



Minnesota River Weekly Update

April 29, 2014

Minnesota River Congress June 19 in New Ulm

The first Minnesota River Congress will be held on Thursday, June 19, at Turner Hall in New Ulm. The purpose of the Congress is to bring together all interested parties in the Minnesota River Basin to chart a path forward to continue building a broad-based citizen and government partnership entity to preserve and improve natural resource conditions in the basin. Activities and entertainment will begin at 1 p.m. The main Congress will begin at 5:30 p.m. It is being hosted by Citizens for a Clean Minnesota River and other co-sponsors. The first Congress meeting will review and discuss the current status of agricultural, conservation, preservation, economic, and other activities in the Minnesota River Basin. It will solicit ideas and suggestions to form the basis of an ongoing Minnesota River strategy, establish a list of priority actions targeted on moving a Minnesota River strategy forward, and create a charge and plan for implementing as much of what is decided. A follow-up Congress would be convened in the fall to review the actions and steps resulting from the first congress, and to move forward as appropriate. An announcement and invitations for the Congress will be sent early in May. It is hoped that several hundred people will attend, representing the entire range of public and private organizations, and individuals committed to creating a comprehensive partnership in the basin, following the dissolution of the Minnesota River Board.

Funds help schools put healthy food on the plate

Several Minnesota school districts are able to upgrade their kitchens thanks to the MDA Farm to School Grant. More than \$250,000 is being awarded to fund 15 school districts and their local Farm to School projects.

Half of Minnesota's statewide student population is involved in the program, featuring a delicious pairing of agriculture and academia. The MDA also worked with the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) of Minnesota to get the new food equipment into the hands of the schools. Some grants also fund studies for schools to find the best way to get food from local pasture to plate. Farm to school was established to create new markets for local growers to provide fresh products for the local school cafeteria. The program coordinates at least \$10 million in local purchases annually. Although most purchases involve fruits and vegetables, schools are also purchasing milk, meat or poultry and grains. Grants are made possible through the Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation Program (AGRI), established by the legislature to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries. Applications are also being accepted for 2015 Farm to school funding and can be found on the [MDA's website](#).

Cold water is dangerous

As lakes and rivers continue to open up across southern Minnesota, the MnDNR is reminding anxious boaters and paddlers to consider the potential danger of cold water before they head out. Over 30% of boating fatalities in Minnesota happen in cold water - water below 70 degrees - with a victim not wearing a life jacket. Last week, a paddler died after his canoe capsized in Blue Earth County. With the long winter behind the state and daytime temperatures rising, many boaters and paddlers may be coaxed to the water. The shock of the cold water causes an involuntary gasp reflex. It takes less than a half cup of water in the lungs to drown. The shock of sudden entry into the water can also cause cardiac arrest, even for people in good health.

For more information on paddling safety check out the [MnDNR's Paddling Safety Tips](#).

Regulation changes include Mille Lacs, spawn bags, bowfishing

Changes to special or experimental fishing regulations - including previously announced changes on Mille Lacs Lake - are among several that will be in effect when anglers head out for the 2014 Minnesota fishing opener, according to the MnDNR. Changes are summarized on page 19 of the 2014 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet, which is available at any license agent or online. Anglers are reminded to check [online for the latest additions or corrections](#). Another change, involving small sacks of fish eggs called spawn bags, is not in the regulations booklet but is in effect for those trout fishing on Lake Superior and its tributaries.

Heartland Colony feedlot expansion plan is open for public review

The MPCA has prepared an EAW for a proposed feedlot expansion at the Heartland Colony about 12 miles north of Pipestone. The EAW, which describes potential impacts on land use, water quality, and air quality, is open for public review and comment through May 28, 2014. The Heartland Hutterian Brethren operate a total confinement swine and chicken feedlot in Fountain Prairie Township. The project proposal is to expand the swine operation by building two total confinement barns measuring 103 feet by 213 feet, housing 4,800 market swine. The EAW provides basic information on how the proposed project could potentially affect the environment. During the 30-day period, the EAW is open to public review and comment. Comments should be submitted in writing by 4:30 p.m. on May 28, 2014, to Charles Peterson, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd. N., Saint Paul, MN 55155 or by email charles.peterson@state.mn.us.

ARTICLES

[Sweeping global survey registers progress, and declines, on environment](#)

Ron Meador, Apr. 22, MinnPost

This being Earth Day, I call your attention to the 2014 edition of the Environmental Performance Index, a massive inventory of global progress, stasis and backsliding on all things environmental.

[Conservationists seek MN frac sand moratorium](#)

Elizabeth Dunbar, Apr. 22, MPR News

A group of frac sand mining opponents from southeastern Minnesota delivered petitions with 6,000 signatures to Gov. Mark Dayton today asking for a two-year industry ban in that region.

[St. Paul leaders call for fewer farm antibiotics](#)

Allison Kronberg, Apr. 23, *TC Daily Planet*
At least 23,000 Americans die every year from antibiotic-resistant infections, some of which may come from exposure to livestock antibiotics that end up in food.

[Judge throws wrench in Minn.'s renewable energy push](#)

Frederick Reese, Apr. 25, *MintPress News*
Last Friday, the US District Court for the District of Minnesota ruled that Minnesota does not have the right to demand clean electricity. In her ruling on the lawsuit the state of North Dakota brought against the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission toward striking down the Next Generation Act.

[Viewpoint: A conversation about oil and the North Woods](#)

David Shaffer, Apr. 26, *Star Tribune*
Willis Mattison spent nearly three decades with the MPCA, much of that time in Detroit Lakes, Minn., as a regional director. He recently began helping the Friends of Headwaters, a newly formed citizens group, as a technical adviser on the proposed Enbridge Energy Sandpiper pipeline.

[Killer virus spreads unchecked through US hog belt, pushing pork to record](#)

Reuters, Apr. 27, *The Times of India*
John Gohl, a hog nutritionist in Shakopee, Minnesota, knows a farmer in his state who lost 7,500 piglets just after they were born. The killer stalking US hog farms is known as PEDv, a malady that in less than a year has wiped out more than 10% of the nation's pig population and helped send retail pork prices to record highs.

[Manure spraying under scrutiny](#)

Ron Seely, Apr. 27, *WisconsinWatch.org*
Scott Murray did not want to leave the home in rural Juneau County where he and his family had lived for more than 20 years. But with the house surrounded on three sides by manure irrigation systems, life had become a nightmare.

[Who's protecting Minnesota's rural rivers?](#)

Josephine Marcotty, Apr. 28, *Star Tribune*
Four-fifths of the cropland that butts up against the streams and rivers of southern Minnesota is missing at least some of the legally required natural borders that are the first step in safeguarding waters that flow to the Mississippi River, Lake Pepin, and eventually the Gulf of Mexico, according to the first detailed mapping of the region's rivers.

EVENTS

April 28 - May 4

Le Sueur River Watershed Network Community Potluck & Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2014 @ 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Eagle Lake American Legion-Post 617, Eagle Lake, MN

Brief Description: The Le Sueur River Watershed Network is sponsoring a potluck and meeting on April 28, 2014 in Eagle Lake. After the potluck there will be a presentation about lake fisheries and shoreland protection and a discussion about the future of the watershed group. The public is invited to this free event to join the conversation about the newly forming Le Sueur watershed group and to share a meal with watershed neighbors. The main dish will be provided by Uncle Albert's Café, while participants are asked to share a side dish. Craig Soupir, MnDNR Area Supervisor will talk about lake fisheries and lake shoreland protection. Citizen leaders from the Le Sueur River Watershed Network will provide an overview of the group and continue the conversation about the group's future by deciding on a mission statement and discussing the group's next steps. The event is free and open to new members. Anyone interested in learning more about the watershed or the emerging citizen-led watershed group is welcome.

For more information about the group visit the Le Sueur River Watershed

Network. Please preregister by Friday, April 25, by contacting [Jessica Nelson](#) (507) 389-2704 or [Kim Musser](#) 507-389-5307..

MN GreenStep Cities Seminar

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 @ 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: National Eagle Center, Wabasha, MN

Brief Description: The Wapashaw Chapter of the Izaak Walton League invites you to an information seminar about MN GreenStep Cities, which is a free program with the MPCA that challenges, assists, and recognizes cities for efforts in sustainability. GreenStep Cities is a continuous improvement program based on 28 best practices - each practice can be implemented by completing one or more detailed actions. Actions are tailored to the city. They focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation.

For more information and to RSVP call Larry Gates or email [Michele McCaughtry](#), or visit the [MN GreenStep website](#).

Climate, Clean Water, and Clean Energy

Thursday, May 1, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Mt. Cavalry Lutheran Church, Excelsior, MN

Brief Description: Minnesota in on a clean energy path that is bringing benefits to human health and out water, air and natural resources. Paul Huttner, chief meteorologist for MPCA, Dr. Mark Seeley, U of M meteorologist, and J. Drake Hamilton, science policy director at Fresh Energy, will describe effective clean energy solutions that benefits all. Tammy Walhof, Director of the Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota, will provide faith reflections. This event is free and open to public.

For more information contact [Bill Becker](#) (651) 296-6397 or [Heather Koop](#) (651) 297-7142.

The State of Water Conference: Minnesotans Protecting our Lakes and Rivers

Thursday, May 1 - Friday, May 2, 2014

Location: Cragun's, Brainerd, MN

Minnesota and water: two words synonymous to Minnesotans. But people are the third critical leg of this triangle. We all depend on --and impact-- water through decisions we make every day. This conference is an opportunity for citizens to come together and learn and share what we know so we can all be better stewards of our water resources.

Who is this conference for? Lake association members, lake and riverfront property owners, local leaders, and all concerned citizens

How will this conference benefit me? Select from over 70 presenters and 35 breakout session topics. Go in-depth with a half-day workshop (4 to choose from). Hear the latest news about water issues from 4 plenary speakers. See new products and services offered by 40+ expected exhibitors. Connect with lake associations, watershed districts, citizen groups, state agencies, non-profit organizations, university, and colleges.

Registration is now open and the number of attendees will be limited, so sign up early! To register or learn more, visit our [Facebook page](#) and the [conference](#)

[website](#). An article about the conference is available online in the current issue of *From Shore to Shore*. For more information contact [Alex Gehrig](#) at the Freshwater Society or call (763) 219-1251.

River History Weekend & CURE's 22nd Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 1 - Sunday, May 4, 2014

Estar in el Prairie Photo Essay Exhibit Opening & Reception

Thursday, May 1 @ 7-9 p.m.

Location: KK Berge Building, Granite Falls, MN

Brief Description: *Retratos de nuestra nueva comunidad Latina:* Portraits of Western Minnesota's Emerging Latino Community. The photo essay exhibit is up through the month of May. [Click here to learn more about the project](#). University of Minnesota Morris students Jordan Wentz and Natalie Hoidal have sought to document the significance of the Latino Culture, and its importance to the rural landscape through black and white photography. From 2000 to 2010, the Latino population in Stevens County increased by 234%. In order to put faces and stories to this number, we are pairing photographers in the Morris area with Latino members of the community. Funding for this photo essay exhibit has been made possible in part by Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) through a grant from the Kresge Foundation, The Center for Small Towns, University of Minnesota Morris, Granite Area Arts Council and by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation through the arts and cultural heritage fund.

"Don't Worry; We've Got This" - A Gathering of Rising Leaders

Friday, May 2 @ 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Granite Falls American Legion, 2nd Floor

Brief Description:

Local food appetizer buffet catered by Bootlegger's Supper Club; cash bar

Panel of speakers & world café discussion

Open Mic! An opportunity for you to play music, perform slam poetry, try your hand at comedy, stage a skit, or share anything that can be performed!

People of all ages are welcome to attend this event! For more information and to RSVP email [Sarina](#) or call 1(877) 269-2873 to let us know you plan on attending.

Event is free but RSVP is appreciated for a food county.

Stenciling the Storm Drains

Saturday, May 3 @ 9 a.m.

Location: KK Berge Building, Granite Falls, MN

Brief Description: CURE member Diana Moe is leading volunteers with painting the storm drains in Granite Falls that lead to the Minnesota River. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. for team assignments. Please dress in older clothes and shoes as you will be working with paint. It is expected that this activity will take three hours. This is a great activity for families and youth groups with adult supervisors.

Making Kestrel Bird Houses

Saturday, May 3 @ 10 a.m.

Location: KK. Berge Building, Granite Falls, MN

Brief Description: Volunteers are needed to assist in the making of Kestrel Bird Houses. Kestrels are most easily distinguished by their typical hunting behavior which is to hover at a height of around 10-20 meters (33-66 ft) over open country and swoop down on prey, usually small mammals, lizards or large insects. These

bird houses will be distributed and put up in the watershed to support the Kestrel population.

Bluebird Birding at Upper Sioux Agency State Park

Saturday, May 3 @ 10:30 a.m.

Location: Activity Room in the Park Office, Upper Sioux Agency State Park

Brief Description: MN Master Naturalist & CURE member Jill Haluska will be teaching about bluebirds living at the State Park. The first part of the session will be inside learning about bluebird habitat and how to select and care for bluebird nest boxes on your own property. The second half of session will be outside on the bluebird trail. Participants can follow a map or use GPS navigation to find the bluebird houses spread through the park. GPS units will be available for those wanting to borrow one. Participants may want to bring their own GPS unit or use a navigation app of their smart phone. Meet in the Activity Room at the Park Office.

Paint Your Own Minnesota River Catfish

Saturday, May 3 @ 11 a.m.

Location: Plaza outside of the KK Berge Building, Granite Falls, MN

Brief Description: Artist and CURE member Tamara Isfeld will be leading painting activity. Come learn about the fish species in the Minnesota River and learn how to paint a Catfish. Participants will learn about the catfish family and how to paint them. No experience needed - just the desire to learn and a sense of humor. Participants should wear clothes that can get paint on them. Family-friendly activity.

Paint Your Own Minnesota River Sunny

Saturday, May 3 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Plaza outside the KK Berge Building, Granite Falls, MN

Brief Description: Artist and CURE member Tamara Isfeld will be leading painting activity. Come learn about the fish species in the Minnesota River and learn how to paint a Bluegill and Crappie. Participants will learn about the catfish family and how to paint them. No experience needed - just the desire to learn and a sense of humor. Participants should wear clothes that can get paint on them. Family-friendly activity.

An Afternoon with an Author and Poet Gwen Westerman

Saturday, May 3 @ 1 p.m.

Location: KK. Berge Building, Granite Falls, MN

Brief Description: Gwen Westerman is a member of the Sisseton Oyate and recipient of numerous regional and national awards for her literary works as well as her fiber arts, she will be reading select passages from her latest publication "Following the Blackbirds." The speaker's grandmother urges, "Look for blackbirds...they always go to water." The recurring image of blackbirds signals an instinct to return to language and land, two elementals that are tangles in Westerman's work. Westerman teaches at Minnesota State University, Mankato and lives in Good Thunder.

CURE's 22nd Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 3 @ 4-10 p.m.

Location: Bootlegger's Supper Club, Granite Falls, MN

Brief Description:

4 p.m. Registration and Cash Bar

5 p.m. Local Food Buffet

6 p.m. CURE Business Meeting and Awards, Silent Auction & Kayak Sweepstakes
6:45 p.m. [Paddle Forward Presentation](#) by Wild River Academy
7:30 p.m. Performance by [Singer/Songwriter James Hersch](#)

225 person limit. Registration required. For more information and to register check out the [CURE's website](#).

River History Weekend & CURE's 22nd Annual Meeting: Paddling Opportunity

Saturday, May 3, 2014 @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Wegdahl Chippewa County Park

Brief Description:

11 a.m. Safety Training with Wild River Academy. The team from Wild River Academy, Anna Johnson, Nick Ryan, and Natalie Warren will provide water safety basics and paddling basics for your river adventures. Anna is a Wilderness First responder and Nick and Natalie are Wilderness First Aid certified. This event is free and open for all ages.

11:45 a.m. there will be a light lunch at the park

12:30 p.m. Self-organized Paddle Trips. Stations will be set up at Wegdahl Chippewa County Park for people to gather @ meet to paddle other rivers in the Upper MN River Watershed.

1 p.m. Family Paddle Trip with the Eco-Voyageur Canoe led by Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC). Begin at Prien's Landing in Montevideo; end at Wegdahl.

Limit 17 spots per Eco-Voyageur trip. You may reserve your spot by calling Dixie at the CURE office 1(877) 269-2873. Reservations required & shuttles will be provided.

Egg Coffee and Newtons

Sunday, May 4, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: Our first program welcomes visitors with a cup of "Egg Coffee and Newtons." Come enjoy a cup of egg coffee made on the original Harkin Store stove and some newtons while looking at the 1870's store. The store boasts of 40% original merchandise on the shelves. The Harkin Store is located in the once thriving riverboat town of West Newton on the Minnesota River, nine miles northwest of New Ulm on Nicollet County Road 21, or the bottom road, or nine miles east of Fort Ridgely. The admission to the program is included with the admission to the store. The gift shop is filled to the brim with new books, toys, unique items and many hand-crafted items, also 10 cent candy. The store is open in May on Saturdays and Sundays.

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

May 5 - May 11

Beyond Zero Waste

Friday, May 9, 2012 @ 7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Location: Great River Energy, Maple Grove, MN

Brief Description: Zero waste initiatives are becoming more common, but how this ambitious goal is defined can vary widely - from a focus on smarter disposal

to a broad, life cycle-oriented approach. In this session, you'll hear about local and global companies that are moving toward "zero" by looking upstream, rethinking product design, and re-imagining their approach to waste. Confirmed speakers include:

- Thaddeus Own, Chief Engineer Sustainability, Herman Miller
- Robert Strand, Assistant Professor of Leadership and Sustainability, Copenhagen Business School
- Heather Tansey, Sustainability Business Development Manager, 3M

For more information and to register visit the [event website](#).

Women's Environmental Institute Spring Open House

Saturday, May 10, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Amador Hill Farm & Orchard, North Branch, MN

Brief Description: Join Women's Environmental Institute (WEI) for a Spring Open House where you can learn about WEI, a nonprofit organization in North Branch working for social and economic change through food, farm and environmental justice. WEI will have tours of their certified-organic vegetable farm, a photography exhibit, miniature pony rides, and more!

For more information call 651-583-0705 or email wei@w-e-i.org.

Arbor Day Celebration: Get to Know your neighborhood Trees

Saturday, May 10, 2014 @ 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Maplewood Nature Center, Maplewood, MN

Brief Description: How many neighborhood trees can you identify? Come to Maplewood Nature Center to learn to recognize common Minnesota trees and hear fun facts about them. Free and family friendly event.

For more information and to register (by May 9) visit the [Maplewood Nature Center website](#).

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: Harkin Store is open for the season on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in May with programs on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The Mother's Day program will have a large display of aprons hanging in the store. We will also have aprons made by Janet Massopust, Alexander Harkin's granddaughter. The gift shop will be open with aprons to purchase also. The gift shop has many books, toys and handcrafted and unique items, and 10 cent candy. Come and see the 1870's store and hear about the riverboat town of West Newton and the only thing left of the town, the Harkin Store. It has 40% original merchandise on the shelves. The store is much like it was in the pioneer days. Admission to the program is included with the admission to the store.

For more information call the Harkin Store 507-354-8666 or the Nicollet County Historical Society 507-9354-2160.

May 12 - May 18

Wetland Restoration Area Identification Workshop

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: MnDOT Training Center, 3725 12th St. N., St. Cloud, MN

Brief Description: Resource managers now have an online tool for identifying potential areas for wetland restoration. The MPCA contracted with the Natural Resource Research Institute (NRRRI) to develop this wetland restoration prioritization tool. Wetlands retain water and provide a critical reduction in several pollutants. The goal of the new tool is to help watershed professionals target wetland areas for effective watershed restoration and protection. Training workshops have been scheduled to help watershed managers and wetland restoration practitioners get the most from this new online tool. Space is limited so reserve your spot. There will be other opportunities available:

- May 20: MnDOT Training and Conference Facility, 1900 County Road West, Shoreview, MN
- May 21: Ottertail Power Community Room, 216 S. Cascade St., Fergus Falls, MN

There is no fee to attend the workshops, but lunch is on your own. To register email or call [Laura Dickison](mailto:Laura.Dickison@MPCA.org) 651-757-2689 at MPCA

For more information on the [Wetland Prioritization Tool click here.](#)

Forum: Climate Justice NOW -- Its out Time to Act
Thursday, May 15, 2014 @ 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kwanzaa Community Church, Minneapolis, MN

Brief Description: Join Green For All and The Sierra Club for a community forum to discuss how communities of color are affected by climate change. At this forum you can learn how local climate change leaders are working to make the Twin Cities cleaner, healthier, and more resilient. You can also take action on national climate initiatives underway that will affect your community! The forum moderator is Congressman Keith Ellison. There will be live spoken work and recording arts performances. For more information, contact [Karen Monahan](#) or [Kim Noble](#).

E. St. Julien Cox House hosts its 26th Annual Plant
Saturday, May 17, 2014 @ 8 a.m.

Location: St. Julien Cox House

Brief Description: In upholding one of the grandest of traditions, the Honorable E. St. Julien Cox and Mrs. Mariah Cox and their children will be heralding one of the City of Saint Peter's most prestigious rights of spring, The Annual Plant Sale. Mrs. Cox announce that the sale will be held in the morning on the front lawn of their beautiful home, which is located on the corners of Washington and Skaro.

For more information contact Richard E. Tostenson (612) 859-0061.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYDROLOGIST 2

Department	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	May 1, 2014

Location(s)	St. Cloud, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position will provide technical expertise to evaluate human health and environmental risks, review environmental investigations and determine appropriate soil, sediment, air and ground water cleanup goals and corrective actions at agricultural chemical incident sites and to provide related technical support to the Department.</p> <p>Additionally this position will provide hydrologic expertise to the Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division through the development and implementation of protocols and procedures for water quality monitoring studies, analysis of water quality data and information, and the general assessment of the impacts of agricultural chemicals on water quality.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply visit www.careers.state.mn.us posting #14AGR00037..</p>

NR PROGRAM SUPERVISOR SR - ECO SVCS	
Department	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Closing Date	May 7, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position will plan, manage, and supervise the development, implementation, and evolution of the Invasive Species Unit activities in the Division of Ecological and Water Resources. This position will be responsible for ensuring effective communication with key stakeholders; coordinate and integrate with other Ecological and Water Resources programs; and provide leadership in the development of effective invasive species management strategies throughout the state.</p> <p>Job responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct and manage the Division of Ecological and Water Resources statewide Invasive Species Unit. Represent the unit, its component programs, and staff. Direct the development and implementation of communication strategies so that the Invasive Species Unit, its staff, and its project teams communicate successfully with key partners, interest groups, and stakeholders both inside and outside the Department. • Administer fiscal and other administrative activities for the Invasive Species Unit so that priority programs and projects are planned, funded, and implemented according to Division needs, policies, and mandates. • Administer supervisory duties so that an efficient and orderly operation is maintained within the Unit and Division. • Manage, in cooperation with Division Regional Managers and the Division's Management Team, the coordination and integration of the Invasive Species Unit's work activities in the regions. • Direct the Invasive Species Unit so that statutory mandates, rules, regulations, and policies are fulfilled and provide leadership in the development of needed modifications. • Manage, in cooperation with the DNR Invasive Species Team, the

coordination and integration of the Invasive Species Unit work activities with external partners and advocate for program changes that enhance partnership opportunities.

For more information and how to apply visit <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/> Posting # 14DNR000337.

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Department	Minnesota Land Trust
Closing Date	May 9, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>The Conservation Stewardship Program Director is responsible for managing all aspects Minnesota Land Trust's conservation easement portfolio once an easement has been completed. This includes easement monitoring, volunteer management, risk management and easement enforcement, addressing requests for approvals and interpretations, tracking data, and periodic reports to the Executive Director, Board of Directors and select state agencies. The Stewardship Program Director's duties include aspects of real estate transactions, land management, record keeping, data management, and public relations. The Director is responsible for ensuring the Land Trust's compliance with national Land Trust Standards and Practices and Land Trust Accreditation and helps ensure the Land Trust continues to maintain a state-of-the-art stewardship program.</p> <p>The Stewardship Program Director will report to the Executive Director and manage 1-2 staff and approximately 100 volunteers. The Director will work closely with development and communication staff to identify funding opportunities with landowners, volunteers and others.</p> <p>The Director will also work with other office staff as requested to assist on other tasks necessary to deliver the Minnesota Land Trust's mission.</p> <p><i>Primary Responsibilities:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Manage the administration of the Land Trust's conservation easement stewardship program. This includes monitoring protected lands across the state, training and coordinating volunteers, responding to landowner inquiries, maintaining accurate stewardship records and files, keeping monitoring workbooks up to date, and evaluating monitoring procedures. It also includes ensuring that the Land Trust's stewardship program is compliant with Minnesota Land Trust policies and procedures and national Land Trust Standards and Practices.2. Manage, coach and support stewardship staff to deliver the conservation stewardship program.3. Manage the Minnesota Land Trust's project filing system, compiling and maintaining accurate information, files and records on all land projects, including pending projects and completed projects. This includes management of the electronic land projects database and coordination with other staff on content for the Land Trust's donor database. <p><i>Additional Responsibilities:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assist in the development and management of the annual budget and funding for the stewardship program.2. Oversee the creation of Land Trust maps and data, including an annual state-wide map of protected properties.3. Provide stewardship-related content for the Land Trust's communication materials including press releases, newsletters, and landowner materials.4. Other duties and projects as assigned. <p>For more information check out the job announcement.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST 3

Department	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Closing Date	May 9, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>The incumbent provides the Wastewater Laboratory Accreditation Program quality assurance assistance, laboratory data review for program work, and advice on various chemical methods to the Wastewater laboratory community, MPCA staff, and citizens for the State. Tracks quality assurance documents throughout the System Review by EPA.</p> <p>The position requires 15% travel.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply visit http://www.careers.state.mn.us/ Posting # 14PCA000065.</p>

WATERSHED COORDINATOR

Department	Heron Lake Watershed District
Closing Date	May 15, 2014
Location(s)	Heron Lake, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>The goals of the Watershed Coordinator position are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. to enhance partnerships between Nobles, Jackson, Murray, and Cottonwood Counties and the Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) to assist with obtaining current feedlot information through onsite inspections and project promotion and2. establish a framework that the local government can use to guide their involvement as the WFDNR Watershed Project progresses over the next four years. <p>This will enhance the success of the overarching goal of providing a framework for which the local government and watershed organizations can engage the public in a manner that will lead to water quality improvement. This will result in strategies to protect or restore the waters in this watershed.</p> <p>These strategies will be used as the basis for making informed local water quality and land use planning decisions, as well as development of grant applications to implement the restoration and protection of waters in the WFDNR watershed. This will be accomplished by conducting a feedlot inventory, coordinating meetings, and providing written and verbal updates to various entities. The position requires strong grant writing, technical writing, financial planning, interpersonal skills, public speaking, and computer skills. Agricultural knowledge is required.</p> <p>The position also requires a self-motivated person who will receive some instruction from the District Administrator, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Work Group, but who will perform the majority of tasks with little or no supervision.</p>

For more information visit [Heron Lake WD's website.](#)

Please register at the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance's bulletin board at <http://mail.mnsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/mrwa/> to receive regular updates on what is happening in the Minnesota River Basin.