



Minnesota River Weekly Update

August 19, 2014

Le Sueur River Watershed Network Meeting at St Olaf Lake Park on Monday, August 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

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Comments sought on draft report about water pollution in Pomme de Terre River watershed

A draft report about water pollution in portions of the Pomme de Terre River watershed in west-central Minnesota is open for public review and comment from Aug. 18 through Sept. 16. Specific impairments the report identifies are four lakes with excessive algae-producing nutrients; a section of the river with low dissolved oxygen, and impairments in Dry Wood Creek from turbidity, excess phosphorus, low dissolved oxygen and *E. coli* bacteria. As part of the TMDL, a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies plan has been developed to determine the specific work needed to restore the impaired waters. The Pomme de Terre River Watershed TMDL draft report may be reviewed at the MPCA Marshall Office, 504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200 or online at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/pyri1024>. Written comments should be mailed to Scott MacLean, MPCA, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001, or sent by email scott.maclean@state.mn.us.

They must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. Information on Minnesota's impaired waters list and TMDL studies is available on the MPCA website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/index.html> or by calling 800-657-3864.

MPCA seeks comments from public on proposed hog feedlot in Blue Earth County

Troy Phillips of rural Janesville is proposing to build a hog feedlot southeast of Mankato. The feedlot would consist of two total-confinement barns, each with 2,400 hogs. Manure would be stored in reinforced concrete pits under each barn. As required by state rules, the MPCA completed an EAW on the proposed feedlot. The public may comment on the proposed feedlot until 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. This new feedlot would be in section 29 of McPherson Township, south of St. Clair. This area is zoned for agriculture. Eleven homes are within one mile of the proposed feedlot and manure application sites. Rice Lake is about one mile west of the proposed feedlot. This shallow lake covers 438 acres and provides hunting and wildlife viewing, along with a wildlife management area on the west side of the lake. The public well for St. Clair is 2.1 miles north of the nearest proposed manure application site. The worksheet for this project is available by searching for "MPCA environment worksheet," its also available by emailing or calling [Beth Tegdesch](mailto:Beth.Tegdesch@pca.state.mn.us) 651-757-2100. Comments, which must be in writing, should be [Charles Peterson](mailto:Charles.Peterson@pca.state.mn.us) of the MPCA's environmental review unit or mailed to him at MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road N., Saint Paul, MN 55155.

What's new at the Eco Experience in 2014?

The Minnesota State Fair's history in agriculture, arts, innovation, and youth projects is kept alive in the fair's environmentally themed building, the Eco Experience. The Eco Experience won the 2013 People's Choice award for "Best Attraction". What's new in the Eco Experience?

- The world's largest wad of paper?
- Minnesota's changing climate
- Nature adventure play yard
- Pollinators in the garden
 - In the garden at noon every day, presenters will speak on the following topics:
 - Aug. 21 Front yard meadows: Bee friendly landscapes
 - Aug. 22 Look inside the rooftop beehive
 - Aug. 23 Attract, observe and identify pollinators and beneficial insects with native plants
 - Aug. 24 The buzz about native bees
 - Aug. 25 Front yard meadows: Bee friendly landscapes
 - Aug. 26 Straw bale gardening
 - Aug. 27 Attract, observe and identify pollinators and beneficial insects with native plants
 - Aug. 28 Straw bale gardening
 - Aug. 29 Look inside the rooftop beehive
 - Aug. 30 Front yard meadows: Bee friendly landscapes
 - Aug. 31 The buzz about native bees
 - Sept. 1 Straw bale gardening
- The theme for our Healthy Local Food Area is #GrowAMNFarmer
- ReUSE Room
- The Minnesota Department of Commerce will show how to improve your home, save on energy costs and reduce environmental impacts
- Build better and be ready house
- What is new in green building projects
- Imagine your life on a bike
- Healthy fish choices
- Who has the best drinking water in Minnesota?
- All about the air we breathe
- Free kids activities

The Eco Experience is in the Progress Center building at the corners of Randall and Cosgrove. For more information check out the [Eco Experience's website](http://www.ecoexperience.com).

Study: Except for bacteria in some creeks, Lake Pepin tributaries are in good shape

While many streams flowing to Lake Pepin in southeastern Minnesota offer high water quality and need protection, a handful of trout streams need reductions in bacteria levels, according to a study by local partners and the MPCA. Project partners invite the public to an open house about the study on Tuesday, August 26, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Frontenac Sportsman Club, 30301 Territorial Rd, Lake City, MN. The study summarized health of the watershed and a report on TMDL's, with recommendations on ways to reduce stress to stream health. The watershed restoration and protection strategy study is open for public review and comment through Sept. 10. A report on the study is available on the [MPCA's Mississippi River - Lake Pepin Watershed webpage](#). For more information on the study or to submit written comments, email or call [Justin Watkins](#) 507-206-2621, the MPCA project manager.

ARTICLES

[Wild rice harvesting season opens Aug. 15; most areas not yet ready](#)

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aug. 11, Brainerd Dispatch
Minnesota's wild rice harvesting season is open from Friday, Aug. 15 to Tuesday, Sept. 30. Despite the season dates, harvesters must first ensure the rice is ripe before launching their canoes, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

['Green Fleet' says all old Minnesota school buses running clearer](#)

Elizabeth Dunbar, Aug. 14, MPR News
All of Minnesota's 3,200 older diesel school buses are now running cleaner, thanks to a program that performs retrofits on diesel engines.

[More than 1,000 tires found in river](#) (with video)

Jeron Rennie, Aug. 14, KIMT3
A local volunteer group has been working to keep a southern Minnesota river clean, and they have something to show for their efforts. The Conservation Corps has collected more than 1,000 tires since 2011.

[Twin Cities environmentalists join fight over Cargill's Arkansas hog operations](#) (with audio)

Elizabeth Dunbar, Aug. 15, MPR News
Minnesota-based Cargill has been taking heat from conservationists, including some in Minnesota, for one of its contracting hog farms in Arkansas. Some of the anger over the facility comes from the fact that it's located on a tributary just six miles from the Buffalo River.

[Pond sediment contamination worries Burnsville neighbors](#)

Libor Jany, Aug. 16, Star Tribune
In the years since moving from upstate New York to Burnsville's Walden neighborhood. Gil Dedrick and his wife, Pat, talked frequently about the challenges of starting over in a new place. Dealing with sediment contamination didn't often come up in those conversations. That is, until recently.

[Fighting invasive fish with forks and knives](#) (with audio)

Elizabeth Dunbar, Aug. 17, MPR News
Add kitchen knives to the list of weapons that humans are using to fight invasive species. I'm talking about fish who've made their way into nonnative waters.

[Lawsuit over pesticide drift may prompt push for reform](#)

Patrick Springer, Aug. 17, INFORUM
Don and Cathy Heitkamp believe they've been battling a "phantom sprayer" in their quest to get to the bottom of a pesticide drift incident that damaged their crops.

[Jessenland Irish Festival celebrates first Irish settlement in Minnesota](#)

Josie Oliver, Aug. 19, Southern Minn
There's something nostalgic about watching Irish dancers, smelling the aromas from the grill and listening to the children play, all while hearing bagpipes in the background, Scott McDonald said, of the biannual Jessenland Irish Festival held at the

historic Jessenland Church.

EVENTS

Aug 18 - Aug 24

Hawk Creek Side Inlet Field Day

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 @ 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Location: Renville Community Center, 221 North Main St, Renville, MN

Brief Description:

Agenda:

8 a.m. Registration & Refreshments

8:30 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

8:35 a.m. MN BWSR Overview

8:45 a.m. Side Inlet Technical Design Overview

9:05 a.m. Local Side Inlet Installation Comments and Discussion

9:25 a.m. Board bus, visit side inlet sites

12:15 a.m. Return to Renville Community Center for lunch (free with reservation)

For more information call the Hawk Creek Watershed Project at (320) 523-3666 or email heidi@hawkcreekwatershed.org by Friday, August 8, 2014 to reserve your free meal and seat on the bus.

Field Day in Dodge County

Thursday, August 21, 2014 @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Delzer Farm and Herbst Farm

Brief Description: The MDA, MAWRC, Delzer Farm and Herbst Farm invite you to learn about research on two farms. This field day will focus on edge-of-field monitoring sites that are collecting water quality information from real working farms. The Program will include presentations from the farm owners, staff at the MDA and Discovery Farms staff. Discussion and refreshments will follow the presentations. Registration is not required. Field Day starts at 9 a.m. on the Delzer Farm, followed by presentations at 11 a.m. on the Herbst Farm.

For more information contact [Matt Ribikawskis](mailto:Matt.Ribikawskis@mda.state.mn.us) (507) 206-2884.

William Lass

Thursday, August 21, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Treaty Site History Center

Brief Description: Author William Lass will be here to talk about his new book "Shaping the North Star State: A History of Minnesota's Boundaries." William Lass is a historian, author of many books, Professor Emeritus at Minnesota State University, Mankato and recipient of many awards. Most recently, he was the first recipient of The Lifetime Service Award at the Northern Plains History Conference in 2012. Join us for this program and learn about Minnesota's bizarre Northwest Angle, the attempt to make Minnesota a long, narrow state, and many other interesting aspects about the shape of our state.

For more information contact the [Nicollet County Historical Society](http://www.nicolletcountyhistoricalsociety.org) (507) 934-2160.

Nature Cart

Friday, August 22, 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.

Emerald Ash Borer

Friday, August 22, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Stop off at the waterfalls area to learn about Emerald Ash Borer, a nonnative invasive insect that destroys ash trees. This insect from Asia has killed millions of ash trees in North America and first discovered in Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. You can also learn about other invasive species like leafy spurge, Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Carp. Please meet at the waterfalls side of Minneopa State Park.

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

Water Cycle

Friday, August 22, 2014 @ 2 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: We know water is essential for us to live. Water is everywhere moving from one form to another and from one place to another. We see it in the falling rain, a flowing river, and steam rising from a warm surface. In this program you will become a water molecule, simulating the movement of water within the water cycle and showing how it doesn't flow equally across the landscape. In addition, we will also discover the role of heat and gravity in the water cycle. Meet at the Group Campground on the campground side.

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

Fort Ridgely and the US Dakota War / Curtis Dahlin

Saturday, August 23, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely

Brief Description: Independent Historian Curtis Dahlin grew up on a farm near Sisseton, South Dakota, on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation. He graduated from South Dakota State in 1964 with a degree in history, spent two years in the army and worked for the Department of Transportation as a traffic analyst for 35 years. Since retiring in 2002 he has spent time researching and writing on US Dakota Uprising of 1862 in Minnesota. He has published two books and three shorter booklets on the US Dakota War. His talk will deal with various aspects of the Uprising. Join us at 1:30 p.m. for this fascinating program presented by Independent Historian Curtis Dahlin. 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) 766-0993.

Old Schools Days

Sunday, August 24, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: The Harkin Store will be having a program on old schools in Nicollet County. There will be old pictures and old school books and a picture of the old private school, the Robinson school, in the town of West Newton. Come enjoy and learn about village of West Newton and the Harkin Store that was prosperous in early 1870's. The Harkin Store is open everyday except Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in August. Admission to the event is included with the admission to the store. Our gift shop is open the same hours as the store and has toys, books, unique and hand-crafted items, also 10 cent candy.

For more information call the Nicollet County Historical Society (507) 934-2160 or the Harkin Store (507) 354-8666.

Aug 25 - Aug 31

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For more information contact [Jessica Nelson](#) (507) 389-2704, [Mark Bosacker](#) (507) 388-7203, [Paul Davis](#) (507) 344-5246.

Seed Collection Volunteer Day at Cedar Mountain SNA

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Cedar Mountain SNA

Brief Description: Help collect prairie seed that will be used on nearby Scientific & Natural Areas (SNA). Enjoy the breath taking views of the Minnesota River Valley, have lunch on unique locally owned native prairies and help diversity future prairie restorations on nearby Cedar Mountain SNA. Please register [online](#). Footwear appropriate for hiking is recommended. There are no maintained trail and some areas of seed collection will be on uneven terrain. Pack a lunch and water. There are no public restrooms or access to drinking water on site.

For more information please visit [DNR's site](#) or call Judy Schulte at (507) 822-0344. This even is a collaboration between the DNR and CURE in the effort to get more people out on the landscape enjoying all that southwestern Minnesota has to offer.

Seed Collection Volunteer Day at Blue Devil Valley SNA

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Blue River Valley SNA

Brief Description: Help collect prairie seed that will be used on nearby Scientific & Natural Areas (SNA). Enjoy the breath taking views of the Minnesota River Valley, have lunch on unique locally owned native prairies and help diversity future prairie restorations on nearby Blue Devil Valley SNA. Please register [online](#). Footwear appropriate for hiking is recommended. There are not maintained trail and some areas of seed collection will be on uneven terrain. Pack a lunch and water. There are no public restrooms or access to drinking water on site.

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What lives in the river; Macroinvertebrates

Friday, August 29, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Flandrau 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 the Cottonwood River and identify each of them using a simple identification key. Meet at the playground at the Day Use Area near the swimming pond.

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

Children's Games and Craft Day

Saturday, August 30, 2014 @ 12-4 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely

Brief Description: On August 30th we invite families 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 at 12 p.m. to 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. Fort Ridgely State Historic Site is open May 23rd - October 18th, Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information email or call [Amber Bentler](#) 507-766-0994.

Digital Photography

Saturday, August 30, 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 children must be accompanied by an 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.

Wild about Wildlife

Saturday, August 30, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: What are some of the cool animals that can be found at Minneopa State Park? How about one that climbs trees to escape predators and uses its ears to hunt prey? Learn how these animals have adapted to survive in their natural environment and some of the more interesting characteristics. We will look at fourteen different animals like the beaver, skunk and coyote. Please meet at the Group Campground on the campground side.

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

Night Hike

Saturday, August 30, 2014 @ 9 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Night presents a whole new world to most of us. Very few of us spend extended periods of time in the dark and some people may even become fearful of the night. As humans we are constantly trying to reduce the fun of being outside after dark. On the other hand, animals adapt their lives and themselves to the conditions of both day and night. On this hike we will learn how to use our five senses (sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell) in the dark without using any artificial light. Meet at the parking lot on the gravel road about halfway to Seppmann Windmill on the north side and please no flashlights.

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

Sept. 1 - Sept. 7

Documentary Film Series - America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Treaty Site History Center

Brief Description: Please join us for the 2014-15 documentary film series. A partnership between St. Peter Community and Family Education and Nicollet County Historical Society, films are screen every month at the Treaty Site History Center through May. The Tallgrass Prairie tells the rich and complex story of one of the most astonishing alterations of nature in human history. Prior to Euro-American settlement in the 1820's, one of the major landscape features of North America was 240 million acres of tallgrass prairie. But between 1830 and 1900 -- in the span of a single lifetime -- the prairie was steadily transformed to farmland. This drastic change in the landscape brought about an enormous social change for Native Americans. In an equally short time their cultural imprint was reduced in essence to a handful of place-names appearing on maps. The extraordinary cinematography of prairie remnants, original score and archival images are all delicately interwoven to create a powerful and moving viewing experience about the natural and cultural history of America. Admission to the film series is free for all.

For more information contact the Society at (507) 934-2160 or museum@nchsmn.org.

Causes of the US Dakota War and Battlefield Tour

Saturday, September 6, 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 of 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 childrens ages 6-17. MNHS and NCHS members are free.

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

Posse Paddle: Amateur Canoe & Kayak Race

Sunday, September 7th, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m.

Location: Park at Dundas trailhead Parking lot (corner of Railway St. North and County Rd 1 in Dundas)

Brief Description: Join the Cannon River Watershed Partnership during the Posse Paddle - an amateur canoe and kayak race during the Defeat of Jesse James Days. Registration fee is \$15/person before the event or \$20/person . The registration fee includes a button to the Defeat of Jesse James Day "Button" events. CRWP can mail buttons in advance for those who pre-register by August 29 or they can pick them up at our office at 400 Washington St. in Northfield. You must have your own personal flotation device (PFD) to wear during the race.

For more information and to register go to the [CRWP's website](#).

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATER RESOURCES SCIENTIST

Department	Scott County
Closing Date	August 22, 2014
Location(s)	Shakopee, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	Performs administrative, project management, and professional planning work assisting the Natural Resources & Environmental Services Program Manager. Provides project management for water resources and other natural resources projects, and provides technical support for Watershed Management organizations administered by the county. Serves as a key technical expert on water planning issues and studies. For more information and how to apply go to Scott County's announcement .

ASSISTANT AREA WL MANAGER

Department	Fish and Wildlife / Region 4, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Closing Date	August 22, 2014
Location(s)	Nicollet, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	This position exists to assist the Area Wildlife Manager in planning, developing, and implementing DNR wildlife management programs, activities and policies by managing, preserving, and conserving wildlife habitat and populations on public and private lands in the area. For more information and how to apply go to State of Minnesota Job Postings , Posting #14DNR000533.

COUNTY PROGRAM TECHNICIAN

Department	Farm Service Agency, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	August 26, 2014
Location(s)	Farmington, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position is located in the Dakota County FSA Office in Farmington, Minnesota.</p> <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 Dakota County's announcement.</p>

SSTS COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

Department	Municipal/NC Reg SSTS C&E Unit, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Closing Date	August 26, 2014
Location(s)	Marshall, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>The primary purpose of this position is to provide support for the Sub-surface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) in the Southwest Region. This position provides SSTS compliance and enforcement oversight of certified and licensed professionals located in a 20 county area in the southwest part of the state.</p> <p>This position will respond to complaints; provide liaison coordination with local government units; review and comment on proposed county SSTS ordinances; and provide technical assistance regarding SSTS rules, policies, and equipment installation and maintenance.</p> <p>This position requires 10% travel.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to State of Minnesota Job Postings, Posting #14PCA000108.</p>

FISHERIES HABITAT SPECIALIST

Department	Fish & Wildlife/Region 4, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Closing Date	September 1, 2014
Location(s)	New Ulm, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities	<p>This position functions as the DNR Commissioners' delegate in administering aquatic habitat-related programs of the DNR, Section of Fisheries in a multi-county region that provides assistance to customers and staff to protect, preserve, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat through the effective implementation and best management practices or programs as they relate to fisheries management activities. This position primarily involves the permitting and implementation of the Aquatic Plant Management Program (APM), the Aquatic Aeration Program (AAP), interactions with lake associations, riparian owners, and planning and zoning officials from local government units that deal with shoreline development and in-lake management of natural resources. This position will also assist Area Fisheries staff with lake and stream surveys, fish stocking, special fish and habitat assessments, and other fish data research activities as time permits within the 33 counties in the DNR Southern Region (R4). The person in this position is the lead worker in planning, coordinating, and implementing the APM and AAP programs, effectively acting in an advisory role for directing and guiding customers within the region. Also, this position can provide assistance to the statewide Aquatic Habitat Program (AHP) for advancing strategies in the MN DNR Fish Habitat Plan.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to Minnesota State Jobs website, Posting # 14DNR000512.</p>
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WATERSHED COORDINATOR	
Department	Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed Director
Closing Date	September 20, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position provides project management and technical oversight of water resource protection as identified in the District's Water Management Plan.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to www.plslwd.org.</p>

"Nothing living should ever be treated with contempt. Whatever it is that lives, a man, a tree, or a bird should be touched gently, because the time is short. Civilization is another word for respect for life." - Elizabeth Goudge

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

