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AIA Northern Minnesota Addresses the Impact of Everyday Actions and Development on Streams

Duluth, Minnesota - - The Northern Minnesota component of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) invites the public to join the second in their three-part series, "Re-establishing Connections to Our Waterways." This second installment, **The Streams Present: Impacts of Actions and Developing Real Estate**, will be held Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Fitger's Spirit of the North Theater (Third Floor). Presentations are free and refreshments will be served. Over 120 people attended the first in the series, held in January.

This three-part series, engages community members and leaders, architects, water resource specialists, and city leaders in dialogs and will culminate in a charrette (an intense period of collaborative design activity) in April. The third speaker event will be held March 13.

Presenters for the second series are:

- Cindy Hagley - MN Sea Grant: **Stream Water Quality – The Impact of Individual Actions**. A discussion of the sensitivity of our Duluth and North Shore streams and how seemingly small individual actions can have a significant impact.
- Bob Ryan – CEO and founder of Odyssey Development, Inc.: **Green Development – Integrating ecology and real estate**. A discussion of "green" or "low impact" development (i.e. Crow Creek Homes) including why low impact, where is it needed and appreciated, and examples of who is implementing it and why.
- Overall Questions and Group Discussion.

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