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## Minnesota River Weekly Update

June 17, 2014

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### **Minnesota River Congress June 19 at Turner Hall, New Ulm**

Plans are moving ahead for the first Minnesota River Congress, Thursday, June 19 at Turner Hall in New Ulm. Organizers believe there is a need for a watershed wide, non-governmental, non-regulatory organization to provide vision, leadership, coordination, and advocacy to improve the land water connection in the Minnesota River Valley. Working to sustain and improve its natural resources, promising a better future for food protection, recreation, and economic development. The schedule begins with afternoon events, followed by dinner, and discussion in the evening. The public is welcome and invited to attend. Organizations with any connection to the Minnesota River Valley are being invited to participate in the 'networking fair' from 3 to 5 p.m. This will be an opportunity for the scores of public and private groups to share information about the great work they are doing in the valley.

The main purpose of the first congress will be to discuss the merits of having a citizen-led, basin-wide organization, and how it could be structured. Results of the discussion would be share in following months at several regional locations. A second congress will then be convened in the fall to review the actions and steps resulting from the first congress, and to move forward.

Co-sponsors currently include: MRWA, CCMR, FMV, MAWRC, MSU WRC, MnDNR, Minnesota Earth, CURE, and Wild River Academy.

Pre-register for the Congress by contacting the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, PO Box 488, New Ulm, MN 56073. The cost is \$15 per person. Admission is free for young adults under 19 or with a college ID.

Admission at the door is \$20. Networking fair space rental is \$30. You can register for admission and/or the networking fair by mail at the above address, or [register online](#) at Minnesota River Watershed Alliance. For more information contact [Scott Sparlin](#) (507) 276-2280.

### **Le Sueur River Watershed Network Potluck and Meeting in Mapleton on June 26**

The Le Sueur River Watershed Network is sponsoring a potluck and meeting on June 26th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

at Pat and Kristin Duncanson's farm, 57746 State Highway 30 in Mapleton, Minnesota. After the potluck, participants are invited to a discussion about future activities, starting possible conversation projects, and expanding the reach of this watershed group. Pat Duncanson, watershed landowners and Mapleton residents will share lessons learned and the results of collaborations on the new County Ditch 57 in Mapleton which is designed to slow the water flow and filter nutrients out before entering the ditch which drains into the Cobb River. The event is free and open to anyone interested in sharing a meal with neighbors and learning more about the Le Sueur River Watershed or the emerging citizen-led watershed group. Citizens are also encouraged to attend the [Agricultural Drainage and the Future of Water Quality Workshop](#) earlier in the day at the Verizon Wireless Center where CD 57 along with related projects will be discussed. For more information on the Le Sueur River Watershed Network Potluck and Meeting contact [Anne Queenan](#) (651) 659-0074, [Jessica Nelson](#) (507) 389-2704, or two members of the network's steering committee, Becky and Don Waskosky (507) 388-2122.

#### **Agricultural Drainage and the Future of Water Quality Workshop on June 26**

On June 26, 2014 from 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. the I&S Group, Blue Earth County, MDA, MnDNR and the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Fund are sponsoring a full-day seminar featuring agricultural drainage experts who will speak on critical topics include multi-purpose drainage, drainage law and best practices-what is currently being implemented on our landscape and how these practices are working. The workshop will include panel discussions, speakers and breakout sessions until 2:30, followed by an optional tour of the Blue Earth County Ditch 57 in Mapleton. For additional details and to register, contact [Kelli Renstrom](#) at (507) 387-664 or [click here](#).

#### **Environmental review underway for propane storage expansion in Owatonna**

PirkI Gas, Inc. is proposing to more than double its storage capacity for propane gas at an Owatonna facility. The MPCA has prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the project and is accepting comments through July 9. The business proposes adding four aboveground tanks, each holding forty-five thousand gallons. Environmental concerns for propane storage include the potential for fire and explosion, as well as spill prevention and air quality. The proposed expansion requires permits from the City of Owatonna along with approval by the Owatonna Fire Marshal. To view the environmental Worksheet or learn how to submit comments, search MPCA's website for "MPCA environmental worksheet." It is also available by calling Beth Tegdesch at (651) 757-2100. Comments on the worksheet, which must be in writing, should go to Kevin Kain of the MPCA's environmental review unit at [kevin.kain@state.mn.us](mailto:kevin.kain@state.mn.us), 520 Lafayette Road N, St Paul, MN 55155. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on July 9.

#### **Open for comment: Environmental review for proposed hog expansion in Freeborn County**

Jensen Family Farms in Freeborn County is proposing a major expansion of its hog business. The MPCA has prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet on the proposal, and is accepting comments on the worksheet, along with federal and state permits, through July 9. The proposal calls for increasing the number of hogs fourfold to a total of nine thousand, six hundred in four barns. Environmental concerns such as manure management and air quality are discussed in the worksheet. The feedlot is located in the Le Sueur River watershed, meaning runoff ultimately drains to the Le Sueur River, meaning runoff ultimately drains to the Le Sueur River, a tributary to the Blue Earth River and then the Minnesota River. The proposed feedlot requires federal, state and county permits. The MPCA will issue coverage under the NPDES/SDS permit. The issuance of the NPDES/SDS permit also requires a public notice. This is available online by searching for "MPCA public notices" and going to the June 9 list. Comments on the permit, which must be in writing, should be submitted to Paul Brietzke, 18 Wood Lake Drive, Rochester, MN 55904, or emailed to [paul.brietzke@state.mn.us](mailto:paul.brietzke@state.mn.us).

**[Mining records: DNR document review#1](#)**

*June 1, Public Record Media*

Public Record Media has been reviewing documents released under a 2013 Data Practices Act request to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The documents relate to several mining projects situated in the northern portions of the state, including traditional “ferrous” taconite operations, as well as proposals for “nonferrous” copper-sulfide mines.

**[The better plague? Flesh flies make take down tent caterpillars \(with audio\)](#)**

*John Enger, June 12, MPR News*

Parasitic flesh flies are swarming across northern Minnesota – and you should be happy about it. Early results from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources studies suggest the insect known as the friendly fly may have saved Minnesotans this year from a plague-sized hoth of tent caterpillars.

**[Letter: Speak out on Xcel’s proposed increase](#)**

*June 14, St. Cloud Times*

Xcel’s rate increases reach irrevocably into the future. While Xcel takes advantage of economic fluctuations, Minnesotans will continue to pay this monopoly’s ever-increasing rates. And our children will pay rates based on percent increases of rates allowed before they mature.

**[Strawberries ripening late](#)**

*June 17, Mankato Free Press*

The long, cool spring is expected to delay Minnesota’s strawberry season by up to two weeks this year. However, the state Agriculture Department says Minnesota strawberry producers are forecasting a large, healthy crop.

**[Minnesota River keeps rising: is flooding on the way?](#)**

*Mark Olson, June 17, Shakopee News*

As of Tuesday morning, the river was 20.6 feet at the Jordan gauge, reaching an estimated crest of 27.5 feet by next Monday. That would mean a level of about 25.5 ft in Chaska – 8.5 ft over flood stage – by early next week.

**[Storms batter waterlogged Minnesota; more rain on the way](#)**

*Ben Grove, June 17, BringMeTheNews*

A line of severe storms marched across southern Minnesota Monday night – perhaps a preview of more stormy weather to come this week – bringing heavy rains, hail and winds up to 60 mph to areas that were already waterlogged.

**EVENTS**

***June 16 - June 22***

**Policy Forum: Pivoting from Waste Resources**

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 @ 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Location:** Hamlin University Anderson Center, St. Paul

**Brief Description:** The sub theme for this forum is capturing more valuable from our discarded materials. It will examine the systematic challenges and opportunities of our materials management system, and specific and concrete steps that we can take-and are taking-in Minnesota to rethink our waste with a focus on efficiency, economic opportunity, and value creation.

For more information and to register check of [Environmental Initiative's website](#).

**Minnesota River Congress**

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**Location:** Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm, MN

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share information about the great work they are doing in the valley. The public is welcome and invited to attend. Organizations with any connection to the Minnesota River Valley are being invited to participate in the 'networking fair' from 3 to 5 p.m.

Minnesota River Valley Congress schedule:

- 1-3 p.m. -- Tour of the Minnesota River History Center, Riverside Park
- 3-5 p.m. Networking Fair-displays by organizations, Turner Hall
- 5 p.m. -- Social hour and music
- 5:30 p.m. -- Buffet dinner
- 6:15 p.m. -- Presentation by Natalie Warren and Wild River Academy students
- 6:45 p.m. -- Overview-purpose of congress
- 7 p.m. -- Small and large group discussion
- 9 p.m. -- adjourn

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#### **Nature Cart**

Friday, June 20, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

**Location:** Minneopa State Park

**Brief Description:** The Naturalist will be at the Falls Area for a couple 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 help understand why Minneopa is such a unique area.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

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#### **Nature Scavenger Hunt**

Friday, June 20, 2014 @ 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Minneopa State Park

**Brief Description:** Get in touch with nature by going for a scavenger hunt among the trees and prairie plants of Minneopa State Park. The fun part of this program is to search for natural items like leaves, flowers, plant products (i.e. fruits, berries, nuts or seeds), animal tracks and other signs of the environmental world around us. We will also see what type of smells and sounds that can be identified. Please meet at the waterfalls side of Minneopa State Park.

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#### **Geocaching 101**

Friday, June 20, 2014

**Location:** Minneopa State Park

**Brief Description:** Join the naturalist for this high tech treasure hunt and learn the

basics of this new worldwide recreational sport. GPS units are provided. There will be a chance to test out your GPS skill on a critter activity before going out to find the park geocache. Limit of 20 people (must be 8 years old and accompanied by an adult). Please sign up at the park office (prior reservation required). Meet at the picnic area on the campground side.

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#### **E. St Julien Cox House Tours**

Saturday, June 21, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Location:** E. St. Julien Cox House, 500 North Washington Ave, St. Peter, MN

**Brief Description:** The E. St. Julien Cox House will be open the first and third Saturday during the months of June, July and August; with a tour at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults, \$1 children (6-17), and free for age 5 and under and members of the Nicollet County Historical Society. The E. St. Julien Cox House was home of one of the earliest settlers of St. Peter. Eugene Cox was an attorney, St. Peter's First Mayor, and a representative to the State House and Senate. The home, built in 1871, is one of the few fully restored Italianate homes in Minnesota. When you visit the Cox House, you will tour the home and chat with costumed history players who are portraying members of the Cox family. Tour dates are also July 5, 19, and August 2, 16.

For more information contact [Alyssa Auten](#) (507) 934-2160.

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#### **LSP Farm Beginnings 2014 Field Days & Tours**

Saturday, June 21 - September 14, 2014

**Location:** Various

**Brief Description:** The Land Stewardship Project's Farm Beginnings Program offers on-farm field days throughout the spring, summer, fall and winter. These events cover a specific topic on a farm. Members of the public interested in farming (limited to 20 people) may attend for a fee. Farm Beginnings participants and LSP members can participate in field days at no charge. If you are interested in attending a field day, contact LSP's [Dori Eder](#) at or 612-578-4497.

- Saturday, June 21: **All About Sheep**, The Lamb Shoppe, Hutchinson Minn., 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, June 22: **Innovative Multi-Species Livestock Production**, Hidden Stream Farm, Elgin, Minn. Afternoon: Time TBA
  - Wednesday, July 16: **Fruit Production**, Sam Kedem Nursery & Garden, Hastings, Minn., 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
  - Sunday, July 27: **Vegetable Production**, Sweet Beet Farm, Watertown, Minn. Time TBA
  - Saturday, August 16: **Beef Grazing**, Compton Farm, Dassel, Minn., 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
  - Sunday, August 24: **On-Farm Education Events**, Deep Roots Community Farm, La Crosse, Wis.
  - Sunday, September 14: **Vegetable Production Start-up**, Living Land Farm, Saint Peter, Minn., 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
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**Carver Creek Bluegrass**  
Sunday, June 22, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Harkin Store

**Brief Description:** Carver Creek Bluegrass (formerly known as Monson Family Bluegrass) a family band of five siblings, is known for delightful performances of bluegrass, old time, gospel and Irish music, using a variety of instruments, the typical banjo, guitar, bass, and fiddle and some unusual ones like the bodran and musical saw. The Harkin Store is glad to have the family back again. They will play from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22. Come enjoy the afternoon, bring a lawn chair or enjoy the porch. The family will have their CD's for sale.

For more information of large group tour scheduling contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or Nicollet County Historical Society (507) 934-2160.

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**June 23 - June 29**

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**Using Perennial Plantings to Improve Water Quality Workshop**

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 @ 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 920 E. 10th St., Fairmont, MN 56031

**Brief Description:** The day-long workshop will include presentations by local professionals, University of Minnesota Extension Faculty, and University of Minnesota Researchers. The workshops are designed to help farmers and landowners, including natural resource professionals, implement perennial plantings that would improve water quality and achieve other ecosystem services. This workshop will also be held in Glenwood, July 16, 2014. Topics will include:

- Agroforestry options for your farming operations
- Ways to restore wetlands on your farm to improve water quality

- Channel restoration decision support tool
- Using Cover Crops to improve water quality, soil health, and productivity of future crops
- Herbaceous and woody perennials
- Decision support tools to restore impaired waters
- Controlling and managing Native and Invasive Species in my farm
- Grazing your woods: Problems and Solutions (Glenwood workshop only)

For more information and to register check out the workshop's [event page](#).

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**Business Environment Session: Measuring Sustainability**

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 @ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Location:** Best Buy, Richfield, MN

**Brief Description:** Measuring sustainability is key to integrating your efforts into the backbone of your organization, reporting and communicating your initiatives, setting goals and strategies, and driving action. At this section we'll discuss sustainability metrics, data, and measuring what matters. Registration and breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

For more information and to register check out the [session's website](#).

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**Location:** Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN

**Brief Description:** Attend this full-day seminar featuring agricultural drainage experts who will speak on critical topics include multi-purpose drainage, drainage law and best practices-what is currently being implemented on our landscape and how these practices are working. The workshop will include panel discussions, speakers and breakout sessions until 2:30, followed by an optional tour of the Blue Earth County Ditch 57 in Mapleton.

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**Location:** 57746 State Highway 30, Mapleton, MN

**Brief Description:** The Le Sueur River Watershed Network is sponsoring a potluck and meeting on June 26 at Pat and Kristin Duncanson's farm, 57746 State Highway 30 in Mapleton, MN. There will be a main dish provided and s'mores, and participants are asked to bring a side to share if they wish. After the potluck, participants are invited to a discussion about future activities, starting possible conservation projects, and expanding the reach of this watershed group. Pat Duncanson, watershed landowners and Mapleton residents will share lessons learned and the results of collaborations on the new County Ditch 57 in Mapleton which is designed to slow the water flow and filter the nutrients entering this ditch which drains into the Cobb River. A tour will follow of Mapleton's new temporary water storage basin in CD 57 on Highway 30. The event is free and open to anyone interested in sharing a meal with neighbors and learning more about the Le Sueur River watershed or the emerging citizen-led watershed group, the Le Sueur River Watershed Network. Participants are also encouraged to attend the [Agricultural Drainage and the Future of Water Quality Workshop](#) earlier in the

day at the Verizon Wireless Center where CD 57 along with related projects will be discussed.

For more information and to register for please contact [Anne Queenan](#) (651) 659-0074, [Jessica Nelson](#), (507) 389-2704, or Becky and Don Waskosky (507) 388-2122.

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#### **Afternoon Leisure**

Sunday, June 29, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Harkin Store

**Brief Description:** Sunday afternoons in the 1870's were family time or time to relax, visit friends or maybe do a bit of fancywork. There will be showing of some of their work in tatting, hardanger, knitting, and other types of work. Anyone that does this type of work and would like to show their fancywork art is welcome to come and visit with our visitors. Visitors will be able to tour the store, have a game of checkers, or visit on the porch while also seeing the displays of work. Refreshments will be served.

For more information of large group tour scheduling contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or Nicollet County Historical Society (507) 934-2160.

**June 30 - July 6**

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#### **Heron Lake Watershed Project Site Tour**

Monday, June 30, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Heron Lake Community Center

**Brief Description:** The Heron Lake Watershed District is hosting a Project Site Tour. This tour will include stops at the cedar revetment site in section 3 of Seward Township in Nobles County and the J-hook weir site in section 4 of Alba Township in Jackson County. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Participants will meet at the Heron Lake Community Center and will depart at 10 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served.

For more information and to register contact the HLWD office by June 23, 2014 (507) 793-2462 or contact [Jan Voit](#).

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#### **Decision Support Tools to Restore Impaired Waters**

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Marshall, SMSU (computer lab, BA 229 & 230)

**Brief Description:** The University of Minnesota received a MPCA 319 Grant to create computer watershed decision support tools which could be used by natural resource and watershed professionals to improve water quality in Minnesota's impaired waters. In an effort to introduce these computer program tools to professionals in the field, have scheduled three sessions at two locations:

- Tuesday, July 1 @ 1-4 p.m. in Marshall, SMSU
- Tuesday, July 8 @ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. in Mankato, South Central College (computer lab, C160)

These sessions are free and open to interested people assisting landowners in establishing BMPs on their land to improve the water quality in their watershed. Pre-registration is requested. Contact [Kathy Eckwright](#) (507) 389-6972 to register and with questions.

To learn more about the workshops, visit <http://z.umn.edu/wqworkshops>. To register visit <http://z.umn.edu/wq>.

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**Children's Games and Craft Day**  
Saturday, July 5, 2014 @ 12-4 p.m.

**Location:** Fort Ridgely

**Brief Description:** Families are invited to join us to play games on the Parade grounds as well as create crafts inside the Commissary building. We will have games such as field ball, stilts, and games for the children to play. We will also show you how to make a hanky doll or your own catapult. Join us from 12-4 p.m. for this fun and exciting event. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students with ID and children ages 6-17. MNHS and NCHS members are free. A State Park vehicle sticker is required for all. Fort Ridgely State Historic Site is open May 23-October 18, Friday through Sunday 10 a.m - 5 p.m.

For more information contact [Amber Bentler](#) (507) 766-0994.

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**Causes of the US Dakota War and Battlefield Tour**

Saturday, July 5, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

**Location:** Fort Ridgely

**Brief Description:** The causes of the US Dakota War in 1862 were many and complicated. Independent Historian John LaBatte will examine these. At least nine of John's Dakota and white ancestors were involved in the US Dakota War of 1862. Historic Fort Ridgely is recognized by the National Park Service as a National Battlefield and is listed twice on the National Registry of Historic Places. Join John LaBatte for the 1 p.m. program and again for the 2:30 p.m. battlefield tour. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students with ID and children ages 6-17. MNHS and NCHS members are free. A State Park vehicle sticker is required for all. Fort Ridgely State Historic Site is open May 23-October 18, Friday through Sunday 10 a.m - 5 p.m.

For more information contact [Amber Bentler](#) (507) 766-0994.

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**Mayo House Artwork Tour**

Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 12-4 p.m.

**Location:** WW Mayo House, Le Sueur, MN

**Brief Description:** The historic WW Mayo House will be open for tours from noon to 4 p.m. with a special interpretation of the artwork on display and relating to the WW Mayo House. This collection includes portraits of Dr. Mayo and Louisa Mayo, Green Giant Marketing Art, the Mothers Statue and folk art from the mid-1800's.

For more information contact [Becky Pollack](#) (507) 665-3250.

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**Independence Celebration at the Harkin Store**

Sunday, July 6, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

**Location:** Harkin Store

**Brief Description:** The historical Harkin Store will celebrate our great nation with the firing of a cannon. The New Ulm Battery will start at 1 p.m. with the firing of the old 1862 cannon every half hour and on the hour. Enjoy cold treats while listening about the 1870's riverboat town of West Newton and the Harkin Store. Bring a lawn chair or blanket or sit on the porch for a relaxing afternoon. The program is included with the admission to the store. We are open on July 4th with regular hours of 10-5 p.m. We are open everyday except Mondays. The gift

shop is also open the same hours as the store and has many books, toys, unique and hand crafted items, also 10 cent candy.

For more information and large tour group scheduling, contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or the Nicollet County Historical Society which operate the store at (507) 934-2160.

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

<b>Department</b>	Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
<b>Closing Date</b>	June 20, 2014
<b>Location(s)</b>	Minneapolis, MN
<b>Who May Apply</b>	All qualified job seekers
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Performs a variety of confidential administrative office functions, provides information and assistance, as required to aid the Executive Director in the efficient and effective management of the organization and the Executive Director's time.  For more information and how to apply check out the <a href="#">job announcement</a> .

### PROGRAM SPECIALIST: OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

<b>Department</b>	Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
<b>Closing Date</b>	June 20, 2014
<b>Location(s)</b>	Minneapolis, MN
<b>Who May Apply</b>	All qualified job seekers
<b>Responsibilities</b>	The Program Specialist will implement the MWMO small grant programs, and community outreach and communications for the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. The Program Specialist will engage in and make stewardship opportunities accessible to our active members and underserved populations through targeted grant offerings and communication and learning initiatives that lead the MWMO's watershed community to protect and improve the water and natural resources in the watershed.  For more information and how to apply check out the <a href="#">job announcement</a> .

### DISTRICT MANAGER

<b>Department</b>	Root River SWCD
<b>Closing Date</b>	June 20, 2014
<b>Location(s)</b>	Caledonia, MN
<b>Who May Apply</b>	All qualified job seekers

**Responsibilities**

The Root River SWCD District Manager, reporting to the Board of Supervisors, provides strategic oversight of all operations of the agency including fiscal functions, program development and management, delivery of educational programming, and staff development and supervision, in conformance with the SWCD's goals and objectives. The District Manager collaborates with federal and state agencies, county departments, cities and townships, local watershed authorities, non-profit organizations, and residents to address the current and future conservation needs of Houston County. The District Manager prepares the Board agenda and presents the business of the agency to the Board of Supervisors.

For more information and how to apply check out the [job announcement](#).

### ASSISTANT REGIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGER

<b>Department</b>	Fish & Wildlife, Region 3, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
<b>Closing Date</b>	June 20, 2014
<b>Location(s)</b>	St. Paul, MN
<b>Who May Apply</b>	All qualified job seekers
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p>This position exists to serve and assist the citizens of Minnesota to conserve, manage and use their wildlife, public land and water resources by leading, directing and supervising the wildlife staff and programs in the Central Region (23 County area extending from the North Morrison County line to Iowa along the Mississippi drainage where approximately 70% of the state's 5.3 million residents live). This position will assist the Regional Wildlife Manager with the administration, development, coordination, integration and implementation of Section of Wildlife Programs and policies; directly supervise the 4 Area Wildlife Managers and the Roving Habitat Crew Leader; and serve as Acting Regional Wildlife Manager, as assigned.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to <a href="http://www.careers.state.mn.us/">http://www.careers.state.mn.us/</a> Posting # 14DNR000404.</p>

### HYDROLOGIC DATA MANAGER

<b>Department</b>	Pesticide & Fert Management, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
<b>Closing Date</b>	June 24, 2014
<b>Location(s)</b>	Mankato, MN
<b>Who May Apply</b>	All qualified job seekers
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p>This position is responsible for assisting the MDA with hydrologic data management, review and analysis; including collecting, reviewing, analyzing and managing water quality and time-series data for sever projects within the Monitoring and Assessment Unit, Fertilizer Management Unit and the Incident Response Unit. This position will help coordinate surface water and groundwater data review and transfer to statewide water related databases including EQuIS and Hydstra. This position will also help coordinate real-time data transfer from remote data collection platforms to data storage and presentation platforms including real-time web application.</p>

For more information and how to apply go to <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/> Posting # 14AGR000045.

### WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT OFFICER

<b>Department</b>	Todd County SWCD
<b>Closing Date</b>	June 26, 2014
<b>Location(s)</b>	Long Prairie, MN
<b>Who May Apply</b>	All qualified job seekers
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p>Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is seeking a highly motivated professional to serve as Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) officer for Todd County. The position serves as the primary contact for wetlands within the county and coordinates decisions with other agencies and staff. Work activities include; field site visits, determining wetland boundaries for proposed projects, reviewing wetland delineations submitted by landowners for proposed work, and responding to reported violations of wetland rules. Field project activities relate to assisting the feedlot officer and other staff with shoreland and feedlot field projects. Other assistance will be provided to the county feedlot officer with site inspections as they relate to protecting wetlands and public waters. The individual will develop solutions to problems identified and provide information to landowners and the public related to wetlands and proposed projects. Must maintain relations with and work closely with BWSR, Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, Planning and Zoning staff, and County Board of Commissioners, MN DNR, and USDA staff on joint projects and activities. Overall supervision received from SWCD Director.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply check out the <a href="#">job announcement</a>.</p>

### DISTRICT TECHNICIAN INSPECTOR AND WATER RESOURCE SPECIALIST

<b>Department</b>	Rice Creek Watershed District
<b>Closing Date</b>	July 7, 2014
<b>Location(s)</b>	Blaine, MN
<b>Who May Apply</b>	All qualified job seekers
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p>Provide technical assistance to support the District's water resources protection and management activities including planning, program management, and project implementation. Ensure implementation of and provide assistance in the District's regulatory program including inspection of District's permitted projects.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply check out the <a href="#">job announcement</a>.</p>

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead***

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