



MISSISSIPPI MESSAGES



First look: FMR and partners unveil new low-carbon transportation bill at the Capitol

We think a Clean Transportation Standard could do more to protect the Mississippi River than almost any other single piece of legislation in the last 15 years.

[Learn why the CTS is a major FMR legislative priority.](#)



DNR sues Minneapolis over riverfront development rules

A proposed home on the edge of an erosion-prone bluff would break the rules Minneapolis adopted to protect the river. But the city approved the plan anyway, setting a concerning precedent.

[Read the latest update.](#)



Got plans for Earth Day?

Earth Day is right around the corner. Join us for our annual cleanup in the Minneapolis river gorge on Saturday, April 20. You can also sign up to advocate at the Capitol or volunteer at restoration sites this spring.

[Five ways to celebrate with FMR.](#)



FMR in DC: Reflections from a whirlwind week in the nation's capital

Grassroots Organizing Coordinator Maddie Miller shares what it was like advocating for the Mississippi River alongside coalition partners in D.C.

[What we discussed with federal lawmakers.](#)



What will the warmest winter on record mean for wildlife?

We won't know for a while. We *do* know that record-breaking warmth and a lack of snow cover got in the way of typical winter tasks for wildlife habitat restoration. Luckily, our ecologists like challenges.

[How this warm winter affected restoration \(and how we adapted\).](#)



How we're moving clean-water crops forward

At the Capitol this session, we're advocating for critical investments to cover research gaps and equipment at Forever Green, plus more support for local businesses nurturing clean-water crops.

[Why this kind of support is important.](#)

What you can do



Stencil storm drains this spring

Protect our river by stenciling storm drains with water quality reminders. You can [check out a DIY kit](#) to mark St. Paul storm drains on your own time with friends or family OR [sign up for a group outing](#) with FMR staff.

[Learn more and sign up](#)



Join us for volunteer stewardship events

It's almost garlic mustard season! Sign up now for spring events, including:

- [Garlic mustard pull at Pine Bend Bluffs on May 14](#)
- [Garlic mustard pull at the river gorge sand flats on May 25](#)

[See our calendar](#)



Work with us this summer

We're hiring a [summer field ecology intern](#) to work with our Conservation team.

We're also looking for volunteer [mentors for our summer youth program](#).

Mississippi River news

'It's time for a Clean Transportation Standard for Minnesota'

In this opinion piece, FMR's policy advocate and our colleagues at Fresh Energy and Conservation Minnesota make the case for a [Clean Transportation Standard for Minnesota](#) this legislative session. We have the opportunity to take "our most significant step ever in reducing climate change emissions from two of our state's most challenging sectors."

[Read more from MinnPost.](#)

'Discussions grow in Minnesota over increasing invasive carp'

Hundreds of invasive carp were caught near Winona in December. Last month, the DNR caught 83 more. FMR's Colleen O'Connor Toberman stresses the importance of acting now to stop the spread of these fish. That's why we're advocating at the Capitol for funding to [build a deterrent this year](#).

[Watch at KIMT.](#)

Exciting new Kernza products unveiled (including a world's first)

Patagonia Provisions' [new pasta line](#) is the first in the world to be Regenerative Organic Certified — and it uses Kernza grown in Minnesota. [The company says](#) the Kernza grain came from A-Frame Farms in Madison ([which we've written about before](#)). In other Kernza news, the [Mankato Free Press spotlighted two local businesses](#) that recently debuted Kernza products, LocAle Brewing Co. and River Rock Bakery.

[Full list: Where to buy food and drink made with clean-water crops.](#)

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Together we can make a meaningful impact, strengthening [resilience to climate change](#). Your donations, no matter the size, help us advocate for solutions, restore habitat and work with the next generation toward a brighter future for the river and our communities.

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[Our work takes place on Dakota homelands.](#)

Haha Wakpa, Misi-ziibi, Mississippi — the river we steward in Minnesota has long been stewarded and continues to be stewarded by Dakota, Ojibwe and other Indigenous people.



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