# Minnesota River Weekly Update July 28, 2010

## Sign Unveiling for a Girl Scout Gold Award Project

There will be a sign unveiling on Thursday August 5th at 5:00 P.M at the Chippewa River Dam in Montevideo, kitty-corner from the Community Built Playground at the intersection of Hwy 7 and County Road 15. The sign celebrates the history and wildlife of the confluence of the Chippewa and Minnesota Rivers. The project was coordinated by Jennessa Runia for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. The public is invited to attend and is asked to park in Smith Park. Refreshments will be served.

Jennessa Runia has been in Girl Scouts since age 5 and is now a Senior at Montevideo High School. She has completed all levels of Girl Scouts and is now completing her Girl Scout Gold Award project, the Highest Award in Girl Scouts. She started the preliminary requirements in October 2009. For many girls, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community that come from "Going for the Gold" cement the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship. The project is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community, creates change, and hopefully is something that becomes ongoing.

"Working on this project has been an amazing journey. It has taken me to so many places and introduced me to so many people; I could not have imagined how large my network of communication became. I learned a lot about our community through the generosity of the people who helped me with this project," Runia stated.

Runia's project advisor is Patrick Moore of Clean Up the River Environment (CURE). He helped Runia work with the DNR, the Dakota people, and local historians. He also included his own insights on the rivers and what needed to be done.

## **MPCA Announces Environmental Awards**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has announced the 2009-10 winners of the Governor's Awards for Pollution Prevention. The 19-year-old award program honors superior environmental achievement by Minnesota businesses, nonprofits, government and institutions.

Two independent panels of judges reviewed 26 applications and selected the six winners. The judges evaluated organizations based on innovative pollution and waste prevention, resource efficiency and sustainable practices.

## The 2009-10 winners are:

East Metro Clean 'n' Press, West St. Paul: A large dry cleaners and shirt laundry, East Metro made use of heat exchangers to increase energy efficiency and offer excess heat to a neighboring business in the winter. They cut energy use by replacing boilers with higher efficiency boilers and replacing all lights with energy-efficient bulbs. Customers also returned 126,000 hangers to be reused. East Metro saves \$15,000 a year with the changes.

Sappi Cloquet LLC, Cloquet: Sappi Fine Paper North America's Cloquet Mill is an integrated pulp and paper mill that produces bleached kraft pulp and coated fine paper. Sappi implemented changes in the pulping process that reduced the amounts of several sulfide compounds being emitted. These reductions resulted in better odor control for the community, as well as improved treatment of methanol, a byproduct of the sulfur compounds. Sappi will save more than \$225,000 per year.

City of Buffalo: Buffalo's wastewater treatment facility uses innovative technology to serve a rapidly growing population while nearly eliminating land-application of bio-solids. Bio-solids are instead turned

into fuel for the facility, allowing the city to cut the plant's natural gas consumption by 80 percent. Energy savings in the first year are expected to exceed \$90,000.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation Initiative: The DNR recently completed several energy conservation projects. These include the Camden State Park Contact Center, the DNR's first energy net-zero building, which makes use of both wind and geothermal energy. The McQuade Public Water Access is the DNR's first major photovoltaic installation, using solar energy to produce roughly 2,500 kWh of energy annually. Itasca State Park's Douglas Lodge has been outfitted with a geothermal system to supply heating and cooling to the building, reducing the need for propane. The DNR also makes use of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles instead of gasoline vehicles to handle routine maintenance in 19 state parks.

City of St. Anthony: The city of St. Anthony collects filter backwash water, which is waste byproduct from the city's wastewater treatment and stormwater runoff. This water is used to irrigate a 20-acre site that includes a municipal park and City Hall. Prior to this project, the city used five million gallons from the treated municipal water supply each year to irrigate the area. The volume of water discharged from the site has been cut by more than 90 percent during the growing season. Phosphorus is reduced because it is captured by plants instead of running off as pollution. This project will be a demonstration site for future water reuse projects.

Community Clean-ups for Water Quality, Minnesota River Valley: Thirteen organizations partnered in this innovative water quality project that teaches citizens to keep grass clippings, leaves and runoff out of the Minnesota River. Community Clean-ups are conducted in the critical time period from March 15 to April 15, between snow melt and heavy rains. Sixty-six clean-ups have been held in the past seven years, resulting in the removal of 8,400 pounds of phosphorus and 47,000 pounds of trash from the river and its watershed.

The application process is now open for the 2010-11 Governor's Awards for Pollution Prevention. To apply, go to <u>www.pca.state.mn.us/govaward</u>. The deadline for 2010-11 applications is Wednesday, Sept. 15 by 4:30 p.m.

## Job Postings:

#### Full Time Resident Park Caretaker in Brown County

Operates and maintains county park and campground as resident park caretaker; supervises workers. Operates lake aeration system. Park operation, including opening, closing and monitoring the park. Maintain park and campground, including mowing, trimming, cleaning, painting, cutting and splitting wood. General new construction such as trails, dock, fences, signs, etc. Equipment maintenance and minor repairs. Operate campground, including fee collecting and enforcement of rules as needed. Supervise workers. Public relations. Operate and maintain lake aeration system, with installing and maintaining warning signage. Beach signage, roping, and monitoring for public safety. Historical log cabin maintenance and coordination with sponsoring families. Assist in development and maintenance of other county parks as needed. Assist in completing duties as directed by Department Head as needed, to include projects in such areas as feedlots, parks, emergency management and zoning. Click the link to download the <u>resident park caretaker</u> position description.

#### **Environmental Communications Director**

Development and Communications Director: The DDC will be responsible for keeping the organization focused on accomplishing an ambitious resource development plan, with a goal of doubling revenue by 2015. This person will also work with the Trust's leadership team to design and implement a comprehensive communication's plan, elements of which include outreach about grant opportunities,

reporting about the accomplishments of the Trust and its grantees, and social marketing aimed at increasing Bay stewardship.

Click the link to download the <u>environmental communications director</u> position description.

### **Rice Creek Watershed District Administrator Position**

The Rice Creek Watershed District seeks qualified applicants to fill the position of District Administrator. Competitive starting salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. The position reports to a five-member Board of Managers appointed by the Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington County Boards.

For more information, http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/rcwdadminposition.pdf

#### **Environmental Communications Associate**

Communications Associate. The Communications Associate will play an important role in communicating the Trust's mission and activities to diverse and growing audiences. Focus areas include: web content creation and management, newsletter production, email outreach to constituents, media outreach, mailing and email list management, desktop publishing, graphic design, and coordination and staffing of outreach events.

Click the link to download the environmental communications associate position description.

#### Farm Manager

The Entrepreneurial Center for Horticulture at Dakota College in Bottineau is currently seeking a Farm Manager for their program. For more information visit <u>http://www.dakotacollege.edu/ech.shtml</u>

#### **Conservation Engineer**

The purpose of this position is to provide engineering assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) that are members of Joint Powers Board (JPB). The engineering assistance is typically utilized for the construction of eligible best management practices (BMPs) that protect and conserve water and soil resources. The position exists to provide member SWCDs engineering assistance in order to meet their program needs in the area of nonpoint source pollution abatement. The position holder serves as a project engineer providing a wide range of technical assistance and leadership for evaluation, design, and construction of eligible BMPs. The position holder will at times work as a team member with conservation partners; specifically member SWCDs, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, to accomplish this goal.

For more information, <u>http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/engineerposition.pdf</u> or click on the attachment to this email titled "Engineer Position".

#### **Regional Professional Development Program Coordinator**

The PDP coordinator is responsible to the NCR-SARE Administrative Council, in cooperation and coordination with the SARE regional director, who is located at the University of Minnesota. The PDP coordinator provides leadership for the professional development effort.

For more information about the position, http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/regionaldevelopmentcoordinator.pdf

#### St. Paul Office USDA Risk Management Agency Position Open

The RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY (RMA) promotes, supports, and regulates sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America's agricultural producers by providing crop insurance to American producers, developing the premium rate, administering premium and expense subsidy, approving and supporting products, and reinsuring companies.

Risk Management Agency is an exciting and rewarding place to start, build and/or continue your career. Be part of our team and support the well-being of American agriculture and the American public. Take part in delivering these essential and critical programs as a Risk Management Specialist planning and executing claims administration, program delivery and information dissemination. As a team member located in one of our USDA Risk Management Regional Offices, you will receive both classroom and onthe-job training intended to further develop your talent, skills, and abilities to successfully identify or recognize the concepts related to agricultural science risk management and statistical analysis.

Risk Management Agency's diverse culture and benefits allow for a healthy balance between your career and home life. In addition to a generous salary, RMA offers a friendly and professional working environment with a diverse workforce, flexible hours/work schedules, and other family-friendly benefits such as: paid vacation and sick leave, paid holidays, retirement and supplemental savings plan, a wide array of health, dental, vision, and life insurance plans, flexible spending accounts, and long-term care insurance. For more information, <u>http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/cipriskmanagementspecialist.pdf</u>

#### Respond to the USAJOBS posting at: GS-1101-9/11/12

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=89102002&JobTitle=RISK+MANAGEMENT+SPECIALIST %2c+GS-1101-

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Respond to the USAJOBS posting at: GS-1101-5/7

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=89179633&JobTitle=RISK+MANANGEMENT+SPECIALI ST%2c+GS-1101-5%2f7&q=risk+management&where=55101&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=0&y=0&AVSD M=2010-07-08+00%3a03%3a00

## Events:

<u>July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (Thursday and Friday)</u> is **Morris Renewable Energy**. Visit several renewable energy operations and have some good conversations about the science and economics behind these production systems. For those near the Twin Cities, bus transportation to and from our starting point of Morris will be available. For more information call Joel Tallaksen at 320-589-1711 or email him at tall0007@umn.edu</u>.

<u>July 29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)</u> is **Ecosystem Services in the Greater Blue Earth**. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Mountain Lake, MN. A field day devoted to ecosystem services and markets. Attendees will hear about the development of CMM, visit a CMM demonstration site, and learn more about ecosystem services and market-based opportunities in the Greater Blue Earth and Minnesota River Watersheds. For more information contact Brooke Hacker at 507-345-4744 or Jill Sackett at 507-238-5449.

<u>July 30<sup>th</sup> (Friday)</u> is **Moths at Midnight** from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Learn about moths and observing them.

For more information call Molly Stoddard at 218-998-4486 or email her at molly\_stoddard@fws.gov

<u>August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)</u> is **Farmfest 2010** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Gilfillan Estate, Redwood County. For more information visit <u>http://www.farmshows.com/ffst/index.po</u>

<u>August 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</u> is the **Grand Reopening of the Bloomington Visitor Center**. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Bloomington, MN. Please Join Us! It is a day the entire family will enjoy with fun, interactive educational and interpretive programs, new exhibits and displays, LIVE Birds of Prey, lots of great kids activities, and outdoor fun! At 11:00am Special Guest Doug Wood (author, musician, naturalist, storyteller) is sure to delight will his program EarthSongs,EarthStories. An official Re-Dedication Ceremony of the Center will take place at 1:00pm. Don't miss this great event! For more information contact 952-858-0712.

<u>August 18<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)</u> is **RiverNight 2010**. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Harriet Island in St. Paul, MN. Join us as we honor individuals and groups have achieved great things for their lake or river. Help celebrate Minnesota's spectacular and unique waterscape with great food, great company, and a sunset cruise down the Mississippi. For more information or to request an invitation call 800-515-5253.

August 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday) is the Agroecology Summit. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Windom, MN. Come and

enjoy speakers on the topic of "Farming for Ecological Services and Maximum Yield". Stay for lunch and tours. For more information contact Tony Thompson at 507-831-3483.

<u>August 23<sup>rd</sup> (Monday)</u> is **Cover Crops and Alfalfa Mulch**. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Madison, MN. Attendees will hear an explanation of Fernholz's alfalfa mulch research and will learn about utilizing various cover drops in organic or conventional agriculture systems. For more information contact Jill Sackett at 507-238-5449.

<u>September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday & Saturday)</u> is **Riverblast 2010** in New Ulm, MN (Center and Front Streets). For more information visit <u>www.riverblast.org</u>

<u>September 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday)</u> is **Waterfest** at Barsness Pak in Glenwood. An event for 6th grade students from Pope and Stevens Counties. For more information visit <u>http://www.popeswcd.org/</u>

<u>September 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks)</u> is **Outdoor Education Days** located in the Bisek Woods near New Prague. For more information visit <u>http://www.scottswcd.org/</u>

<u>September 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)</u> is **U of M – Waseca SROC Open House**. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Waseca, MN. Visit the Rural Advantage booth! Learn more about 3<sup>rd</sup> crops, the Madelia Model, cover crops and more. For more information contact Jeanette Williams at 507-837-5612.

<u>September 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</u> is a **Minneopa State Park Prairie Restoration** from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Harry Meyering Center staff and individuals served invite the public to gather, sort, and scatter the seeds of wild flowers and grasses at Minneopa State Park in a project to restore areas of prairie land.For more information go to <u>http://www.greatermankatoevents.com/event-details.php?id=9307</u>

<u>September 20<sup>th</sup> (Monday)</u> is a **Minnesota River Board Meeting** in Montevideo, MN. Executive Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Full Board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

<u>September 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday)</u> is **Perennials for Biomass**. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Waseca, MN. Attendees will watch short videos of the biomass harvests from fall 2009. We will then drive to the demonstration site from last fall to view the re-growth of the hybrid poplar and hybrid willow after a year of growing time. Landscape position plots will also be available for viewing as well as other close by biomass plots utilizing grass species. For more information contact Dr. Gregg Johnson at 507-837-5614 or Jill Sackett at 507-238-5449.

<u>September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)</u> is **Conservation Day** at SWELL located in rural Cyrus. This even is for 5th grade students in Pope and Stevens Counties. For more information visit <u>http://www.popeswcd.org/</u>

October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday and Wednesday) is a **Nobel Conference - Making Food Good** at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. For more information visit <u>http://gustavus.edu/events/nobelconference/2010/</u>

<u>November 2010</u> are the **Prairie Harvest Field Days**. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Waseca, Morris and Windom, MN. Learn about research being done by Dr. Clarence Lehman and colleagues, discuss benefits of using prairie plants for renewable fuels, view the harvest plots, hear about fall 2009 results and observation. For more information contact Jill Sackett at 507-238-5449 or at <a href="mailto:sacke032@umn.edu">sacke032@umn.edu</a>

<u>November 15<sup>th</sup> (Monday)</u> is a **Minnesota River Board Meeting** in Gaylord, MN. Executive Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Full Board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Check out additional upcoming events and workshops on the Minnesota River Calendar at: <u>http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/calendar/index.html</u>

<u>'Super weeds' gaining resistance to farmers' herbicides</u> (MPR). On the Dennis Potter farm in southwest Minnesota, long rows of soybeans stretch to the horizon.

<u>Dennis Anderson: 'Listening' is a good beginning</u> (Star Tribune). The Obama administration will host a conservation "listening session" in Minneapolis on Aug. 4, one in a series of similar town-hall gatherings nationwide intended to distill the best land and water stewardship ideas from all those currently in practice, or imagined, throughout America.

<u>Paul Austin: Actual Good News</u> (Star Tribune). For those who are used to relentless bad news, here is a short litany of good news about what's happening in Minnesota: Minnesota hasn't had a single air quality health advisory day this summer, meaning both the weather and air pollution sources have cooperated to keep the air relatively clean.

<u>Concerns about wind farms to be aired at Goodhue hearing</u> (MinnPost). Some southern Minnesota residents concerned about the effects of wind turbines will speak today at a public hearing in Goodhue over a proposed wind farm in Goodhue County.

In 2009, number of ethanol jobs fell with price (MPR). The number of jobs in Minnesota's ethanol industry fell sharply last year.

<u>Would you want to live next to a wind turbine?</u> (MPR). A planned wind farm in Goodhue County has generated controversy among some area residents and officials. Today's Question: Would you want to live next to a wind turbine?

<u>CFL light bulbs offered at event</u> (Pioneer Press). Oak Park Heights residents who attend the city's annual "Party in the Park" on Aug. 3 will receive a compact fluorescent light bulb — thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Office of Energy Security.

Kerry Lynch: Reality the 'green dream' needs to face (Pioneer Press). The vision of a 'green' economy fueled by wind, sun, and renewable fuels is powerfully appealing. But there's a huge disconnect between this vision and the reality of America's energy needs.

<u>Chris Niskanen: Minnesota's 2009 duck harvest numbers alarming</u> (Pioneer Press). All last fall, duck hunters complained about how few ducks they saw in Minnesota.

<u>Tracking loons on snowbird sojourns</u> (Star Tribune). Loons like their privacy, but this fall they'll have some high-tech snoopers as they migrate from the Great Lakes to wintering grounds far south.

<u>Disease devalues ash trees</u> (Star Tribune). Ash trees, once seen as a worthy successor to elms in the urban landscape, are now virtually worthless in some Twin Cities communities, thanks to the emerald ash borer.

<u>Climate discussion heats up on the Web</u> (Star Tribune). A University of St. Thomas professor's online rebuttal to a well-known British climate change skeptic has touched off a cyberspace heat storm and activated the university's legal team.

Eagan is building new fire station - and going green in the process (Pioneer Press). When it comes to putting out fires, the city of Eagan is seeing green.

<u>A pedicab quandary in St. Paul</u> (Star Tribune). Andrew Poitras had been zipping around Phalen Park in St. Paul, picking up and dropping off passengers at the Dragon Festival with his pedicab. It was business as usual -- until someone complained.

<u>The St. Croix River: Balancing nature with development</u> (MPR). With its spectacular views and lush landscape that make it a haven for wildlife, the St. Croix River is one of the region's most important waterways.

<u>Shoreline rules await green light</u> (Star Tribune). Long-awaited rules to protect Minnesota lakeshores and limit supersized docks are far behind schedule and have been parked in Gov. Tim Pawlenty's office for several months.

<u>DFL hopefuls square off on the outdoors</u> (Star Tribune). The Aug. 10 Minnesota primary will decide who among DFLers Matt Entenza, Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Mark Dayton will run for governor in November against Republican Tom Emmer and Tom Horner of the Independence Party. Below, Dayton, Kelliher and Entenza answer questions about conservation and the outdoors.

<u>Stark wants one more futile sidewalk and fewer shade trees to line it</u> (Pioneer Press). Russ Stark, who represents Ward 4 in St. Paul, intends to build a sidewalk on the north side of Marshall Street where it runs alongside the Town and Country Club.

On a bike and up a tree (Star Tribune). One thing about Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman -- and we know constituents who love her and those who passionately dislike her: You'll never fall asleep while she's in the room. She's a woman of enthusiasms -- opening sidewalk cafes to dogs, allowing more street vendors downtown, and now, bicycles.

<u>U of M sharing \$30M grant aimed at home conservation research</u> (MPR). The University of Minnesota is getting a new federal grant aimed at home energy conservation exceeding 10 to 20 percent in savings.

<u>'Green dream' vs. real world</u> (Pioneer Press). Kerry Lynch's column, "Reality the 'green dream' needs to face" (July 22), rightly points out the chasm between politicians who dream of a society run completely on renewable energies and the real world.

<u>Afton joins list of cities regulating wind turbines</u> (Star Tribune). The city of Afton has become the latest metro-area community to add its patch to a crazy quilt of ordinances regulating residential wind turbines.

<u>Catfish fever: Keep your walleye, these Minnesota anglers are out for catfish</u> (Mankato Free Press). Brian Raleigh swung the stout fishing rod forward over his shoulder and the heavy bait-casting reel whirred as thick line peeled off the spool, arcing the bait against the sky.

<u>Monarch butterflies making a comeback</u> (MPR). Last year their numbers were down, but monarch butterflies seem to be making a comeback this summer.

<u>Sandhill crane hunting season draws fire</u> (MPR). Complaints are surfacing about the DNR's plan for a season on sandhill cranes.

<u>Fishing tournaments still popular in Minnesota, despite a weak economy and new regulations</u> (Pioneer Press). Eric Schultz, deeply bronzed from hours on the water, watched intently as bass tournament director Denny Nelson set a bag bulging with bass on an electronic scale.

<u>Temperatures hit record highs globally: El Nino or global warming?</u> (MinnPost). You might have missed it if you live in many spots in the lower 48 states, but the first six months of 2010 were the warmest on

record globally, according to preliminary data from the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

<u>Global warming alarmists can't stand the heat</u> (Star Tribune). The recent screed by James P. Lenfestey ("The truth: Still there, still inconvenient," July 19) was a classic example of how global-warming alarmists spin a story via selective filtering of facts and ad hominem attacks on so-called "deniers."

<u>Margaret Anderson Kelliher: I'll leave no stone unturned to put Minnesotans back to work</u> (Star Tribune). Since last July, Minnesota's unemployment rate has fallen from 8.4 percent to just under 7 percent.

<u>Klobuchar, Swanson want to step up efforts to fight Asian carp</u> (MPR). Minnesota attorney general Lori Swanson and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar have a news conference this Monday morning to talk about stepping up efforts to fight the spread of Asian carp.

Work under way to identify extent of gypsy moth caterpillar invasion (MPR). Minnesota agriculture officials say they aren't surprised by last week's discovery of a gypsy moth caterpillar in Duluth.

<u>Copper mine near BWCA gets financing</u> (Star Tribune). A Canadian company has signed a deal with a global mining partner to develop a copper-nickel mine southeast of Ely, Minn., that would be larger than the controversial Polymet mine already planned on the Iron Range.

<u>Parks think green, as in cash</u> (Star Tribune). Faced with a shrunken budget, Minneapolis park leaders hope a combination of bikes, burgers and an Italian sculptor named Brioschi will stave off further cuts to the popular and nationally known park system.

<u>No more phone books, please</u> (Star Tribune). Publishers of white pages and yellow pages say it's easy to stop them from being dropped on your doorstep — just call them, or go to their website.

<u>Getting seniors on board for transit</u> (Star Tribune). Some of the questions were basic: "How much is bus fare?" "What time is the last bus?"

Water is the mother of the vine, the nurse and fountain of fecundity, the adorner and refresher of the world. - Charles Mackay

The Minnesota River Watershed Alliance (Watershed Alliance) is an organized network of citizens, public agencies, and private organizations dedicated to communicating the benefits of an ecology healthy Minnesota River Watershed to others and are actively working towards its improvement and protection. We meet four times a year and encourage landowners and recreational users of the river to be part of the effort. For more information on the Watershed Alliance: <a href="http://www.watershedalliance.blogspot.com">http://www.watershedalliance.blogspot.com</a>

Thanks,

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