

## Protecting Land & Restoring Habitat

An important element in FMR's goal of improving the Mississippi River is partnering with landowners to restore, enhance and protect natural areas within its metro area watershed. We assist landowners by developing Natural Resource Management Plans, act as an advisor as they pursue permanent protection for their property, and organize and manage on-the-ground habitat enhancement and restoration activities.

The Natural Resource Management Plans are an important first step in restoring habitat and serve as a guide for restoration activities. In 2011, FMR completed plans for 9 sites, as well as an exotic invasive plant survey and plant inventory maps for several other sites. FMR also managed on-the-ground restoration and enhancement activities at 10 sites, totaling over 250 acres that included prairie, forest and oak savanna ecosystems.

Perhaps the most crucial step in the long-term survival of important natural areas is to permanently protect them, and this takes a varying amount of time, depending on how far along the landowner might be in the decision-making process. In 2011, two projects that FMR played key roles in were completed. Together, these projects added over 100 acres of permanently protected land to the Hastings Sand Coulee Scientific and Natural Area in Dakota County and brought the total acres in this SNA to over 260 acres.

## Water Quality & Watershed Protection

FMR is working closely with citizens, government agencies, and nonprofit partners on several longer-term initiatives to promote significant water quality improvements in the Mississippi River watershed. We are playing a strong leadership role in a number of vital water quality projects, programs, and coalitions throughout the state. In 2011, our work in this area included:

- Efforts to ensure that the Mississippi River Sediment Clean Up Plan (TSS TMDL) results in measureable reductions in sediment pollution in the Mississippi River watershed.
- Chairing the Minnesota Environmental Partnership's Water Cluster, a collective of water-related organizations pooling resources and working together to protect and preserve our State's water resources.
- Growing the Blue Star Award Program, the state's only award program for excellence in stormwater management, which honored its 13th community in 2011.
- Advocating for the development of strong river nutrient standards for the Mississippi River.

FMR is also actively participating in several major water quality related projects and stakeholder advisory groups working to address major water quality issues, including:

- The Mississippi Makeover Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Minnesota Minimum Impact Design Standards Work Group
- MPCA Municipal Stormwater Permit Stakeholder Group
- Environmental Initiative Agricultural Leadership Dialogue Group

In addition, in partnership with the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area, FMR is developing the State of the River Report. This report, due for release

in September 2012, will measure the status and trends of key indicators of the health of the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities. The report will increase public awareness about the range of factors affecting river health, and build public support around priorities for action to protect the river and its watershed.

## River Corridor Advocacy

In 2011, FMR's advocacy for new riverfront rules had to switch to a defensive strategy. Thanks to strategic lobbying, citizen organizing and Governor Dayton's veto pen, we were able to prevent a repeal of the state's rulemaking authority that FMR and so many others fought to put in place. The repeal would have nullified \$350,000 in Legacy funds that were spent to develop the draft rules in 2010. New rules are critical to protecting the scenic, natural and cultural values of the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities. FMR is in this for the long haul, and we will continue to advocate for rule adoption in 2012 and beyond if necessary.

Much of our local corridor work focused on planning for a major expansion of riverfront parkland. In addition to playing a key role on several park planning task forces and committees, FMR provided extensive input and written comments on two landmark efforts – Saint Paul's "Great River Passage" Master Plan and Minneapolis' "RiverFIRST" vision for the river north of downtown. Both plans call for acquisition and development of extensive and largely continuous parks and trails along 17 miles of river in St. Paul and 5.5 miles in Minneapolis.

2011 also saw Minnesotans become increasingly concerned about Asian Carp. These invasive fish are voracious feeders that can literally starve out native fish and cause major ecosystem disruption. FMR is working with non-governmental organizations, the National Park Service, Minnesota DNR, Minnesota Congressional staff, State and City officials and numerous other parties to develop and implement a plan to stop Asian Carp from wreaking havoc in Minnesota's treasured lakes and rivers as well as the state's billion dollar fishing and recreation economy.

## Community Stewardship and Engagement

FMR works with area residents across our program areas, and is expanding the opportunities we offer to engage new communities and bring greater diversity to our education and volunteer activities. New projects that started in 2011 or are in the works for 2012 include community outreach and stewardship sites along the river in north and northeast Minneapolis, the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood in Minneapolis, St. Paul's East Side and south Washington County.

In addition to continuing our robust schedule of events for the general public, we are expanding our work with youth, especially in the East African and Hmong immigrant communities in the urban core, to connect youth to their environment and help them protect it.

In 2011, FMR engaged 2,560 volunteers who contributed 9,245 hours toward our work! Thank you to all who were part of that effort! In addition, 749 people participated in educational and interpretive events to enjoy and learn more about their local river and its watershed.

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Last year's Mississippi River Challenge brought 360 paddlers and over 150 volunteers to the river to enjoy two days of fun on the river through the Twin Cities. High water that was running faster than it usually does in late July caused us to scramble to beat paddlers to each stop, but we made it! A huge thanks to all who paddled, volunteered and pledged!

In 2012, to do our part to slow the spread of Asian Carp, we have a new day-one route through the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Fort Snelling State Park on the Minnesota River. We also added a half-day paddle to the mix for families and others who may be unable to do one or two full days.

Come join the fun and explore the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers in the Twin Cities!

[www.mississippiriverchallenge.org](http://www.mississippiriverchallenge.org)

**Paddle! Pledge! Volunteer!**

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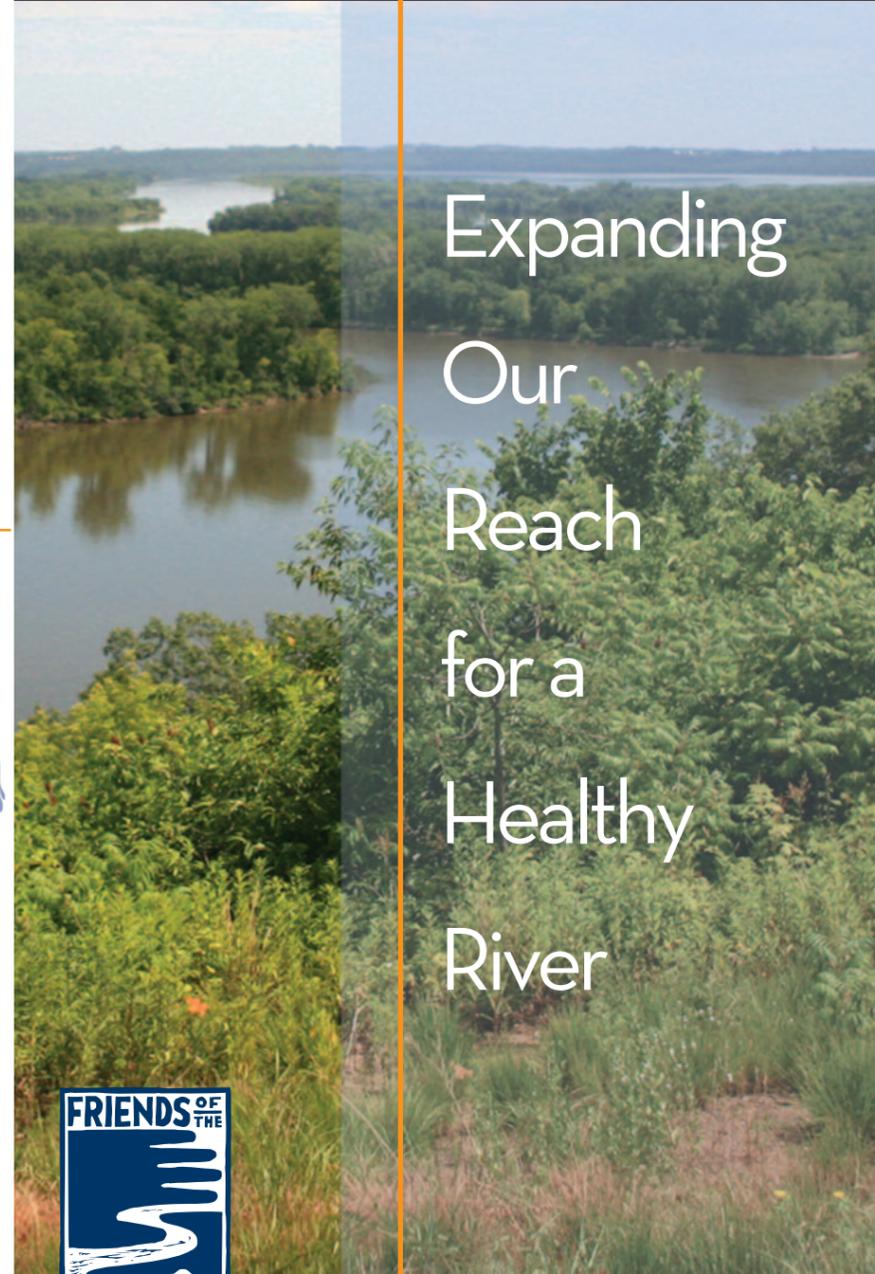
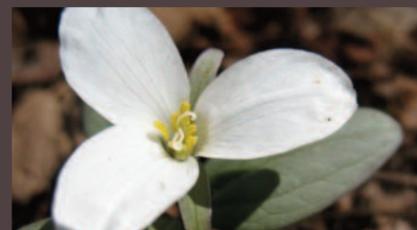


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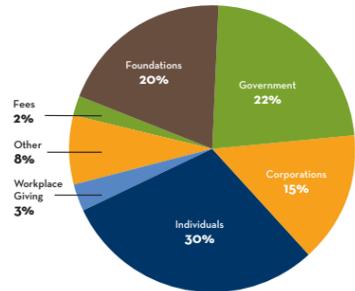
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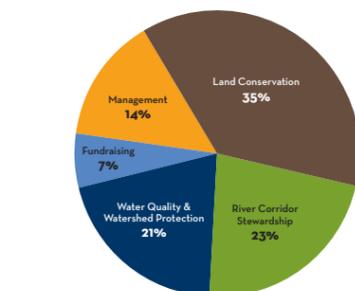
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Foundations	234,837
Government	268,138
Corporations	177,536
Individuals	352,622
Workplace Giving	33,587
Other	94,121
Fees	22,435
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,183,276</b>



## Expenses

Programs	
Land Conservation	426,399
River Corridor Advocacy & Stewardship	283,474
Water Quality & Watershed Protection	256,519
Fundraising	81,957
Management	184,422
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,232,771</b>



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Buck Hill, Inc.  
City of Rosemount - SKB  
Cottage Landscaping  
Doc Enterprises  
Dunn Brothers  
Estuary Bath & Body, LLC  
Flint Hills Resources  
Griz Construction, Inc  
Highview Alternative  
Hoigard's  
Inner Circle Fitness, LLC  
J & R Radiator Corp  
Lakewinds Natural Foods  
Loring Pasta Bar  
Marksman Metals Co., Inc.  
Mississippi Market  
NorthWest Canoe  
Ottogawa-Anschel  
Design-Build, LLC  
Patagonia - St. Paul  
Pentair Foundation  
RBC Wealth Management  
REI  
REI Medical, Inc  
Skylark Cleaning, LLC  
T.W. Lang & Associates, Inc.  
Twin Thousand Villages  
United Parcel Service  
Xcel Energy Foundation

### GOVERNMENT

Capital Region Watershed District  
City of Cottage Grove  
City of Rosemount  
City of Saint Paul  
Dakota County  
Lower Phalen Creek Project  
Longfellow Community Council  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund-LOCMR  
Mississippi National River & Recreation Area  
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
Outdoor Heritage Fund-Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
Heritage Council  
Rice Creek Watershed District  
Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

### IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

3M Corporation  
Mary Adamski, Anne Hanley & George Skinner  
Aggregate Industries  
American Canoe Association  
Tony Andrea & East Side Productions  
Applied Energy Innovations  
Aveda  
The Bakken Museum  
Susan & Joel Barker  
Bending Branches  
Big River Magazine  
Billy's On Grand  
Blue Plate Restaurants  
Lonnie Broden  
Bruegger's Bagels  
Bryant Lake Bowl  
Calhoun Beach Framing  
Capitol Region Watershed District  
Joshua L. Cunningham  
Dunn Bros Coffee  
Ecopolitan  
Steve Eggers  
Everest on Grand  
Fabulous Catering  
French Meadow Bakery and Cafe  
Galactic Pizza  
Peter Gove  
Heartland Restaurant and Farm Direct Market  
The Herkimer Pub & Brewery  
Diane & John Herman  
Chris Higgins  
Historic Fort Snelling  
History Theater  
Hoigard's  
The Hub Bike Coop  
Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse  
Illusion Theater  
Kellybot  
Magers and Quinn Booksellers  
Maynard's  
Midway Party Rental  
Midwest Mountaineering  
Minnesota Institute of Arts  
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
Minnesota Monthly  
Minnesota Opera  
Mirasol Farm  
Mission American Kitchen  
Mississippi Market  
Mississippi River National River and Recreation Area  
Mother Earth Gardens  
Muffuletta  
Paradise Charter Cruises  
Park Square Theater  
Parkway Plaza  
Peace Coffee  
Penguin & Fish  
Punch Pizza  
Red Stag Supper Club  
REI  
Renaissance Festival  
Sales Advertising  
The Shiny Lights  
Surlly Brewing Co.  
Thousand Hills Cattle Company  
Twin Cities.com-Pioneer Press  
Underground Printing  
Upper River Services, LLC  
The Vagary  
Valley Fair  
Vertical Endeavors  
Wenonah Canoe-Current Designs  
Wild River Outfitters  
Wilderness Inquiry



# Dear Friends,

Friends of the Mississippi River marked 2011 with striking successes and dramatic challenges. We are encouraged by the enthusiastic support of the community, evidenced by a growing base of program participants, volunteers and donors. Over 3,600 members and volunteers participated in our programs in 2011 and individual giving increased to a new high.

Through our land protection initiatives we conducted restoration and enhancement activities on 250 acres and assisted in the addition of over 100 acres to the Scientific and Natural Area system. Our water quality work is active and strong. Community engagement in re-imagining the St. Paul and Minneapolis riverfronts has inspired enthusiasm for renewal.

Early in 2011, concerns arose about several invasive Asian Carp species. By the fall of 2011, discovery of DNA markers in the region heightened these concerns. A new era of species management has begun that will have broad implications for shaping future use patterns for the river.

We were encouraged and heartened by the recognition of Philanthropedia, which in December named Friends of the Mississippi River one of the top nonprofits in the Minnesota environmental community. Their survey of 178 experts in the field recognizes the success of our enduring leadership priorities.

Through an outstanding year, FMR's efforts continued, often with new challenges. Our work owes its success to the dedication of our community of volunteers, supporters and staff who share a passion and vision for this treasured resource. Our work together will ensure a future for the river that is healthy and scenic both above and below the water line.

Sincerely,

*Perry H. McGowan*  
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Chair, FMR Board of Directors

