

Minnesota River Weekly Update

July 25, 2017



July through mid August is the period of
blueberries harvesting in Minnesota.

"Blueberries don't ripen all at once. Pick the deep blue ones and leave the rest to
ripen a few days."

Photo by: Julie Weisenhorn

Source: [University of Minnesota Extension](#)

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Announcements

Designs being accepted for Minnesota Trout and Salmon Stamp

BSWR, July 20, 2017

Wildlife artists can submit entries for the 2018 Minnesota Trout and Salmon Stamp through 4 p.m. Friday, July 28, according to the Department of Natural Resources. Anglers can purchase the trout and salmon stamp validation with their fishing license for an additional \$10. For an extra 75 cents, purchasers can receive the pictorial stamp. It is also sold as a collectible for \$10.75. Revenue from stamp sales is dedicated to trout and salmon management and habitat work. Trout or salmon must be the primary focus of the design, though other fish species may be included in the design if they are used to depict common interaction between species or are common inhabitants of Minnesota's lakes and rivers. Brook trout designs are not eligible this year. ([read more](#))

MDA extends comment period on proposed nitrogen fertilizer regulation *Public input sought at meetings scheduled in Northwestern Minnesota*

MDA, July 20, 2017

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has extended the public comment period for its draft proposal for the use of nitrogen fertilizer in Minnesota. The purpose of the proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule is to minimize the potential for nitrate-nitrogen contamination from fertilizer in the state's groundwater and drinking water. Public comments will now be accepted through Friday, August 25, 2017. "We've heard from farmers, commodity groups, and other leaders in our ag industry that more time is needed for them to weigh in on this proposal," said MDA Commissioner Dave Frederickson. "We need their input and we're going to make that extension. We're also going to hold additional meetings in Northwestern Minnesota at the request of ag leaders and members of the public in that region." ([read more](#))

MDA Value Added Grants now available *\$1 million available to increase sales of agricultural products*

MDA, July 21, 2017

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$1 million through the competitive Value Added Grant Program. Funding for the grants was established through the Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation (AGRI) Program to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries. The Value Added Grant program seeks to increase sales of Minnesota agricultural products by diversifying markets and increasing market access and food safety of value-added products. ([read more](#))

Conserving Mille Lacs walleye population requires regulation changes

MDNR, July 21, 2017

Walleye fishing on Mille Lacs Lake will remain closed until Aug. 11 to protect the walleye fishery, and ensure its long-term health and sustainability into the future. To extend the walleye fishing season through Labor Day, the state will allow for an additional 11,000 pounds of walleye harvest on Mille Lacs. New solutions are being sought to rebuild and sustain a healthy Mille Lacs walleye fishery. ([read more](#))

News

Water worries grow as Mankato area aquifer levels drop

[MARK STEIL](#), Jul 24, 2017, [MPR News](#)

Hundreds of feet below southern Minnesota, the Mt. Simon aquifer provides drinking water for more than 1 million Minnesotans. It was once so robust the water forced its way to the surface in some spots, a phenomenon known as a "flowing well." Those days, however, are long gone. Mt. Simon water levels have dropped by as much as 200 feet in some areas since pioneer settlement times. While there's no danger of the aquifer going dry, and a recent analysis showed water levels have stabilized, officials worry pressures on the aquifer are intensifying, from above ground and below. ([read more](#))

Hundreds enjoy Minnesota Outdoor Youth Day at Nicollet

[Dana Melius](#), Jul 22, 2017, *St. Peter Herald*

One of southern Minnesota's hidden gems, Swan Lake and the Nicollet Conservation Club, played host Saturday to Pheasants Forever's Outdoor Youth Day. Over 300 youth and just as many

Mankato clean-up days preparing for move

Lamm Street land being prepped for redevelopment

[Mark Fischenich](#), Jul 23, 2017, *Mankato Free Press*

MANKATO — City residents aren't running out of love for Mankato's annual spring clean up days, and they aren't running out of junk to contribute. But as soon as next year, they'll be hauling it to a new location. People brought 460 tons of oversized refuse to the former Public Works complex on Lamm Street on Saturdays in May, a 17 percent increase from the year before. On top of that was 55 tons of scrap iron, nine semi-loads of electronics and 95 pounds of leftover pharmaceuticals. "It's just tripled in size compared to what it started out to be," said Jim Braunshausen, deputy director of public works. "Every year it grew and grew in popularity and in garbage coming in." ([read more](#))

Eagle Lake park relies on creativity rather than plastic

[Mark Fischenich](#), Jul 24, 2017, *mankato Free Press*

adults flocked to the club's grounds, tucked away on a dead end road just west of Nicollet. Targeting youth 17 years and under, over 60 nonprofit organizations and individuals helped sponsor the events, bringing together the generations for "good times, education and outdoor awareness." "It's open to whoever wants to come," said Brandon Stoffregen, president of Nicollet County Pheasants Forever. "Our goal is to work with any habitat organization and getting youth into the outdoors." ([read more](#))

State investigating Monsanto weed killer after farmers' complaints

[MARK STEIL MPR News](#), Jul 20, 2017

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is investigating about two dozen complaints from farmers about the weed killer dicamba. Dicamba is used on soybean fields that have been genetically modified to tolerate the herbicide. But Minnesota farmers have joined hundreds in the southern U.S. who allege that drifting dicamba hurts non-resistant fields. Tim Carlbom said he has seen distinctive dicamba damage on soybean plants in his fields near the southern Minnesota town of Jeffers. ([read more](#))

Researchers make progress in fish cryopreservation

Post bulletin, July 24, 2017

MINNEAPOLIS — Researchers at the University of Minnesota have made a breakthrough in the cryopreservation of fish, which could help preserve species and repopulate the ocean. Researchers are using gold nanoparticles and lasers to freeze and thaw live fish embryos. Researchers previously have been able to successfully cryopreserve mammal embryos and some animal sperm but have

EAGLE LAKE — Eschewing the expensive plastic manufactured playground structures, Eagle Lake's newest park addition is highlighted by donated materials and a reliance on kids' imaginations. From Dirt Merchants came a three-foot diameter concrete culvert. Tire Associates provided tires of all sizes for climbing on. Other businesses and city Public Works Department staff rounded up cable spools, logs and a massive pile of sand. A butterfly garden aims to give youngsters a spot to explore and look for bugs. "It was a different kind of approach, letting kids be kids rather than buying the \$50,000-\$100,000 playground equipment," said City Administrator Brad Potter, adding that the cost savings were also a nice side benefit. ([read more](#))

Edina meeting could impact return of passenger rail to southern Minn.

[Suzy Rook](#), Jul 21, 2017

The city of Edina's Transportation Commission wants to hear from residents and businesses about studying passenger rail service through the city, specifically the Dan Patch line, which runs from Minneapolis to Northfield and possibly beyond. The proposed line, named for a famous Minnesota race horse, would run through the cities of St. Louis Park, Edina, Bloomington, Savage, Burnsville, Lakeville and Northfield. The Edina commission expects to consider whether to ask the state Legislature to eliminate a gag order issued by the state Legislature in 2002. ([read more](#))

Commissioners consider landfill study

Jul 23, 2017, Fritz Busch, The Journal

been unable to do the same to fish embryos. ([read more](#))

Amish contest sewage standards in Fillmore County

[Claire Colby](#), Jul 20, 2017, Post Bulletin

PRESTON — Fifteen members of the Swartzentruber Amish community had their day in court Thursday. The hearing was the latest in a series of legal actions taken against the group, who have continually failed to bring their graywater sewage system up to state and county codes due to its members' religious beliefs. At the core of the Amish faith is "Ordnungs," a set of rules and expectations meant to govern the lives of followers. Modern, "worldly" technology, including the use of state-mandated sewage systems, is eschewed. ([read more](#))

Hennepin County considers requiring curbside organics recycling

[Eric Roper](#), Star Tribune, JULY 22, 2017

Curbside organics recycling could become ubiquitous across Hennepin County in the coming years under a proposal county commissioners began discussing earlier this month. The state's largest county is considering requiring that all but its smallest cities collect food scraps and other organic material at the curb by 2022, a change that would dramatically boost the amount of food waste spared from landfills and garbage burners. Organics recycling programs take compostable materials to facilities that turn them into nutrient-rich soil. ([read more](#))

NEW ULM — Brown County

Commissioners will consider approving a study to determine if and how far PFCs (Perfluorinated Chemicals) have spread from the Brown County Landfill spray field July 25. The Brown County Solid Waste Department and GEI Consultants, Inc. have been in communication with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff regarding PFCs in ground water. PFCs are found in fire extinguisher powder, fire foam, fast food bags and Teflon pans. The Minnesota Department of Health and MPCA have scrutinized monitoring and drinking water wells near landfills after the substances were found in wells near a closed landfill in the metro area. The parameters for these substances in drinking water have been lowered significantly. ([read more](#))

Save the Boundary Waters campaign effort continues

Timberjay, Friday, July 21, 2017

ELY - A rare meeting of the minds seemed to gather at a Tuesday Group meeting last week when Save The Boundary Waters members presented an update on the group's efforts to halt a proposed sulfide mining project near the wilderness outside of Ely. "We all depend on mining," said Ely business owner Steve Piragis, who, along with Becky Rom, national chairperson for the environmental group, discussed the potential environmental impact of the mine project on the Ely community, and the importance of the current U.S. Forest Service mineral lease study. An overflow crowd of people on both sides of the issue attended the weekly luncheon at the Grand Ely Lodge. ([read more](#))

Events

↓ July 26 - Aug 1 ↓

Forgotten History Lecture Series: Grasshopper Plagues

July 27 at 2:00pm

Location: The Treaty Site History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Avenue

Brief Description:

On June 12, 1873, farmers in southwestern Minnesota saw what looked like a snowstorm coming towards their fields from the west. For five years, from 1873 to 1877, grasshoppers destroyed wheat, oat, corn, and barley fields in Minnesota and surrounding states. In 1876 alone, grasshoppers visited forty Minnesota counties and destroyed 500,000 acres of crops.



Join NCHS Research Assistant Bob Sandeen on July 27 at 2:00pm as he recounts Nicollet County's harrowing story of the grasshopper plagues told through personal accounts and newspaper stories.

Cost is \$3.00 for the General Public. FREE for Nicollet County Historical Society members and Gustavus students, faculty, and staff with IDs.

For more information click [here](#).

Image source: Nicollet County historical Society

Geocaching Challenge

Saturday, July 29th 10am-12pm

Location: Ney Nature Center (28238 Nature Center Lane)

Brief Description:

Challenge yourself on a technology-based scavenger hunt in the park. Learn how to use a GPS and search for hidden containers. Prizes awarded to those brave enough to finish. All equipment provided. All Ages. Youth under 10 must attend with a registered adult.

Cost: \$5/member or \$8/non-member

\$15/member family of 3+ or \$24/non-member family of 3+

[Register online](#) by July 26th! Reservations required.

For more information click [here](#).



Wilderness Survival Skills: Family Lesson

Saturday, July 29th 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Ney Nature Center (28238 Nature Center Lane, Henderson MN 56044)

Brief Description:

Saturday, July 29th 2-4pm Learn about outdoor survival and practice life-saving skills including shelter construction and fire building. Ages: 7+ Cost: \$3/member or \$5/non-member \$9/member family of 3+ or \$15/non-member family of 3+ Register online by July 26th! Reservations required.

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OLD TIME GAMES DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 1-4-PM

Location: Nine miles northwest of New Ulm on Nicollet County Road 21, or the bottom road, or nine miles east of Fort Ridgely.



Brief Description: The Harkin Store will have old time games, such as pickup sticks, tic-tac-toe, checkers, dominoes, graces and rolling hoops. The children can enjoy some time on Sunday, July 30, from 1 to 4 pm playing games with their family.

The 1870's store which has 40% original merchandise on the shelves is open everyday except Mondays from 10 to 5 pm. The gift shop is open the same hours and will have those games for purchase, also books, toys, hand crafted and unique items, and 10 cent candy.

The store is located nine miles northwest of New Ulm on Nicollet County Road 21, or the

bottom road, or nine miles east of Fort Ridgely. For more information contact the store at [1-507-354-8666](tel:1-507-354-8666), or Nicollet County Historical Society which operates the store at [1-507-934-2160](tel:1-507-934-2160).

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOCUS GROUP

Tuesday, August 1, 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 5, 10 a.m. -11 a.m.

Wednesday, August 9, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 10, Noon – 1 p.m.

Location: R.D. Hubbard House

Brief Description: The Blue Earth County Historical Society needs your help planning the future. You, yes, you are invited to attend a brainstorming session to share your thoughts about the future of YOUR Blue Earth County Historical Society. Everyone is invited to participate. The more opinions and suggestions, the better! There will be four opportunities to attend a brainstorming session in early August. Just pick a day/time that works best for you and then RSVP to Info@BlueEarthCountyHistory.com or call 507-345-5566. The brainstorming sessions will be held at the History Center and will last about one hour.



For more information click [here](#).

↓ Aug 2 - Aug 8 ↓

Indeed We Can – Fresh Energy

August 2 @ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Indeed Brewing Company

711 NE 15th Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55413 United States

Brief Description:

Join us for a casual summer evening at Indeed Brewing to learn more about Fresh Energy and our work to electrify Minnesota's transportation system. If you already drive electric, please bring your wheels and we can line up a nice plug-in vehicle display. If you haven't made the switch yet, come and see the cars and talk with owners to learn from their experience.



Fresh Energy is working to electrify everything and power it with renewables. Say hi to our team members and share your thoughts on how we could best accomplish this together.

Fresh Energy is proud to be Indeed Brewing's featured nonprofit for their August 2 Indeed We Can event. Every Wednesday night, Indeed's net profits from both the main and Ox taproom are donated to a non-profit. Join us to raise a glass to Fresh Energy and our shared efforts to power more Minnesota cars and buses with clean, renewable electricity.

For more information click [here](#).

Sixth Annual Farm Camp Minnesota

August 7, 2017 to August 8, 2017

Location: Waseca-Farmamerica

Brief Description:

Farmers, farm organizations, agribusinesses and volunteers have joined together to organize and host the sixth annual "Farm Camp Minnesota" for youth. This event is open to youth entering grades 3-6. This year the one-day camp will be held four days at three different locations!

On August 7 and 8 Farm Camp Minnesota will be held in the Waseca area at Farmamerica and on August 15 it will be held in the St. Cloud area near Rice, Minnesota on the Schmitt Family Farm. August 16 camp will be held in the Northfield area near Dundas, Minnesota at Wolf Creek Dairy. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Preregistration is required!

The event will allow campers the opportunity to learn about modern agriculture, where their food comes from, how it is grown and how farm products are used in our daily life. Each camper will have the opportunity to learn about various types of livestock and crop farms, including pork, beef, dairy, turkey, corn, and soybeans. They will also learn about the equipment used in farming and at the Dundas and Waseca sites will each get a ride in a tractor.

For More information click [here](#).

↓ **Aug 9 - Aug 15** ↓

Soil Health Field Day

August 9th, 2017

Location: Mark Ditlevson's Farm

7068 East Highway 30
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

(1 mile West of Blooming
Prairie)



Brief Description: The Freeborn Area Soil Health Team will be having a soil health field day on Wednesday August 9th! This event is going to be featuring Frank Gibbs who is a retired NRCS soil scientist from Ohio. Frank will be showing a tile demonstration which consists of Frank using smoke and pressurizing tile lines to force the smoke through the soil surface. In this demonstration smoke is being used as an indicator for water movement through the soil which will show the efficiency of the underlying tile. The more smoke that comes to the surface demonstrates a healthier soil. Soils that are sealed due to compaction will not have smoke rise through the soil surface.

Also on the agenda to speak at this event are Sarah Carlson from PFI, Spencer Herbert from SARE/MDA, Mark Morreim from Morreim drainage, Doug Nopar and Shona Snater from the Land Stewardship Project. Don't miss this event!

To see the entire agenda for the day view the attached flyer for more details! If you have any other additional questions call the Freeborn County SWCD at [507-373-5607 Ext. 3](tel:507-373-5607). [\(more information\)](#)

Job Announcements

—District Technician—

Employer:

Sibley Soil and Water Conservation District

Closing Date:

4:30 p.m. – August 11th, 2017

Location(s): Gaylord, Minnesota

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Conducts site investigations and inventories, assisting the public with enrollment into various local, state, and federal conservation programs.
- Assists with the implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act.

- Participate and assist with various education and outreach activities.
- Performs duties of the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) including, but not limited to, landowner contact and applications, easement acquisition, practice installation and program compliance.
- Attends meetings and trainings while professionally representing the SWCD as directed by the District Manager.
- Administers the annual Tree Program and is familiar with tree identification, tree pests and diseases.
- Administers the state cost share program.
- Performs other duties of a like or similar nature as assigned.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Farm Bill Technician—

Employer:

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Closing Date:

4:30 p.m. – August 11th, 2017

Location(s): St. Peter/Gaylord, Minnesota

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Contact landowners in Nicollet/Sibley County and encourage the adoption of filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restorations, wetland buffers, contour buffers, farmstead windbreaks, and grassed waterways through the use of the Continuous Conservation Reserve (CRP) Program.
- Prepare CRP contracts for landowners interested in enrolling land into the program.
- Assist landowners with filling out contracts, developing operation and maintenance plans, and seeding plans.
- Use Global Positioning Systems tools to mark land enrolled in CRP.
- Review sites being enrolled in CRP and guide landowners through the planting and establishment process.
- Conduct follow-up visits to check the status of the planting and inform landowners of any maintenance needed.
- Develop a GIS based reporting system to track all acres enrolled into CRP.
- Other duties as assigned by the District Manager.
- The assigned soil conservation work requires regular prolonged walking over field terrain, bending, lifting, and stretching while carrying required equipment.
- Operation of a motor vehicle on both public and private roads during daylight hours and occasionally after dark is required. A valid state driver's license is required.

[\(more information\)](#)

—District Technicians—

Employer:

Brown Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Closing Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 3:00PM

Location(s): Sleepy Eye, Minnesota 56085

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

The Brown Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is looking to fill two open District Technician positions. The district is seeking highly motivated and experienced individuals that are passionate about implementing conservation practices and working with Brown County landowners to achieve their conservation goals. Applicants should have an understanding of the local agricultural practices in Brown County, where approximately seventy-five percent of the land use is cultivated land. The District Technicians perform various technical and administrative tasks relating to many local and state programs and work in cooperation with landowners, other district staff members, and external partners to implement those conservation programs. The position requires someone who can work independently with limited supervision to accomplish work tasks as well as communicate effectively, both verbally and written. Salary range for the District Technician position is \$16.96-\$25.22 per hour and the starting salary offer will be dependent on qualifications and experience. Brown SWCD offers a great benefits package that includes paid sick leave, paid vacation leave, paid holidays, health insurance, HSA account, and PERA retirement account.

To apply, submit your cover letter, resume, and Brown SWCD application by 3:00pm on August 3, 2017. Interviews will be held on August 9, 2017 for invited applicants. A full job description and the Brown SWCD application are available in the links listed below.

Application packages can be dropped off in person or mailed to Brown SWCD, 300 2nd Ave SW, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085; or emailed to: melanie.krueger@brownswcdmn.org.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Forestry Policy Research Internship—

Employer: Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness

Closing Date: August 18th, 2017

Location(s): Minneapolis, MN

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Research and articulate the current range of forestry management activities occurring on the Superior National Forest
- Research and prepare a report on the stated purposes of those activities, the likely efficacy of the chosen management activities, their likely impacts on ecosystem integrity, and alternatives that may better protect ecosystem integrity.
- Research and prepare a report on landscape level impacts of current forestry management activities in the Superior National Forest, and alternatives that may better protect ecosystems.
- Review the Superior National Forest Plan for cumulative consistency of current forestry management projects with the Forest Plan.
- Attend meetings and other events related to forest management in the Superior National Forest (requires some travel).
- Organize forest management files; filing.
- Assist staff in preparing an advocacy plan for future reviews of forestry management projects in the Superior National Forest.

[\(more information\)](#)

—State Policy Community Organizer—

Employer:Land Stewardship Project

Closing Date: -

Location(s): Minneapolis, MN

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- You will work as part of LSP's Policy and Organizing Program as a community organizer on advancing campaigns and policy initiatives to win farm and food policy beneficial to the land, family farmers, and rural and urban communities. This position will focus on advancing policy goals at the state level. This work includes recruiting new LSP members with a focus on farmers and rural residents, and assist in grassroots fundraising and individual giving efforts.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Resource Technician (Engineering)—

Employer:

Scott County Community Services Division

Closing Date:

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Location(s):

Jordan, MN

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

Essential Duties

- Performs material testing for quality control.
- Assists with constructions and preliminary surveys as assigned.
- Participates in after-hours emergency response as assigned (snow and ice removal).
Assigned a dedicated snow plow route.
- Provides technical guidance, assists in training, and checks the work of seasonal and other employees.
- Assists with road construction inspection as needed.
- May perform duties specified for other classifications or be reassigned on a short-term basis to other departments in Public Works.
- Works the hours and/or shifts assigned and begins and ends work on time.
- Performs other related duties as required or assigned.

Position Specific Duties

- Designs roadway layouts and prepares design and construction plans using computer-aided design software.
- Operates Global Positioning System (GPS), Total Stations, levels, and other survey equipment needed for preliminary surveys, construction surveys, bridges, and other public works projects.
- Prepares field notes, makes engineering computations, and checks computations to determine construction layouts and needs.
- Serves as an inspector for material testing and construction activities to ensure they meet required specifications.
- Assists in maintaining a record-keeping and documentation system for construction of County, State, and Federal projects.
- Assists in the inspection and/or repair of bridges.
- Uses a computer for design, drafting, quantity computation, and data collection/storage and/or design of sign panels.

[\(more information\)](#)

—State Director—

Employer:

Environment Minnesota

Closing Date:

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Location(s):

Minneapolis-St.Paul, MN

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Program: Run our in-state program by participating in and overseeing policy development, research and messaging.
- Advocacy: Bring problems and solutions to the attention of decision-makers—including state legislators, people on the governor's staff, state regulators and local officials. Develop appropriate messages and materials for making the case to decision-makers. Build relationships with key players in the state, the region and at the federal level.
- Campaign strategy: Develop plans to win our environmental campaigns. Assess opportunities for building political support for our agenda through coalition-building, grassroots organizing, media coverage, endorsements and message development.
- Media outreach: Serve as the public spokesperson for our environmental campaigns through media events, press releases, editorial board meetings and other outreach with a goal of building name recognition for the organization, educating the public about our issues, and building and demonstrating support for our positions.
- Coalition building: Identify, reach out and work with partners who can help us win our campaigns.
- Fundraising: Write grant proposals, build relationships with foundation staff and meet with large donors, all to bring more resources to campaigns we're waging to protect our environment. Work with our citizen outreach staff to build and develop our membership base.
- Staff recruitment and development: Recruit new staff and volunteers to increase our impact and build our power.

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—Aquatic Ecologist—

Employer:

RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.

Closing Date:

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Location(s):

Detroit Lakes

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. seeks an aquatic ecologist to perform taxonomic identifications of macroinvertebrates, zooplankton, zebra mussel veligers, aquatic macrophytes, and provide consulting services to interpret the data. The applicant must have experience in macroinvertebrate identification to genus level. Zooplankton, zebra mussel veligers and aquatic macrophyte identification can be learned on the job. This is a full-time permanent year-round position where we would like an individual to begin as soon as possible.

[\(more information\)](#)

Director

Employer:

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

Closing Date:

August 7th, 2017

Location(s):

Saint Paul

Who May Apply:

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

Manage the process for the LCCMR to support the Legislature in funding natural resource projects from the constitutionally-created Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. This allocation of about \$50,000,000 a year is recommended by a legislative-citizen commission to the legislature on an annual basis. The Director is responsible for seeing that this is accomplished by the staff in a non-partisan fashion. Ensure the purposes of the Trust Fund are honored by providing a judicious combination of stability and innovation in programs supported by the Trust Fund.

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Thank you!



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“But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself.”

— [Rachel Carson](#)



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