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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.



**James Rice Park Community Meetings**  
**Tuesday, March 1 at 5 pm**  
**Wednesday, April 6 at 5 pm**  
**Pryes Brewing Company, Minneapolis**

Join FMR and the North Loop Neighborhood Association for an evening imagining the future of the natural areas at James Rice Park. FMR is currently developing a 5-year, volunteer-centric plan to guide the restoration of this park, and we want input from the community.

[Register for either date \(or both!\) to get involved >>](#)



**Annual River Gorge Earth Day cleanup**  
**Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
**West River Parkway and 36th Street/44th Street in Minneapolis**

Join us for this Earth Day tradition in the Minneapolis River Gorge. All are welcome! This cleanup is a family-friendly event and an excellent opportunity to get outside and work together for the river.

[Learn more](#) or email Sophie at [sdowney@fmr.org](mailto:sdowney@fmr.org) to register groups of 10-20 people.



## Storm drain stenciling this spring and summer

If you think you'll be interested in our [storm drain stenciling outings for groups](#) or [DIY storm drain stenciling kits](#) this spring and summer, let us know! We'll be in touch when the snow melts and program reservations open up again.

[Sign up to be notified here >>](#)



## Take action for the river!

[Support ag-environment funds](#) in the House Climate Caucus proposal this legislative session. And Ramsey County residents, [urge permanent protection of the Maplewood grasslands](#), a special refuge for threatened birds.

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