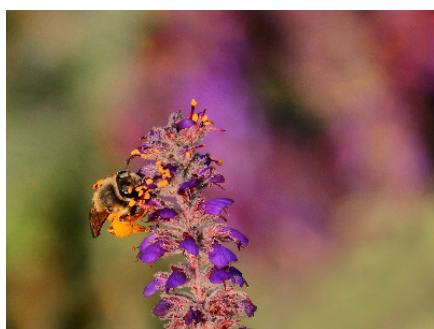


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[Our work takes place on the ancestral homelands of the Dakota.](#) The river — Haha Wakpa, Misi-ziibi, Mississippi — we steward in Minnesota has long been stewarded by Native Nations including the Dakota and the Ojibwe.



Lend your lawn to science
Sign up now through July 15
Your yard

If you mow your lawn, you can support a long-term study on pollinator habitat by the University of Minnesota, University of St. Thomas and the U.S. Forest Service.

[Learn more and fill out the form to offer your yard as a survey site >>](#)



New: 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.)



Prairie tending + knapweed pull at Pine Bend Bluffs SNA
Thursday, July 22, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area, Inver Grove Heights

Join us to help protect Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific & Natural Area (SNA), an award-winning restoration site known for some of the best views of the Upper Mississippi River. Together we'll remove invasive species, like knapweed, from the native prairie.

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



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.

[Learn more about this year's festivities >>](#)

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