

Minnesota River Weekly Update

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Announcements

State pheasant index down 26 percent from last year

September 5, 2017, MDNR

It's habitat that matters and loss of habitat in the farmland regions has contributed to a 26 percent decline in Minnesota's pheasant index compared to last year, according to the Department of Natural Resources. The 2017 pheasant index is 32 percent below the 10-year average and 62 percent below the long-term average. Minnesota has lost about 686,800 acres of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres statewide since 2007. The program, covered under the federal Farm Bill, pays farmers to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and restore vegetation that will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators. click [here](#).

Expect a near perfect fall leaf season in Minnesota state parks and trails

September 7, 2017, MDNR

Adequate rainfall nearly statewide combined with lots of summer sunshine point to a beautiful fall leaf season. Starting Sept. 7 and on every Thursday throughout fall, people can consult the Fall Color Finder to learn more about peak fall color (www.mndnr.gov/fallcolors).

This tool comes courtesy of the DNR's Parks and Trails Division and features:

- A map that shows peak color across Minnesota.
- A link to fall color programs and events.
- A slideshow.
- A photo uploader that provides a great way for sharing fall photos.

"It's that time of year again – kids are back in school, evenings are getting cooler, and leaves are changing color," said Lt. Gov. Tina Smith. ([read more](#))

Sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chicken hunters can send samples

September 11, 2017, DNR

Sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chicken hunters can again this year voluntarily submit samples for study by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Ongoing DNR research is assessing prairie grouse exposure to chemicals called neonicotinoids. These are pesticides that, once applied, can move throughout a plant. Neonicotinoids are commonly applied to seeds before planting. "We're into our third year of this study assessing whether prairie grouse have been exposed to neonicotinoids by eating treated seeds or other ways," said Charlotte Roy, DNR grouse project leader. ([read more](#))

Hunters reminded about whole carcass importation ban

September 11, 2017, DNR

Hunters who harvest deer, elk, moose or caribou outside of Minnesota are reminded that whole carcasses cannot be brought into the state. The prohibition on importation of whole carcasses of these cervids from anywhere in North America was put into place last year as a proactive measure to reduce the risk of chronic wasting disease in Minnesota and bring consistency to regulations. "Because of the increasing prevalence and distribution of CWD in North America in both farmed and wild cervids, we decided in 2016 to impose an

across-the-board importation ban,” said Lou Cornicelli, wildlife research manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. [\(read more\)](#)

Dairy Research and Promotion Council Seeks Candidates

September 11, 2017, MDA

The Minnesota Dairy Research and Promotion Council is seeking candidates to run for board positions in 11 districts. Elected board members represent dairy farmers in their respective districts and make decisions regarding the expenditure of dairy check-off funds. Candidates should be active dairy farmers who are well-informed members of their community and interested in check-off promotion programs. Those interested in running for a seat on the board should contact their local nominating chairs by September 20, 2017. After the nomination deadline, a list of the candidates will be available from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Mail requests should be sent to Promotion Councils, 625 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55155-2538. Election ballots will be mailed in late December. Please contact Ruth White at 651-201-6494 or 800-967-2474 with any questions. [\(read more\)](#)

News

Lyon County appoints liaison to LPRW Board

Deb Gau, September 7, 2017

MARSHALL — Lyon County commissioners got good news this week about their request to have a liaison to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board. While there were still some questions as to how the arrangement would work, commissioners decided to choose a county representative, and continue the discussion of how to communicate better with the rural water board. At the Lyon County Board’s regular meeting Tuesday, County Administrator Loren Stomberg said the LPRW board had approved the idea of having county-appointed liaisons to attend the rural water board’s monthly meetings. The LPRW system serves customers in a 10-county area, including 907 customers in Lyon County. [\(read](#)

Frentz among those pushing for clean energy increase

Tim Krohn, Sep 7, 2017

Sen. Nick Frentz of North Mankato is among a bipartisan group of legislators hoping to dramatically boost the state’s clean energy mandate. “I’ve always said we’re a state that should lead in renewables,” said Frentz during a Capitol press conference Thursday where a report touting the number of clean energy jobs was released. The state’s current renewable energy standard — created in 2007 — calls for 25 percent of the state’s electricity to be produced from renewable resources by 2025. More than 21 percent of electric power comes from such sources as wind and solar. The bills introduced in the House and Senate would call for doubling the renewable power goal to 50 percent by 2030. [\(read more\)](#)

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Monarchs putting on a strong show locally

[Tim Krohn](#), Sep 6, 2017

MANKATO — The fall leaf viewing isn't quite here yet, but if you want to see some color, head to the prairie. "What's been crazy out here is the monarch butterflies," said Scott Kudelka, Department of Natural Resources naturalist for Minneopa State Park as well as other state parks in the region. "There have been swarms of them this year, especially around the office." He said the native grass and wildflower area around the Minneopa office has what the butterflies want. "We have rough blazing star, which have purple flowers. They love those. And we have milkweed, which the larvae need." Kudelka said they've collected and tagged about 100 monarchs in just a couple of outings. "Last year we barely tagged 20 after going out three or four times." ([read more](#))

Sustainable timber harvest analysis is under way

DNR Report, Sep 1, 2017

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources earlier this year began a project to determine the sustainable timber harvest level from DNR-administered forest lands, with consideration of implications for the greater forest ecosystem and economy. The initial phase of the project focused on gathering data and developing preliminary models, and the project has now moved into a phase of in-depth modeling and analysis. The analysis will examine the sustainability of harvesting 1 million cords of timber per year from DNR-administered forest lands.

Cost Share Program Makes Organic Certification More Affordable

MDA, September 11, 2017

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the Minnesota Organic Cost Share Program through October 31, 2017.

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 75 percent of the cost of organic certification.

Certification assures 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 per year. ([read more](#))

Mankato, North Mankato look to slow water runoff

[Trey Mewes](#), Sep 9, 2017

Bob Freyberg has concerns with some new housing rules. The North Mankato City Council member pointed out during a recent meeting how smaller home lots could mean bigger issues for the city's stormwater retention plans. The new 6,000-square foot lot sizes mean less lawn space to soak up rains, and fewer opportunities to run rain gutter extensions. And an upcoming development north of Benson Park could complicate efforts to manage stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff seems like one of those humdrum municipal issues each city always addresses: It affects a lot of things, but it's not an immediate concern for most people. But several factors could get area residents talking more about water issues over the next few years. ([read more](#))

Buffer letters going out before Nov. 1 cutoff

If the analysis does not support that level of harvest, the DNR will use information from the analysis to determine the sustainable harvest level. [\(read more\)](#)

Al-Corn expansion on-budget, under-schedule, CEO says

[William Morris](#), Sep 7, 2017

CLAREMONT — Al-Corn Clean Fuel is ahead of schedule on the major expansion of its Claremont ethanol plant, and approaching a final decision as well on whether to remain a farmer-owned cooperative or switch to a different type of legal organization. The plant broke ground last year on a \$146 million expansion project that, when completed, will more than double the plant's capacity from 50 million to 120 million gallons of ethanol per year. The project originally was slated for completed next July, but now, CEO Randy Doyal said, they're anticipating wrapping up work in March or April. [\(read more\)](#)

Soybean Association to study dicamba herbicide complaints

[Tim Krohn](#), Sep 4, 2017

MANKATO — Farmers across the state and the Midwest have filed complaints of a new dicamba herbicide sprayed on neighbors' fields that has spread onto their soybeans, causing damage to the plants. "There have been over 200 reports of damage that have come into the Department of Agriculture in nearly 50 counties. There is speculation that only 30 percent of damaged fields have been reported," said Michael Petefish, president of the Mankato-based Minnesota Soybean Growers Association. The growing concern over dicamba and other herbicides being developed to kill

Daily Herald, Sep 11, 2017

With the state's Nov. 1 deadline approaching, Mower Soil and Water Conservation District is mailing letters once again to help agricultural landowners in the county comply with the new buffer law. About 240 letters are going out to landowners in Mower County who have been identified by Mower SWCD as needing to add vegetative buffer to their land along a river or stream deemed by the state to be a public waterway. These landowners receiving the letter also got a notification letter in January 2017 from Mower SWCD regarding compliance with the Minnesota Buffer Law but have not contacted or had their newly planted buffer approved by Mower SWCD. [\(read more\)](#)

State takes title to former Mankato dump MPCA accepts duty to monitor site, control pollutants

[Mark Fisichenich](#), Sep 9, 2017

MANKATO — Mankato stopped accepting garbage at its city dump 44 years ago, but the garbage and its potential for pollution are still there. Ownership of the site near Minneopa State Park, however, changed hands late last month when the city transferred the 17-acre landfill to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, which will handle oversight and any additional cleanup required. The short-lived dump received its last trash and other debris in 1973, just five years after the land was purchased by the city and only a year after it opened. In 1996, the City Council entered into an agreement with the MPCA to cap the site to minimize the amount of contaminated water leaching from the dump and to collect gases produced by the rotting garbage. [\(read more\)](#)

weeds that have become resistant to other weed killers led the association to form a dicamba task force. They hope to learn the reasons for the damage and to find the best ways to fight resistant weeds while protecting crops. ([read more](#))

USDA offers targeted farm loan funding for underserved groups and beginning farmers

Sep 7, 2017, The Independent

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that FSA offers targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to assist underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers. USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders. ([read more](#))

City gears up for thirsty power plant, Mankato hopes wastewater can supply growing need

[Mark Fischenich](#), Sep 9, 2017

MANKATO — The gas-fired power plant on Mankato's north side will nearly double in size when its expansion is completed late next year, and that means nearly double the demand for water — primarily for the electrical generator's cooling towers. As with the original Mankato Energy Center power plant, the plan is to use treated wastewater from the city's sewage plant rather than groundwater. The existing plant — which can produce 375 megawatts of power — uses 3.2 million gallons of wastewater a day, which is further treated at a "reuse water facility" financed by the company and owned by the city before it goes to the plant. The expansion will push that water demand to as much as 5.8 million gallons a day. By comparison, that amount of water could fill the bathtub in every one of Mankato's nearly 16,000 households more than seven times. ([read more](#))

Events

↓ **Sep 13 - Sep 19** ↓

New Ulm to host Classic Car Cruise-In, the Car Hop & Shop

September 14, 2017, 5-8 pm

Location: Downtown New Ulm.

Brief Description: The New Ulm Business & Retail Association is sponsoring their last Car Hop & Shop Classic Car Cruise-In of the season on Thursday, September 14th, from 5:00-8:00pm in Downtown New Ulm. Classic car enthusiasts are invited to participate, and all makes and models of cars are welcome! No pre-registration required.

Check out the great vehicles and enjoy New Ulm's downtown during this free, fun, family-friendly event! Spectators can view the cars, shop the unique stores, and grab a bite to eat at one of the many downtown restaurants and bars. Hourly door prizes will be awarded. During the cruise-in, the Brown County Historical Society Museum will be open with free admission, and New Ulm's historic Popcorn Wagon will be out, too! For questions or additional information, please contact the New Ulm Area Chamber by phone at [507-233-4300](tel:507-233-4300) or email at chamber@newulm.com.



Soil Health Field Day

September 19, 2017, 9-12 pm

Location: 47605 180th St, Easton.

Brief Description: Join the Faribault County Soil Health Team Tuesday, September 19, 2017 from 9-noon at a Field Day near Easton.

This free event is hosted by the Faribault County Soil Health Team. Team members will speak about their experience utilizing cover crops, different tillage practices, and equipment. The host, Andy Linder, will lead a tour of four different fields on Linder Farms that have experienced different crops and cover crop rotations within the last year. Andy will talk about the history of each field and what he has learned in his transition into using cover crops and other soil health practices.

The field day will also include a soil pit, Question & Answer session with Soil Health Team members, and a FREE networking lunch. BYOS: Bring your own soil for a slake test!

This event will run from 9-noon at 47605 180th St, Easton. [Click here for additional information and to register](#). Please register by September 15, 2017 to get an accurate count for lunch orders.

SNAKES OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 1-4 PM

Location: The Harkin Store

Brief Description: The Harkin Store is located on the Minnesota River and the valley is great to get a look at the fall colors. While driving on Nicollet County Road 21, stop and see the kinds of

snakes that Tom Jessen has brought to the store for our program. His collection of snakes is diverse, so come and see them and ask questions. Kids, you will love to handle the



snakes, so bring your parents to see them. The program is from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, September 17th. Admission to the program is included with admission to the store.

The store is open in September on Saturdays and Sundays with programs on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store and has a discount sale on most items.

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 when open 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).

↓ **Sep 20 - Sep 26** ↓

NEY SENIOR LEARNING SERIES: Chimney Swifts

Thursday, September 21st 12-2pm

Location: Ney Nature Center

28238 Nature Center Lane

Henderson, MN 56044

Brief Description:

Learn why chimney swifts are one of the most interesting birds in the state with local naturalists, Art and Barb Straub. Lunch included. Conducted on the third Thursday of each month. Ages 50+

Cost: \$10/member or \$12/non-member

[Register online](#) by September 14th! Reservations required.

For more information click [here](#).



Modenschau Fashion Show

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 5 pm

Location: New Ulm Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm

Brief Description: Modenschau, which means “fashion show” in German, will feature the latest fall fashions from New Ulm boutiques Gallery 512, A to Zinnia, Inspired, and Bailey Creek. Tickets are \$30 for general admission presale and \$35 if purchased after 9/18, and \$50 for VIP. VIP ticket holders receive reserved seating in the front two rows and a swag bag full of fashionista favorites. All tickets include \$40 worth of coupons at the participating boutiques. Tickets are available at the New Ulm Area Chamber of Commerce,

Gallery 512, A to Zinnia, Inspired, and Bailey Creek. They are also available online at www.newulm.com. Please contact the New Ulm Chamber with any questions, [507-233-4300](tel:507-233-4300), chamber@newulm.com. To learn more about the evening's benefit organization Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery, visit www.smnncrisisnursery.org. Contact the Chamber office to make a contribution or to sponsor this event.



HOME-SCHOOL SERIES: Geocaching Challenge

Wednesday, September 27th 1- 2:30 pm

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

Brief Description:

Programs designed just for home-school classes. Challenge yourself on a technology-based scavenger hunt in the park. Learn how to use a GPS and search for hidden containers. All equipment provided. Ages 5-17. Supervisory adults may attend for free.

Cost: \$5/student

[Register online](#) by September 25th! Reservations required.



↓ **Sep 27 - Oct 3** ↓

Forgotten History Lecture Series

Lost Post Offices

September 28 at 2 pm

Location: The Nicollet County Historical Society

Brief Description:

Post offices historically played a major role in establishing the identity of small towns. In frontier days, when the United States Mail was virtually the only way to communicate between cities, the establishment of a post office was an important step in forming a community. But what happens when those communities no longer exist?

Join NCHS Research Assistant Bob Sandeen on September 28 at 2:00pm for a look back

on the history and legacy of lost post offices across Nicollet County.

Cost is \$3.00 for the general public and free for Nicollet County Historical Society members and Gustavus students, faculty, and staff with IDs.

“Forgotten History Lecture Series” 2017

Schedule:

- October 26 - Ghost Towns: History and Mysteries
- November 30 - Benjamin Franklin in Nicollet County

About the Nicollet County Historical Society
The Nicollet County Historical Society was organized August 22, 1928. From its home in the Treaty Site History Center, the Nicollet County Historical Society preserves, protects, and interprets the history of Nicollet County and the state of Minnesota.

The Treaty Site History Center features a national award-winning exhibit on the Traverse des Sioux Treaty of 1851 and its impact, as well as displays about local history topics, and a full-service research library.

Please contact the Society at [\(507\) 934-2160](tel:5079342160), museum@nchsmn.org, or nchsmn.org/events for more details.

The Nicollet County Historical Society is located at [1851 N. Minnesota Avenue](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1851+N+Minnesota+Avenue,+St.+Peter,+MN+56082/@45.74144,-92.98144,15z), one-mile north of downtown St. Peter at Highways 169 and 22, across from the Daniels Health Center.

THE NICOLLET COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

FORGOTTEN HISTORY LECTURE SERIES


Discover little-known or forgotten people, places, and events in Nicollet County's history.

THE GRASSHOPPER PLAGUES July 27 @ 2:00 PM	LOST POST OFFICES September 28 @ 2:00 PM
THE FOUNDER'S DILEMMA: WHO REALLY FOUNDED ST. PETER? August 31 @ 2:00 PM	GHOST TOWNS: HISTORY AND MYSTERIES October 26 @ 2:00 PM
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IN NICOLLET COUNTY November 30 @ 2:00 PM	

COST
\$3.00 | General public
FREE | NCHS members & Gustavus students/staff with IDs.

LOCATION
Treaty Site History Center | 1851 N. Minnesota Ave
St. Peter, MN 56082

VISIT OUR WEBSITE NCHSMN.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT (507) 934-2160 OR AT MUSEUM@NCHSMN.ORG



Hootenanny Annies

- Friday, September 29, 2017
- 8:00pm 11:00pm

Location: The Grand Center for Arts & Culture (GCAC), New Ulm

Brief Description: Hailing from the Mankato & New Ulm region, The Hootenanny Annies have been performing music together for nearly two decades. The duo is carried by their vocal harmonies, playing a wide variety of country, rock, bluegrass and folk music. Pam plays the Cajone and mandolin while Crista plays guitar and fiddle.

For more information click [here](#).



Job Announcements

—Grants Administrator—

Employer: Great river Screening

Closing Date: September 22

Location(s): St. Paul, Minnesota

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

1. Manage the collection and preparation of information from partners, project managers and grant administrators and, in some cases, the submission of reports to granting agencies.
2. Synthesize and prepare pertinent spatial and tabular data for grant status reports and final reports, and then, coordinate review with the Director of Conservation Programs.
3. Develop and maintain operational expertise in the varied State and Federal grant requirements, protocols and documentation/compliance needs. Co-lead, with Director of Conservation Programs, the delivery of annual grant training refreshers for staff.
4. Track Grant budgets, identifying issues that need resolution. Communicate with appropriate staff members to resolve problems identified including project managers, Operations Director, and finance department, as appropriate.
5. Execute in conjunction with Project Managers and Director of Conservation Programs – conservation project closeout protocols; i.e., organize and track grants, Project Managers tracking forms, program finance, etc.
6. Manage, execute and monitor - grant activities, grant management database and grant closeout protocols in coordination with Director of Operations and Director of Conservation Programs
7. Assist Director of Conservation Programs and other staff in the gathering of information for and writing of grant proposals.
8. Prepare amendments to grant accomplishment plans and associated contractual agreements as necessary.
9. Assist Director of Finance in providing up-to-date grant budget expenditure and grant status summaries as requested.
10. Conduct periodic internal audits of grant-funded projects to ensure organizational compliance with and documentation of grant requirements.
11. Manage all grant-related electronic and hard copy files in accordance with requirements set forth by respective grant and organizational protocols.
12. Track outcomes for all grants and grant phases.
13. Assist Director of Finance with requests for reimbursement from state and federal sources.
14. Attend to other duties as assigned.

[\(more information\)](#)

—DNR Deer Check Station Opportunity—

Employer: The Department of Natural Resources

Closing Date: November 4-5, 2017, 7:30 am- 9: 00 pm

Location(s): Deer permit areas near campus

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Description:

The Minnesota DNR is seeking students to assist with Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance throughout Minnesota in early November, 2017. Students will be required to attend a 2-hour training and work the opening weekend of the firearms deer season, November 4 – 5, 2017. Students will be paid \$11.50/hour and will be reimbursed for mileage, hotels, and meals. This is a great opportunity to gain some field experience, interact with DNR professionals, and learn about important wildlife management issues. Slots are limited, so students should not delay getting on the list. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kyle Arola at kyle.arola@state.mn.us and he will get you on the list.



—Director of the Minnesota Institute for Natural Resources, Agriculture and Land Stewardship (MINERALS)—

Employer: Minnesota State University, Mankato

Closing Date: Review of applications will begin on September 15, 2017 and continue until the position is filled.

Location(s): Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

Reporting directly to the Dean, College of Science, Engineering, & Technology, but with University-wide scope, the Director of the Minnesota Institute for Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Land Stewardship (MINRALS) will direct applied research and curricular endeavors across all divisions, colleges, and multiple departments and disciplines. The Director will oversee the Water Resource Center (WRC), led by an Associate Director, to achieve strategic outreach and external funding priorities. The Director will lead a team of MINRALS affiliated faculty and staff to advance the University's distinctiveness in academic, research, and industry initiatives in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, and related areas in service to the region, state, nation, and global society. As an academic



leader, the Director of MINRALS may participate on the University's Council of Deans and President's Expanded Cabinet, as guided by strategic priorities.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Conservation Director—

Employer: Friends of the Mississippi River

Closing Date: October 6th, 2017

Location(s): St. Paul

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Serve as a key member of FMR's senior management team.
- Provide leadership, direction, management and evaluation of all of FMR's land conservation efforts and processes, including the development of the annual program budget and work plans.
- Inspire, lead, support and supervise FMR's conservation team.
- Define and clearly articulate the goals of the land conservation program.
- Lead the implementation of the program's multi-year strategic plan.
- Lead FMR's landowner outreach efforts and foster good working relationships with landowners in FMR's focus area to promote land protection and restoration.
- Serve as FMR's lead staff on land protection projects.
- Work with the development director in proposal development and reporting for fundraising activities associated with the land conservation program.
- Take the lead in developing and providing program-specific details required for this fundraising.
- Manage the process for government grant writing, reporting and invoicing.
- Assist the stewardship director in the development and implementation of educational and stewardship activities related to the conservation program.
- Identify and combine all the elements essential to fostering new protection and restoration projects (identification, outreach, funding and partnership building).
- Identify and foster positive working relationships with other environmental organizations, agencies and community leaders to help attain program goals.
- Provide leadership and support to the land conservation committee of the board of directors.

- Make recommendations to the executive director and the land conservation committee regarding the use of the land protection fund.
- Collaborate with the communications manager to promote the activities of the conservation program.

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—Professional Engineer (Water Resource)—

Employer: Scott County (MN)

Closing Date: Continuous

Location(s): Jordan, MN

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Performs concept level, preliminary, and final drainage design for highway construction projects and reviews and approves consultant drainage designs.
- Provides input related to the design of transportation projects for stormwater management, including land development effects on roadway drainage systems, hydraulic analysis and impacts associated with transportation projects, providing typical drawings and language for requests for proposals, and coordination with cities regarding their drainage systems and joint transportation systems.
- Provides oversight of the stormwater permits held by the County, such as the NPDES MS4 permit; coordinates activities between divisions for permit elements.
- Manages, conducts, and/or coordinates water engineering analysis of various projects, developments, processes, technical studies, reviews, and plans affecting the County's water systems and natural resources; makes recommendations for appropriate actions.
- Develops hydrologic and hydraulic engineering plans, policies, and guidelines, including updating the County Stormwater Plan and Ordinance (Local Water Plan) coordinated with the County Comprehensive Plan and Scott Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan.
- Oversees the inspection of work done by developers and County Highway engineers and outside agencies under permit in the County's unincorporated areas of the County.
- Manages the engineering review process and is responsible for the approval/denial of stormwater and grading permits within the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Provides engineering guidance and direction to others in implementing the county erosion control inspection program; provides coordination in enforcement actions required for permitted and unpermitted grading activities; coordinates with staff and officials in other agencies in responding to wetland permitting issues.

- Handles citizen, developer, and engineer phone calls on development issues, and flooding, stormwater management and drainage issues; helps others resolve issues.
- Must work the days and hours necessary to perform all assigned responsibilities and tasks. Must be available (especially during regular business hours or shifts) to communicate with subordinates, supervisors, customers, vendors, and any other person or organization with whom interaction is required to accomplish work and employer goals.
- Performs other related duties as required or assigned.

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—Director of Public Affairs—

Employer: Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

Closing Date: -

Location(s): Ely

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:

- Managing relationships with key stakeholders, elected officials, and land management agencies.
- Coordinating the Campaign's political and communications efforts to maximize our current messaging and establish the political will in MN and DC for the permanent protection of the Boundary Waters from sulfide-ore copper mining.
- Making written and oral presentations to collaborators, community groups, policy makers, and other parties as part of the program's outreach and advocacy functions.
- Representing NMW in mining related working groups and conferences.
- In collaboration with the policy department, creating and publishing reports, white papers, web content, e-newsletters, and other program information.
- Supporting the creation and management of the annual budget for the program.
- Actively participating, and sometimes leading, in the planning, execution, and reporting on program work, including objectives, strategies, and tactics.

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—Minnesota Organizer—

Employer: Pesticide Action Network

Closing Date: Continuous

Location(s): Minneapolis

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:**Organizing**

- Build relationships to build power and advance shared policy goals with family farm organizations, rural communities, Native and tribal organizations and beekeepers, among others.
- Connect with and support leaders from organizations that are interested in changing policies on pesticides and agriculture.
- Identify Minnesota issue campaigns that build engagement and power on food and pesticide issues, and work with PAN's communications team on online organizing strategies.
- Build relationships with decision-makers and influencers, including legislators, state agency staff, researchers and health professionals.
- Lead a team of PAN staff and coordinate with partner organizations to win policy change.

Advocacy

- Get up to speed on issues and bodies of research as needed, including scientific and policy context.
- Act as a spokesperson for Midwest media outlets and generate earned media on our issues.
- Write for traditional media and social media in regular blog posts, press releases, OpEds etc. to reframe public conversation.
- Represent PAN in decision making forums like legislative hearings, public meetings, etc.

Fundraising

- Work with PAN fundraising staff on grant reports and proposals.
- Relationship-building with major donors and business supporters in Minnesota and the Midwest.

[\(more information\)](#)

—Public Engagement Fellow—

Employer: Sierra Club - North Star Chapter

Closing Date: September 13th

Location(s): Minneapolis

Who May Apply: All qualified job seekers

Responsibilities:**Responsibilities**

- Coordinate and participate in volunteer phone banks, tabling events and other public events to engage members of the public around mining and oil pipeline issues
- Mobilize Sierra Club members and supporters in response to time-sensitive administrative decision-making opportunities
- Act as a point of contact for Sierra Club members, supporters and interested members of the public regarding mining and oil pipeline work and events
- Act as liaison with partner organizations doing similar work, as appropriate
- Ensure timely and accurate data entry related to public engagement events; provides regular ongoing updates to Chapter staff and volunteer leaders
- Other projects, as assigned

[\(more information\)](#)

Quote for the week

ENVIRONMENTAL QUOTES MOTHER THERESA

THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY SOME PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO LIVE WELL THEY MUST HAVE WORKED FOR IT. I ONLY FEEL ANGRY WHEN I SEE WASTE. WHEN I SEE PEOPLE THROWING AWAY THINGS WE COULD USE.

 BUDHA JEANS



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