



PROTECT YOUR RIVER

Your city is making new rules for land use and development along the Mississippi.

Our local national park

The Mississippi River is a natural, cultural and historic wonder that helps define our metro area.

Its 72-mile stretch through the Twin Cities, the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area, is also a national park afforded special protective policies. Local cities are responsible for managing land use and development within it.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

While the new state rules are a big improvement, residents and elected officials play a significant role in how they're locally adapted and applied.

Sign up to be a River Guardian at fmr.org/advocate and we'll let you know when your city is developing their rules and how you can weigh in for the river.

You'll receive invitations to:

- FMR workshops to learn more
- Quickly and easily contact your elected officials
- Speak at a public meeting
- Submit written comments or sign a petition
- Engage your friends and neighbors

A chance to write the rules

At the direction of the Legislature, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources adopted new science-based rules for the river's designated critical area.

Starting in 2020, each of the 25 cities and townships in our 72-mile metro river corridor will update its ordinance accordingly.

This will be an important tool for city officials and communities who want to shape the river for years to come.

And you can help make your community's river rules even stronger.

Questions?

Contact FMR
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Engaging people to protect, restore and enhance the Mississippi River and its watershed in the Twin Cities region.

What we do at Friends of the Mississippi River

Conserve and restore land and habitat



Paul Raymaker

Protect water quality by shaping policy



Tom Reiter

Advocate for access and community input



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Steward and educate about the river



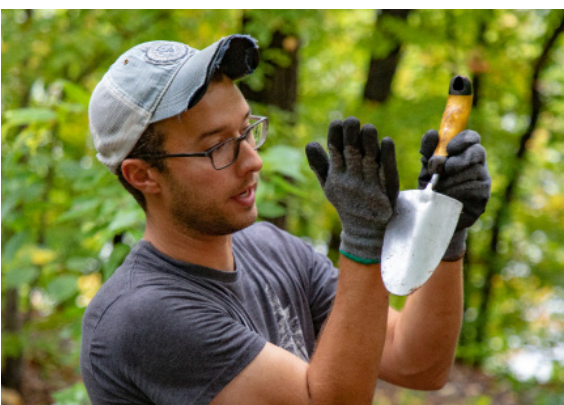
We work with public and private landowners, government agencies and concerned residents to protect critical lands and improve climate resilience through technical assistance, management planning, and hands-on habitat restoration.

Water quality continues to be one of the most pressing concerns for the Mississippi River. We activate people and build partnerships to influence public policies that impact the health of the river's water.

Within local river communities, we support grassroots advocacy and assist decision-makers to ensure that the essential values of public access, scenic views, equity and environmental quality are respected.

We connect youth and adults from diverse communities throughout the metro to the river through 100-plus habitat restoration and education events annually, helping thousands of volunteers and students protect local waters and wildlife.

Join us for classes and events



From native prairie plantings to rain barrel workshops, we are proud to offer over 50 high quality public volunteer habitat restoration and educational activities a year. Most are:

- conveniently scheduled — typically two hours in length, weekday evenings or Saturday mornings
- all-supplies-provided
- family-friendly
- in beautiful parks and preserves important for our waters, wildlife and communities

No experience is required. Please note that FMR events fill quickly. Sign up and find more info at fmr.org/events.