

# Minnesota River Weekly Update

Sep 19, 2017



Windmills seen on the Palmer Creek's Wind Farm, 2017.

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## Announcements

**Mississippi River mayors eye wetlands and parks to reduce flooding and environmental damage**

*Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Star Tribune*

St. Paul's Chris Coleman says a project related to the Ford site could be among those packaged for investors.

The agreement was announced Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, a group of 80 mayors from Minnesota to Louisiana that collaborates to protect the country's largest waterway.

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, who co-chairs the group, said several natural disasters since 2005 have inflicted more than \$200 billion in damage in the Mississippi River Valley. The group wants to mitigate that risk by repairing and bolstering the river's own natural defenses, such as flood plains and wetlands. A healthier river makes economic sense, the mayors say. [\(read more\)](#)

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### **Program Evaluation Finds Efficiencies for Walleye Stocking**

*September 14, 2017, DNR*

A new review has found that greater efficiencies can be realized in a walleye stocking program that doubled the amount of young walleye called fingerlings released into Minnesota lakes starting in the late 1990s. The review by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources centered on the 254 lakes in the Accelerated Walleye Program. As a result of the review, the DNR plans to continue stocking fingerlings in some of these lakes at the same rate, but on other lakes anglers will benefit from actually reducing fingerling stocking rates.

The review found:

- On 70 lakes, stocking at high densities should continue.
- On 45 lakes, stocking will continue at high densities until evaluations can be completed.
- On 10 lakes, stocking density or stocking frequency should be increased.
- On 85 of the 254 lakes, stocking density should be reduced.
- On 36 lakes, stocking should be converted to fry.
- On eight lakes, stocking should be discontinued.

For more information click [\(here\)](#)

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### **Zebra Mussels Confirmed in North Star Lake in Itasca County**

*September 14, 2017, DNR*

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed zebra mussels in North Star Lake in northern Minnesota's Itasca County. A North Star Lake resident contacted the DNR after finding zebra mussels when removing a dock and boat lift. DNR staff confirmed juvenile zebra mussels along the lakeshore and at the nearby public access. They confirmed adult zebra mussels several hundred feet south of the location of the initial report.

For more information click [\(here\)](#).

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## **DNR Opens Public Comment Period on Draft PolyMet Dam Safety and Public Waters Work Permits**

*September 15, 2017, DNR*

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking comments, from Sept. 15 through Oct. 16, on two draft dam safety permits and a draft public waters work permit for the Poly Met Mining, Inc. (PolyMet) NorthMet mining project. The permits relate to a proposed copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes in northeastern Minnesota. This is the public's opportunity to submit written comments on these draft permits.

One draft dam safety permit covers the proposed flotation tailings basin, which would receive tailings (a mixture of finely ground waste rock and water) after the commercially recoverable copper, nickel and other elements are removed. This proposed tailings basin would be on the site of the existing tailings basin of the historic LTV iron ore mine. The second draft dam safety permit covers the proposed hydrometallurgical residue facility, which would receive residue (mostly gypsum) generated from a process that would use pressure and temperature reactions to extract additional precious metals beyond what can be achieved by the primary processing facility.

For more information click ([here](#))

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## **DNR Seeks Citizens to Serve on Spending Oversight Committees**

*September 14, 2017, DNR*

Minnesotans who would like to serve on committees that review how the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources spends game and fish fund dollars are welcome to submit an application by Sept. 25. The DNR is seeking at least 12 people to serve on the Fisheries Oversight and Wildlife Oversight committees. Appointees will be responsible for reviewing the agency's annual Game and Fish Fund Report in detail and, following discussions with agency leaders and others, write a report on the findings of this review. About half of the current members' terms expire on Dec. 14, 2017, and are subject to this open application. The two committees are comprised of members identified through a self-nomination process. Those who want to serve on the committees should have a strong interest in natural resource management and how it is funded. DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr will appoint committee members for three-year terms. Applications are being accepted until Sept. 25 online at the DNR's Game and Fish Fund Budgetary Oversight webpage at [mn.dnr.gov/gamefishoversight](http://mn.dnr.gov/gamefishoversight)

For more information click ([here](#)).

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## News

**Authorities seek information on  
boat dumped in Minn. River**

**Wastewater woes: Infrastructure  
needs roadblocked by lack of**

*By Tom Cherveney September 12, 2017*

GRANITE FALLS — The Yellow Medicine Sheriff's Office is seeking information on the person or persons responsible for attempting to sink a large, older-model ski boat in the Minnesota River. The Chrysler model, fiberglass boat was found partially submerged in the river about three miles upstream of Granite Falls. Authorities found three, perfectly round holes drilled into its hull. The Sheriff's Office and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Ed Picht are investigating the case. Call the Sheriff's Office at 320-564-2130 with any information. ([read more](#))

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### **Man rescued from the Chippewa River in Eau Claire transported for "observation"**

*Jason Boyd and Emma Wheeler, Sep 12, 2017*

Eau Claire Police said Monday that a man rescued from the Chippewa River over the weekend was transported for observation. Officials with Eau Claire Fire and Rescue and the Eau Claire Police Department rescued a man from the Chippewa River Sunday afternoon. Police said the man walked in to the river and was seen floating on the water. Once on scene, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue was able to get the man a life vest, and he cooperated when he was asked to come to shore. Police said the man was then transported for observation. Officials said the man does not have a criminal history, and no charges were made from the incident on Sunday. Although officials won't comment on the person's health, they said there was no medical concern from the rescue. ([read more](#))

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### **Highway 99 bridge staying closed until December**

### **funding**

*Trey Mewes, September 16, 2017*  
*Mankato Free Press*

Though the state spends millions of dollars each year to improve water infrastructure, those projects have to compete with other infrastructure projects throughout Minnesota. Lawmakers put together a public works bill every other year, but there's not enough money to fund every request to the state. "We've been asked for much more than we will likely be able to appropriate," House Capital Investment Committee Chair Dean Urdahl said. Urdahl isn't yet sure how large the 2018 public works bill will be, though he noted lawmakers received almost \$6 billion in requests during the 2017 session. Legislators passed a \$1 billion public works bill in May. Any request that didn't get funded will likely grow due to inflationary costs, meaning every delay in funding only makes wastewater treatment projects more expensive. ([read more](#))

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### **Special Archery Deer Hunt Begins Saturday**

*KEYC, September 15, 2017*

A special archery deer hunt 991 begins this Saturday September 16 in the East Minnesota River Refuge. The refuge is located in Blue Earth and Le Sueur counties along the east bank of the Minnesota River. It is open to archery hunting until Dec. 31 for taking antlerless deer and legal bucks. Hunter registration or application is required prior to hunting. The number of permits to be issued is not limited, but hunters must apply before hunting. There is no fee for this permit application. ([read more](#))

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*The Free Press, September 12, 2017*

ST. PETER — The Highway 99 bridge over the Minnesota River in St. Peter will remain closed for construction until the first week of December. The project began in March and was expected to be finished in the early fall, but a few things needed repairs that couldn't be accounted for in planning, said Minnesota Department of Transportation construction lead Todd Kjolstad. Until the bridge repair and restoration project is done, traffic will continue to be detoured to Highway 22 and Le Sueur County Road 21. Kjolstad said the construction crew ended up having to replace several beams and steel plate components on the bridge that were not planned for because they found extensive damage after removing a layer of concrete over them. ([read more](#))

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### **Female Fly Anglers Trying To Reel More Women To The River**

*Rachel Slavik, September 17, 2017 WCCO*

The nuance and technique tend to make fly fishing the less popular option in angling. Murphy and Darst don't mind, because they are used to standing out in a crowd.

"It's a male dominated sport, especially on the North Shore," Darst said. "You don't see too many pony tails bouncing around alongside the rivers."

Murphy, who started fly fishing eight years ago, wanted to encourage more women to try the sport. Last year, she started the Minnesota Steelheaders: Women on the Fly program.

([read more](#))

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### **Teach a kid to hunt small game during Take a Kid Hunting Weekend**

*DNR, September 18, 2017*

During the weekend, adult Minnesota

### **Chippewa County wind farm likely to go up in early 2018**

*Tom Cherveney, September 13, 2017*

Equipment began arriving this week for the construction of an 18-turbine wind farm in Chippewa County, but work is not likely to get underway until spring. Company officials with Palmer's Creek Wind Farm outlined plans for the 44.6-megawatt wind farm to Administrative Law Judge Barbara Case at a public hearing Monday evening in Montevideo. The Public Utilities Commission has developed a draft permit for the project, and is expected to act on the permit by year's end. One landowner in the project area, Keith Beito, told Judge Case he favors the project. It will provide an estimated five to eight permanent jobs, 150 construction jobs, and payments for wind rights to landowners. It is also projected to pay \$134,000 in taxes annually to local government units. ([read more](#))

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### **Dry conditions greet waterfowl hunters across Minn., ND**

*Brad Dokken, September 17, 2017*

Barring a drastic change in weather patterns, dry conditions will play into hunting strategies this fall for duck and goose hunters, especially those who prefer hunting over water. The regular duck and goose seasons open Saturday, Sept. 23 in North Dakota and Minnesota. The first week of North Dakota's season is open to residents only; nonresidents can hunt beginning Sept. 30. The service projected a fall mallard flight of 12.9 million birds, similar to last year's estimate of 13.5 million. ([read more](#))

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### **With Zero Waste Challenge and expansions in organics recycling,**



residents accompanied by a youth younger than age 16 can hunt small game without a license, but must comply with open seasons, limits and other regulations, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Adults can help youth have a good experience by listening to what youth need, and together they can learn the lessons of the forests and fields.

[\(read more\)](#)

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### **Turtle barriers at Spring Lake Park? North Mankato to investigate**

Trey Mewes, September 13, Mankato Free Press

Snapping turtles are not having a radical time at Spring Lake Park anymore. That's what former mayoral candidate Tom Hagen recently told the city of North Mankato. Hagen wants the city to consider lifting a fence on the west side of Spring Lake and potential backfill the nearby sharp slope so turtles can get back to the lake to lay eggs each year. [\(read more\)](#)

### **Hennepin County leads in waste reduction**

*Sarah Brandt, Sep 13, 2017*

Just one year ago, Sheri Selton was indiscriminate with waste at her home in Crystal. From soda cans to food scraps, everything went into the trash. She had always wanted to recycle, but she found it confusing, and nobody ever taught her how. Now, Selton diverts about 60 percent of her waste, sorting it into a solid recycling bin, a composting pile in her backyard, and two buckets for indoor worm composting that her sons, Prince Jr. and Joseph, tend to in their living room. Selton learned her new habits by participating in Hennepin County's [Zero Waste Challenge](#). Starting in September 2016, county staff worked with 35 households throughout the area to help them increase the portion of waste they recycled and composted while decreasing the amount of trash they generated in the first place. [\(read more\)](#)

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## Events

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↓ **Sep 20 - Sep 26** ↓

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### **NEY SENIOR LEARNING SERIES: Chimney Swifts**

Thursday, September 21st 12-2pm

**Location:** Ney Nature Center

28238 Nature Center Lane

Henderson, MN 56044

**Brief Description:**

Learn why chimney swifts are one of the most interesting birds in the state with local naturalists, Art and Barb Straub. Lunch included. Conducted on the third Thursday of each month. Ages 50+

Cost: \$10/member or \$12/non-member

[Register online](#) by September 14th! Reservations required.

For more information click [here](#).

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### **Cover Crops Field Day**

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 8 am

**Location:** Danube Community Center  
405 Main St.  
Danube, MN 56230

#### **Brief Description:**

The field day will showcase local farms implementing cover crops and no-till/strip-till: using cover crops in a corn/soybean rotation, inter-seeding cover crops early in the growing season, using fall cover crops in/after sugar beets for multiple soil health benefits, seeding after early harvest crops (small grain, canning, silage), realizing the added benefits of cover crops with livestock and grazing, and other various applications of cover crops and no-till/strip-till.

For more information contact either the Renville Soil and Water Conservation District at 320-523-3666 or the Hawk Creek Watershed Project at 320-523-1550.

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### **Harvest Festival**

September 23, 2017, 5 pm

**Location:** Minneopa State Park

**Brief Description:** Families will enjoy an evening of old fashioned outdoor fall fun at Minneopa State Park on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, beginning at 5 p.m. Stop by at any time on the Group Campground on the Campground side of Minneopa between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Stay the entire time or join in the fun for an hour.



Meet at the picnic shelter and enjoy a warm bonfire while waiting to go for a hayride through the park. There will be activities for the kids, an apple press, and hot chocolate and marshmallows for everyone. Guests are invited to bring their own hot dogs, meat or

other food to grill. Families may also want to take a short hike down a candle-lit trail into the waterfalls gorge before heading home.

Wear clothing and shoes appropriate for outdoor hiking and bring a flashlight.  
For more information click [here](#).

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### **Prairie Seed Collection Event**

09/24/2017

**Location:** Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Families, friends, individuals and groups are encouraged to help out with Minneopa State Park's annual Prairie Seed Collection at the waterfalls side of the park. Bring a picnic lunch to the picnic shelter at noon for a social time with the fellow volunteers. Following a brief orientation, the group will move to the prairie and collect and sort native seeds. No experience is necessary to participate. Volunteers should wear proper clothes including gloves appropriate footwear for working in uneven terrain and among tall grasses and plants. For planning purposes, volunteers must contact the Harry Meyering Center, Inc., at [aness@harrymeyeringcenter.org](mailto:aness@harrymeyeringcenter.org) to be part of the event. Vehicles transporting participants to and from the prairie are eligible for a free daily state park permit, if preregistered.



For more information click [here](#).

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### **HOME-SCHOOL SERIES: Geocaching Challenge**

Wednesday, September 27th 1- 2:30 pm

**Location:** Ney Nature Center  
28238 Nature Center Lane  
Henderson, MN 56044

#### **Brief Description:**

Programs designed just for home-school classes. Challenge yourself on a technology-based scavenger hunt in the park. Learn how to use a GPS and search for hidden containers. All equipment provided. Ages 5-17. Supervisory adults may attend for free.

Cost: \$5/student





[Register online](#) by September 25th! Reservations required.

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## Forgotten History Lecture Series

### Lost Post Offices

September 28 at 2 pm

**Location:** The Nicollet County Historical Society

#### Brief Description:

Post offices historically played a major role in establishing the identity of small towns. In frontier days, when the United States Mail was virtually the only way to communicate between cities, the establishment of a post office was an important step in forming a community. But what happens when those communities no longer exist?

Join NCHS Research Assistant Bob Sandeen on September 28 at 2:00pm for a look back on the history and legacy of lost post offices across Nicollet County.

Cost is \$3.00 for the general public and free for Nicollet County Historical Society members and Gustavus students, faculty, and staff with IDs.

“Forgotten History Lecture Series” 2017 Schedule:

- October 26 - Ghost Towns: History and Mysteries
- November 30 - Benjamin Franklin in Nicollet County

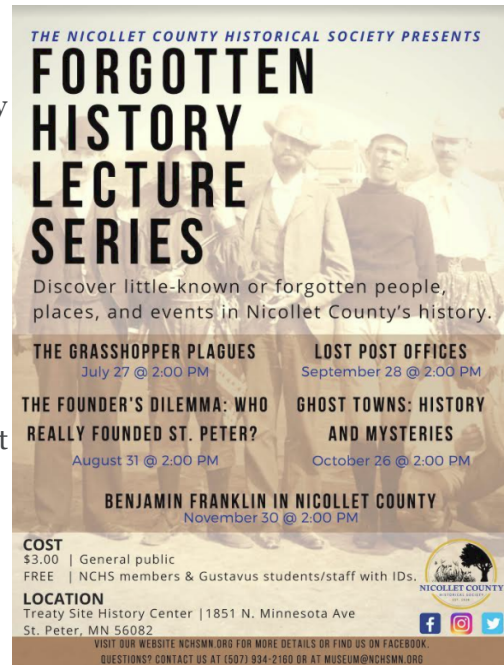
About the Nicollet County Historical Society

The Nicollet County Historical Society was organized August 22, 1928. From its home in the Treaty Site History Center, the Nicollet County Historical Society preserves, protects, and interprets the history of Nicollet County and the state of Minnesota.

The Treaty Site History Center features a national award-winning exhibit on the Traverse des Sioux Treaty of 1851 and its impact, as well as displays about local history topics, and a full-service research library.

Please contact the Society at [\(507\) 934-2160](tel:5079342160), [museum@nchsmn.org](mailto:museum@nchsmn.org), or [nchsmn.org/events](http://nchsmn.org/events) for more details.

The Nicollet County Historical Society is located at [1851 N. Minnesota Avenue](#), one-mile north of downtown St. Peter at Highways 169 and 22, across from the Daniels Health Center.



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## Hootenanny Annies

- Friday, September 29, 2017
- 8:00pm 11:00pm

**Location:** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture (GCAC), New Ulm

**Brief Description:** Hailing from the Mankato & New Ulm region, The Hootenanny Annies have been performing music together for nearly two decades. The duo is carried by their vocal harmonies, playing a wide variety of country, rock, bluegrass and folk music. Pam plays the Cajone and mandolin while Crista plays guitar and fiddle. For more information click [here](#).



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↓ Oct 3- Oct 10 ↓

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### **Deep Valley Book Festival**

Saturday, October 7, 2017

10:00am to 5:00pm

**Location:** Mankato Events Center

**Brief Description:** The Deep Valley Book Festival connects writers with published authors and other experts in the field to share information, techniques, skills and resources.

Participants sell books or book-related materials, and hand out marketing and promotional items that support their books. The festival offers exhibitors the opportunity to reach book lovers ready to buy their products or learn about their services. In addition to books and authors, there will be panel discussions, music, children's activities, an antique car show, food vendors and more. The Deep Valley Book Festival gets its name from the setting of the beloved children's books (Betsy-Tacy) written by Mankato-born author Maud Hart Lovelace and is free and open to the public.



Visit <http://www.mnheritage.com/BookFestival.html> for more information.

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### **MFA: Controlling Invasive Forest Plants**

Saturday, October 7, 2017

10:00am to 12:00pm

**Location:** Pinehurst Park, Cloquet, MN

**Brief Description:** Buckthorn and other plants are invading our forests. These plants can take over, degrading wildlife habitat, crowding out wildflowers, and preventing a new forest from growing. Learn how to control buckthorn and other plants via DIY or hired-out methods. Find out about planning and funding assistance.

We will visit 2 sites during this 2 hour class. Dress for outdoors and bring water.

Click [here](#) for more information

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# Job Announcements

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## **-Grants Administrator-**

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**Employer:** Great River Greening

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**Closing Date:** September 22

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**Location(s):** St. Paul, Minnesota

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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### **Responsibilities:**

1. Manage the collection and preparation of information from partners, project managers and grant administrators and, in some cases, the submission of reports to granting agencies.
2. Synthesize and prepare pertinent spatial and tabular data for grant status reports and final reports, and then, coordinate review with the Director of Conservation Programs.
3. Develop and maintain operational expertise in the varied State and Federal grant requirements, protocols and documentation/compliance needs. Co-lead, with Director of Conservation Programs, the delivery of annual grant training refreshers for staff.
4. Track Grant budgets, identifying issues that need resolution. Communicate with appropriate staff members to resolve problems identified including project managers, Operations Director, and finance department, as appropriate.
5. Execute in conjunction with Project Managers and Director of Conservation Programs – conservation project closeout protocols; i.e., organize and track grants, Project Managers tracking forms, program finance, etc.
6. Manage, execute and monitor - grant activities, grant management database and grant closeout protocols in coordination with Director of Operations and Director of Conservation Programs
7. Assist Director of Conservation Programs and other staff in the gathering of information for and writing of grant proposals.
8. Prepare amendments to grant accomplishment plans and associated contractual agreements as necessary.
9. Assist Director of Finance in providing up-to-date grant budget expenditure and grant status summaries as requested.
10. Conduct periodic internal audits of grant-funded projects to ensure organizational compliance with and documentation of grant requirements.
11. Manage all grant-related electronic and hard copy files in accordance with

requirements set forth by respective grant and organizational protocols.

12. Track outcomes for all grants and grant phases.

13. Assist Director of Finance with requests for reimbursement from state and federal sources.

14. Attend to other duties as assigned.

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### **-Outdoor Recreation Instructor - Seasonal-**

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**Employer:** Cologne Public Works Headquarters

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**Closing Date:** Continuous

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**Location(s):** Cologne, Minnesota

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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**Responsibilities:**

- Assist park staff with scheduled park programs and special events.
- Assist Park Staff to develop a series of additional events or activities such as special events, outdoor education classes, day camps, parent/child activities and other related programs.
- Work with groups like the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, school groups and others to facilitate programs in the regional park.
- Develop advertising and registration materials for classes, programs and special events.
- Develop budgets for individual programs, classes and events.

[Learn more here.](#)

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### **-Buffer and Drainage Technician-**

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**Employer:** Kandiyohi County

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**Closing Date:** September 29, 2017 at 4:30pm, or until filled

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**Location(s):** Kandiyohi County

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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**Description:**

This position will coordinate the County Buffer initiative, act as the buffer law enforcement for the county, report



projects and activities according to BWSR guidelines and assist the County Public Drainage Manager in the drainage system management.

Candidates must possess the ability to work varying (seasonal) hours on an “as needed” basis, meet with landowners, read, write, and speak effectively in public, work independently, explain buffer laws, policies and regulations and use computers and programs to complete duties.

[Learn more here.](#)

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**—Director of the Minnesota Institute for Natural Resources,  
Agriculture and Land Stewardship (MINERALS)—**

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**Employer:** Minnesota State University, Mankato

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**Closing Date:** Review of applications will begin on September 15, 2017 and continue until the position is filled.

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**Location(s):** Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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**Responsibilities:**

Reporting directly to the Dean, College of Science, Engineering, & Technology, but with University-wide scope, the Director of the Minnesota Institute for Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Land Stewardship (MINRALS) will direct applied research and curricular endeavors across all divisions, colleges, and multiple departments and disciplines. The Director will oversee the Water Resource Center (WRC), led by an Associate Director, to achieve strategic outreach and external funding priorities. The Director will lead a team of MINRALS affiliated faculty and staff to advance the University's distinctiveness in academic, research, and industry initiatives in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, and related areas in service to the region, state, nation, and global society. As an academic leader, the Director of MINRALS may participate on the University's Council of Deans and President's Expanded Cabinet, as guided by strategic priorities.



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**—Conservation Director—**

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**Employer:** Friends of the Mississippi River

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**Closing Date:** October 6th, 2017

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**Location(s):** St. Paul

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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**Responsibilities:**

- Serve as a key member of FMR's senior management team.
- Provide leadership, direction, management and evaluation of all of FMR's land conservation efforts and processes, including the development of the annual program budget and work plans.
- Inspire, lead, support and supervise FMR's conservation team.
- Define and clearly articulate the goals of the land conservation program.
- Lead the implementation of the program's multi-year strategic plan.
- Lead FMR's landowner outreach efforts and foster good working relationships with landowners in FMR's focus area to promote land protection and restoration.
- Serve as FMR's lead staff on land protection projects.
- Work with the development director in proposal development and reporting for fundraising activities associated with the land conservation program.
- Take the lead in developing and providing program-specific details required for this fundraising.
- Manage the process for government grant writing, reporting and invoicing.
- Assist the stewardship director in the development and implementation of educational and stewardship activities related to the conservation program.
- Identify and combine all the elements essential to fostering new protection and restoration projects (identification, outreach, funding and partnership building).
- Identify and foster positive working relationships with other environmental organizations, agencies and community leaders to help attain program goals.
- Provide leadership and support to the land conservation committee of the board of directors.
- Make recommendations to the executive director and the land conservation committee regarding the use of the land protection fund.
- Collaborate with the communications manager to promote the activities of the conservation program.

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**—Professional Engineer (Water Resource)—**

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**Employer:** Scott County (MN)

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**Closing Date:** Continuous

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**Location(s):** Jordan, MN

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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**Responsibilities:**

- Performs concept level, preliminary, and final drainage design for highway construction projects and reviews and approves consultant drainage designs.
- Provides input related to the design of transportation projects for stormwater management, including land development effects on roadway drainage systems, hydraulic analysis and impacts associated with transportation projects, providing typical drawings and language for requests for proposals, and coordination with cities regarding their drainage systems and joint transportation systems.
- Provides oversight of the stormwater permits held by the County, such as the NPDES MS4 permit; coordinates activities between divisions for permit elements.
- Manages, conducts, and/or coordinates water engineering analysis of various projects, developments, processes, technical studies, reviews, and plans affecting the County's water systems and natural resources; makes recommendations for appropriate actions.
- Develops hydrologic and hydraulic engineering plans, policies, and guidelines, including updating the County Stormwater Plan and Ordinance (Local Water Plan) coordinated with the County Comprehensive Plan and Scott Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan.
- Oversees the inspection of work done by developers and County Highway engineers and outside agencies under permit in the County's unincorporated areas of the County.
- Manages the engineering review process and is responsible for the approval/denial of stormwater and grading permits within the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Provides engineering guidance and direction to others in implementing the county erosion control inspection program; provides coordination in enforcement actions required for permitted and unpermitted grading activities; coordinates with staff and officials in other agencies in responding to wetland permitting issues.
- Handles citizen, developer, and engineer phone calls on development issues, and flooding, stormwater management and drainage issues; helps others resolve issues.
- Must work the days and hours necessary to perform all assigned responsibilities and tasks. Must be available (especially during regular business hours or shifts) to communicate with subordinates, supervisors, customers, vendors, and any other person or organization with whom interaction is required to accomplish work and employer goals.
- Performs other related duties as required or assigned.

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**—Director of Public Affairs—**

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**Employer:** Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

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**Closing Date:** -

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**Location(s):** Ely

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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**Responsibilities:**

- Managing relationships with key stakeholders, elected officials, and land management agencies.
- Coordinating the Campaign's political and communications efforts to maximize our current messaging and establish the political will in MN and DC for the permanent protection of the Boundary Waters from sulfide-ore copper mining.
- Making written and oral presentations to collaborators, community groups, policy makers, and other parties as part of the program's outreach and advocacy functions.
- Representing NMW in mining related working groups and conferences.
- In collaboration with the policy department, creating and publishing reports, white papers, web content, e-newsletters, and other program information.
- Supporting the creation and management of the annual budget for the program.
- Actively participating, and sometimes leading, in the planning, execution, and reporting on program work, including objectives, strategies, and tactics.

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**—Minnesota Organizer—**

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**Employer:** Pesticide Action Network

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**Closing Date:** Continuous

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**Location(s):** Minneapolis

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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**Responsibilities:**

Organizing

- Build relationships to build power and advance shared policy goals with family farm organizations, rural communities, Native and tribal organizations and beekeepers, among others.
- Connect with and support leaders from organizations that are interested in changing policies on pesticides and agriculture.
- Identify Minnesota issue campaigns that build engagement and power on food and pesticide issues, and work with PAN's communications team on online organizing strategies.
- Build relationships with decision-makers and influencers, including legislators, state agency staff, researchers and health professionals.
- Lead a team of PAN staff and coordinate with partner organizations to win policy change.

## Advocacy

- Get up to speed on issues and bodies of research as needed, including scientific and policy context.
- Act as a spokesperson for Midwest media outlets and generate earned media on our issues.
- Write for traditional media and social media in regular blog posts, press releases, OpEds etc. to reframe public conversation.
- Represent PAN in decision making forums like legislative hearings, public meetings, etc.

## Fundraising

- Work with PAN fundraising staff on grant reports and proposals.
- Relationship-building with major donors and business supporters in Minnesota and the Midwest.

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### **-Administrative Assistant-**

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**Employer:** Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District

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**Closing Date:** September 22

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**Location(s):** Saint Peter

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**Who May Apply:** All qualified job seekers

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#### **General Description:**

The Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. Under the supervision of the District Manager, the Assistant will perform a variety of accounting/clerical/administrative duties, as well as coordinate education/public outreach programs. This position will work directly with landowners, community staff and other units of government to implement conservation programs throughout Nicollet County.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Maintain financial records for the District; bank accounts, budgets and budget reports.
- Prepare agendas for meetings and prepare schedules
- Schedule and coordinate meetings, appointments and travel arrangements for managers or supervisors
- Provide education and outreach to landowners, local units of government, citizen groups and students through public meetings, field days and school events.
- Attends meetings and professionally represent the SWCD at various meetings as directed by the District Manager; assist with team member duties associated with reporting, and grant management.
- Maintain landowner files and records associated with conservation practices and ongoing

projects.

- Works cooperatively with state, federal, and local agencies, boards and organizations in promoting conservation programs and accomplishing goals and objectives associated with Nicollet SWCD.
- Performs other duties of a like or similar nature as assigned.

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## Quote for the week

ENVIRONMENTAL QUOTES

NELSON MANDELA

ACCESS TO WATER IS A COMMON GOAL. IT IS CENTRAL IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY, AFRICAN CONTINENT AND THE WORLD. IT SHOULD BE A LEAD SECTOR OF COOPERATION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT. NELSON MANDELA

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