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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.



### Storm drain stenciling

Sign up your group for a [storm drain stenciling outing](#) or pick up a [DIY storm drain stenciling kit](#) with your family or friends. This educational service activity is a great way to volunteer this summer.

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### Monitor stream health in the Rice Creek Watershed District this fall

**Sign up now to volunteer this August-December  
Rice Creek Watershed District**

If you live in the Rice Creek Watershed District and you're looking for a unique, in-depth way to contribute to your watershed, this is the perfect opportunity. Scientists train our Stream Health Evaluation Program volunteers to evaluate stream biology through sampling and analysis.

[Learn more and apply >>](#)



**Lop sumac at Grey Cloud Dunes SNA**  
**Tuesday, August 16 from 6-8 p.m.**  
**Grey Cloud Dunes Scientific and Natural Area, Cottage Grove**

Home to a rare dry prairie and dramatic views, this area provides essential native bee, butterfly and wildlife habitat, including rare plant and animal species. Help us remove sumac, a shrub that is native to Minnesota but spreads rapidly and prevents other plants from growing in this prairie ecosystem.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**'Make & Take' Rain Barrel Workshop - Just \$40!**  
**Tuesday, August 23 from 5-7 p.m.**  
**Wellstone Center, St. Paul**

Using a rain barrel is one of the simplest, high-impact ways to save water and help protect our watershed. Join us to make your own and learn how you can update your home, lawn and garden practices for clean water.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Collect seeds at Vermillion River Linear Park**  
**Tuesday, September 13 from 5-7 p.m.**  
**Vermillion River Linear Park, Hastings**

Collect and distribute native seed at Vermillion River Linear Park, a beautiful 60-acre park that's part of a corridor of green space that runs through the heart of Hastings. Your contribution will mean a healthy, diverse array of plants are ready to grow next spring.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Haul and stack buckthorn at Vermillion Falls Park**  
**Thursday, September 15 from 5-7 p.m.**  
**Vermillion Falls Park, Hastings**

Come for the beautiful waterfall and stay to join FMR staff and fellow volunteers in hauling previously cut buckthorn and honeysuckle. You'll help us prepare the area for oak savanna restoration at this unique site.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



## An Evening Celebrating the Mississippi River: The River Dreams

**Thursday, September 29 at 6 p.m.**

**Nicollet Island Pavilion, Minneapolis**

Save the date for the Big River's biggest night! The Mississippi River is an ecological resource of global and local significance. Its historic and cultural legacy resonates from the Twin Cities to the Gulf and around the world. Come gather with us to celebrate and support our work to protect it.

[Sign up and be among the first notified when registration opens >>](#)



## Haul brush and eat lunch at 3M's oak woodlands

**Saturday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**3M's oak woodlands, Cottage Grove**

Former buckthorn thickets are now giving way to wildflowers and wildlife at this restoration site, helping to connect adjacent natural areas and form part of a green corridor in southern Washington County. Join us to haul pre-cut brush and enjoy lunch!

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