well. As indicated on the attached exhibit, there are a handful of organizations that have been contacted but never responded and at this point, they are essentially being considered as not attending. Tree sales have been a bit slow, with only around fifteen (15) trees sold thus far. As the date of the event gets nearer, Staff will be looking at the overall order and trying to adjust it accordingly with the nursery. Similar to last year, Staff will have seedlings available for attendees of the event also.

Staff has been unable to secure an alternate to lead a bird walk or walks and so that component, unfortunately, will not be included this year. However, there is a potential for a gardening demonstration and/or tips that could be on site during the event. This is something that is being explored and, if it comes together in time, could still be promoted on the postcard mailer that will reach mailboxes a week or two before the expo event.

Staff has found some hands on activities that may be of interest to kids attending the event. Examples are attached. These could be made available as a handout if the Board would like.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board finalize details for its' booth.

EPB Action:

Based on discussion.

Attachments

Exhibitor List

Great Horned Owl Example

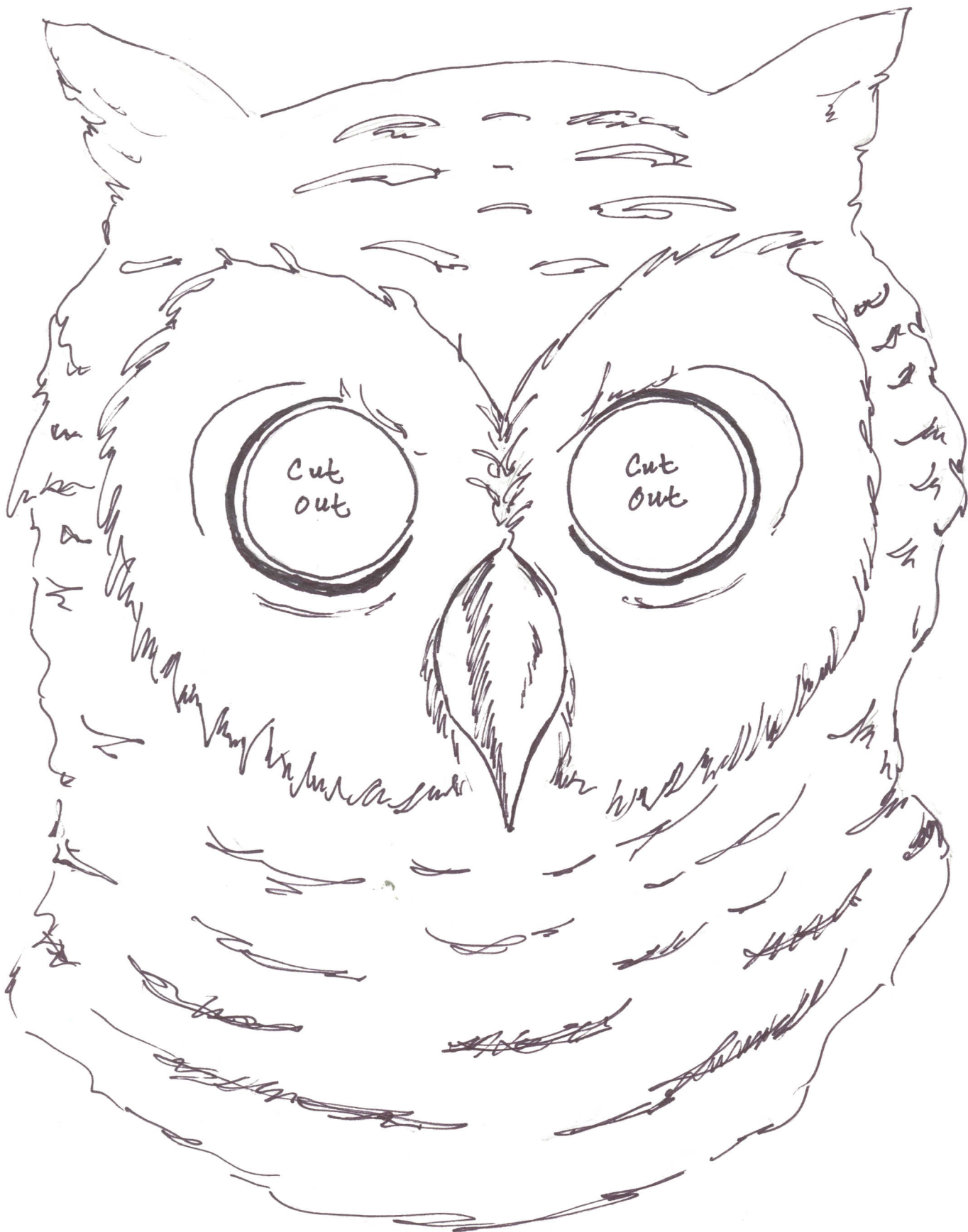
Bald Eagle Example

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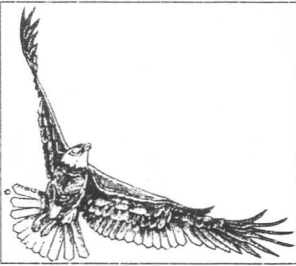
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2012 Ramsey Environmental Expo Exhibitor List

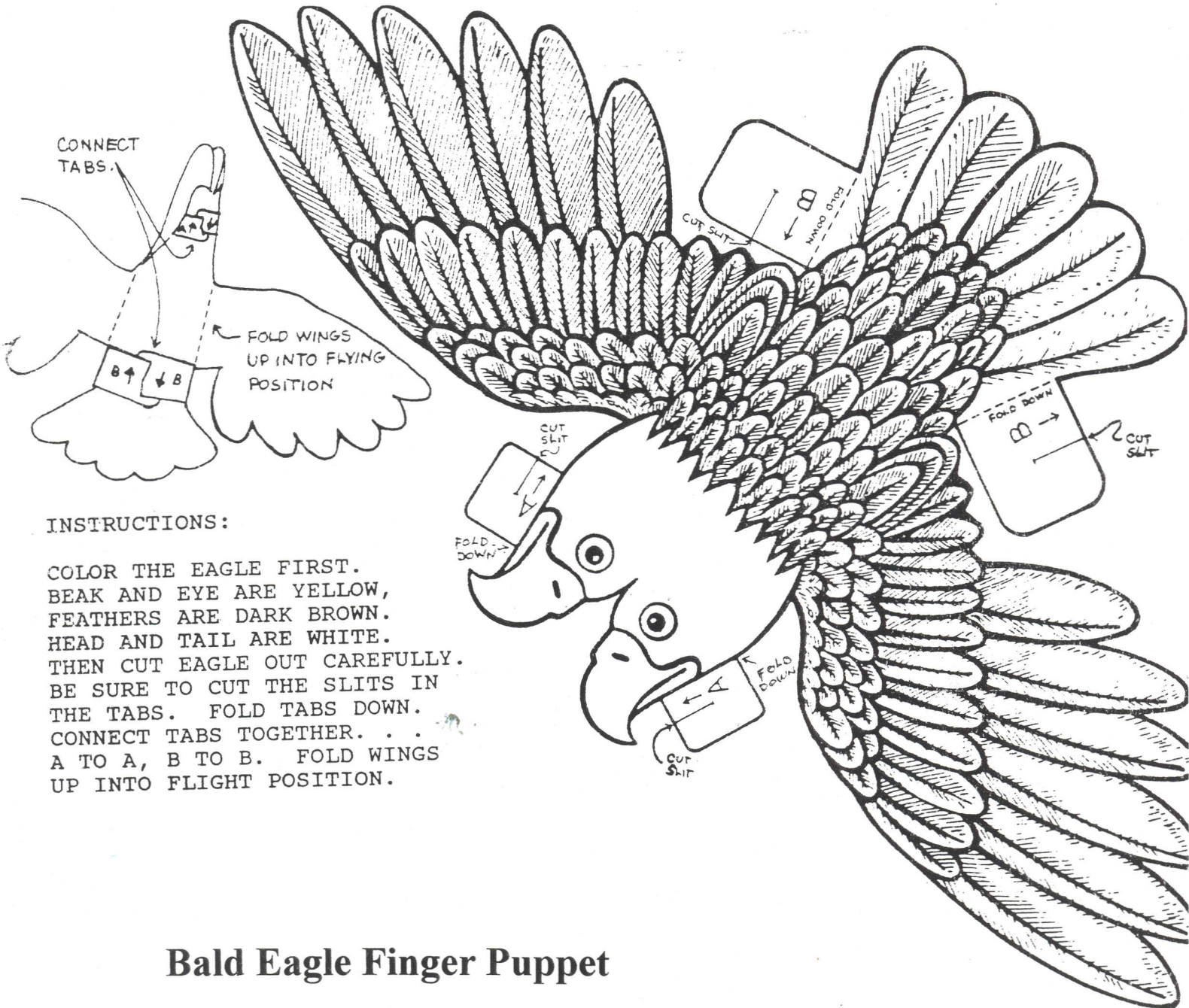
Company	Contact	Sent Invite	Response	e-Mail	Phone	Address	Cost	Activity/Topic	Notes/Requests
Ace Solid Waste	Tracy Hannan	1.30.12	Confirmed	tracy@acesolidwaste.com	763-398-1825	6601 McKinley St NW, Ramsey, MN 55303	None	Curbside Recycling	Needs 2 tables
Anderson Irrigation Co	Brandon Anderson	2.14.12		andersonirrigation@hotmail.com	612-282-6333		None	Rain sensors/irrigation	Registered for the Business Expo. Received email from them on 3.29.12 stating that they do intend to participate in env'l expo event also.
ACD	Kathy Berkness		Not Attending	Kathy.Berkness@anokaswcd.org	763-434-2030x10				This is same day as their tree sale pick up
Anoka County Pheasants Forever		1.31.12							Sent an invite through their website. No response
Anoka Ramsey Farm and Garden	Tony	2.14.12			763-421-0223				Sent registration form to Michael Max and asked if he could provide to Tony.
Cedar Creek	Mary Spivey	3.8.12		Spive007@umn.edu	763-434-5131				No response
Center for Energy and Environment	Brenda Yaritz	3.29.12		byaritz@mncee.org	612-335-5891	212 3 rd Ave North Ste 560 Minneapolis, MN 55401	??	MN Fix Up Fund Loan Program	
CenterPoint Energy	Scott Lehner	2.17.12		Scott.lehner@centerpointenergy.com	763-754-4148				No response
Cheerful Chuggers 4-H Club	Kathy Provance	1.30.12	2.17.12 said they'll do hands on activities but still need reg. form	jkprov@yahoo.com	763-323-9241	4981 150 th Lane NW Ramsey, MN 55303	None	Promote 4-H Activities and hands on how to make corn starch glue	
Connexus Energy	Ken Glaser	1.30.12 & 3.8.12		Ken.glaser@connexusenergy.com	763-232-7547	14601 Ramsey Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303			Also called on 3.22.12 and left msg. No response
E H Renner & Sons	Raymond Renner	3.8.12		Raymond.t.renner@ehrenner.com	763-427-6100	15688 Jarvis St NW Elk River, MN 55330			Will be combined with MWWA
EPB	Michael Max		Confirmed	Michael.max.mn@gmail.com	763-753-5505		None		
Geological Society of MN	Doug Zbidowski	2.29.12	Verbally Confirmed	dwbzikowski@gmail.com	763-784-0201	7833 Able St NE, Spring Lake Park, 55432		Rocks & Fossils Exhibits	Needs 2 5' x 2' tables. Spoke with Doug and he said that he is planning on attending but have not received registration form yet.
GRE Resource Recovery Facility	Brenda Hoskyns	3.8.12		bhoskyns@GREnergy.com	763-241-2318	17845 E. Highway 10 PO Box 800 Elk River, MN 55330		MSW separation display, banner stands, peregrine falcon ppt pres. and DVD movie	No response
Hostas and More	Karen/Dave Henke	2.29.12	Confirmed	dkhenke@usfamily.net	763-753-4257	6861 164 th Lane NW, Ramsey, MN 55303	--	Hosta plants and shade gardening	
LRRWMO	Tim Himmer		Verbally Confirmed	thimmer@ci.ramsey.mn.us	763-433-9893	7550 Sunwood Dr NW	None	Watersheds??	
Master Gardeners	Lynne Hagen	2.17.12	Confirmed	Daven033@umn.edu	763-767-2878	550 Bunker Lake Blvd, Andover, MN 55304	None	Ask a Master Gardener booth	
Master Naturalist	Michael Max			Michael.max.mn@gmail.com	763-753-5505				
MMCD	Scott Lubarda	2.14.12	Confirmed	slubarda@mmcd.org	651-643-8391		None		Needs access to electricity
MN Herpetological Society	Jan Larson	2.29.12		Jan.skunkhollow@juno.com	507-263-4391			Snakes/reptiles	Still waiting on reservation form
MN Hobby Beekeepers Ass	Cathy Schaefer	3.8.12		c-scha@umn.edu	612-626-0266				No response
MNRAA / NPS	Lark Weller	3.8.12	Not Attending	Lark_Weller@nps.gov	651-290-3030x304				Could not find any staff available to staff a booth
MWWA	Raymond Renner	3.8.12	Confirmed	Raymond.t.renner@ehrenner.com	763-427-6100	15688 Jarvis St NW			Needs electricy



Drawing by Gail Buhl
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INSTRUCTIONS:

COLOR THE EAGLE FIRST. BEAK AND EYE ARE YELLOW, FEATHERS ARE DARK BROWN. HEAD AND TAIL ARE WHITE. THEN CUT EAGLE OUT CAREFULLY. BE SURE TO CUT THE SLITS IN THE TABS. FOLD TABS DOWN. CONNECT TABS TOGETHER. . . A TO A, B TO B. FOLD WINGS UP INTO FLIGHT POSITION.

Bald Eagle Finger Puppet

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