

Minnesota River Weekly Update

June 13, 2017



Underground Pool in Mystery Cave

Photo Credit: [Explore Minnesota Tourism](#)

Announcements

Stearns County dairy farmers add water quality to chores

MPCA nearly finished with water quality assessment

Forrest Peterson, June 7, 2017, MPCA

In spring amid the newly planted fields and rolling forested hills in central Minnesota, sunlight sparkles off its many streams and lakes. Working to keep the water sparkling, several farmers in the Sauk River watershed chain of lakes southwest of St. Cloud stand out for their conservation farming practices that benefit water quality.

An increasing number have signed up for the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). This voluntary program for farmers and landowners helps farmers identify and mitigate on-farm risks to the state's water resources. So far, more than 400 farms are certified statewide.

Stearns County far outranks all Minnesota counties for conservation grants to farmers through the federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program. From 2000 to 2015, more than \$20 million in grants funded hundreds of projects for water quality. Stearns County farmers and landowners have long understood the value of conservation and are now realizing how the MAWQCP can help them improve their stewardship. Farmers and landowners who participate in the certification program work with dedicated conservation professionals to create whole-farm conservation plans that focus on water protection. [\(read more\)](#)

Lincoln County to enforce buffer zone law

Jody Isaackson, June 7, 2017, Marshal Independent

IVANHOE — The Lincoln County Board approved a resolution Tuesday to accept

Jun 7, 2017, Brainerd Dispatch

Monitoring crews from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and its local partners are beginning the final phase of a 10-year effort to assess the condition of rivers, streams, and lakes in Minnesota.

In addition, crews will begin tracking progress in a few watersheds that were among the first to be studied intensely. This work is funded by the constitutional amendment passed by voters in 2008.

The most intensive monitoring activities will focus on six of Minnesota's 80 major watersheds. Each watershed is comprised of a network of interconnected streams, lakes, ditches, and wetlands. The intent is to develop a complete picture of conditions of various water bodies within each watershed.

This effort includes studying the biology in the watershed. Biological monitoring is designed to measure and evaluate the condition of rivers and streams by studying the fish and aquatic invertebrates, as well as habitat, flow, and water chemistry. Examples of aquatic invertebrates include insect larvae, crayfish, snails, small clams, worms, and leeches. [\(read more\)](#)

Northern Minnesotans concerned over proposed line 3 replacement pipeline

Kassandra Tuten, Jun 10, 2017, Herald-Review

Called "the largest project in our history" by Enbridge Energy, the Canadian-based company is seeking Minnesota's approval to build a new pipeline to carry crude oil from Canada to Superior, Wis. Approximately 337 miles of the proposed

responsibility to enforce Minnesota's new buffer zone law.

Environmental Administrator Robert Olsen reported to the board that Lincoln County will receive \$102,000 for enforcement. He also said a portion of that will go to the Yellow Medicine Watershed District and some may even go to Lac qui Parle if it participates.

The board also approved the renewal of the Minnesota Department of Transportation/Lincoln County master agreement for future grant funding.

The board approved a final payment on a contract with Sterzinger Construction for the crushing of gravel. The amount the county requested was originally \$170,100. Sterzinger Construction provided \$171,012.87 plus a 5 percent retainer fee, which technician Dustin Hauschild said was acceptable. He said there is now a final payment of \$8,550.64. ([read more](#))

MDA seeks public input on draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

MDA, June 7, 2017, News Release

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is seeking public review and comment of a draft proposal for regulating 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. Nitrate is one of the most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater and elevated levels of nitrate in drinking water can pose serious health concerns for humans.

new line, which would expand capacity and carve a new path for pipelines across the state, will cross through Minnesota, following a new path between Clearbrook, Minn., and Superior.

The new pipeline's intended purpose is to replace the original Line 3, a 1,097-mile crude oil pipeline built between 1962 and 1967, which runs through portions of Itasca County, a project which many residents of Northern Minnesota were against from the beginning.

Of concern to many pipeline opponents is Enbridge's proposal to simply abandon Line 3 in favor of the new line, leaving the former in the ground. If this were to occur, it would be the first major crude oil pipeline to be abandoned in the state.

"Line 3 is a replacement project intended to upgrade and improve the pipeline while restoring capacity to its original volume to meet the demands of refineries in Minnesota and the Midwest," said company spokeswoman Shannon Gustafson. ([read more](#))

The MDA is seeking public input and will be holding five public listening sessions throughout the state to discuss the proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule at which written comments can be submitted. The draft rule can be viewed online at www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr.

All comments regarding the proposed rule must be submitted in writing. After consideration of comments received, the MDA expects to publish the final draft of the rule in the fall of 2017. The rule is expected to be adopted in the fall of 2018. ([read more](#))

News

Avid gardeners in rural Olivia aim to tap interest in local foods

[Tom Cherveney](#), Jun 6, 2017, West Central Tribune

OLIVIA — Renville County ranks as one of the state's leading counties when it comes to producing crops meant to be shipped as commodities, processed or canned.

When it comes to foods raised to go directly from field to table, it has no claim to fame.

Which is something Rick and Beth Deinken would love to change. They are tending a local foods garden and strawberry patch they call "Grandma and Grandpa's berries n more" on a farm site 1.5 miles south of Olivia along U.S. Highway 71. Their goal is to tap the economic potential of the growing consumer interest in local foods and help put this leading agricultural county on the map.

Plant found naturalizing in Rice, Ramsey counties

*[Emilie Justen](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Jun 7, 2017 Updated Jun 8, 2017*

A woody, perennial vine related to grape is June's Weed of the Month. Porcelain berry came to the United States as an ornamental plant from Asia and escaped cultivation. In Minnesota, it is a Restricted Noxious Weed and has been found naturalizing in Rice and Ramsey counties. ([read more](#))

Hennepin, Ramsey counties hold hearings on transportation tax increase Transportation sales tax would go up to a half-cent.

[Janet Moore](#), Star Tribune, June 7, 2017

They have 2,200 strawberry plants bearing their first fruit, with plans to eventually expand to 10,000 plants in a couple of years. To their knowledge, the closest you-pick berry patches are found 20 and 30 miles distant in neighboring counties.

They also have a vegetable garden on one-third of an acre ready to produce a season's worth of produce, from green beans and cabbage to kohlrabi, peppers, tomatoes and sweet corn. [\(read more\)](#)

Climate change raises new risk: Are inland bridges too low?

The Associated Press · Des Moines, Iowa · Jun 6, 2017

A century-old train trestle stands as one of the trophies of Des Moines' push to spruce up its downtown. Bicyclists and pedestrians pose for pictures beside the brightly painted beams of the Red Bridge and gather on viewing platforms overlooking the Des Moines River.

But little more than a decade after it was restored, crews went back to the site with a crane to hoist the span 4 1/2 feet higher, at a cost of \$3 million, after experts concluded that the river's flooding risk was nearly double earlier estimates. Climate change was likely to blame.

"It was like a bomb was dropped off in our lap," City Engineer Pam Cooksey said of the revised flood forecasts from the Army Corps of Engineers. The findings suggested that the bridge could act as a dam during bad storms, sending waves of backed-up floodwater into the refurbished business district.

Hennepin and Ramsey counties held separate public hearings Tuesday regarding the possible increase of a transit-related sales tax. Each was sparsely attended, and formal action on the proposed hikes is expected next week.

The boards are considering raising the existing quarter-cent tax to a half-cent after a key funder of transit, the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), voted to disband by July 1. Since it was formed in 2008, CTIB has funneled nearly \$1 billion to local transit projects.

Because Republican state legislators opted against funding light rail, transit planners had to figure out a way to raise money for big transit projects, such as the proposed Southwest and Bottineau light rail lines, which together will cost about \$3.4 billion to build. [\(read more\)](#)

Sustainability: Eden Prairie showcases environmental efforts with tour

Sean Miner, June 7, 2017, Sun Current

Five sites around Eden Prairie are being showcased throughout the month of June as part of the Sustainable Eden Prairie Tour. Each property exemplifies the city's commitment to sustainability, and if residents visit all five, they can receive \$5 off a purchase at Rustica Bakery, located within the historic Smith-Douglas-More House.

The practices being highlighted at each site are native prairie restoration and bee houses at the Cummins-Phipps-Grill House, rain gardens and a wetland buffer at Round Lake Park, a solar energy system at the Eden Prairie Community Center, prairie restoration at Pioneer Creek

Climate change is often seen as posing the greatest risk to coastal areas. But the nation's inland cities face perils of their own, including more intense storms and more frequent flooding. [\(read more\)](#)

Minnesota signs on to states' version of Paris accord

A dozen other governors have pledged to uphold their own version of the Paris accord.

[Josephine Marcotty](#) Star Tribune, June 6, 2017

Gov. Mark Dayton announced Monday that he has signed onto the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition launched last week when Trump announced that he plans to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord. Above: Dayton at a May 30 news conference at the Capitol.

Minnesota will join a dozen other states whose governors have pledged to honor the Paris climate agreement, even if President Donald Trump won't.

Gov. Mark Dayton announced Monday that he has signed onto the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition launched last week when Trump announced that he plans to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord. The global agreement, reached last year by 195 countries, aims to reduce the greenhouse gases emissions that are driving climate change.

[\(read more\)](#)

Charles 'Chip' Welling, who researched and fought aquatic invasive species, dies at 62

Gardens and rain gardens at the Smith-Douglas-More House. Each site also has a stamp, which visitors can use to prove that they have been to each location, in pursuit of the discount at Rustica.

“Part of it is that we just want to showcase what we’re doing with these sustainable practices,” said Leslie Stovring, environmental coordinator. “And, we’re hoping that people will incorporate them at their homes.” [\(read more\)](#)

Tiny beetle poses big threat to Alexandria's many ash trees

[Al Edenloff](#), Jun 8, 2017

Alexandria is preparing for an invasion.

A tiny beetle about a half-inch long could wipe out the most popular kind of tree in the city, ash trees.

The emerald ash borer isn't here yet but it could arrive soon. It's already made deep inroads in Minnesota. Officials in the Twin Cities area are in the process of cutting down 60,000 beetle-infested trees and another 175,000 in private yards in the metro area are threatened.

“We are very fortunate that we’re not seeing any signs of emerald ash borer in the area,” said Bill Thoennes, Alexandria parks and facilities director. “As it stands now, the areas that are affected are the Twin Cities, small areas in Duluth and Rochester, the Winona area and along the Mississippi River in the southeastern part of the state.”

Thoennes estimates that 75 to 80 percent of the trees in Alexandria are ash.

[\(read more\)](#)

[Faiza Mahamud](#) *Star Tribune, June 6, 2017*

Charles “Chip” Welling’s curiosity about aquatic invasive species extended from lakes to the family kitchen.

His wife, Barb Thoman, would sometimes find bags of plants he had collected through his work as a biologist chilling in the refrigerator. His family members and his colleagues at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) say that diligence, combined with a love of the outdoors, made him one of the state’s go-to guys in the fight against aquatic invasive species.

Welling, 62, died April 28 at his St. Paul home after a nine-month struggle with cancer.

“He became really the state’s expert and one of the leading experts in the country,” said longtime friend Luke Skinner, the director of ecological and water resources for the DNR, who worked closely with Welling. “He really wanted to make sure that we were making science-based decisions.” [read more](#)

MPCA greatly expands air quality monitoring, now covers entire state

Pollution agency expands monitoring to 17 locations statewide.

[Paul Walsh](#) *Star Tribune, June 6, 2017*

Just in time for summer's heat and humidity, Minnesota is expanding its air-quality monitoring across the state.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) said its meteorologists are now [forecasting air quality conditions](#) beyond

Minnesota’s largest invasive carp captured near Redwood Falls

DNR, June 8, 2017, News Release

Bighead carp captured by bow angler and reported to DNR.

A bow angler fishing in a private gravel pit near Redwood Falls Sunday caught the largest invasive carp recorded in Minnesota. The bighead carp measured 47 1/2 inches in length and weighed 61.7 pounds.

Invasive fish coordinator Nick Frohnauer said the angler immediately reported the capture to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and was helpful getting the specimen delivered to the area fisheries office. “The news of this capture is somewhat alarming, given the size and location,” Frohnauer said. “This bighead carp was captured about 80 miles upstream from the only other bighead carp captured in the Minnesota River.”

The fish likely entered the gravel pit during a period of high water. The pit is within the Minnesota River floodplain and periodically becomes connected during flood flows. When floodplain lakes become connected to the river, fish move into these areas to escape the high water velocities in the main river and exploit new food sources. [read more](#)

UMN faculty to Trump: Leaving Paris Agreement will impact U.S.

University of Minnesota climate and political experts are disappointed in President Donald Trump's decision

the state's two biggest population areas — the Twin Cities and Rochester areas — to include 17 locations overall.

The monitoring locations are: Minneapolis-St. Paul, north metro suburbs, south metro suburbs, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Duluth, Ely, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Moorhead, Red Lake, Rochester, St. Cloud, Virginia, and Winona.

"This means people who may be sensitive to elevated levels of air pollution — including children, the elderly, and those with respiratory problems — can be better prepared to protect their health when conditions are trending toward poor air quality," the MPCA said in a statement announcing the expansion. ([read more](#))

New \$300M wind farm planned in Steele, Dodge counties

*William Morris,
wmorris@owatonna.com, June 7, 2017*

OWATONNA — A new \$300 million wind power project in Steele and Dodge counties will bring millions of dollars of tax revenue to the area and generate enough electricity to power every home in Steele County four times over.

NextEra Energy Resources, a Florida company that bills itself as “the world’s largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun,” is planning to break ground in August 2018 on a 200 megawatt wind farm consisting of 83 individual turbines, of which 20 to 25 will be sited in Aurora and Havana Townships and the remainder will be in Dodge County.

[Sydney Baum-Haines](#), June 8, 2017

Nearly two years ago, University of Minnesota faculty and staff travelled to Paris to watch world leaders broker the Paris Climate Agreement.

Last week, President Donald Trump chose to start a withdrawal from the agreement. This makes the U.S. one of three countries outside of the pact that aims to slow Earth’s temperature climb before it reaches two degrees Celsius higher than its preindustrial average. The decision sparked speculation on possible negative effects it may bring for America’s international and economical stature and the environment.

As part of the backlash to Trump’s decision, some states formed the United States Climate Alliance and pledged to uphold the Paris Agreement. More than 200 mayors across the country pledged the same.

Gov. Mark Dayton made the pledge along with the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Betsy Hodges and Chris Coleman. ([read more](#))

Angler ties his own state record for flathead catfish

DNR, June 12, 2017, News Release

An angler has tied his own state record fish in the catch-and-release length category with a 49-inch flathead catfish, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

May 15 on the Minnesota River near Savage. He caught the 49-inch fish on 100-pound test line. It had a girth of 33-1/2 inches, identical to his previous record caught on June 7, 2016. Because of

Jason Harris, the project developer for NextEra, said the area has everything the company looks for when developing a new project. [\(read more\)](#)

different markings, they appeared to be two distinct fish.

Robinson, an experienced catfish angler, has some advice for those targeting flathead catfish.

“I have 11 years of targeting flathead cats and suggest to new anglers to stay on the move every 20 minutes if you don’t get a bite,” Robinson said. [\(read more\)](#)

Events

↓ **June 13 - June 20** ↓

Free Minnesota Farmers Union Day Camp for ages 5-12

Wed, June 14
10 am- 2 pm



Location:

Issac Walton League
6601 Auto Club Road
Bloomington, MN

Brief Description: Children will learn about farming in Minnesota, hike to the Minnesota River, display their crafting abilities, participate in group recreation and much more.

Bring a lunch

RSVP to : Ted Suss at tedlsuss@gmail.com. Please include the ages and the names of the campers and the names of the parent/guardian. Or RSVP by phone at 507-828-3377. Please leave a message with the information stated above.

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The Changing Federal-State Relationship & Minnesota’s Environment

June 15

8:30 am - 12:30 pm
\$30 - \$60



Location:

TIES Conference Center
1644 Larpenteur Avenue West
Falcon Heights, MN 55113 United States

Brief description: With a special focus on energy, climate, and regulatory policies, participants will explore the practical relationship between Minnesota and the Federal Government in the coming years regarding environmental oversight and implementation. Attendees will walk away with the most current information on the federal-state relationship, what to expect, and how to act.

This forum will explore the following questions:

- What executive, policy, and philosophical changes at the federal level should Minnesota's environmental and regulatory community be aware of?
- What agency funding changes are happening related to energy and climate? What is some guidance on how to adjust?
- How will the relationship between Minnesota and the federal government change in the coming years regarding environmental oversight, regulation, and implementation?
- What are Minnesota stakeholders' priorities and options for action?
- What can we do in Minnesota to influence decisions and mitigate impacts?

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19th Annual Tournament Information

Monday, June 19, 2017

[Midland Hills Country Club](#)
[2001 Fulham St, Roseville, MN 55113](#)



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10:30 a.m. registration begins
11:30 a.m. lunch
12:45 p.m. welcome, remarks and golfers to carts
1:00 p.m. shotgun start
5:00 p.m. Hearty hor d'oeuvres, awards and auction

Event Highlights

- 18-hole best ball golf tournament at a private quality course in the Twin Cities
- Opportunities to meet and talk with 4-H youth about the projects that are making an impact in their lives
- Lunch, on-course beverages, dinner and a brief award ceremony

- Silent auction

The event will be held, rain or shine.

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CommonGround Minnesota Workshop

June 19, 2017 to June 20, 2017

Twin Cities

CommonGround Minnesota will be hosting a workshop June 19-20, 2017.

If you are a woman in agriculture and would like to become involved consumer outreach activities, this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the CommonGround program and hear from some great speakers.

The workshop is free to attend. RSVP's are required. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Meghan Doyle at mdoyle@mncorn.org or 952-460-3611.

[\(more information\)](#)



↓ **June 21 - June 27** ↓

Summer Solstice

June 21, 2017

6:30 PM to 8 PM

Location:

Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: The Friends of Minneopa is celebrating the longest day of the year with a gathering at the Seppmann Mill. Bring a picnic lunch along



with a blanket or chair and join us for a bonfire and music. Two local musicians, Ron Arsenault and Dave Pengra will be performing. Summer Solstice is when the sun is at its greatest height. Around the world the date is recognized by holidays, festivals and rituals. Seppmann Mill is located on the campground side of Minneopa by driving through the bison range. The Friends of Minneopa are a nonprofit organization supporting the state park's mission.

5 miles west of Mankato on State Hwy. 68 and U.S. Hwy. 169.

For more information contact Scott Kudelka at 507-384-8890 or by email at scott.kudelka@state.mn.us.

MASWCD SW Area V Meeting

Friday, June 23, 2017

Location: AGCO Corporation (Intivity Center), 202 Industrial Park, Jackson, MN 56143



Agenda:

9:00 am - AGCO Tour

11:30 am - lunch

2:00 pm - “25 by 25”

2:45 pm - SWCD Technology Survey Results and White Paper

3:00 pm - Adjourn

Please preregister by calling/emailing the Jackson SWCD Office by June 9 [507-662-6682](tel:507-662-6682) Ext 3 or sonja.koch@mn.nacdnet.net ([more information](#))

↓ **June 28 - July 4** ↓

Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Summer Beef Tour and Trade Show

July 10, 2017 to July 11, 2017

Starbuck

Each year a local or county cattlemen’s organization affiliated with the Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Association volunteers to host the annual MSCA Summer Beef Tour & Trade Show. This year’s tour, hosted by the Glacial Ridge Cattlemen’s Association (GRCA), will take place on July 11th, 2017. GRCA membership includes primarily cattle producers and industry professionals from Pope, Douglas, eastern Swift, western Stearns and northern Kandiyohi Counties.



“The summer beef tour is an annual tradition of our association that draws family, friends and fellow cattlemen from across the state and region together for a day of education and networking.” states MSCA President Krist Wollum, “We’re excited for the excellent line up for the 2017 tour and are proud of the efforts of the Glacial Ridge Cattlemen’s tour committee.”

The 2017 Summer Beef Tour & Trade Show annually draws a crowd of 1,000 or more cattlemen, beef industry professionals and community members from across the state and region. Event headquarters are located at the beautiful Clear Springs Cattle Company owned by Jim & Twyla Wulf located at 30819 250th Street, Starbuck, MN. Cost is \$25 per person if pre-registered by June 15 and \$35 per person at the door, with discounts for students and children under 12. Registration includes a chartered bus ride, trade show admittance, lunch and steak supper. The first bus departs at 6:30 AM with additional buses leaving every 45 minutes until 8:45 AM.

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Job Announcements

AREA CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Department

The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA)
Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification
Program (MAWQCP)

Closing Date

Friday, June 16, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
(U.S. Postal Service Required Only – No Emails
Accepted)
REQUIRED - Letter of Inquiry, resume and completed
GBERBA application

Location(s)

Preferably located in one of the following counties (to be
determined)
Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, McLeod,
Nicollet, Renville,
Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan

Who May Apply

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities

-
- Completes whole farm assessments for producers and landowners seeking certification through the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). This includes gathering background data, producer interviews, completion of MAWQCP assessment tool runs and field verifications.
 - Provides recommendations to producers for resolving water quality resource concerns.

- Directs producers to resources that can provide technical and financial assistance for resource concerns identified during the MAWQCP process.
- Reviews the work done by licensed certifying agents in their assigned region and acts as the official certifier by signing contracts and certification records.
- Works with the Field Operations and Training Coordinator to provide guidance to Certifying Agent trainees in their region.
- Serves as the program liaison to the SWCDs and NRCS field offices within their region as well as to other LGUs that interact with the program.
- Organize and facilitate program promotional outreach activities within their region. This includes making presentations to groups.
- Assist other Area Certification Specialists as requested and when appropriate.
- Attend MAWQCP training events as well as appropriate conferences to stay current with water quality, conservation, and agronomy topics.
- Keep detailed time records and prepare biweekly pay period time sheet, monthly activity report, annual accomplishment report to Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), and other reports as requested.
- Assist with assigned SWCD vehicle maintenance (if applicable).

Applicants must submit a Letter of Inquiry, resume and completed application for employment to the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA). Applications may be picked up at 339 9th Street, Windom, MN 56101, by calling [507-831-1153 Ext. 3](tel:507-831-1153) or on the [GBERBA](#) website.

SUPPORT HYDROLOGIST

Department

Department of Natural Resources, Ecological and Water Resources

Closing Date

06/19/2017

Location(s)

Saint Paul, MN

Who May Apply

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities

- Ensure that water resource activities are permitted and conducted in accordance with applicable State statutes and rules.
- Promote compliance with the state's water use program and implement water resource conservation and sustainability.
- Conduct field inspections, site assessments, evaluate permit requests and project proposals.
- Assist with technical analysis and provide quality assistance to the general public, local units of government and other resource professionals.
- Perform hydrologic and/or hydrogeologic monitoring and technical studies and provide information and technical assistance to regulatory staff and the public and prepare technical reports.
- Develop and expand partnerships with the general public and governmental agencies to improve collaboration and better integrate responsibilities among resource managers.
- Participate in the coordination of DNR resources with local, regional and state land and water protection organizations and partnerships.

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ASSESSMENT/PROPERTY RECORDS/TAX SPECIALIST

Department

Douglas County Courthouse, Alexandria, Minnesota

Closing Date

Mon. 06/19/17 8:00 AM Central Time

Location(s)

Douglas County Courthouse, Alexandria, Minnesota

Who May Apply

All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities

- Serves as a primary contact person for the public. Explains/provides information on property descriptions, valuations, classifications, taxation and special tax programs.
- Creates tax parcel numbers, legal descriptions, and provides owner/taxpayer information.

- Responsible for determining assessment codes, tax linkage and tax sequence.
- Responsible for maintaining information in the property tax data base, computer aided mass appraisal system, the land calculation data base, the county sales ratio system and the state electronic certificate of real estate value program.
- Performs the clerical duties necessary to facilitate the efficient operation of the office.
- Complies with all rules and policies in order to maintain a safe work environment.
- Reliable, predictable attendance and punctuality.
- Other duties, as assigned or apparent.

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INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST

Department	Stevens County, Minnesota
Closing Date	June 16, 2017 3:00 PM
Location(s)	Stevens County, Minnesota
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	Responsible for general IT help desk duties, customer service, implementing, troubleshooting and supporting all County technology through monitoring systems and providing help desk functions.

[\(more information\)](#)

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*“Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion
to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and it's beauty.”*
— Albert Einstein



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