

## **BEST PRACTICES for Parks and Outdoor Recreation Summit**

Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, Minnesota

**Closing:** John VonDeLinde, Director of Parks & Recreation, Anoka County

Participants are here from all over the state. Some have driven all the way from Thief River Falls. The last two days have been very intense with a lot of information.

The Summit has been very successful with 236 participants, including our presenters. We had a full house. With the Summit at capacity, there were some registrations that we weren't able to take.

We want to carry that success into the future. There have been so many positive comments about the Summit. The "Open Space" technique for identifying topics was cool and fun to do. We will use it again. The website is well done. We hope that you were able to check that out during the last two days.

Please contact Kathy Schoenbauer, if you are willing to host or be a speaker at a Regional workshop.

Participants came from throughout the state with 51 attendees from outside the seven county metro area.

84 municipal agencies were represented.

57 came from the DNR and other state agencies.

43 were from county and regional agencies.

11 represent private consulting firms or suppliers.

11 came from universities and colleges, helping to bridge the gap between practitioners and institutions of learning.

11 are affiliated with not for profit agencies.

5 federal agency representatives attended.

The volunteers who have helped to facilitate, moderate, and take notes of the proceedings easily add up to 50 or more people. The Summit Steering Committee helped put together topics, handle logistics and secure speakers. They are: Jennifer Christie, Corky Ebeling, Jeff Evenson, Dorian Grilley, Laird Mork, Emmett Mullin, Jon Oyanagi, Martha Reger, Kathy Schoenbauer, Michelle Snider, Joel Stedman, Ken Vraa, Margie Walz, and Jody Yungers.

The Project Advisory Board will be guiding the entire 18 month project. They are: Dorothy Anderson, Patricia Arndt, Bill Becker, Jan Ficken, John Keprios, Wayne Sames, Michelle Snider, Arne Stefferud, John VonDeLinde and Terri Yearwood.

Again, Please talk to Kathy Schoenbauer to help with the upcoming regional workshops. Thank you for coming.