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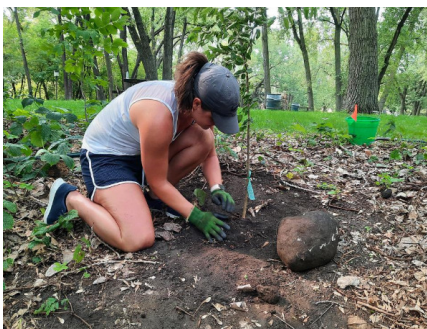
[Our work takes place on the ancestral homelands of the Dakota.](#) Haha Wakpa, Misi-ziibi, Mississippi — the river we steward in Minnesota has long been stewarded by Native nations including the Dakota and the Ojibwe.



Take action for the river

The legislative session is in full swing! Take action now to [oppose bills that would undermine aquifers and the MN Environmental Rights Act](#) and [support smart salting measures that can keep us safe and our river healthy.](#)

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James Rice Park Community Meeting Wednesday, April 6 at 5 p.m. Pryes Brewing Company, Minneapolis

Join FMR and the North Loop Neighborhood Association for an evening imagining the future of the natural areas at James Rice Park. FMR has been developing a five-year, volunteer-centric plan to guide the restoration of this park. Sign up to hear the plan and learn how you can get involved.

[Register for the April 6 community meeting >>](#)



Clean up and explore Mounds Park with FMR's Youth Advisory Council

Saturday, April 9 from 1-3 p.m.
Indian Mounds Regional Park, St. Paul

Our youth-run Advisory Council invites you to their first-ever public volunteer event! Take a guided tour with guest speaker Crystal Norcross to learn about the sacred cemetery and Dakota connection to this place, then pick up trash to show respect and reduce pollution.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Join our summer career pathways program as a youth fellow or an arts / sciences volunteer mentor

FMR's Environmental Stewardship Institute provides a 6-week paid summer job experience to a group of students, our ESI fellows, curious about environmental career paths. [If you're a rising 10th, 11th or 12th grader, we hope you apply](#) by April 15. We're also looking for professionals with arts or STEM backgrounds to mentor our fellows. [Learn more and apply for the mentor program](#) by April 29.



Annual River Gorge Earth Day cleanup

Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
West River Parkway and 36th Street/44th Street in Minneapolis

Join us for this Earth Day tradition in the Minneapolis River Gorge. All are welcome! This cleanup is a family-friendly event and an excellent opportunity to get outside and work together for the river.

[Learn more](#) or email Sophie at sdowney@fmr.org to register groups of 10-20 people.



Partner event: Two Paddles' Mississippi River Paddle Weekend

Register by April 30 for June 10-12 event
On the Mississippi River from Brainerd to the metro

Experience the joy of paddling on the mighty Mississippi! The Mississippi River Paddle Weekend includes five canoe and kayak races and a recreational tour — an event for every skill level.

[Learn more and register to race or volunteer >>](#)



Tend the oak woodlands at the Hastings Sand Coulee SNA
Thursday, May 12 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Hastings Sand Coulee SNA, Hastings

Hand-pull invasive garlic mustard in the oak woodland flanking this SNA's unique dry prairie. In just a few hours, you'll improve habitat for the native woodland plant and animal species.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Pledge to pull garlic mustard at Crosby Farm Park
Saturday, May 14 from 9-11 a.m.
Crosby Farm Regional Park, St. Paul

Enjoy early spring at this riverside park while hand-pulling invasive garlic mustard to protect native plants that benefit local wildlife and our waters. You can also pledge to return on your own for a few more hours of independent stewardship.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Help pull weedy invasive plants at St. Paul Park's Riverside Park
Tuesday, May 17 from 6-8 p.m.
Riverside Park, St. Paul Park

Located along the backwaters of the Mississippi River, the 14-acre park hosts an array of native woodland plants including Dutchmen's breeches, bloodroot and wild ginger. Help us maintain this much-needed habitat for wildlife along the Mississippi River flyway.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Pull garlic mustard at Cottage Grove Ravine Park
Thursday, May 19 from 6-8 p.m.
Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, Cottage Grove

With 515 acres of hills and heavily wooded ravines, a small lake and a smattering of small prairies, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park features a beautifully diverse landscape. We need volunteers to remove garlic mustard, making way for native woodland and savanna plants and habitat.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Pull garlic mustard at the river gorge sand flats
Saturday, May 21 from 9-11 a.m.
River Gorge Sand Flats, Minneapolis

Join us for a morning of invasive species removal at the Minneapolis River Gorge sand flats (sometimes called the Longfellow flats), known for their large sandy beaches and wonderful river-edge view.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Storm drain stenciling this spring and summer

If you think you'll be interested in our [storm drain stenciling outings for groups](#) or [DIY storm drain stenciling kits](#) this spring and summer, let us know! We'll be in touch when program reservations open up again.

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