



Minnesota River Weekly Update

October 1st, 2013

Comments invited for water quality report for Lura Lake

Reducing nutrient levels is the focus of a water quality study for Lura Lake in southern Blue Earth and northern Faribault counties. Nutrients can fuel algal blooms and decrease recreational opportunities. The MPCA invites comments of the study report through Oct. 22. The study, called a TMDL, focuses on achieving the level of nutrients, or load, that the lake can accept and still meet water quality standards for aquatic recreation. The TMDL is a part of a nationwide effort under the federal CWA to identify and clean up pollution in streams, rivers and lakes. The phosphorus standard for Lura Lake is 90 ppb, but water monitoring over nine years shows level of about 191 ppb, a violation of the standard designed to ensure that lakes are swimmable and fishable. Meeting the standard will require a significant reduction in nutrients entering the lake from the surrounding land, as well as in-lake treatments. Compounding the water quality issues are infestations of curly-leaf pond weed and Eurasian milfoil, which are not native to Lura Lake. The draft report is posted online. The deadline for comments, which must be in writing, is 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 22. Submit comments to Paul Davis, 12 Civic Center Dr., Ste 2165, Mankato, MN 56001, or paul.a.davis@state.mn.us. Davis can also be reached by phone (507) 344-5246

Request for Proposal process now open for monitoring grants

The request for Proposal (RFP) process for Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network (WPLMN) grants is now open. Grants under this program are funded by the Minnesota Clean Water Fund. Grant contracts will be competitively awarded and authorized by the MPCA with up to \$950,000 in available funds for this grant round. All applications must be submitted through the SWIFT e-supplier portal and must be received no than October 25, 2013. Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.

In order to view the RFP and the accompanying materials, applicants are required to have a SWIFT Vendor ID and Supplier Portal Account. Detailed registration directions are available on the [SWIFT e-supplier](#) portal. If you need technical assistance for the SWIFT e-supplier portal, please contact SWIFT help desk line: (651) 201-8100, option 1. The primary objective of the WPLMN is to obtain spatial and long-term pollutant load information from Minnesota's rivers and streams. The program utilizes state and federal agencies, universities, and local partners to collect water quality and flow data to calculate pollutant loads. The RFP seeks local partners to collect water quality data and compute pollutant loads at select sites in the Red River, Rainy River, and Lake Superior Basins in Minnesota. Water quality samples will be collected across a full range of flow conditions with greatest emphasis given to periods of moderate and high flow. Water quality data will be paired with stream flow information to yield estimates of contaminant loading from within a watershed.

MPCA is responsible for carrying out and overseeing the monitoring of Minnesota's lakes and streams using Clean Water Legacy funds. WPLMN grants channel these funds to local organizations to assist with these activities. Additional information on the program can be found at the [MPCA's WPLMN](#) webpage.

Watershed Network Fall meeting Nov. 12 at New Ulm

The Watershed Network fall meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the New Ulm Pizza Ranch. This is a great opportunity to learn and network with colleagues from water management organizations and agencies, in an informal setting. This will be the ninth meeting since spring of 2009. Ideas for program topics are welcome. For more information visit the [Watershed Network](#) website.

MPCA needs your data for lake and stream assessment

The MPCA will conduct surface water assessments - determining whether water bodies meet state water quality standards - for these watersheds in early 2014: Leech Lake River, Pine River, South Fork Crow River, Zumbro River, Red Lake River, Red River - Grand Marais Creek, and Lake of the Woods. MPCA is interested in obtaining all available water quality data for these watersheds for use in the assessment effort. If you manage a water quality monitoring project in any of these areas, please submit your data, which will help the MPCA assess the condition of these waters and build a national database of water quality. To be included in the assessment effort, data must be received by the MPCA and uploaded to the agency's water quality data management system (EQuIS) prior to data analysis. Be advised that steps involved in data storage for any project can span more than a month. Information on how to submit data is available of the [MPCA website](#).

2013-2014 Data Submission Timeline:

- Through Nov. 1, 2013: Submit project lab and field data
- Dec. 2, 2013: Begin final data review
- Dec. 16, 2013: Complete final data review for assessment related data
- Jan. 15, 2013: Data finalized and ready for the 2014 assessment process

For additional information contact the MPCA EQuIS Team: [Nancy Flandrick](#) (651) 757-2361 (St. Paul, Rochester, and Mankato Regional Offices), [Jean Garvin](#) (651) 757-2378 (Willmar, Marshall, and Detroit Lakes Regional Offices), [Lynda Nelson](#) (651) 757-2601 (Duluth and Brainerd Regional Offices), or [Stuart Arkley](#) (651) 757-2567 (EQuIS Project Manager)

ARTICLES

[7,500 songbirds killed at Canaport gas plant in Saint John, Canada](#)

Sept. 17, Signs of the Times (with video)

About 7,500 songbirds, possibly including some endangered species were killed while flying over a gas plant in Saint John late last week, officials have confirmed.

[Great Lakes Chemicals Discovered by Researchers Shows PPCP Contamination of Lake Michigan](#)

Ashley Woods, Sept. 27, Huffington Post

Researchers testing water samples in the Great Lakes found alarming traces of prescription drugs, caffeine and other chemicals in Lake Michigan.

[Minnesota moose die from wolves, ticks, abandonment and disease](#)

Josephine Marcotty, Sept. 27, Star Tribune

The first year of a landmark study found higher mortality rates than normal and listed several causes. Researchers say more work is needed.

[Nathanael Johnson explores benefits, drawbacks to going 'All Natural'](#)

The Daily Circuit, Sept. 27, MPR News (with audio)

As he was starting his own family, journalist Nathanael Johnson went back over his own childhood to review the child-rearing choices of his parents, a pair of hippies in northern California.

[Report: Toxic Algae Problems Become More Common Across the Country](#)

Sept. 27, Public News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. - A new analysis shows a growing scourge of harmful algae blooms across the country.

[Study: Antibiotics levels in veggies safe](#)

Mark Steil, Sept. 28, MPR News

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Vegetables can absorb antibiotics found in soil but not at levels unhealthy for human consumption, according to a new University of Minnesota study.

[September: 5Degrees Above Average \(biggest Minnesota storm in 5 months by late week?\)](#)

Paul Douglas, Sept. 30, Star Tribune

Yes, our September weather has phenomenal, in spite of a reinvigorated statewide drought. But I'm finally seeing encouraging signs & trends on the weather maps. The shift from summer to winter, with larger temperature swings in play, tends to brew up much

[Deformed Wolf that Bit Minnesota Teen had Brain Damage](#)

Ben Romans, Sept. 30, Field & Stream

Test results confirm a grey wolf that bit 16-year old Noah Graham's head while he was sleeping at a Northern Minnesota campground last August had severe deformities and brain damage, which were likely the reasons for the unusual attack.

more significant storms capable of heavier, steadier, widespread rains.

Feeding the hungry: Minnesota corn to the rescue

Julie Siple, Sept. 30, Winona Daily

SAVAGE, Minn. - More than a million pounds of Minnesota sweet corn is expected to feed hungry people across the nation this fall, the result of an effort by hunger and relief groups and food companies to capture corn that would otherwise go to waste.

Would money make Minnesotans recycle more?

Elizabeth Dunbar, Sept. 30, MPR News (with audio)

St. Paul, Minn. - If you're charged an extra 10 cents for every can of soda, bottle of beer or even gallon of milk you buy, would you be more likely to recycle the empty containers?

Wildlife Center Seeing More Injured Turtles This Year

Sept. 30, CBS Minnesota

ROSEVILLE, Minn. (WCCO) - We are surrounded by wildlife here in Minnesota. Everyone in a while you'll see a sick or injured animal. The Twin Cities is home to one of the largest independent wildlife medical centers in the nation.

The new IPCC climate change report makes deniers overheat

Michael Mann, Sept. 28, the guardian

It happens every six years or so: the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) publishes its assessment of the current state of scientific understanding regarding human-caused climate change. That assessment is based on contributions from thousands of experts around the world through an exhaustive review of the peer-reviewed scientific literature and a rigorous, several-years-long review process.

Could Mississippi River, conservation meet water needs of northeast suburbs?

Elizabeth Dunbar, Sept. 30, MPR News (with audio)

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Water demands are rising. The aquifer is stressed. Where do you get more water?

Minnesota Energy Resources requests rate increase

David Schaffer, Sept. 30, Star Tribune

A Minnesota natural gas utility that serves some Twin Cities suburbs, Duluth, Rochester and many small cities across the state asked regulators Monday for a 5.5% rate hike next year.

EVENTS

Sept. 30 - Oct. 6

Clean Energy, Climate and Health

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 @ 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Gorecki Center A&B, College of St. Benedict

Brief Description: Minnesota is on a clean energy path that is bringing benefits to human health, our economy, and our air, water, and natural resources. But our work is not done. Hear Will Steger, Minnesota's own eyewitness to global warming, present his vivid, firsthand account with stunning photographs from his expeditions. J. Drake Hamilton will describe effective clean energy and clean air solutions that benefit our health. She will also describe the connections among clean energy, climate change, and human health.

For more information contact [J. Drake Hamilton](#) or (651) 726-7562

Clean Energy, Climate and Health

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 @ 7 - 9 p.m.

Location: Shakopee High School, 100 17th Ave. SW, Shakopee, MN

Brief Description: Minnesota is on a clean energy path that is bringing benefits to human health, our economy, and our air, water, and natural resources. But our work is not done. Hear Will Steger, Minnesota's own eyewitness to global warming, present his vivid, firsthand account with stunning photographs from his expeditions. J. Drake

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Documentary Film Series - 5 Broken Cameras

Thursday, October 3, 2013 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Treaty Site History Center

Brief Description: Please join us for the 2013-14 documentary film series. A partnership between St. Peter Community and Family Education and Nicollet Historical Society, films are screened the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Treaty Site History Center. *Five Broken Cameras* is the first-hand account of non-violent resistance in Bil'in, a West Bank village threatened by encroaching Israeli settlements. Shot almost entirely by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat, who bought his first camera in 2005 to record the birth of his youngest son, the footage was later turned into a galvanizing cinematic experience by co-directors Guy Davidi and Burnat. Structured around the violent destruction of a succession of Burnat's video cameras, the filmmakers' collaboration follows on family's evolution over five years of village turmoil.

Dr. Christ Corley will lead a short discussion after the film. In May 2011, Corley joined nine other American professors on a ten-day faculty development seminar sponsored by the Palestinian American Research Council. The group travelled to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Hebron, and Jericho, and toured universities, villages, and two refugee camps in the West Bank. They heard the stories of community leaders, intellectuals, and Palestinians of diverse faiths, ages, and social classes. Dr. Corley is an Associative Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Nicollet County Historical Society.

Admission to the film series is free.

For more information contact the [Nicollet County Historical Society](#) or (507) 934-2160

Meander Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl

Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6, 2013

Location: Upper Minnesota River Valley

Brief Description: The award winning Meander is a free self-guided tour of artist studios featuring 45 local artists from the Upper Minnesota River Valley. The Meander is a great "trip on a tank full" for those seeking authentic culture, history, and scenic vistas. The event is about welcoming people and being connected to the local history, culture and landscape. We encourage visitors to visit artists in their own environment who celebrate a lifestyle that represents the small, handmade, personal and local culture of the area. This event has more than 33 individual studios in and near the Western Minnesota Communities of Ortonville, Appleton, Madison, Milan, Dawson, Montevideo, and Granite Falls.

For more information and for a free brochure that includes driving directions to all studios visit [2013 Meander](#) website or call 1 (866) 866-5432.

The Frye at Indian Island Winery

Friday, October 4, 2013 @ 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Indian Island Winery, Janesville

Brief Description: Join us for a great evening at Indian Island Winery with music by the Frye. This acoustic duo plays Americana and folk music! We also serve food and beer and have wine tastings for \$5. Our outdoor patio is always open, weather permitting.

For more information email [Angie](#) or call (507) 234-6222

The Four Season Food Revolution: Organic, Local and All Year Round

Saturday, October 5 - Sunday, October 6, 2013 @ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (both days)

Location: WEI Farm Campus, 15715 River Road, North Branch, MN 55065

Brief Description: Will Allen with Growing Power and WEI staff will convene at the WEI Farm Campus at North Branch, MN for an intensive, hands-on training weekend. This weekend offers urban and rural-based participants the opportunity to learn, plan, develop, operate, and sustain community food and farming projects. Project participants will acquire improved skills and knowledge they can take back to their communities and pass on to others.

Cost is \$250. Students receive a discount (\$125) if they have a valid student ID.

To RSVP visit [WEI Farm](#) website. For more information call (651) 583-0705 or email wei@w-e-i.org

Joseph R. Brown Heritage Society Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 5, 2013 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Community Building in Henderson, MN

Brief Description: The Joseph R. Brown Heritage Society will be featuring noted historian Stephen E. Osman at their annual meeting. Mr. Osman's presentation is entitled "Minnesota and the Civil War" and will begin at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Osman has conducted considerable research on Minnesotan's role in the Civil War so please join us for this informative and free event.

For more information contact the [Joseph R. Brown Heritage Society](#) or (507) 248-3234

Live Music by Better and Ocho

Saturday, October 5, 2013 @ 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Indian Island Winery, Janesville

Brief Description: Join us for a great evening at Indian Island Winery with music by the Betty and Ocho. This acoustic duo plays Americana and folk music! We also serve food and beer and have wine tastings for \$5. Our outdoor patio is always open, weather permitting.

For more information email [Angie](#) or call (507) 234-6222

Sheep-Wool-Quilts

Sunday, October 6, 2013 @ 2 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store, New Ulm

Brief Description: Alexander Harkin came to Minnesota and West Newton to raise sheep on the hillside. He did for about 13 years and was noted as having good quality wool. We have a program to honor the wool industry. Come and see the displays of the wool industry and what to use wool for. There will be displays of many quilts, new and old, old spinning wheel and carders and wool items. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store and has a discount sale on the items.

For more information contact the Nicollet County Historical Society at (507) 354-8666

or Harkin Store (507) 934-2160.

Preserving Their Personal Past: The Huggins Family Journals

Sunday, October 6, 2013 @ 2 p.m.

Location: Treaty Site History Center

Brief Description: Much of the early history of the Dakota missions at Lac qui Parle and Traverse des Sioux focuses on the Williamson and Riggs families with particular emphasis on Dr. Thomas Williamson and Rev. Stephen Riggs. In many ways, however, it was Alexander and Lydia Huggins and their extended family who made it possible for the missions to remain viable because of their focus on farming, weaving, food distribution and animal husbandry. The Huggins family were prolific journalists and keepers of diaries and many of their personal stories provide unique and fresh insight into the daily life of the missionaries and especially of the Dakota people in the years before the 1862 war. Author and historian Lois Glewwe has gathered many of those writings together in this presentation which covers the years from 1835 at Lac qui Parle through Huggins' years at Traverse des Sioux and concludes with the family's experiences during and after the war.

For more information contact the Treaty Site History Center at (507) 934-2160 and to learn about the story visit the [Dakota Soul Sisters](#) website.

Oct. 7 - Oct. 13

The Biology and Management of Asian Carp: Lessons for Minnesota

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Student Center Theatre -- UMTC-St. Paul Campus, 2017 Buford Ave.

Brief Description: Please join us for an insightful public lecture on Asian carp and the threat they pose to Minnesota lakes and rivers and the Great Lakes. The lecture is given by Duane Chapman, a research biologist who is a national expert on efforts to control and prevent the spread of Asian carp. It will be followed by a "Q & A" session with Mr. Chapman and panelists Christine Goepfert (National Parks Conservation Association), John Anfinson (National Park Service), Brad Parsons (Minnesota DNR), and Peter Sorenson (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, UMN).

The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center is co-sponsoring Chapman's presentation with the Freshwater Society, the University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences, and the University's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resources. [Please register to attend.](#)

MPCA to present nitrogen study at Mississippi forum

Thursday, October 10, 2013 @ 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: McKnight Foundation, 710 2nd Street South, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Brief Description: David Wall, a hydrologist and study coordinator with the MPCA, will present the agency's "[Nitrogen in Minnesota Surface Waters](#)" study at the Mississippi River Forum Friday, Sept. 20, in St. Cloud and Thursday, Oct. 10, in Minneapolis. Nitrogen is an essential component of all living things, but too much nitrogen in water can harm fish and aquatic life, pollute drinking water wells, and – once it leaves Minnesota via the Mississippi River – contribute to the oxygen-depleted "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico. A number of Minnesota's water bodies have elevated nitrogen, particularly in the southern third of the state. Earlier this summer, the MPCA released a comprehensive study that describes the sources, pathways, trends, and potential

ways to reduce nitrogen in our waters. The study found that nitrate concentrations in the Mississippi River increased by 87-283 percent (depending on location) between 1976-2010, and that agricultural-related sources contribute more than 70 percent of the state's waters' nitrogen loads. The forum will focus on the findings of this ground-breaking study, as well as what's next for Minnesota's efforts to address this pollution source.

There is no charge to attend the forum, but an RSVP to lark_weller@nps.gov is required

Haunted Corn Maze and Feed Mill

Friday, October 11 - Saturday, October 12, 2013 @ 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Farmamerica, Waseca, MN

Brief Description: Visitors will take a trolley ride from Farmamerica's parking lot to the haunted areas. Bring a flashlight and dress warmly. Flashlights and maps of the maze are available on site, as are hot drinks and refreshments. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult and it might be too scary for the little ones. After finding your way out of the Haunted Corn Maze, go through the Haunted Feed Mill if you are brave enough. Beware of the bats, ghosts, witches, and things that go bump in the night. It is truly frightening! KEEZ radio will be broadcasting live from the Haunted Corn Maze and Mill on Friday Night October 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Be sure to come along and say "Hi" to the DJs. Admission is \$8.00 per person.

For more information visit [Farmamerica's](#) website.

Oct. 14 - Oct. 20

Haunted Corn Maze and Feed Mill

Friday, October 18 - Saturday, October 19, 2013 @ 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Farmamerica, Waseca, MN

Brief Description: Visitors will take a trolley ride from Farmamerica's parking lot to the haunted areas. Bring a flashlight and dress warmly. Flashlights and maps of the maze are available on site, as are hot drinks and refreshments. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult and it might be too scary for the little ones. After finding your way out of the Haunted Corn Maze, go through the Haunted Feed Mill if you are brave enough. Beware of the bats, ghosts, witches, and things that go bump in the night. It is truly frightening! KEEZ radio will be broadcasting live from the Haunted Corn Maze and Mill on Friday Night October 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Be sure to come along and say "Hi" to the DJs. Admission is \$8.00 per person.

For more information visit [Farmamerica's](#) website.

Minnesota Water Management Framework

Sunday, October 20, 2013 @ 1 - 4 p.m.

Location: White Bear Lake Unitarian Universalist Church

Brief Description: Doug Thomas, Senior Policy & Advisor at the MN Board of Water Soil Resources (BWSR) will discuss Minnesota's Water Management Framework. Time permitting, guests may also visit the Maplewood Mall's stormwater retrofit.

For more information contact the [Izaak Walton League](#) or call (651) 221-0215

Oct. 21 - Oct. 27

1st Annual Co-op Jubilee Fundraising Concert LSP

Saturday, October 26, 2013 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Historic Masonic Theatre, Winona, MN

Brief Description: Co-op Jubilee is about two cooperative businesses - Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union and Bluff Country Co-op - partnering to enhance our community. Our aim is to offer education, entertainment and support to our community through workshops and a benefit concert.

This year's Co-op Jubilee concert will feature Red House Records recording artists The Pines. Tickets for the concert are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Tickets go on sale September 1st and can be purchased at [Bluff Country Co-op](#) and [Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union](#). All proceeds from concert will go the Land Stewardship Project.

For more information visit the [Bluff Country Co-op](#) website

Oct. 28 - Nov. 3

Frac Sand Mining: Could it Happen Here?

Tuesday, October 29, 2013 @ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: White Bear Lake Unitarian Universalist Church

Brief Description: This is a rare opportunity to hear about frac sand mining from individual, community, regulatory, business and public policy viewpoints. Don Shelby will be moderating.

This is a free discussion!

For more information contact the [Izaak Walton League](#) or call (651) 221-0215

Nov. 4 - Nov. 10

Duanne Ninneman to give Keynote Address at 8th Annual Earth Conference

Saturday, November 9, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference Center

Brief Description: Climate Change: no matter how fervently the naysayers deny it and cling to an unsustainable economic reality, a drastic human-made change in climate is upon us. Rising temperatures, shrinking ice caps, depleting coastlines...there seems to be no end to the crisis.

The time for action is now! We need to move past disbelief, apathy, and the fears holding back ecological balance and recognize climate change for the moral issue that it is. We as individuals are connected with all creation on Earth. Where do our morals and ethics come into play in climate change?

In this conference we will delve into the science and get to the heart of the moral issues surrounding climate change. We will focus on how we can move ourselves further than simply changing a light bulb or shopping with reusable bags.

For more information contact [Center of Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry](#) or at (507) 389-4272

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANT PROTECTION TECHNICIAN - DOMESTIC

Department: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Closing Date: October 4th, 2013

Location(s): Bloomington, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities: The duties described are for the full-performance level. At developmental grade levels, assignments will be of more limited scope, performed with less independence and limited complexity. The duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Participates fully with the supervisor in planning, scheduling, and coordinating survey and control measures conducted within an assigned area by furnishing specific information about the work area that will allow successful program accomplishment; similar participation is also done for biocontrol and biotechnology activities.
- Inspects and surveys properties (farms, rangeland, nurseries, shipping points, etc.) for the presence of harmful plants, insects, and plant diseases; inspections and surveys are made individually or by using lower graded employees under their direction.
- Directs/Conducts approved control and eradication measures, including the adoption of cultural practices, sanitation measures, biological controls, and the application of herbicides, insecticides, nematicides, and fungicides in proper proportions or dosages.
- Enforces federal and/or state plant quarantines and regulatory orders which restrict movement of plants, plant products, and equipment into or out of regulated areas; issues certificates permitting the movement of regulated articles; and reviews compliance agreements, taking steps to ensure conformance.
- Maintains daily records of inspection work, control measures, and regulatory procedures applied; prepares reports on activities and accomplishments within the assigned area, some of which are prepared through the use of Global Positioning System units and computer data input; prepares maps used in connection with survey activities; and services and maintains vehicles records.

For more information and to apply visit

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/352667400>

STREAM HABITAT SPECIALIST

Department: Fish & Wildlife/Region 4, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Closing Date: October 7th, 2013

Location(s): Waterville, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities: *THIS POSITION IS OF A LIMITED DURATION AND ANTICIPATED TO CONCLUDE AFTER THREE (3) YEARS. **

The position exists to identify, plan, design, and oversee construction of Outdoor Heritage-funded stream habitat projects across two DNR regions. The position occasionally serves as

crew leader for stream habitat assessment of potential project locations; identifies, designs and implements habitat development and maintenance projects; maintains project budgets; oversees construction by outside contractors or department crews; completes reporting required by grant funding; works as the lead agency contact with non-DNR partners conducting stream habitat work to ensure that projects meet department goals; and coordinates with Area and Regional staff to locate stream habitat maintenance, restoration and enhancement projects, and to generate grant proposals.

Primary Responsibilities include:

- Identify project locations for stream habitat development or maintenance so that priority locations of stream habitat work can be proposed for Outdoor Heritage Funds (OHF).
- Design stream habitat development or maintenance projects to improve habitat conditions and angling opportunities.
- Oversee the implementation and construction of the DNR's OHF-funded stream habitat projects.
- Serve as department lead in coordination with non-DNR entities (Trout Unlimited, sportsman's clubs, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, local governments) on their OHF stream habitat project planning and implementation to ensure that DNR goals are being met.

For more information and how to apply <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/> Posting # 13DNR000743

AGRICULTURE ADVISOR, AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS

Department: Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Closing Date: October 8th, 2013

Location(s): St. Paul, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities: This position exists to provide project management to and the cleanup of sites contaminated with agricultural chemicals using the authorities established under state and federal laws. Contaminated sites must be investigated and cleaned up to prevent adverse effects on public health, welfare and environment.

For more information and how to apply <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/> Posting # 13AGR000098

FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Department: The Nature Conservancy

Closing Date: October 10th, 2013

Location(s): Minneapolis, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities: The Finance Manager for the MN, ND, SD chapter will be responsible for: Supporting all areas of finance including the management

- Maintenance and reporting of all financial data related to the tri-state Chapter. This includes annual budget development, monitoring and maintaining all financial information, (including the accounts payable system, funds received and receivable, and expense reimbursements), and processing of internal financial forms
- Reviews government and private grants accounting transactions, ensuring appropriate match transfers are completed
- Monitors monthly accounting reports and key asset and liability account balances, including advances to partner NGOs, monitors endowment and loan budget centers
- Provides recommendations related to finances in the overall organizational planning, policy development and implementation.

Duties may encompass a wide range of detailed accounting/financial transactions including general and subsidiary ledger entries, financial report preparation and reconciliation, budget preparation and monitoring, tax reporting, accounts payable, the preparation/processing of various accounting forms and reports such as journal entries. S/he communicates quarterly via ad hoc reports and analysis to management. S/he serves as a liaison between the MN, ND, SD Chapter and the Conservancy's Worldwide Office to ensure accurate processing of income, expenses and transfers. S/he provides back-up administrative assistance to the operations department. The Finance Manager is supervised by the Director of Finance and Operations, and has no direct supervision of other staff. S/he must be able to function productively as a member or leader of a work team and be able to work with and communicate with a wide range of people including the public, program leadership, donors, and others. S/he must consistently demonstrate professional, positive, and approachable attitude/demeanor and discretion and be able to provide a variety of information to staff and others to assist workflow throughout the organization. The Finance Manager must be able to travel for training or enrichment a few times each year and be willing to work longer hours during busy seasons.

For more information and how to apply visit www.nature.org/careers job ID # 41450 or email them at applyhelp@tnc.org

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

Department: Renville County SWCD

Closing Date: October 11th, 2013

Location(s): Olivia, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities: Renville County Soil & Water Conservation District has a position open for a full-time conservation technician. Experience in conservation delivery preferred. Four year degree in natural resources or related field with Arc GIS experience preferred. This position provides a variety of administrative and technical assistance to support all aspects of the programs and activities of the Renville County SWCD, The position holder will work with the Wetland

Conservation Act, State Cost-share program, act as technical coordinator for Renville County Local Water Management, will complete eLINK reporting, grant writing, ArcGIS, and review mining reclamations and rain garden designs for Renville County. Assist with SWCD outreach and education program. Specific duties of this position are expected to change as the needs of the area change. The NRCS, Clean Water Partnership, FSA and others.

For full description and application instructions visit www.renvilleswcd.com or contact the office at (320) 523-1559 (click to view the [job announcement posting](#))

FARM BILL TECHNICIAN

Department: Renville County SWCD

Closing Date: October 11th, 2013

Location(s): Olivia, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities: Renville County Soil & Water Conservation District has two positions open for technicians to promote and implement Federal Farm Bill Conservation Programs and State of Minnesota Easement Programs. Full-time grant-funded positions with benefits. Work with NRCS, FSA, and BWSR to promote and implement conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill, RIM and other related wildlife conservation programs. Activities will include program promote, contract coordination, conservation planning, conservation plan modification, site assessment and reporting. Provide technical assistance for wildlife habitat enhancement techniques to private landowners and public organizations.

For full description and application instructions visit www.renvilleswcd.com or contact the office at (320) 523-1559 (click to view the [job announcement posting](#))

DAIRY INSPECTOR

Department: Dairy & Food Inspection Division, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Closing Date: October 14th, 2013

Location(s): Sauk Centre area, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities: This position will be headquartered in the Sauk Centre area with responsibility for Western Stearns and Southern Todd counties. This position exists to carry out the responsibilities and programs of the Dairy Division to assure safe and wholesome milk and dairy products for the consumer and to maintain interstate markets for Minnesota's Dairy Industry. This position performs routine food-safety based inspections for dairy farms and processing plants so that the public health is protected by ensuring safety of dairy products.

For more information and how to apply <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/> Posting #

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HYDROLOGIST 3

- Department:** Transportation Department
- Closing Date:** October 14th, 2013
- Location(s):** St. Paul, MN
- Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers
- Responsibilities:** This position will provide advanced professional hydrogeologic expertise regarding soil and ground water contamination identification, determination of areal extent and magnitude, and treatment. This work enables projects to proceed without delays resulting from contamination, while ensuring protection of the environment, full compliance with regulatory requirements, and minimization of future environmental liability.

For more information and how to apply <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/> Posting #13DOT000479

WATERSHED TECHNICIAN

- Department:** Heron Lake Watershed District
- Closing Date:** October 18, 2013
- Location(s):** Worthington, MN
- Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers
- Responsibilities:** The Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) has an opening for a full-time Watershed Technician housed in the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District office in Worthington, MN. The main responsibilities for this position are best management practices implementation, conservation practices and programs promotion, surface water monitoring program implementation, rules and regulations application, education assistance, and the pursuit of funding.

For more information and how to apply view the [job announcement](#) webpage or contact Jan Voit at the HLWD office, P.O. Box 345, Heron Lake, MN 56137 or (507) 793-2462

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Department:** Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
- Closing Date:** November 15th, 2013
- Location(s):** Hackensack, MN
- Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- **Program Implementation and Management:** Leads conservation program planning and project implementation through outreach, civic engagement, negotiation of easements and acquisitions, and collaboration with other conservation organizations. Maintains a close working relationship with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other state agencies as needed to implement conservation programs.
- **Board Support:** Works closely with the board to keep it informed, maintains corporate records, and participates in standing committees and fundraising activities.
- **Fundraising:** Directs and conducts fundraising and membership development activities and seeks financial support, grants, contracts and other assistance from individuals, foundations, corporations, and public agencies. Manages LLAWF database.
- **Communication / Public Relations:** Corresponds and conducts outreach with area lake associations, regional county government, business community, community groups, etc. through newsletters, press releases, website and other communication channels.
- **Finance:** Jointly with the treasurer manages LLAWF's financial health, including preparation of monthly financial reports, drafting the annual budget, managing grants, and submitting state and federal financial reports.
- **General Administrative:** Handles LLAWF correspondence and routine administrative matters in a timely fashion.

For more information and how to apply visit [MEP Partnership Job Announcements](#)

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