

Hello all,

The next Madelia Model Monthly Meeting (4M) is scheduled for Friday, August 31, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Madelia City Hall meeting room, Located on 116 West Main Street. Everyone in the region is invited to attend. These informal meetings are held once a month to update citizens on the progress of the Madelia project.



The Madelia Project is about growing biomass crops, in a 25 mile radius of Madelia, for bio energy and bio processing to support rural revitalization, clean water and economic sustainability in the region. Discussions have covered various technologies and how to move the project forward. Input from the public is welcomed and residents are encouraged to participate.

Innovative Strategies to Protect Water Resources: Counties can now get help on how to use technology to protect their water and wetland resources through two recently released National Association of Counties publications. The publications are available at www.naco.org/techassistance under water quality. For more information: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/innovativestrategies.pdf>

Events:

It's that time of the year again. Join your fellow river rats at the annual River Blast in New Ulm over the Labor Day Weekend on August 31st & September 1st at the Riverside Park. For more information: www.riverblast.org

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is holding Water Quality Standards Public Hearings across the state including one on August 29th at 1:00 p.m. at the St Paul office (520 Lafayette Road North). For more information: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/standards/rulechange.html

Check out more up-coming events click on the calendar at <http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/calendar/index.html>

A few water quality related articles:

A look at how science teachers are rethinking how they teach environmental education as more students become interested in these issues: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/rethinkingenvironmentaleducation.pdf>

One person's view of looking at wind as a crop: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/winditsanothercrop.pdf>

Over 50 people gathered at the Willow Lake Farm to talk about land use and alternative energy: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/addressingagissues.pdf>

An example of how one watershed district – Minnehaha Creek – has been working for 40 years to improve water quality: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/hennepinmartways.pdf>

Lac qui Parle Valley School District makes its last payment on the 225-kilowatt wind turbine: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/lacquiparlewindturbine.pdf>

Martin County receives a 2007 DNR award for Exemplary Shoreland Management: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/martincountydnraward.pdf>

Xcel Energy is closing the High Bridge Plant to build a state-of-the-art combined cycle plant next door: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/highbridgeplant.pdf>

Minnesota is taking the lead in e-cycling: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/ecycling.pdf>

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

The Minnesota River Watershed Alliance (Watershed Alliance) is an organized network of citizens, public agencies, and private organizations dedicated to communicating the benefits of an ecology healthy Minnesota River Watershed to others and are actively working towards its improvement and protection. The Watershed Alliance meets four times a year and encourages landowners and recreational users of the river to be part of this effort.

If you have comments or want to be removed from the e-mail list, please respond to this e-mail.

Thank you,

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