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**Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Celebrates 50th Anniversary
with Commemorative Book**

Edina, MN – The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District is excited to announce the release of a commemorative book on the Nine Mile Creek Watershed and the Watershed District in celebration of its 50th Anniversary. The book titled *The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District: Preserving Heritage & Environment* was written by award-winning author Deborah Morse-Kahn.

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District was established in 1959 and is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2009 with this beautiful commemorative book that documents the early days and peoples of the Nine Mile Creek watershed, the establishment of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, and the efforts and activities the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District has implemented to preserve the unique heritage and natural resources of the watershed.

“The Watershed District Board of Managers wanted to do something unique and special to celebrate the District’s 50th Anniversary” stated District Administrator Kevin Bigalke. “We felt it was important to not only reflect on the Watershed District’s history, but also to celebrate the rich history of the area before the Watershed District was established.”

In addition to the book, the Watershed District is working with the book's author to host a series of programs on the book and history of the watershed. Deborah Morse-Kahn will be the featured speaker at the following programs: Edina History Museum, Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 2:00PM; City of Hopkins Council Chambers, Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM; Hennepin History Museum, Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 2:00 PM; and Edina Public Library, Monday, June 15, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Additional programs may be added. The book will be available for purchase at these programs.

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District is a special purpose unit of government focused on water quality and water resources management that includes parts of Edina, Bloomington, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, and Richfield. Nine Mile Creek's headwaters are in Hopkins and Minnetonka, with the creek flowing into the Minnesota River.

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District is located at 7710 Computer Avenue, Suite 135, Edina, MN 55435. For more information about the Watershed District, contact the Watershed District office at (952) 835-2078 or via e-mail at kbigalke@ninemilecreek.org. Information about the Watershed District is also available on the District's website: www.ninemilecreek.org.

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