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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.



Join us for free lock and dam focus-group tours this summer

Get an up-close look at two iconic Twin Cities locks and dams this summer! Join us on a free focus-group tour by boat, bike, kayak or foot and help shape the future of the Mississippi River gorge.

[Learn more and apply for a tour >>](#)



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 >>](#)



**Pull spotted knapweed at Pine Bend Bluffs SNA**  
**Thursday, July 28 from 6-8 p.m.**  
**Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area, Inver Grove Heights**

On the prairie bluffs of this award-winning restoration site known for some of the best views of the Upper Mississippi River, we'll pull invasive species to improve habitat for pollinators, birds and more.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Plant prairie at Wakáŋ Tipi/Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary**  
**Thursday, August 11 from 6-8 p.m.**  
**Wakáŋ Tipi/Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, St. Paul**

Join us for a summer worknight to plant native prairie plants in a place that has been sacred for Dakota people for thousands of years. The long roots of these plants will help hold soil in place and filter water before it runs into the nearby Mississippi River.

[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 >>](#)



**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.

[Sign up today >>](#)



## Take our advocacy survey

Help shape FMR's advocacy engagement in the coming year and let us know how you want to plug in. We'd love to hear from our existing 2,800 River Guardians and any FMR supporters that want to become advocates.

[Fill out our 5-minute advocacy survey >>](#)



## 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.

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