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



**Longfellow Community Council's River Gorge Festival**  
**Saturday, September 11 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm**  
**35th & West River Parkway, Minneapolis**

Come for the free ice cream, canoe rides and live music, and stay for walking tours of the nearby oak savanna restoration led by FMR staff and our volunteer Gorge Leadership Team.

[See you there >>](#)



**Plant trees and shrubs at Gores Pool WMA**  
**Saturday, September 18 - 9:00am to 12:00pm**  
**Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Hastings**

Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is 6,459 acres of floodplain forest, marshland, winding backwaters and lush green islands along the Mississippi River and Vermillion River Bottoms. Volunteer for one of our first public events there in years.

[Learn more](#) or email Sophie at [sdowney@fmr.org](mailto:sdowney@fmr.org) to register.



## Our Healing River: An Evening Celebrating the Mississippi River

**Thursday, September 30, 7:00pm**

**Online only — registration is now open!**

Join us virtually from the comfort of your home for an evening of healing river stories, a fun river-themed online auction, and interactive opportunities to support our critical mission.

[Register today >>](#)



## Oak woodland brush haul + lunch

**Saturday, October 9 - 9:00am to 12:00pm**

**3M's oak woodlands, Cottage Grove**

FMR has worked with 3M to preserve and restore the oak woodlands at their Cottage Grove facility near the Mississippi River. Former buckthorn thickets are now home to wildflowers and wildlife, connecting adjacent natural areas to form part of a green corridor in southern Washington County.

[Learn more](#) or email Sophie at [sdowney@fmr.org](mailto:sdowney@fmr.org) to register.



## Pine Bend Bluffs brush haul + celebration

**Saturday, October 30 - 9:00am to 12:00pm**

**Pine Bend Bluffs Natural Area at the Flint Hills Resources property**

Tend one of the largest and most diverse native ecosystems left in the metro area, which is only accessible to the public for special occasions like this annual restoration and celebration event.

[Learn more](#) or email Sophie at [sdowney@fmr.org](mailto:sdowney@fmr.org) to register.



## Looking for BIPOC events?

**Sign up now through the fall**

If you identify as a Black, Indigenous or Person of Color (BIPOC), and would like to be notified of upcoming tree plantings, bird hikes and other FMR and partner outings by and for BIPOC people, [let us know!](#)



**Stencil storm drains with water quality messages  
Any time now through mid-October  
St. Paul streets**

Protect our river by stenciling storm drains with the message "Keep 'em clean: Drains to River." You can check out our DIY kit for up to a week to mark St. Paul storm drains on your own time with friends or family.

[Reserve a DIY stenciling kit >>](#)

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