

Hello all,

Both the High Island Creek Watershed Project and Rush River Watershed Project have been approved to each receive \$500,000 under the 319 Clean Water Partnership Program. The funds will be used for the implementation phase to put conservation practices on the ground. For more information on these projects please contact Joel Wurscher, HI Coordinator at 507-237-4050 or joelw@co.sibley.mn.us



A Rush River Watershed Project coordinator will be hired in the near future and be housed of the Sibley County Extension Office in Gaylord, along with the High Island Creek Watershed Project coordinator.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources has begun its first phase of several hiring efforts to be conducted through this fall. This first phase includes four positions (Metro Region Supervisor, Senior Wetland Specialist, Clean Water Specialist, & Wetland Conservation Act Coordinator based the Minneapolis and St Paul region. Additional positions will be hired for the North and South Regions, along with the central office. The positions will include an Assistant Director, GIS technicians, and a training coordinator. For more information on the positions: www.bwsr.state.mn.us/careers/index.html

Events:

The first “Green Living Show” is being held at the River Hills Mall in Mankato. Check out the latest environmentally friendly products and technologies. For more information: www.keez.com

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is holding Water Quality Standards Public Hearings across the state including one on September 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the MPCA Marshall Office (1420 East College Drive, Suite 900). For more information: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/standards/rulechange.html

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

A few water quality related articles:

The North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory near Morris is studying whether cuphea – a flowering plant native to the U.S. - can be raised and processed into military jet fuel know as JP-8: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/newenergycrop.pdf>

Why doesn't everyone recycle?: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/everyonetalksaboutrecycling.pdf>

American Indian teens are learning about their heritage by growing traditional crops and receiving lessons on nutrition, Indian cultural traditions and art: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/adreamgrowingwild.pdf>

Severe flooding in southern Minnesota hurt customers who contracted with farms for their produce: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/floods'pain.pdf>

Corn Plus ethanol plant is the center of a probe involving water quality violations and has been searched by MPCA officials: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/authoritiessearchcornplus.pdf>

With coal production, cleaner skies could mean more ash in landfills: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/coalproductionash.pdf>

An editorial on how we should teach our children to respect the environment by simple everyday activities: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/teachchildrenenvironment.pdf>

Aunt Ednas' are easing foreign fuel dependency: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/auntednas.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.

Thank you,

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