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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.

FMR Events



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 >>](#)



Just in case there's a special legislative session...

Minnesota lawmakers may return to the state Capitol for a special session to address a long list of unfinalized bills. River Guardians, we'll call on you if a special session arises — giving us one more chance to push important clean water legislation!

[Sign up as a River Guardian so you never miss an action alert >>](#)



Pull garlic mustard + seed native plants at Vermillion River Linear Park

Thursday, June 2 from 6-8 p.m.

Vermillion River Linear Park, Hastings

Spread 30 pounds of native grass and wildflower seed and remove garlic mustard at Vermillion River Linear Park, a beautiful 60-acre park in the heart of Hastings and part of a corridor of green space that runs through the city.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Tend the prairie box and woodland at Nicollet Island

Tuesday, June 7 from 6-8 p.m.

Nicollet Island, Minneapolis

Tend the native prairie demonstration box and learn more about the stunning array of species coming up throughout the restored prairies on Nicollet Island. Then remove garlic mustard to improve diversity in the woodland.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



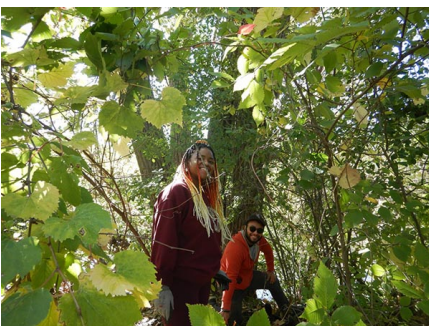
Buy a crowler for the river or join us in the Fair State taproom

Wednesday, June 8 draft night; all June crowler benefit

Fair State Brewing Cooperative, Minneapolis

For the month of June, every time you purchase a crowler in the Fair State taproom or online, 10% will be donated to FMR. Fair State will also host a draft night on June 8. Come by and chat with FMR staff over a drink! We'll receive \$1 from every top-brand draft pour.

[Learn more >>](#)



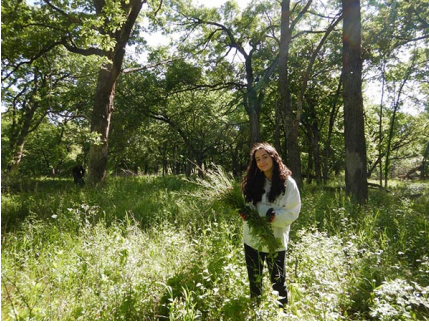
Plant shrubs along the shoreline at BF Nelson Park

Thursday, June 9 from 6-8 p.m.

BF Nelson Park near Boom Island, Minneapolis

Last fall, volunteers removed buckthorn from this beautiful shoreline. Now there are gaps in the woods ready to be filled with native grasses, wildflowers and shrubs that will create habitat at this park and protect its future.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Plant and tend the William H. Houlton Conservation Area
Saturday, June 11 from 9-11 a.m.
William H. Houlton Conservation Area, Elk River**

Help us restore one of the largest undeveloped riverfront properties between Elk River and Hastings. As we've worked to restore this area, we've seen an increase in bees, butterflies and small reptiles. Your work here will continue to improve habitat for wildlife.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Tend the pollinator gardens at Camel's Hump Park
Thursday, June 16 from 6-8 p.m.
Camel's Hump Park and Open Space, Cottage Grove**

Visit this stunning site with expansive bluff-top views of the Mississippi River Valley and tend the volunteer-planted pollinator patches — small gardens that provide much-needed concentrated habitat and resources for pollinators, birds and other wildlife.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**'Make & Take' Rain Barrel Workshop - Just \$40!
Tuesday, June 21 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

We are now taking reservations for [storm drain stenciling outings for groups](#) and our [DIY storm drain stenciling kits](#). This educational service activity is a great way to volunteer this summer.

[Sign up today >>](#)



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 >>](#)

Partner Events



Partner event: Remove buckthorn at Rambling River Park
Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Rambling River Park, Farmington

Join the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization and the City of Farmington to clear out invasive buckthorn around the Vermillion River, a cold prairie stream in the heart of Dakota County and a major tributary of the Mississippi.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Partner event: Mississippi River Network's River Days of Action
Tuesday, June 7 to Sunday, June 12
All along the Mississippi River

Join in as Network member organizations (including FMR) and community partners host online and in-person events all along our mighty river.

[Check out all the events and actions >>](#)



Partner event: Two Paddles' Mississippi River Paddle Party
Sunday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Coon Rapids Regional Park

Celebrate Mississippi River Paddle Weekend participants at the Post Paddle Party on June 12 (or register yourself to race by June 7). If you attend, look for our booth and say hello!

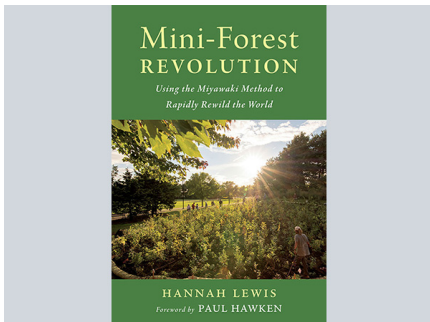
[Learn more and register to race or volunteer >>](#)



Partner event: Waterway cleanup with United By Blue
Tuesday, June 14 from 4-6:30 p.m.
Boom Island Park, Minneapolis

Meet United By Blue and Target for a fun-filled community cleanup event at Boom Island Park. Pick up litter and debris from the shoreline of the Mississippi River, then enjoy refreshments.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



Partner event: Mini-Forest Revolution book release
Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m.
Moon Palace Books, Minneapolis

"Mini-Forest Revolution" is about the movement to restore biodiversity in our cities and towns by transforming empty lots, backyards and degraded land into mini-forests. At the event, find out more about FMR's related work to advance habitat corridors and climate change resilience in our metro.

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