



Sunset at St. Olaf Lake Park in New Richland, MN where the [Le Sueur River Watershed Network](#) went on a nature walk guided by Al Batt and stations with Hugh Valiant (Conservation Landscapes), Paul Davis (MPCA water quality monitoring), and Bruce Pittman (MDNR fisheries), and rides on the [Mankato Paddling & Outings Club](#) 1925 war canoe. The group met on August 25 to discuss conservation practices at the park and emerging projects in the watershed.

Image courtesy of [Anne Queenan Productions](#).

Minnesota River Weekly Update

August 26, 2014

MPCA now accepting proposals for watershed sampling grants in Upper Mississippi and Minnesota river basins

The RFP process for Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network's (WPLMN) sampling grants is now open. Grants under this program are financed through the Minnesota Clean Water Fund established by the Legacy Amendment. The MPCA will award up to \$300,000 in one-year grant contracts through a competitive process. All proposals must be submitted through the SWIFT e-supplier portal and must be received no later than Sept. 19, 2014. Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered. The privacy objective of the WPLMN is to obtain spatial and long-term pollutant load information from Minnesota's rivers and streams. This RFP seeks to local partners to collect water quality data at select sites in the Minnesota River and Upper Mississippi River Basins. Water quality samples will be collected across a full range of flow conditions with greatest emphasis given to periods of moderate and high flow. Water quality data will be paired with stream flow information to yield estimates of containment loading from within a watershed.

Eligible entities include: SWCD's; watershed districts; regional planning organizations; watershed management organizations; local government units such as counties, cities, townships, and lake improvement districts; regional government groups; joint powers boards; Minnesota colleges and universities; non-profit organizations; and Native American tribal governments.

For more information can be found at the MPCA's [WPLMN webpage](#).

Yellow Medicine launches '1 watershed 1 plan'

The core team for the Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan pilot project met Aug. 5 in Marshall. Doug Thomas and Melissa Gilbert of BWSR led discussion in separate meetings with state agency and local staff. Dave Sill of BWSR located in Marshall is the contact. The Yellow Medicine Watershed District covers a four-county area that includes Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine counties.

Cost share program makes organic certification more affordable

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 75% of the cost of their organic certification. The MDA is accepting applications for the Minnesota Organic Cost Share Program from now until Oct. 31, 2014. Organic certification is a third-party verification system assuming consumers the organic products they buy are produced in accordance with federal organic regulations. Organic operations must follow National Organic Standards and are monitored through review of their records and on-site inspections at least once a year. "This program is designed to make organic certification more affordable," said program administrator Meg Moynihan. "The last time we offered it, 526 organic operations received rebates. There are now many more organic farms and handlers in Minnesota, so we hop to receive an even larger number of applications this year," she added. Operations that received certification (or had ongoing certification) between Oct. 1, 2013 and Sept. 30, 2014 are eligible for reimbursement of up to 75 percent of certification-related costs with a maximum of \$750 per category (crop, livestock, processing/handling, wild harvest). For more information go to [MDA's website](#) or call (651) 201-6012.

ARTICLES

[Best practices from Green Building Tour](#)

Gerry Tyrrell, Aug. 21, TC Daily Planet

On June 21, CNO and the Citizen's League teamed up to lead a "Best Practices Green Building" tour to three "state of the art" green building projects in Minneapolis.

[California drought has wild salmon competing with almonds for water](#)

Alastair Bland, Aug. 21, NPR

The ongoing California drought has pitted wild salmon against farmers in a fight for water. While growers of almonds, one of the state's biggest and most lucrative crops, enjoy booming production and skyrocketing sales to China, the fish, it seems, might be left high and dry this summer – and maybe even dead.

[State seeks fairgoers' help for honeybees](#)

Jon Collins, Aug. 21, MPR News

A state agency is asking Minnesota State Fairgoers to sign onto a new campaign to protect pollinators like honeybees in their yards and farms.

[DNR: Consider rerouting proposed Sandpiper pipeline](#)

David Shaffer, Aug. 22, Star Tribune

A second Minnesota environmental agency has asked state regulators to consider rerouting a proposed crude oil pipeline to avoid northern lakes, wetlands and streams.

[McFadden makes mining an issue in Senate race against Franken \(with audio\)](#)

Mark Zdechlik, Aug. 22, MPRNews

A central theme of Republican Senate candidate Mike McFadden's campaign is that US Sen. Al Franken, President Barack Obama and other Democrats are strangling the nation's economy by over-regulating businesses.

[Met Council can design Blue Line extension to northern suburbs, feds say](#)

Kim McGuire, Aug. 23, Star Tribune

The Metropolitan Council has received federal approval to begin designing the Blue Line extension, a 13-mile light-rail line that will connect Minneapolis to the northwestern suburbs of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn

<p><u>DNR is paving the way toward energy savings</u> <i>Britta Arendt, Aug. 25, Grand Rapids Herald</i> In 2011, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton issued two Executive Orders, creating a comprehensive energy savings plan for state facilities. It required all state agencies to reduce facilities energy usage by 20 percent by the end of 2015.</p>	<p>Park.</p> <p><u>\$28M affordable housing complex set for Green Line route (with audio)</u> <i>Laura Yuen, Aug. 25, MPRNews</i> The end of the automobile era on University Avenue doesn't get more symbolic than this: A new housing and retail development will reshape a vacant auto sales lots along the Green Line light rail route.</p>
<p><u>Archaeologists seek the valley's first people</u> <i>Tom Cherveney, Aug. 25, West Central Tribune</i> It has long been known that the state's first inhabitants made the Minnesota River Valley their home since the days when a catastrophic outburst flood created it. Soon it may be possible to learn more about where the early peoples made their villages in the river valley during different periods since that event, what they were doing in the different periods, and perhaps, just how long ago that catastrophic event actually was.</p>	<p><u>Picking apart objections to eating fish</u> <i>Jane Brody, Aug. 26, Herald-Tribune</i> I grew up eating fish. My family enjoyed a fish meal at least once a week, usually mackerel, salmon trout (now called steelhead), or flounder. When they pulled a 5-pound carp from a Minnesota river, I stuffed and baked it, to the delight of dinner guests.</p>

EVENTS

Aug 25 - Aug 31

Le Sueur River Watershed Network Meeting at St Olaf Lake Park

Monday, August 25, 2014 @ 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Olaf Lake Park, New Richland, MN

Brief Description: The Le Sueur River Watershed Network is sponsoring a potluck and meeting at St Olaf Lake Park in New Richland, MN. Following the potluck there will be a nature walk guided by Al Batt with stations along the way that explain how water quality monitoring, citizen action, and fun can be tied together. The public is invited to this free event to join the conversation about the Le Sueur River Watershed Network and to share a meal with watershed neighbors. Event organizers and citizen volunteers are offering a main dish as well as cookies from Nancy Jane's Bakery in New Richland. Participants are asked to bring a side dish if you wish.

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 the 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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Side Inlet Field Day

Thursday, August 28, 2014 @ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Oshawa Township Hall, 38711 Hwy 99, St Peter, MN

Brief Description: The next side inlet field day is hosted by the Nicollet County SWCD with lunch included from Doc E's BBQ, at Oshawa Township Hall. There will be demonstration of new side inlet designs that improve drainage and protect water quality.

For more information and to RSVP email or call [Karen Galles](#) (507) 931-2550 x117.

River Blast

Friday, August 29 – Saturday, August 30, 2014

Location: Riverside Park, New Ulm, MN

Brief Description: This is a free cultural event and festival at the river. Friday gala celebration starts at 5 p.m. Cold Blooded Whiskey from 5-8 p.m.; Barefoot Winos 8:30 p.m. – close. Camping in Riverside Park; one camping unit and one support vehicle, dogs must be on a leash/\$25 per site. Saturday event begins at 11 a.m.; watershed information; afternoon horse drawn trolley rides along the river; free face painting; "Pirate Ship" playground for kids on the premises; obstacle course for canoes Saturday; get free rides in a MPOC 28 ft canoe; Dick Kimmel and Company 12-3 p.m.; Schell's Hobo Band, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Jumbo Ya Ya 5-8 p.m.; The Arcades from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Food and beverages available: coffee, pop, beer, wine coolers.

For more information check out www.riverblast.net.

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.

The Arrives in West Newton

Sunday, August 31, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store, 66289 County Hwy 2, New Ulm, MN 56073

Brief Description: The town of West Newton is expecting the arrival of the west with the cowboy ballads and yodels of Lonesome Ron, the King of the Valley Yodelers. Lonesome Ron will be presenting western music in story and song. The program is from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, August 31. The town of West Newton is at the end of the line for the riverboats which is where many pioneers got off to go west. The town started in 1865 which is when there was a big flux of people moving west. The west was wild at that time.

For more information call the store (507) 354-8666 or Nicollet County Historical Society which operates the store at (507) 934-2160.

Sept. 1 - Sept. 7

Documentary File 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](#).

Sept. 8 - Sept. 14

Minnesota River Congress Regional Meeting in Montevideo

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 @ 7-9 p.m.

Location: Clean Up the River Environment, Community Center, 550 1st St W, Montevideo, MN

Brief Description: In June, several dozen people gathered at the Minnesota River Congress in New Ulm to discuss ideas for the future of collaborative efforts to protect and improve land and water resources in the Minnesota River Basin. Now, that discussion is traveling throughout the basin at 5 regional public meetings planned in mid-September. CURE is co-hosting one of these regional meetings on September 10, and we hope that all concerned citizens will be able to attend!

If you can't make it to the meeting in Montevideo, try one of the four other regional meetings:

- September 11 - co-hosted by Rural Advantage at the Knights of Columbus Hall (930 E 10th St.) in Fairmont
- September 15 – at the JR Brown Center in Henderson
- September 16 – Co-hosted by the Friends of the Minnesota Valley at the National Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington
- September 17 – co-hosted by the Lower Sioux Community at Jackpot Junction in Morton

There is no cost to attend. An RSVP is appreciated but not required. To RSVP call the CURE office at (320) 269-2984 or email Dixie at dixie@cureriver.org. If you are coming from a distance and would be interested in carpooling, let us know. [This event is on Facebook! Join us!](#)

Brews and Canoes

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Aria in Minneapolis, MN

Brief Description: We are pleased announce that [Chowgirls Killer Catering](#) will be providing the food, and [The Boomchucks](#) and [The Roe Family Singers](#) will be providing the music for the event! There are nine breweries from across Minnesota participating in Brews and Canoes – a craft beer competition

celebrating Minnesota's outdoors and the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The competing breweries ready to battle for the coveted L'Etoile du Nord (Best in Show) trophy are:

- [Bent Paddling Brewing Co. \(Duluth, MN\)](#)
- [Big Wood Brewery \(White Bear Lake, MN\)](#)
- [Dangerous Man Brewing Co. \(Minneapolis\)](#)
- [Indeed Brewing Co. \(Minneapolis\)](#)
- [Lake Monster Brewing \(Minneapolis\)](#)
- [Lift Bridge Brewing Company \(Stillwater, MN\)](#)
- [Mankato Brewery \(North Mankato, MN\)](#)
- [NorthGate Brewing \(Minneapolis\)](#)
- [Summit Brewing Company \(St Paul, MN\)](#)

Craft brewers are encourage to draw inspiration for their entries from the wilderness themes reflected in the Wilderness Act: untrammled, nature tranquil, rugged adventure and camaraderie. The Wilderness Act protects one of our state's natural treasures, the Boundary Waters, which was one of the first protected under its legislation. Tickets to attend the tasting event and live concert go on sales at [EventBrite](#) beginning Aug. 1. Admission will include beer samples, food and a signature take-home Brews and Canoes tasting glass.

For more event information, ticket prices and updates on the tasting event, continue to visit the [Brews and Canoes page on the FBWW website](#) throughout the summer.

Native Wetland and Green Infrastructure Planting

Thursday, September 11, 2014 @ 6-8 p.m.

Location: Crosby Farm Regional Park, St. Paul, MN

Brief Description: Join other River Gorge Stewards volunteers and staff from FMR and Saint Paul Parks & Recreation as we expand the native plant/restored area at this significant riverfront park! Volunteers will help install native wetland plants along, and drought-hardy plants atop a large-scale native-prairie berm previously planted by FMR volunteers. This green infrastructure will help prevent erosion, build better soils and filter stormwater runoff pollution before it can reach the river. The plants will also provide much-needed urban wildlife habitat. As always staff will provide all guidance, tools, and gloves needed for a productive and fun events. Children accompanied by a parent or guardian are welcome.

For more information and to register contact FMR Event Registrar Janna Knittel via [the contact form \(please select Janna by name from the staff list under 'Category'\)](#) or jknittel@fmr.org (651) 222-2193.

The Big Woods

Thursday, September 11, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Traverse des Sioux, St. Peter, MN

Brief Description: Please join us for our "two-part trail tour" presented by Scott Kudelka, Minneopa Area Naturalist. The two programs, one in August and one in September, will take place out on the Traverse des Sioux trails and will teach participants about the two very different landscapes on either side of the Minnesota River - the Prairie and the Big Woods. During the Prairie tour we will learn how prior to Euro-American settlement of southern Minnesota, the tall-grass prairie dominated the landscape through the Minnesota River basin. A hike through our restored prairie will give us a chance to learn about some of the

plants and wildlife found in this ecosystem. Scott will talk about its benefits to the natural environment and how people over time have viewed and managed it as a resource. During the Big Woods program we will examine how these forests formed in the first place, some of the rare species found in this ecosystem and its history over time. The dense forest dominated by maple and basswood once covered a 3,000 square mile area of southern Minnesota reaching all the way to present-day Mankato. Called "Bois Grand" or "Big Woods" by early French explorers, it was recognized as a distinct area from the band of hardwood forests.

For more information email or call [Alyssa Auten](mailto:Alyssa.Auten@mn.gov) (507) 934-2160.

MN River Cleanup from Kinney Landing to the Granite Falls Dam

Saturday, September 13, 2014 @ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park, Hwy 67 off of Hwy 23, Granite Falls, MN 56241
Brief Description: For an opportunity to get your hands dirty doing real, honest-to-goodness work on the Minnesota River, join CURE and other river-conscious folks at Lion's Shelter in Memorial Park for a river cleanup and lunch! We will meet at 9 a.m. and break into groups to tackle the litter that the river collects. Some groups will be working on the banks; others will actually wade through the water to pull out trash. September is a good time of year because the river is low enough that we can really get to all the junk out there: in the past, we have pulled out tires, appliances, batteries, metal...Who knows what treasures we will find this year? Please wear close-toed shoes that can get wet, long pants, long sleeves and bring gloves if you have them. Be prepared to get dirty, but that's half the fun! We will meet at the Lion's Shelter in the Memorial Park picnic area at 9 a.m. and work in the morning. At noon, we will celebrate our success and a clean stretch of the Minnesota River with a free lunch for all of you that helped out.

For more information email or call [Peg](mailto:Peg@mn.gov) (320) 269-2984.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOIL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

Department	Natural Resources Conservation Service, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	August 27, 2014
Location(s)	Goodhue, MN; Hallock, MN; Madison, MN; Morris, MN; Preston, MN; Waconia, MN; Wheaton, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>Duties are the same as described in the target position description, GS-7. This is a developmental position. The incumbent will initially receive closer supervision in performance of assignments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gathers and compiles data to complete resource management systems and develops basic conservation plans. ● Provides technical assistance to landowners in applying and maintaining natural resource conservation practices. ● Conducts engineering surveys for all types of conservation practices. ● Schedules the application workload based on field office priorities.

	<p>Independently schedules and performs follow-up based on field office plan of operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in information activities of the field office such as tours, meetings and writing news articles. <p>For more information go to https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/378769200.</p>
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WATERSHED DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR / DRAINAGE INSPECTOR

Department	North Fork Crow River Watershed District
Closing Date	August 29, 2014
Location(s)	Brooten, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>Provide overall planning, direction, coordination, administration and operation for the North Fork Crow River Watershed District to ensure quality services are provided to the citizens of the NFCRWD consistent with the goals, objectives and policies approved by the Board of Managers. Provide supervision of all District employees and activities. Conduct ditch inspections, facilitate repairs and promote erosion control and water quality improvement measures and administration of county drainage systems.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to NFCRWD's website.</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>

ASSISTANT HATCHERY SUPERVISOR

Department	Fish & Wildlife/Region 3, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Closing Date	September 2, 2014
Location(s)	Lanesboro, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position performs coldwater fish hatchery work, primarily assisting a supervisor of a fish hatchery in all technical and administrative aspects of operations. Functions as formal station lead worker to other professional, technical, or laborer staff; makes independent program and administrative decisions requiring application of work rules and advanced fish hatchery principles and practices.</p> <p>For more information go to Minnesota State Jobs website, Posting #14DNR000568.</p>

AGRIC SPECIALIST

Department	Pesticide & Fertilizer Management, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Closing Date	September 5, 2014
Location(s)	St. Paul, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position exists to provide regulatory outreach to fresh market (fruits/vegetables/ornamentals)immigrant/minority farmers, conduct inspections, perform investigations and initiate appropriate field enforcement actions under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Food Quality Protection Act, the Minnesota Pesticide and Fertilizer Control Laws, M.S. 18B, 18C, 18D, 18E and rules promulgated under both federal and state law; provide information and education to regulated clientele and the general public regarding the use, storage, handling, distribution and disposal of agricultural chemicals. Special emphasis will be on working directly with immigrant/minority farmers who use fertilizers and pesticides.</p> <p>For more information go to Minnesota State Jobs website, Posting #14AGR000068.</p>

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>

"All in favor of conserving gasoline, please raise your right foot." - Author Unknown

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.