



Perch Creek

Minnesota River Weekly Update

July 15, 2014

New plant labeling law is in effect to protect pollinators

A new plant labeling law is now in effect in Minnesota to protect pollinators, such as honeybees, from exposure to toxic levels of insecticides. The new law becomes effective July 1 and requires that plants advertised as "beneficial to pollinators" must be free of detectable levels of certain systemic insecticides. The MDA will enforce the law. MDA Director of Plant Protection, Geir Friisoe says the law is meant to protect plant pollinators from exposure to detectable levels of insecticide residues that may persist in flowering plants sold in Minnesota nurseries. The MDA has developed a [fact sheet](#) about the new law that is posted on the agency's website. In addition, Minnesota business owners and residents with questions about the new law can send an email to mda.nursery@state.mn.us for information about the law, compliance and labeling options.

"How's the water?" Click to find with the new web feature

The MPCA developed the ["How's the Water?"](#) feature to offer a snapshot of water quality across the state in four areas: lakes, rivers and streams, wetlands and groundwater. The MPCA gathers and analyzes a huge amount of data, but often that data is embedded in long, technical reports. "How's the Water?" offers a broad and accessible look at the threats to state waters, the current water quality in regions around the state, and the steps the MPCA and other groups are taking to restore and protect our water resources. Browsers can also access details about specific water bodies, including water quality data, MPCA projects in the areas, maps of land use and water monitoring stations, watershed overviews, recent reports, agency contacts and fish consumption advisories. They'll also learn how they can help waters across the state, a difficult and long-

term effort that must happen at all levels, starting with individual farm fields, homes and businesses.

DNR grant program to open Aug. 1

The MnDNR will open its Conservation Partners Legacy grant program Aug. 1. This program funds conservation projects that restore, enhance, or protect forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat for fish, game and wildlife in Minnesota. The DNR manages this program to provide competitive matching grants from \$5,000 to \$400,000 to local, regional, state and national nonprofit organizations, including government entities. The application system for the [Traditional](#) and [Metro](#) Grant Cycles will open Aug.1 and close Sept. 19. The [Expedited Conservation Projects](#) (ECP) Grant Cycle will also open Aug. 1 and will open continuously through May 13, 2015 or until all funds have been awarded. Funding for this grant program is from the [Outdoor Heritage Fund](#), created by the Legacy Amendment.

MPCA completes 68 enforcement cases in second quarter of 2014

In its ongoing efforts to promote environmental compliance, the MPCA concluded 68 enforcement cases in 41 counties throughout Minnesota during the second quarter of 2014. Penalties from all 68 cases totaled just over \$735,000. Environmental enforcement investigations often take several months, and in highly complex cases more than a year. Although, in rare instances, they can involve courts, they most often negotiated settlements where the goal is compliance with environmental rules. Fines issued are targeted to match the environmental harm, economic advantage gained or environmental corrective actions. In addition to these 68 recently completed cases, the MPCA also have 107 ongoing enforcement investigations, 14 of which were opened as new cases during the second quarter of 2014. A complete summary of environmental enforcement actions and news releases can be found on the MPCA News Media Center webpage. For more information on specific enforcement cases, please contact Stephen Mikkelsen at (218) 316-3887, or toll free at 1(800) 657-3864.

ARTICLES	
<p><u>Waseca County’s waterways in need of restoration</u> <i>Kelsey Hering, July 10, Waseca County News</i> Field dust erupts in the rearview mirror of Waseca County farmer Bob Priebe’s tractor, as the machine’s disks carve into the dirt, loosening every inch of soil, up to the grassy area which separates his land and the stream flowing through the ditch to his right.</p>	<p><u>A case for urban ecosystems: What is a biophilic city?</u> <i>Lucille Marshall, July 10, MN2020</i> The term “concrete jungle” could soon take on a whole new meaning. Hoping to transform urban centers into abundant ecosystems, a recent push for Biophilic cities spreads around the globe.</p>
<p><u>Quest to save groundwater aims at love for lush, green lawns</u> <i>Elizabeth Dunbar, Jul 10, MPR News</i> Summer water bills that spike and cities that scramble to pump enough groundwater to keep neighborhoods lush and green, even during droughts, are nothing new in the Twin Cities.</p>	<p><u>DNR: Violations up for aquatic invasive species</u> <i>Tim Nelson, July 10, MPR News</i> The MnDNR says it’s seeing a high level of violations of regulations designed to stop the spread of zebra mussels and other aquatic invaders.</p>
<p><u>Minnesota River Valley farms features in fourth annual co-op sponsored farm tour</u> <i>Jessica Bies, July 11, St. Peter Herald</i> More than a dozen Twin Cities area food co-ops, including one in St. Peter, hold their fourth annual Ear Local Farm Tour July 19, inviting local</p>	<p><u>Lake of the Woods algal blooms are worsening despite phosphorus cuts</u> <i>Ron Meador, July 11, MinnPost</i> A new survey of ecosystem health in the Rainy-Lake of the Woods Basin – that complex of northwoods watershed includes the BWCA</p>

residents to take the day off from their regular routines and experience what local agricultural is really like.

Wilderness and Voyageurs National Park – find great leaps forward in scientific understanding of the region’s natural systems and their problems.

[CREP proposal in early stage](#)

Janet Kubat Willette, July 12, AgriNews
Minnesota’s conservation leaders in the beginning stages of assembling a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program application. The ultimate goal is to enroll 100,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land in some kind of long-term conservation practices during the five-year project span.

[Marshy outposts capture the sound of frogs – and change](#)

Dan Gunderson, July 12, PostBulletin.com
In a remote northern Minnesota forest, biologist Lowell Deede makes his way to a small wetland to check an electronic recorder. The recorder captures the sounds of frogs, birds and other wildlife in the marshy spot for five minutes every hours, seven days a week.

[Reader’s view: spraying for mosquitoes is dangerous and doesn’t help](#)

Catherine Winter, July 13, Duluth News Tribune
We were sorry to see the July 5 articles in the News Tribune about how business is booming for companies that spray yards for mosquitoes.

[Committee bands together to promote Minnesota River improvement](#)

Lisa Young, July 14, AgriNews
Stakeholders of all stripes came out June 19 to support Minnesota River improvement at the first Minnesota River Congress at Turner Hall in New Ulm, as the river swelled only a couple of blocks away. Following the Congress, five regional meetings were planned along the Minnesota to bring the gather’s results to local stakeholders and gather additional feedback, Sparlin said.

EVENTS

July 14 - July 20

Honey Producers Annual Conference
Thursday, July 17 - Saturday, July 19, 2014

Location: Kelly Inn Best Western, St. Cloud, MN

Brief Description: The Minnesota Honey Producers Association is hosting their annual conference at Kelly Inn Best Western in St. Cloud, MN. There will be a great line-up of speakers this year covering an assortment of pertinent topics. Registration fee (includes Friday lunch) is \$40 and Banquet fee is \$25 per person. Go to the [Minnesota Honey Producers Association website](#) to see the agenda and list of speakers.

For more information and to register in advance contact treasurer Conrad Legatt at (320) 252-9963, or register at the door.

Nature Cart

Friday, July 18, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

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 help understand why Minneopa is such a unique area.

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

Digital Photography

Friday, July 18, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Photography is a great way to take some memories home with you after your visit to a state park. Kids will get a chance to learn how to use a digital camera and shoot photos of what interests them. Digital cameras are provided and the kids will be able to print one photo to take with them. Limit of 20 kids (must be 8 years of age and accompanied by an adult). Please sign up at the park office (prior reservation required). Meet at the waterfalls area.

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

What lives in the river; macroinvertebrates

Friday, July 18, 2014 @ 2 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: What in the world is a macroinvertebrate? Macroinvertebrates are aquatic bugs that we can see with our eye, have no backbone, and live in our rivers, lakes and wetlands. Discover how these aquatic bugs are special and where to find them. We will collect macroinvertebrates from Minneopa Creek and identify each of them using a simple identification key. Please meet at the Falls side of Minneopa State Park.

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

Civil War Soldier Recognition for Captain Asgrim Skaro

Saturday, July 19, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Greenhill Cemetery, St. Peter, MN

Brief Description: The Governor's Civil War Commemoration Task Force and the Nicollet County Historical Society will host a remembrance event that will include commemoration ceremonies honoring Nicollet County's Asgrim Skaro, Captain in the Ninth Minnesota Infantry, Company D, who lost his life on December 16, 1864, when a bullet hit his right breast while leading a charge at the Battle of Nashville in Tennessee. The event will also include dedication ceremonies of a new grave maker and presentations by state and local dignitaries. This event is part of sesquicentennial ceremonies to commemorate and remember the participation of all Minnesota Civil War soldiers by honoring the memories of the 20 soldiers who were returned for burial in Minnesota for more than 800 who died in battle. The event is open to the public and will be held rain or shine.

For more information and directions visit <http://mncivilwar150.com/> or contact [Ken Flies](#) (651) 207-6275

Eat Local Farm Tour

Saturday, July 19, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Women's Environmental Institute, 15715 River Road, North Branch, MN 55056

Brief Description: The Eat Local Farm Tour is sponsored by Twin Cities' area food co-ops. Each year, the tour highlights Minnesota farms, allowing the general public to meet directly with local producers to learn more about our local food

system and its importance. You'll have the chance to visit these farms during the 2014 tour. On July 19, 2014 the tour will take participants to the Women's Environmental Institute (WEI) where tours of the farm, orchard, green houses, hoop houses, and retreat center will be given. Visitors will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty with farm chores from weeding to composting. Children can explore the farm with a scavenger hunt exploring the different crops and natural flora and fauna on our beautiful farm. After searching high and low in the scavenger hunt, kids can sit back and relax in a miniature horse cart rider made by F&S Acres of North Branch. Feeling hungry? Make your own fresh veggie pizza appetizer station will be setup, to make your own delicious treat from produce grown on our farm.

For more information on the event and the Women's Environmental Institute at Amador Hill check out their [website](#).

Tastes and Sounds of Civil War at Fort Ridgely

Saturday, July 19, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely

Brief Description: Presented by Historian Vickie Wendel, this is a must see program. Experiences the Civil War through the eyes of an interpreter dressed in 1860's clothing Listen to the stories of the men who fought and women who waited and taste the staple food of marching armies. This will give you a new appreciation for the men who have fought for our freedom. Join us at 1 p.m. for the fascinating program. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students with ID and children ages 6-17. MNHS and NCHS members are free.

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

"Best of the Wurst" Band

Sunday, July 20, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: For the afternoon on July 20 from 1-4 p.m., the 1870's Harkin Store will have old time music by the "Best of the Wurst" band. Marv and Vern and Garfield will play variety of old time tunes. Come bring a lawn chair or blanket or enjoy the porch for the afternoon. The Harkin Store is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. everyday except Mondays in July. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store with a supply toys, books, unique and hand-crafted items, also 10 cent candy. Admission to the program is included with the museum admission.

For more information contact the Nicollet County Historical Society for more information contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or NCHS at (507) 934-2160.

July 21 - July 27

Heron Lake Watershed Project Site Tour

Monday, July 21, 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](#).

Soil & Water Management Field Day

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 @ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: University of Minnesota Southwest Research and Outreach Center, Tracy, MN

Brief Description: The objective of this field day is to convene farms, researchers, stakeholders and practitioners to interact on issues treated to soil and water management for productivity and environmental enhancement. Drainage water management is a practice that allows a producer to exercise greater control over a drainage system in such a way as to reduce drainage during certain times of the year (when less drainage is needed) and provide for adequate drainage when needed most. The Soil and Water Management Field Day is an inter-institutional and inter-agency collaboration designed to highlight progress on soil and water management research. The proceedings from the morning program will include six papers discussing collaborative research projects conducted by scientists from the University of Minnesota, Iowa State University, South Dakota State University, and the Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS). Dr. Jerry Hatfield, USDA-ARS National Lab for Agriculture and the Environment, will give the noontime keynote address on adaptation and mitigation strategies for crop production in the face of future climate change. Other presenters and topics will be presented. The afternoon program, beginning at 1 p.m., will feature a panel discussion on achieving crop production environmental quality goals in the face of future climate change. There is no cost for the field day and a lunch will be provided. For more information on tours and specific event times visit <http://swroc.cfans.umn.edu/> or call (507) 752-7372.

Geocaching 101

Friday, July 25, 2014 @ 5 p.m.

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 of age and children must be accompanied by adult). Please sign up at the park office (prior reservation required). Meet at the Group Campground on the campground side.

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

Wolf Ecology

Friday, July 25, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Wolves have been feared, sentimentalized and slaughtered, yet they somehow have managed to resist extinction. The wolf is complex, controversial and colorful creature that was once found throughout Minnesota before almost being wiped out. We will talk about some of the more interesting characteristics of wolves and read accounts of human interactions with this animal. Meet at the picnic area on the campground side.

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

Frontier Fun Kids Activities at the Mayo House

Friday, July 25 - Sunday, July 27, 2014

Location: WW Mayo House

Brief Description: Bring the kids for some frontier fun at the WW Mayo House! Through games and activities, family will be introduced first-hand to daily life 150 years ago. Tour the Mayo House for an interactive experience that has special emphasis on the life of frontier children - their chores, toys, and games. In the parlor challenge a family member to a game of Ninepins or various other 1800's period games and make a whizzing whirligig to take home; in the kitchen try your hand at household chores; in the family room practice your letters and numbers assigned as schoolwork. The WW Mayo House is located at 118 N. Main Street in Le Sueur. The historic site is operated by the Nicollet County Historical Society through a partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society.

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

PADDLE: The Minnesota River with Don Robertson

Saturday, July 26, 2014 @ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Minnesota River

Brief Description: CURE Board member Don Robertson will be leading a paddle on the Minnesota River on Saturday, July 26. The exact location will be determined the week before the paddle to accommodate changing water levels, but regardless, this trip will give you an opportunity to explore the river that inspired CURE's founding 22 years ago. Furthermore, Don is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Oyate, and he will be sharing stories about the importance of Minnesota River to the Dakota people. This trip will be appropriate for people with basic to intermediate paddling ability, though plan to be on the river from 9 a.m. until lunchtime. Also, please bring your own bagged lunch and water, and dress for the weather in light, layered clothes, a hat and sunglasses. Don't forget your sunscreen!

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

Archery in the Park

Saturday, July 26, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: The sport of shooting arrows has been around for thousands of years. First humans used archery as a way to hunt animals and later as a way to compete against each other. Archery is an activity that people from all walks of life and almost every size and ability can participate and have fun. This program covers the basics of archery (safety, proper care of the equipment and how to use a bow). Participants will be able to practice their new skills on a number of different targets including a white-tail deer and wild turkey. Please meet at the Group Campground on the campground side of Minneopa State Park.

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

Archery in the Park

Saturday, July 26, 2014 @ 2 p.m.

Location: Flandrau State Park

Brief Description: The sport of shooting arrows has been around for thousands of

years. First humans used archery as a way to hunt animals and later as a way to compete against each other. Archery is an activity that people from all walks of life and almost every size and ability can participate and have fun. This program covers the basics of archery (safety, proper care of the equipment and how to use a bow). Participants will be able to practice their new skills on a number of different targets including a white-tail deer and wild turkey. Please meet at the staff housing area right before the contact station when you enter the park.

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

Archery in the Park

Saturday, July 26, 2014 @ 5 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely State Park

Brief Description: The sport of shooting arrows has been around for thousands of years. First humans used archery as a way to hunt animals and later as a way to compete against each other. Archery is an activity that people from all walks of life and almost every size and ability can participate and have fun. This program covers the basics of archery (safety, proper care of the equipment and how to use a bow). Participants will be able to practice their new skills on a number of different targets including a white-tail deer and wild turkey. Please meet at the Creek Picnic Area.

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

Shopping with Laura Ingalls at the Harkin Store

Sunday, July 27, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: On your way to the Little House on the Prairie reunion at Walnut Grove on July 27, stop in at the Harkin Store and see what Laura and her family would have purchased at the Oleson Mercantile. The Harkin Store, which was open during the 1870's when Laura lived in Walnut Grove, has 40% original merchandise still on the shelves. A costumed tour of the store and story of the unique bit of history told. Enjoy old-fashioned from home made egg, coffee, lemonade, and samples of "store goods." Extra checker boards will be available for you to challenge your family and friends. The Harkin Store is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. everyday except Mondays in July. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store with a supply toys, books, unique and hand-crafted items, also 10 cent candy. Admission to the program is included with the museum admission.

For more information contact the Nicollet County Historical Society for more information contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or NCHS at (507) 934-2160.

July 28 - Aug 3

Sedge Identification for ECS silviculture

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 @ 12-1 p.m.

Location: Webinar

Brief Description: Sedges are important indicator species to help differentiate among the plant communities described in ecological classification systems (ECS). This presentation will focus on sedges native to northeastern including differences among sedges and other related genera (bulrushes, cotton-grasses, spike rushes, and flatsedges). Serres will cover field characteristics for identifying the most common and important sedges found in our forests, forest edges and wetlands as well as information about habitat preferences and indicator and

conservation status.

For more information go to <http://z.umn.edu/2014webinars>.

Giant Story

Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3, 2014

Location: WW Mayo House

Brief Description: Find out how the Green Giant Company and Cosgrove Family relate to the historic WW Mayo House through a "Giant Story" Tour of the 1859 Mayo Home. The Tour features a collection of Green Giant Memorabilia along with an interpretation display about the Cosgrove Family and the Green Giant Connection, which explores the link between the Mayo Home and Green Giant Company.

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

Digital Photography

Friday, August 1, 2014 @ 4 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely State Park

Brief Description: Photography is a great way to take some memories home with you after your visit to a state park. Kids will get a chance to learn how to use a digital camera and shoot photos of what interests them. Digital cameras are provided and the kids will be able to print one photo to take with them. Limit of 20 kids (must be 8 years of age and accompanied by an adult). Please sign up at the park office (prior reservation required). Meet at the upper picnic area next to the historic fort site.

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

Leaves

Friday, August 1, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely State Park

Brief Description: There is something magical about leaves, which come in all different sizes, thickness, shape, hue, texture and even taste. Leaves are large, small, thick, thin, compound, simple, curved, or lobed. We will talk about why leaves are so different from each other and some of the adaptations plants have made to cope with competition from other plants and animals. A short hike through the trees will help us discover what it is like to be a leaf. Meet at the Campground Picnic Shelter.

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

Big Trees

Saturday, August 2, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Minneopa State Park is home to a number of "big trees" including numerous Red and Bur oaks along with a couple of monster cottonwoods along the creek bank. Trees provide many different functions for us including shade on a hot summer day, a food source, or a place to climb. We will take a hike to look at some of these "big trees" and a chance to experience how various species grow in different environments. In addition we will also learn how

to identify trees, their different parts and how each has their different characteristics. Meet at the Group Campground on the campground side of the park.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](mailto:Scott.Kudelka@scottcountymn.gov) (507) 384-8890.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND WASTE PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR

Department	Scott County
Closing Date	July 18, 2014
Location(s)	Shakopee, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>Performs a variety of advanced technical and administrative responsibilities in the management of solid, septic, and hazardous waste programs and services mandated or otherwise established by the County Board for the protection of human health, public safety and the environment. The individual must have a knowledge of commonly practiced prevention and control practices for preventable diseases by environmental measures and chemical hazards from businesses and households. Understanding the County's Land Use Zoning Ordinance would be helpful. The primary responsibility is supervising staff in upholding and helping citizens come into compliance with laws, rules regulations, ordinances, and codes for maintaining and promoting community health and environmental protection within the Townships. Additionally the individual must be familiar with State, Federal, and local rules and regulations applicable to Scott County's Environmental Health. The position includes independent judgment to identify programs and services beneficial to communities which requires an understanding of the environmental factors unique to Scott County, including hydro-geology, local endemic disease problems, air pollution issues unique to the area and the nature of industry, commerce and residential development, and knowledge of running a household hazardous waste facility (HHWF). Work is performed in an office, at the County's HHWF, and in a field setting.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://www.co.scott.mn.us/CountyGov/Employment/Pages/JobPostings.aspx.</p>

FEEDLOT SPECIALIST

Department	Watershed/East Feedlot Unit, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Closing Date	July 21, 2014
Location(s)	Mankato, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>NOTE: This position is also being posted as an Environmental Specialist 2-see posting 14PCA000091. Classification will depend on successful applicant's experience and qualifications.</p> <p>Responsibilities include:</p>

- Review animal feedlots permit applications in compliance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's rules and standards.
- Properly register and/or permit feedlots.
- Provide assistance and training to counties participating in the agency's delegated county feedlot program.
- Conduct compliance and enforcement activities as needed.

For more information and how to apply go to [Minnesota State Jobs website](#), Posting # 14PCA000090 or 14PCA000091.

HYDROLOGIST 4

Department	Eng Serv/Materials&Road Res, Minnesota Department of Transportation
Closing Date	July 21, 2014
Location(s)	Maplewood, MN
Who May Apply	Current employees of this agency
Responsibilities	<p>This position supervises the activities of the Geology Unit and provides advanced technical expertise in the areas of geology, hydrogeology, geophysics, geological engineering, blasting, noise & vibrations, aggregate engineering and pavements as they are applied to transportation related activities. MnDOT relies on the expertise of this position for the safe and efficient use of rock as a foundation medium for bridges, tunnels and rock cuts as well as a primary construction product for structures, pavements, bases and drainage materials.</p> <p>In addition this position provides expertise to the Department in groundwater control, geophysics, blasting, vibration monitoring and control, environmental boreholes and water wells.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to Minnesota State Jobs website, Posting # 14DOT000288.</p>

WATERSHED TECHNICIAN

Department	Watershed/Southwest Unit, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Closing Date	July 21, 2014
Location(s)	Mankato or Marshall, MN
Who May Apply	Current employees of the agency and qualified bidders
Responsibilities	<p>NOTE: This position is also being posted as an Environmental Specialist 1-see posting 14PCA000092. Classification will depend on the successful applicant's experience and qualifications.</p> <p>This position assists in water quality monitoring and analysis, data management, technical writing and stressor identification support for major watershed restoration and protection projects being carried out by the Southwest Watershed Unit over a 10-year cycle.</p> <p>This position participates on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's technical team for each of the unit's major watershed projects. This position may also provide limited project and contract management services for projects that are water-</p>

monitoring focused.

For more information and how to apply go to [Minnesota State Jobs website](#), Posting # 14PCA000092 or # 14PCA000094.

COUNTY PROGRAM TECHNICIAN

Department	Farm Service Agency, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	July 23, 2014
Location(s)	Fairmont, MN; Goodhue, MN; Albert Lea, MN; Wabasha, MN; Dodge Center, MN; Slayton, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrying out office activities and functions pertaining to one or more of the program areas administered in the county• Interprets and explains procedures, program regulations, and forms to producers and other agency personnel• Utilizes IBM system 36 and/or PC computer to maintain producer data and process automated program forms• Uses a high degree of initiative and judgment in planning and carrying out assigned tasks and resolving problems encountered <p>For more information and how to apply go to Martin County Job Announcement in Fairmont, MN; Goodhue County Job Announcement in Goodhue, MN; Freeborn County Job Announcement in Albert Lea, MN; Wabasha County Job Announcement in Wabasha, MN; Dodge County Job Announcement in Dodge Center, MN; Murray County Job Announcement in Slayton, MN</p>

CLEAN WATER COORDINATOR

Department	Ecological & Water Resources, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Closing Date	July 24, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	Current employees of this agency
Responsibilities	<p>THIS IS A ONE YEAR TEMPORARY UNCLASSIFIED</p> <p>This position is the Agency's lead staff for work funded by the Clean Water Fund portion of the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment appropriations. This position facilitates inter-agency and inter-division coordination, supports DNR's role on the Clean Water Council and the Interagency Coordination Team, provides administrative, budget, and reporting support, and works cooperatively with the Regional and District Managers to provide program level guidance and direction to regional staff who contribute to Clean Water work.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to Minnesota State Jobs website, Posting # 14DNR000495.</p>

FEEDLOT TECHNICIAN

Department	Douglas County Land and Resource Management
Closing Date	July 25, 2014
Location(s)	Maplewood, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	To assist with the administration of the Douglas County Feedlot Program and enforcement of the Douglas County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, especially as related to feedlots, animal agriculture, and other related issues. For more information and how to apply go to http://www.co.douglas.mn.us/dc/employment-opportunities.aspx

AGRIC ADVISOR, AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS

Department	Pesticide and Fertilizer Management, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	July 29, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	This position exists to perform project management of the response to and the cleanup of sites contaminated with agricultural chemicals using the authorities established under state and federal laws. Contaminated sites must be investigated and cleaned up to prevent adverse effects on public health, welfare and the environment. For more information and how to apply go to Minnesota State Jobs website , Posting # 14AGR000053.

COUNTY ENGINEER

Department	Stevens County
Closing Date	July 31, 2014
Location(s)	Morris, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	The County Engineer performs complex professional and difficult administrative work relating to the design and construction of engineering projects, maintenance of the County's roads and bridges and inspections of Stevens County's Legal Drainage Ditch System. For more information and how to apply go to Stevens County's Job Announcements .

LAND RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Department	Pope County Land Resources
Closing Date	Until filled
Location(s)	Maplewood, MN

Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>Performs complex professional and administrative work overseeing all aspects of the Land and Resource Management office including administration of the zoning, subdivision and solid waste ordinances; development and implementation of the comprehensive land use plan and water plan; and administration of grant and loan programs; acting as the primary staff person for the planning advisory commission and board of adjustment and interacts directly with the county board of commissioners, and related work as apparent or assigned. Work involves setting policies and goals under the direction of the County Administration. Departmental supervision is exercised over all personnel within the department.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://www.co.pope.mn.us/pdf/Land_Resources_Director_Job_Posting.pdf.</p>

FARM BILL TECHNICIAN

Department	Swift County SWCD
Closing Date	August 31, 2014
Location(s)	Benson, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position is a 40 hour/week, grant funded position under supervision of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board with input from the District Conservationist through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). The Technician is primarily responsible for promoting, and assisting landowners with enrollment of land into conservation programs. This would include promoting the enrollment of land into the State and Federal programs, determining eligibility of the land, and working with the Farm Service Agency and NRCS to get contracts drawn up. Some tree and native grass planning and design may be done. Also using GPS equipment. Quarterly reports must be completed for the Board of Water and Soil Resources and Swift SWCD Board of Supervisors. A written detailed report of all contracts and work completed is required each quarter. This position will also work with the existing Working Lands Initiative grant funded projects in the county. Emphasis on promoting watershed areas in the county targeting areas with soil or water erosion problems. This person must be able to work with a minimum of direct supervision. Occasional operation of machinery, experience preferred.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://swiftswcd.org/career_opportunity.htm.</p>

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