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



Lop sumac at Grey Cloud Dunes SNA
Wednesday, August 18, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Grey Cloud Dunes Scientific and Natural Area, Cottage Grove

Home to a rare dry prairie, this area provides essential native bee, butterfly and wildlife habitat. Join us to lop back sumac, a shrub that can overtake this vital habitat, shading out the shorter native prairie plants.

[Learn more](#) or email Sophie at sdowney@fmr.org to register.



Lower Phalen Creek Project's Pollinator Festival
Saturday, August 21 - 10:00am to 1:00pm
Wakáŋ Tipi/Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, St. Paul

Join Lower Phalen Creek Project and over 20 partner organizations (including FMR) to celebrate pollinators. Enjoy plants walks, speakers, music and more.

[Find out more >>](#)



**Get on our list for BIPOC only events
Sign up now through the summer and fall**

FMR is beginning to host events by and for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). To be notified of upcoming BIPOC tree plantings, bird hikes and other outings, [sign up via this form](#). (BIPOC events will be limited capacity and may not be listed on our website. If you're interested, be sure to sign up for the email list.)



**Stencil storm drains with water quality messages
Any time now through mid-October
St. Paul streets**

Protect our river by stenciling storm drains with the message "Keep 'em clean: Drains to River." You can check out our DIY kit for up to a week to mark St. Paul storm drains on your own time with friends or family.

[Reserve a DIY stenciling kit >>](#)



Our Healing River: An Evening Celebrating the Mississippi River

**Thursday, September 30, 5:30pm
Nicollet Island Pavilion, Minneapolis (and online)**

Save the date for the Big River's biggest night. On the heels of one of the most challenging years in recent memory, we're eager to gather and celebrate the myriad ways in which the river heals.

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