

Minnesota River Weekly Update

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Western Prairie Fringed Orchid

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Announcements

FY18 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant RFP Now Available

June 5, 2017, BWSR

St. Paul, Minn. - The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is pleased to announce that local governments can apply for funds to protect and improve water quality in their communities. The application period for the FY18 Clean Water Fund (CWF) Competitive Grants is open now through August 9, 2017. These funds are available as a result of the Clean Water, Land & Legacy amendment passed by Minnesota voters in 2008.

The complete Request for Proposals can be found at <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/apply/index.html>. A series of instructional videos regarding the FY2018 RFP have also been posted to this website.

MDA schedules additional listening sessions on draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

June 27, 2017, MDA

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is scheduling two additional public listening sessions on a proposal for regulating the use of nitrogen fertilizer in Minnesota. The MDA is seeking public input on a draft of the Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule, which would help minimize the potential for nitrate-nitrogen contamination from fertilizer in the state's groundwater and drinking water. Nitrate is one of the most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater and elevated levels of nitrate in drinking water can pose serious health concerns for humans.

The MDA is holding the public listening sessions throughout the state to discuss the proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule. Written comments can be submitted at the listening sessions, through MDA's website, or by mail. In addition to the Chatfield, Farmington, St. Cloud and Wadena locations, listening sessions are also being scheduled in McIntosh and St. Paul. ([read more](#))

EPA official pressured Minnesota scientist on congressional testimony, e-mails show

E-mails show chemist was asked to alter statement.

Coral Davenport , June 28, 2017, New York Times

WASHINGTON – A University of Minnesota scientist was pressured by the Environmental Protection Agency's chief of staff to alter her recent testimony before Congress and play down the agency's dismissal of expert advisers, his e-mails show. Deborah Swackhamer, an environmental chemist who leads the EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors, was to testify May 23 before the House Science Committee, when Ryan Jackson, the EPA's chief of staff, asked her to stick to the agency's "talking points" on the dismissals of several members of the scientific board. Swackhamer was scheduled to testify about the role of states in setting environmental policy, but her appearance came two weeks after the dismissals, which were met with fierce pushback from the scientific community, which saw it as evidence that the

White House is weakening the role of science in environmental policy. Swackhamer made her e-mails with Jackson available to the committee's Democratic members. On Monday, the panel's Democrats, led by the ranking member, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, wrote to Pruitt expressing concern that Jackson's attempt to shape Swackhamer's testimony may have been improper or even illegal.

The Democrats requested that the EPA's inspector general investigate the matter. ([read more](#))

'Clean, Drain, Dispose' to prevent invasive species spread

July 4 and year-round

MDNR, June 29, 2017

With more people recreating, the Independence Day holiday is an especially important time to take a moment to "Clean, Drain, Dispose." This Fourth of July and all season, join the 96 percent of Minnesotans who

- Clean their watercraft of aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species,
- Drain all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport, and
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

"Clean, Drain, Dispose is the law in Minnesota, because it's an effective way of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species," said Heidi Wolf, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invasive species coordinator. "These simple steps help protect your waters from invasive species and the environmental, recreational and economic harm they can cause," Wolf said. ([read more](#))

News

Native plants to be placed along Albert Lea highways

Staff Reports, June 27, Albert Lea Tribune

Motorists on interstates 35 and 90 near Albert Lea should be alert Wednesday as crews begin working along the roadsides planting native grasses and flowering plants, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The planting work will be on approximately three miles adjacent to I-

DNR to host prairie wildflower walk

[Claire Colby](#), June 29, 2017, Post Bulletin

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be offering a [prairie wildflower walk](#) at 9:30 a.m. July 15 at Dodge County's Iron Horse Prairie Scientific and Natural Area.

Staff will share their knowledge about the prairie and wildflowers. The event is scheduled to coincide with the city of Hayfield's annual town festival. Wear appropriate shoes, as this two-hour hike

90 westbound from Petrans to the Hayward exit 163, east of Albert Lea, and on stretches of 13 miles of I-35 from the Minnesota-Iowa border to the center of the traffic loop ramps at the I-90-I-35 interchange. ([read more](#))

With help from Minnesota researchers, imperiled prairie butterfly takes new flight

[Jennifer Bjorhus](#) , June 29, 2017, Star Tribune,

The Dakota skipper is a butterfly for just two short weeks in its one-year life. A caterpillar for the rest of the year, it hunkers down under the snow in winter, preserved by an antifreeze its body produces.

But as the tallgrass prairie disappeared across much of Minnesota, the Dakota skipper has nearly vanished. Just 1 percent of the native prairie remains, and the small brown-gold butterfly is considered threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act — one of two Minnesota butterflies on the list.

In a rescue effort, researchers at the Minnesota Zoo have been breeding Dakota skippers in captivity, and now, for the first time, the imperiled butterfly is being reintroduced into the wild. ([read more](#))

U.S. air pollution still kills thousands every year, study concludes

[Rob Stein](#) · NPR · Jun 28, 2017

will involve walking on uneven terrain. Visitors are invited to bring cameras and field guides, and urged to dress for the weather. Plan ahead, as the SNA has no public restrooms or drinking water on site. ([read more](#))

MDA enacts temporary quarantine for gypsy moth in portion of Minneapolis

MDA, June 29., 2017

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is placing a gypsy moth-infested area in the Lowry Hill Neighborhood of Minneapolis under quarantine beginning July 1 after a neighborhood resident reported a large insect population. The quarantine will be in place until early next summer.

The quarantined area extends from Mt. Curve Avenue on the north to Franklin Avenue West on the south, and Irving Avenue South on the west to Dupont Avenue South on the east ([SEE MAP](#)).

Gypsy moths have caused millions of dollars in damage to forests in the eastern United States. The moths are common in Wisconsin and are now threatening Minnesota. ([read more](#))

Odd-named creatures thrive in amazing Minnesota landscape MDA,

[Tom Cherveney](#) , Jul 1, 2017

SWEDES FOREST, Minn. — Everyone came looking to meet up with some odd-named characters, and found them.

It's the five-lined skink, aka "blue devil," that brought Katie Leuenberger to the Swedes Forest Scientific and Natural Area

The air Americans breathe has been getting cleaner for decades.

But air pollution is still killing thousands in the U.S. every year, even at the levels allowed by the [Environmental Protection Agency](#), according to a [study](#) out Wednesday.

"We are now providing bullet-proof evidence that we are breathing harmful air," says [Francesca Dominici](#), a professor of biostatistics at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, who led the study. "Our air is contaminated."

Dominici and her colleagues set out to do the most comprehensive study to date assessing the toll that air pollution takes on American lives. [\(read more\)](#)

Popular Kandiyohi County lakes near 'tipping points'

[Tom Cherveney](#), Jun 27, 2017, *West Central tribune*

SPICER — The waters of Games Lake and Lake Andrew are still clear enough for swimmers to see their toes when they wade into them, or for anglers to see the sparkle of their spinner baits as they retrieve them.

Those days might be coming to an end, water quality professionals say, unless action is taken soon. Water quality is at a "tipping point" in the lakes of the Upper Shakopee Creek basin in the northwest corner of Kandiyohi County, according to Skip Wright, district manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's Ecological and Water Resources office in Spicer. [\(read more\)](#)

on land in Yellow Medicine and Redwood counties. She surprised the speedy, blue-tailed reptiles by lifting wood and tin covers she keeps scattered about the granite outcrops on this site. They love hiding underneath them. The rock star of it all is the blue-lined skink. The site was originally acquired with the intent of protecting this rare reptile with the vibrant blue tail, Cleveland said. In Minnesota, this skink is found only in isolated areas of the upper Minnesota River Valley and the bluffs of Houston County in the state's southeast corner. [\(read more\)](#)

Welcome to Fish School

Clay Schuldt, Jun 29, 2017, The Journal

NEW ULM — Minneopa Area Department of Natural Resources (DNR) naturalist Scott Kudelka visited the New Ulm Public Library Wednesday afternoon, to teach kids about the Minnesota River and the variety of fish that live in it.

Kudelka said the Minnesota River has changed significantly since European settlers came to the area. Based on historic writings, it is known the Minnesota River was once clear enough to see the bottom, but sediment and pollution have made the river cloudy.

Kudelka said the amount of sediment in the river does have an effect on fish, as they filter water through their gills.

On the positive side, the pollution on the Minnesota River has improved in the last 50 years, and certain fish species are making a comeback. [\(read more\)](#)

Draft reports available on Hawk

Nicollet County to enforce buffer strip law; other counties doing the same thing

[Deanna B. Narveson](#), Jun 27, 2017,
Mankato free Press

ST. PETER— Nicollet County will take on the responsibility of enforcing the state's buffer zone laws instead of leaving the job the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

At the County Board meeting Tuesday, commissioners likened the arrangement to the lesser of two evils because residents won't be forced to work with officials in St. Paul as landowners work to comply with the law.

"Local control is our best option. In this case, I think it gives our best representation for our constituents," said Commissioner Denny Kemp. "My folks that I know have commented that they prefer to have 'the devil you know as opposed to the devil you don't know.'"

Blue Earth and Le Sueur counties decided to enforce the buffer law, too. ([read more](#))

Environmentalists criticize changes to PolyMet mine design

The Associated Press · Minneapolis · Jun 29, 2017

An environmental group says the design for the proposed PolyMet copper-nickel mine in northeastern Minnesota has changed in significant ways that require regulators to conduct a fresh environmental review of the revisions.

WaterLegacy says changes in the mine's tailings basin and wastewater treatment facilities, and a new disclosure of how much water would be pumped from the mine, obligate federal and state agencies

Creek pollution issues

Tribune News, Jun 2, 2017

OLIVIA — Draft reports that address pollution issues in the Hawk Creek Watershed are now available for review on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's website.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is accepting public comments on the reports until 4:30 p.m. June 21. The Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy and Total Maximum Daily Load reports identified impairments due to excessive amounts of bacteria associated with human and animal wastes and excessive nutrients.

According to a news release, generally, most streams and lakes in the watershed fail to support swimming or fishing. Stream bank erosion and stormwater runoff create a negative effect on water quality. Runoff from agricultural activities carries excess phosphorus, sediment and bacteria into water bodies. These pollutants degrade water quality and are harmful to fish and other aquatic life. ([read more](#))

Researchers race to slow a disease that could wipe out some bat species

[Dan Gunderson](#) · Soudan, Minn. · Jun 27, 2017. MPR

The fungal disease called white-nose syndrome has [killed millions of bats](#) since it was first discovered in North America 10 years ago, but University of Minnesota scientist Christine Salomon hopes to find a treatment deep in the cold damp shafts of the Soudan Mine.

"We're just looking at the basic biology of the pathogen, trying to understand how it

to take a closer look — a move that could cause further delays in an already long process. The group made the request in a letter Thursday to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other agencies.

[\(read more\)](#)

grows and expands over time," explains Salomon.

The disease [reached Minnesota](#) two years ago and has killed thousands of bats the past two winters at the underground mine not far from Ely. Mining stopped in the 1960s, but the mine was turned into a state park that attracts tourists in the summer and houses thousands of hibernating bats in the winter. [\(read more\)](#)

Events

↓ July 5 - July 11 ↓

DAY IN THE LIFE A PIONEER WOMAN

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017 1-4 PM

Location: Harkin Store, New Ulm on Nicollet County Road 21

Brief Description: Pioneer women

were an important part of the development of the territory of Minnesota. The women of that time worked along side of their men while performing the duties of the house as well, sewing, cooking, cleaning, gardening, and child-rearing. Life was not easy for the women of the prairie. Through various displays, see how the pioneer women lived, from the basic housekeeping to entertainment.

The Harkin Store is open from 10 to 5 pm everyday except Mondays with programs on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm. Admission to the program is included with admission to the store. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store and has books, toys, unique and hand crafted items, also 10 cent candy.

The 1870's general store that Alexander Harkin opened is all that is left of the village of West Newton. The store has 40% original merchandise on the shelves. It is located nine miles northwest of New Ulm on Nicollet County Road 21, or the bottom road, or nine miles east of Fort Ridgely. For more information contact the store at [1-507-354-8666](tel:1-507-354-8666) or Nicollet County Historical Society which operates the store at [1-507-934-2160](tel:1-507-934-2160).



Minnesota State Cattlemen's Summer Beef Tour and Trade Show

July 10, 2017 to July 11, 2017

Location: Starbuck, MN

Brief Description: Each year a local or county cattlemen's organization affiliated with the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association volunteers to host the annual MSCA Summer Beef Tour & Trade Show. This year's tour, hosted by the Glacial Ridge Cattlemen's Association (GRCA), will take place on July 11th, 2017. GRCA membership includes primarily cattle producers and industry professionals from Pope, Douglas, eastern Swift, western Stearns and northern Kandiyohi Counties.



"The summer beef tour is an annual tradition of our association that draws family, friends and fellow cattlemen from across the state and region together for a day of education and networking," states MSCA President Krist Wollum, "We're excited for the excellent line up for the 2017 tour and are proud of the efforts of the Glacial Ridge Cattlemen's tour committee."

The 2017 Summer Beef Tour & Trade Show annually draws a crowd of 1,000 or more cattlemen, beef industry professionals and community members from across the state and region. Event headquarters are located at the beautiful Clear Springs Cattle Company owned by Jim & Twyla Wulf located at 30819 250th Street, Starbuck, MN. Cost is \$25 per person if pre-registered by June 15 and \$35 per person at the door, with discounts for students and children under 12. Registration includes a chartered bus ride, trade show admittance, lunch and steak supper. The first bus departs at 6:30 AM with additional buses leaving every 45 minutes until 8:45 AM. ([more information](#))

"Birds Are Telling Us It's Time To Act! Climate Endangered Birds of MN"

July 11 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: [Maple Grove Library](#),
8001 Main St, Maple
Grove, MN 55369 United States

Northwest Metro Climate Action

Brief Description: The Trumpeter Swan. The American white pelican. The common loon. The mallard duck. The bald eagle. The Baltimore oriole. These are just 6 of the 166 bird species in Minnesota whose survival is threatened by climate change. In 2015, the National Audubon Society produced the report "Birds and Climate Change", which stated

“Nearly half of the bird species in the continental U.S. and Canada are seriously threatened by 2080, and without action, many are at risk of extinction.”

Monica Bryand, a St Paul birder and photographer has looked into the situations of birds species native to Minnesota and will share stories and photos about them at a forum Tuesday July 11 at 7 pm at Maple Grove Library. The title of the presentation is “Birds Are Telling Us It’s Time To Act! Climate Endangered Birds of Minnesota”.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by NWMetroClimateAction.org ([more information](#))

↓ July 12 - July 18 ↓

Training: Minnesota Master Naturalist Prairies & Potholes Biome

Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21, 2017

Location: Friends for Lac qui Parle State Park, 14047 20th St NW, Watson, Minnesota 56295

Brief Description: You will not find a better place on the tall grass prairie to learn about the Prairies and Potholes biome. Lac qui Parle State Park (LQPSP)



has both a river floodplain and prairie hillsides and is home to a very diverse collection of wildlife. The park boasts a phenomenal migratory flight territory with a variety of birds to see and learn about. In addition to the physical and natural features of the park there is a rich history with the Dakota people who include this part of the river basin as part of their ancestral homelands.

([more information](#))

Bavarian Blast

July 14-16

Pre-Blast: July 13

Location: New Ulm

Brief Description: Come to New Ulm’s Biggest Festival of the Summer! Bavarian Blast, now in its 12th year, takes place July 14-16, 2017, with the Pre-Blast Party on July 13th. A German &



American Music Festival, it features all sorts of music, including German-style bands, old-

time, rock and country music. Nationally-known musicians as well as local favorites take the stages all weekend long!

The Pre-Blast on Thursday evening features performances by: Church of Cash (Johnny Cash Tribute Band), Transit Authority (Chicago Tribute Band), and Takin' It To The Limit: An Eagles Tribute (with Collective Unconscious and The Fabulous Armadillos). Multiple stages at Bavarian Blast feature performances Friday through Sunday by: Squeezebox with Mollie B., Austrian Express, Alpensterne, Concord Singers, Fabulous Armadillos, Schell's Hobo Band, Wendinger Band, Leon Olsen Show, Matt Hodek & the Dakota Dutchmen, The Bockfest Boys, Larry Olsen, The Original German Band, and the New Ulm Municipal Band.

Bavarian Blast is fun for the whole family! Activities at the Blast include the sauerkraut-eating contest, stein-holding competition, barrel rolling, children's activities, dog races, a 5K/10K, Sunday morning Polka Service, Bavarian Blast Parade, food and souvenir vendors, craft beer and local wines, full bar, on-site camping, and free onsite parking.

New this year is the unique opportunity to attend a Polka Service with Molly B. on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. The Farm-City Hub Club will be offering breakfast on Sunday beginning at 8:30 AM with entertainment by the Original German Band. The Bavarian Blast parade, which is annually attended by thousands, takes place at 12:30 PM on Sunday.

The festival offers German food such as bratwurst, pork schnitzel, German potato salad, spätzle, sauerkraut, and apple strudel. Bavarian Blast is a German-American Music Festival and you'll be able to find both German and American food options on the grounds. Plan some extra time to explore all that New Ulm has to offer: Schell's Brewery, historic attractions, vineyards, museums, monuments, and more! Learn how "Germans Have More Fun" in New Ulm! www.bavarianblast.com

Admission to the Pre-Blast is \$30 in advance or \$35 at the gate and includes Friday admission. Weekend Passes to the festival (Fri-Sun) are \$25. Daily admission for Friday and Saturday are \$15 and Sunday admission is \$5. Free admission for 16 and under. Bavarian Blast buttons are for sale at the New Ulm Visitor Center (1 N Minnesota St.) for \$3, and include free Sunday admission. Admission for children 16 and under is free Fri-Sun.

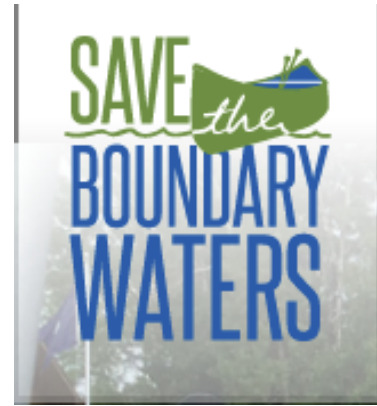
For more information about the event or for the entertainment schedule, visit www.bavarianblast.com or stop into the New Ulm Visitor Center. Contact Bavarian Blast by email at info@bavarianblast.com or by phone at [1-888-463-9856](tel:1-888-463-9856) with any questions or comments. Follow Bavarian Blast on Facebook.

Twin Cities – U.S. Forest Service Listening Session

July 18 @ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: [Saint Paul RiverCentre](#), 175 Kellogg Blvd W
Saint Paul, MN 55102 United States

Brief Description: Join us July 18 for the [U.S. Forest Service](#)'s Listening Session at the [Saint Paul RiverCentre](#) (Exhibit Hall A) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (doors at 4:30 p.m.). This is a critical time to speak up for the Boundary Waters! The U.S. Forest Service will use this public input in the environmental review process to determine whether the Boundary Waters watershed is the wrong place for sulfide-ore copper mining.



We need to YOU to speak up for this quiet place.

The Listening Session gives the U.S. Forest Service the opportunity to listen to public concern on the record. Those who want to speak will be chosen through a lottery system, allotting three minutes per person. We hope to hear from a large number of Boundary Waters supporters and clean water advocates!

We will continue updating this page with tips for getting to the event, info on submitting your name to speak and how you can continue showing your support for the BWCA.

More info about the comment period here:

<https://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/comment-period>

The Campaign to [Save the Boundary Waters](#) is leading the efforts to protect the clean air, clean water and forest landscape of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from sulfide-ore copper mining.

↓ July 19 - July 25 ↓

Nature Roaming

07/21/2017, 11 am to 12 pm

Location: Minneopa State Park, 5 miles west of Mankato on State Hwy. 68 and U.S. Hwy. 169.

Brief Description: The Naturalist will be at the Falls Area for a couple of hours to answer questions about some of the natural and historical characteristics at Minneopa State Park. Visitors will have a chance to learn about what is living in the Minnesota River and Minneopa Creek including mussels, fish, and macroinvertebrates. Are you looking for information on the height of the



waterfalls or who built the granite rock buildings in the park? All of these answers and more will help you understand why Minneopa is such a unique area.

For more information contact Scott Kudelka at 507-384-8890 or by email at scott.kudelka@state.mn.us.

Native Bees

07/21/2017, 1 pm to 2 pm

Location: Minneopa State Park, 5 miles west of Mankato on State Hwy. 68 and U.S. Hwy. 169.

Brief Description: Native bees have a wide diversity of types including fuzzy bumblebees, small carpenter bees and yellow-faced bees. In Minnesota alone, there are at least 350 different species if not more. Native bees are some of the most efficient pollinators and support many native plant communities along with some of our favorite food crops like apples, blueberries and cranberries.



Come out to Minneopa to learn more about some of the native bees from John Kinsley, a local organic farmer. We will be catching some of the native bees to identify and for data collection. Meet at the turning circle near the office on the waterfalls side of Minneopa State Park.

For more information contact Scott Kudelka at 507-384-8890 or by email at scott.kudelka@state.mn.us.

Job Announcements

—Resource Technician (Engineering)—

Employer:

Scott County Community Services Division

Closing Date:

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Location(s):

Jordan, MN

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:**Essential Duties**

- Performs material testing for quality control.
- Assists with constructions and preliminary surveys as assigned.
- Participates in after-hours emergency response as assigned (snow and ice removal).
Assigned a dedicated snow plow route.
- Provides technical guidance, assists in training, and checks the work of seasonal and other employees.
- Assists with road construction inspection as needed.
- May perform duties specified for other classifications or be reassigned on a short-term basis to other departments in Public Works.
- Works the hours and/or shifts assigned and begins and ends work on time.
- Performs other related duties as required or assigned.

Position Specific Duties

- Designs roadway layouts and prepares design and construction plans using computer-aided design software.
- Operates Global Positioning System (GPS), Total Stations, levels, and other survey equipment needed for preliminary surveys, construction surveys, bridges, and other public works projects.
- Prepares field notes, makes engineering computations, and checks computations to determine construction layouts and needs.
- Serves as an inspector for material testing and construction activities to ensure they meet required specifications.
- Assists in maintaining a record-keeping and documentation system for construction of County, State, and Federal projects.
- Assists in the inspection and/or repair of bridges.
- Uses a computer for design, drafting, quantity computation, and data collection/storage and/or design of sign panels.

[\(more information\)](#)

—State Director—

Employer:

Environment Minnesota

Closing Date:

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Location(s):

Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Program: Run our in-state program by participating in and overseeing policy development, research and messaging.
- Advocacy: Bring problems and solutions to the attention of decision-makers—including state legislators, people on the governor’s staff, state regulators and local officials. Develop appropriate messages and materials for making the case to decision-makers. Build relationships with key players in the state, the region and at the federal level.
- Campaign strategy: Develop plans to win our environmental campaigns. Assess opportunities for building political support for our agenda through coalition-building, grassroots organizing, media coverage, endorsements and message development.
- Media outreach: Serve as the public spokesperson for our environmental campaigns through media events, press releases, editorial board meetings and other outreach with a goal of building name recognition for the organization, educating the public about our issues, and building and demonstrating support for our positions.
- Coalition building: Identify, reach out and work with partners who can help us win our campaigns.
- Fundraising: Write grant proposals, build relationships with foundation staff and meet with large donors, all to bring more resources to campaigns we’re waging to protect our environment. Work with our citizen outreach staff to build and develop our membership base.
- Staff recruitment and development: Recruit new staff and volunteers to increase our impact and build our power.

[\(more information\)](#)

Friends Group Coordinator

Employer:

Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota

Closing Date:

July 24th, 2017

Location(s):

St. Paul

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Outreach to our current Friends Group partners to understand their strengths, needs and opportunities for partnering.
- Shape and formalize our Friends Group Program by working with the external relations director to identify, refine and systematize program elements.
- Drafting a Friends Group manual for current and potential Friends Group partners to understand the partnership relationship.
- Identify, plan and implement outreach efforts that:
 - Provide educational and networking opportunities for Friends Groups
 - Provide regular communication between P&TCM staff and Friends Groups
 - Refine, update, and maintain our database (CiviCRM) of existing friends groups in Minnesota.
- Review and conduct research into similar partnership programs to inform the development of P&TC's Friends Group program.
- Coordinate efforts with other P&TCM staff members who are working on various elements of the Friends Group program.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Aquatic Ecologist—

Employer:

RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.

Closing Date:

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Location(s):

Detroit Lakes

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. seeks an aquatic ecologist to perform taxonomic identifications of macroinvertebrates, zooplankton, zebra mussel veligers, aquatic macrophytes, and provide consulting services to interpret the data. The applicant must have experience in macroinvertebrate identification to genus level. Zooplankton, zebra mussel veligers and aquatic macrophyte identification can be learned on the job. This is a full-time permanent year-round position where we would like an individual to begin as soon as possible.

[\(more information\)](#)

—SE MN Wastewater Facilitator—

Employer:

Cannon River Watershed Partnership

Closing Date:

July 7, 2017

Location(s):

Northfield

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Develop working relationships with elected levels of government (i.e. Town Board, County Commissioners)
- Facilitate community task force meetings
- Apply for grants and loans to fund community wastewater projects
- Work closely with state agencies(MPCA & PFA) regarding rules and funding for sewer projects
- Work with technical contractors (engineers, attorneys etc.) on behalf of communities
- Present to elected officials and others as needed
- Provide information to Program Manager as needed for grant reporting

[\(more information\)](#)

—Farm Bill Assistant Technician—

Employer:

Swift County

Closing Date:

August 31 by 4:00 pm

Location(s):

Benson, MN

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- GIS mapping/ArcMap
- Meeting with landowners
- Attending meeting of local conservation clubs
- Knowledge of government conservation programs (CCRP)
- Meet with local work groups regarding cost share opportunities for landowners.

[\(more information\)](#)

—AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) WATERCRAFT INSPECTOR—
—TEMPORARY (SEASONAL) —

Employer:

Kandiyohi County

Closing Date:

NO DEADLINE for submitting an application on this position. Apply at anytime!

Location(s):

Kandiyohi County

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

AIS Watercraft Inspectors are responsible for inspecting and decontaminating watercraft, as well as educating the public regarding AIS. Must be 18 years of age, have a valid MN Driver's License, and have access to a personal vehicle. Must be available to work weekends, weekdays, and holidays. Hourly rates starting at \$11.21. Application forms may be picked up and submitted through Kandiyohi County Human Resources, 2200 23rd St NE, Suite 2020, Willmar, MN 56201, or are available online at www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us.

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Thank you!



“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”

— [John Lubbock, The Use Of Life](#)



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