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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 and continues to be stewarded by Dakota and Ojibwe people.

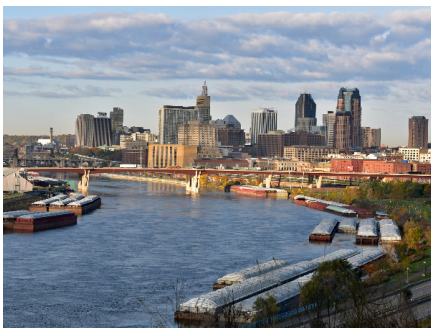
FMR Updates



Thank you for dreaming with us!

Thank you to over 250 river supporters who joined us for our first in-person fall gala in three years. Together we raised \$192,770 to help make these river dreams a reality.

[Check out our event recap >>](#)



St. Paul's new riverfront development rules move toward adoption

St. Paul's proposed riverfront development guidelines are the best we've seen so far. The city has included two specific elements that make them stand out above the crowd, including bird-safe measures.

[Urge city leaders to approve the new rules >>](#)



Activating youth leadership through water stewardship programming

Youth leaders at FMR hosted two educational events for our communities in the last few months, sharpening their leadership skills and engaging other young people in water stewardship activities.

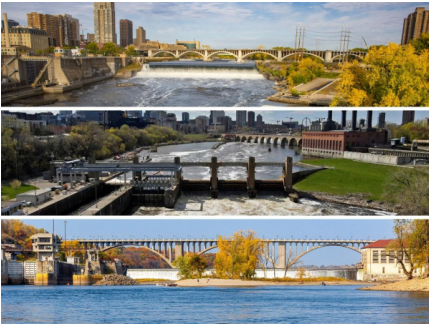
[See what it looks like when youth lead >>](#)



Minnesota's new climate goals are a great start — now it's time to follow through

State leaders now have to translate these newly announced climate goals into action. Here's how FMR's work could help make the framework a reality.

[Tell Gov. Walz you support the framework >>](#)



Meet our Twin Cities locks and dams

See a map of our three Twin Cities locks and dams, plus a timeline of when and why they were built, and find out why we may not need them anymore.

[Learn more as the conversation around dam removal begins >>](#)



An avoidable tragedy: When lead rounds kill twice

The National Eagle Center considers lead to be the biggest current threat to bald eagles — and these tragedies are entirely preventable.

[What to know as we near deer hunting season >>](#)



Where we work: Spring Lake Park Reserve

At Dakota County's Spring Lake Park Reserve along the bluffs of the Mississippi River, our oak forest and prairie restorations are home to more than 80 native plant species.

[Learn more and plan your visit >>](#)



Election 2022: Voting guide

Your choices determine the future of the Mississippi River and its watershed. From city council races to bids for Congress, the candidates you choose represent your views, your priorities and your hopes for the river.

[Everything you need to know to make your voice heard in the 2022 election >>](#)

Mississippi River News

Clean-water crops: Good for the environment and the economy

FMR loves the environmental benefits of [clean-water crops coming out of the U of M](#). But we're just as jazzed about the economic growth opportunities they open up. That market potential was on display during an event at PURIS' facility in rural Dawson, Minnesota, earlier this month. The pea protein company hosted a few state lawmakers to show off its revitalized plant that employs about 100 people, and to talk about the economic potential of a crop rotation that includes both peas and a winter annual crop (such as camelina, being developed by the Forever Green Initiative). Those crops "could be very interesting for us," PURIS CEO Nicole Atchison told the Marshall Independent.

[Read more from the Marshall Independent >>](#)

'Coordinated hunt for silver carp in Minnesota and Wisconsin comes up empty'

The DNR's most recent attempt to net some invasive carp in southern Minnesota didn't result in any catches — but we know that carp are still an urgent threat. A recent Star Tribune article shares more about the DNR's work. Read more about [why we're still worried](#). It's time for the state to take more effective action against invasive carp before it's too late for the Mississippi River and its connected waterways in Minnesota. [River Guardians](#), be on the lookout for opportunities to advocate for invasive carp prevention in the upcoming legislative session.

[Read more from the Star Tribune >>](#)

'A wetter world is changing farm country. Can growers adapt?'

Climate change is creating a shift in rainfall patterns for the Upper Midwest's Mississippi River watershed. Heavier rains and more rainfall overall translate to increased flow in rivers and increased runoff pollution all the way from where the rain lands to the Gulf of Mexico. This article investigates how farmers are looking to adapt in the face of intense rains, flooding and other effects. One part of the solution? Climate-smart agricultural practices including continuous living cover crops and systems.

[Read more from the Star Tribune >>](#)

Where to find fall colors in mid-October

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' official Fall Color Finder map has become a go-to resource for leaf peepers and autumn seekers each September and October. While much of the state is reportedly now past peak, you'll still find blazes of orange, red and gold in the Twin Cities at riverside parks like Fort Snelling State Park and Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area. And the bluff country along the Mississippi River south of the metro promises more fall colors for a little while longer.

[Check out the Fall Color Finder >>](#)

Conservation Corner



Fishing for fishers: FMR supports a new study

Why is the fisher expanding its range to the southern part of the state, including the Twin Cities? Why is its population declining? FMR is partnering on a the University of Minnesota study about this elusive member of the weasel family to help answer these kinds of questions.

[Learn more about fishers and where we're seeing them >>](#)

Upcoming Events



Stop by the taproom or patio at [Indeed Brewing in Minneapolis on Oct. 19](#) and raise a glass to the river. All net proceeds will be donated to FMR.

The Army Corps is hosting [one more forum on Oct. 25](#) regarding the future of Twin Cities locks and dams. See you there!

Join us for our last volunteer stewardship event this year — a [brush haul at Pine Bend Bluffs Natural Area on Oct. 29](#).

[Check out our full events calendar >>](#)

Supporting FMR



Double your impact Nov. 1-17

When you give during Give to the Max, a generous river benefactor will match your gift dollar-for-dollar until we reach our \$10,000 goal!

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