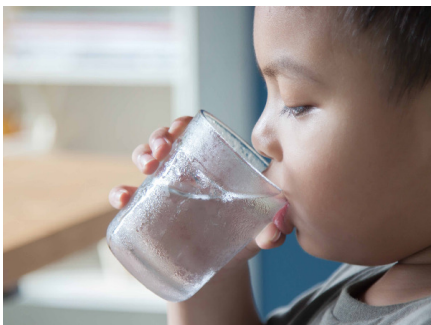


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[Our work takes place on the ancestral homelands of the Dakota.](#) Haha Wakpa, Misi-ziibi, Mississippi — the river we steward in Minnesota has long been stewarded by Native nations including the Dakota and the Ojibwe.



Take action for the river as the legislative session wraps up

- [Get the lead out of drinking water pipes](#), childcare centers and schools, products, tackle and ammunition
- [Support our top state legislative priority](#): funding for clean-water crops
- Prevent the expiration of [lottery funds for environmental projects](#)

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Help pull weedy invasive plants at St. Paul Park's Riverside Park

**Tuesday, May 17 from 6-8 p.m.**  
**Riverside Park, St. Paul Park**

Located along the backwaters of the Mississippi River, the 14-acre park hosts an array of native woodland plants including Dutchman's breeches, bloodroot and wild ginger. Help us maintain this vital habitat for wildlife along the Mississippi River flyway.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Pull garlic mustard at Cottage Grove Ravine Park  
Thursday, May 19 from 6-8 p.m.  
Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, Cottage Grove**

With 515 acres of hills and wooded ravines, a small lake and prairies, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park features a beautifully diverse landscape. We need volunteers to remove garlic mustard, making way for native woodland and savanna plants and habitat.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Remove garlic mustard at the river gorge sand flats  
Saturday, May 21 from 9-11 a.m.  
River Gorge Sand Flats, Minneapolis**

Join us for a morning at the Minneapolis River Gorge sand flats (sometimes called the Longfellow flats), known for their large sandy beaches and wonderful river-edge view. We'll remove garlic mustard to increase plant diversity there.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



**Enjoy the view and tend the prairie at Ole Olson Park  
Tuesday, May 31 from 6-8 p.m.  
Ole Olson Park, Above the Falls Regional Park, Minneapolis**

Tend an important native demonstration prairie garden along the bike trail at Ole Olson. The prairie beautifies the park, provides much-needed bee, butterfly and bird habitat, and reduces the amount of runoff and pollution flowing into the Mississippi River.

[Learn more and register >>](#)



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

To educate community members about the big possibilities around the future of locks and dams, FMR and several partners will host a series of walking, boat cruise, bike and kayak tours this summer. Participants will be asked to provide feedback to help us better communicate about this important but complex topic in the years to come.

[Apply for a summer 2022 focus group tour >>](#)



Partner event: Two Paddles' Mississippi River Paddle Weekend  
**Register now for the June 10-12 event**  
**On the Mississippi River with stretches from Brainerd to the metro**

Experience the joy of paddling on the mighty Mississippi! The Mississippi River Paddle Weekend includes five canoe and kayak races and a recreational tour — an event for every skill level.

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



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 >>](#)



Storm drain stenciling this summer

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

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



Join our summer career pathways program as an arts / sciences volunteer mentor

FMR's Environmental Stewardship Institute provides a 6-week paid summer job experience to a group of students, our ESI fellows, curious about environmental career paths. We're looking for professionals with arts or STEM backgrounds to mentor our fellows.

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