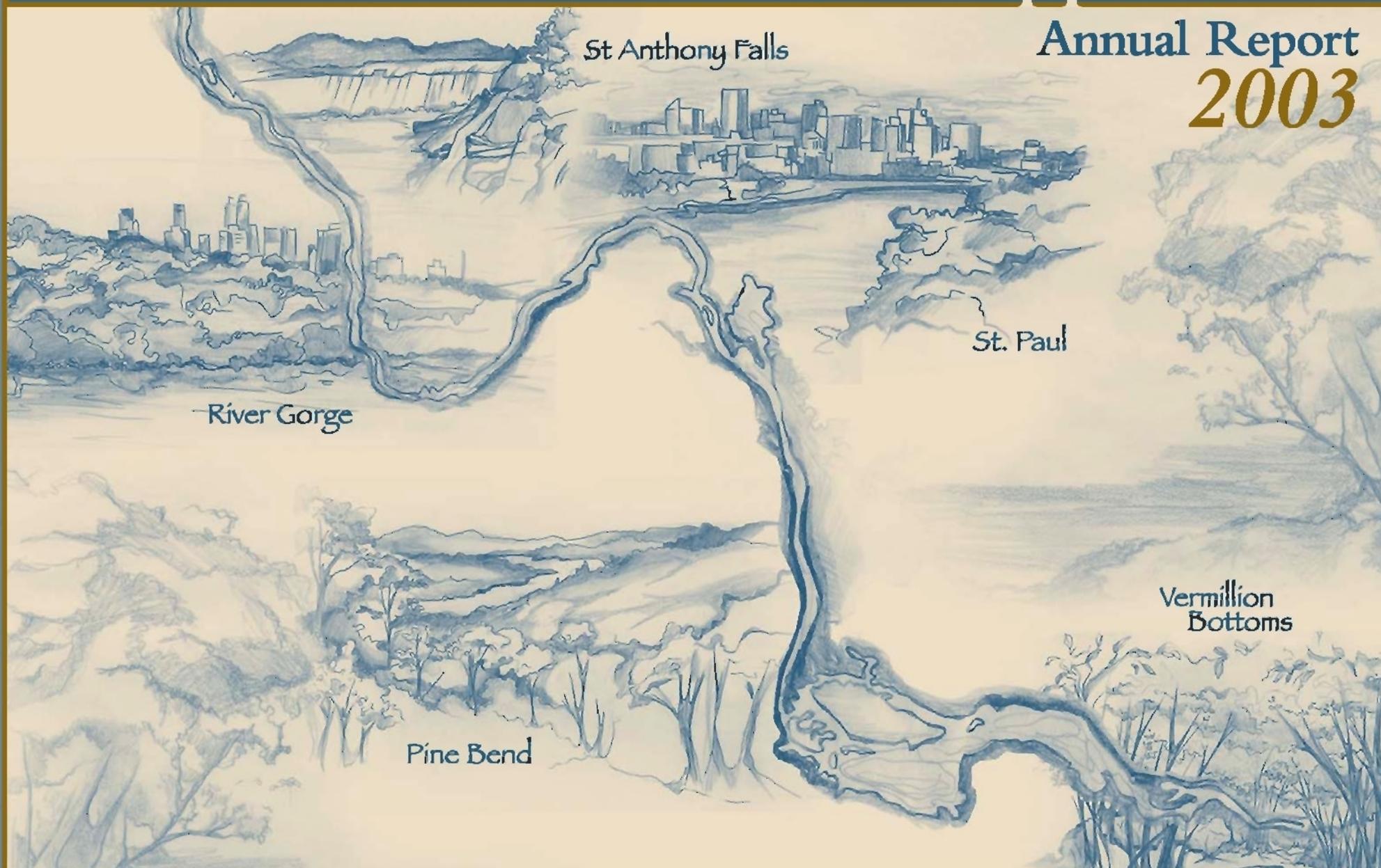


Friends of the Mississippi River

Annual Report
2003



Protecting and improving the Mississippi River and its watershed in Minnesota's Twin Cities



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Dear Friends:

Perhaps the foremost goal of Friends of the Mississippi River is to instill in citizens a deep and abiding love for the great river. Once people have that passion, they can put it to good use in many ways that foster the health of the river. To accomplish that goal, FMR's Board of Directors must also be good stewards of the long term health of the organization.

Like many non-profits, we began 2003 with budget anxiety based on the predictions of many that foundation and individual giving and public spending would dip deeply, leaving many organizations little choice but to retrench and reorganize. Despite such forecasts, our Board of Directors approved a visionary expansion of FMR's services and programs and adopted a development plan to fund the expansion.

With the generous assistance of so many Friends of the Mississippi River supporters, we actually exceeded our goal and grew our programs by 65% over 2002. This accomplishment is directly attributable to the growing realization that the Mississippi River can and must be protected and improved, to a dedicated staff who work tirelessly to implement our programs, and to a Board of Directors committed to strategically targeting finite resources to where they can have the greatest impact.

In 2003 we also developed the framework for the HealthPartners Mississippi River Challenge, scheduled for August 7th and 8th of 2004. This exciting initiative is expected to enlist over 300 paddlers for a two-day journey from Coon Rapids to Grey Cloud Island. We expect to attract significant media attention, involve hundreds of volunteers and raise new revenues for river improvement.

Many of our new initiatives in 2003 and continuing on into 2004 are focused on conserving riverfront land and restoring fragile riverbanks. As Canadian writer Lynn Noel noted, "the river moves from land to water to land, in and out of organisms, reminding us what native peoples have never forgotten: that you cannot separate the land from the water, or the people from the land." We have also expanded our focus to the Vermillion River and Rice Creek Watersheds, in an acknowledgment that health of the Mississippi River's water is greatly affected by the creeks and streams that flow into it.

I hope our annual report will give you a clear sense of the scope of our work as well as our passion to protect and improve the Mississippi River. On behalf of FMR's board and staff I would like to extend our appreciation to our many friends who have supported our work with your ideas, volunteer work, and contributions and by participating in our programs.

Warm regards, Phil Riveness, *Chair, Board of Directors*



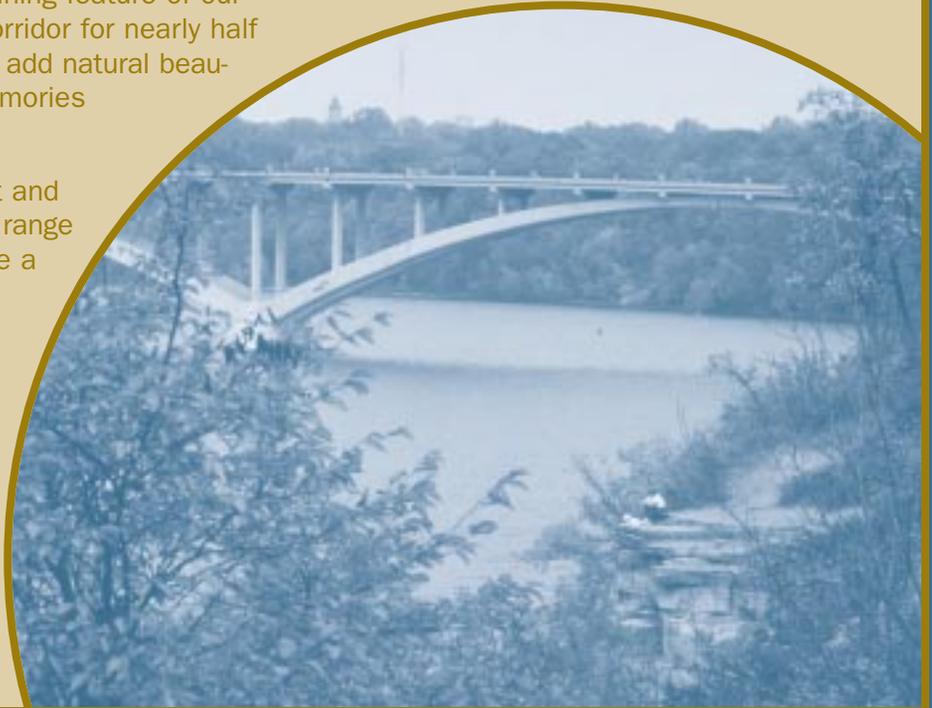
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Mississippi River is one of our greatest assets. This defining feature of our landscape provides much of our drinking water and is the migration corridor for nearly half of the continent's birds and waterfowl. The green parks along the river add natural beauty and vitality to our communities, and generations have treasured memories of exploring this natural wonder in our back yard.

Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) was founded in 1993 to protect and improve the river and its watershed in Minnesota's Twin Cities. A wide range of supporters and thousands of citizen volunteers are helping us make a difference in the health of its river, working in three strategic areas.

Conserving riverfront land

Land along the Mississippi River and its tributaries provides habitat and affects water quality. When land is conserved and restored to its original state as a prairie, wetland or forest, birds and fish can thrive and the river's water remains healthy and clean. FMR works with state agencies, local governments and private landowners to protect critical lands. We also carry out dozens of on-the-ground restoration projects each year on both public and private land.



Protecting and improving water quality

Minnesotans care deeply about the health of our water — in fact, water quality is consistently documented as citizens' number one environmental concern. Despite this, most decisions that affect water quality are made with little or no civic participation. To help people become engaged in this often complicated issue, FMR works on public education and volunteer campaigns around local water resources. We are also working to create forums for people to speak out about and help shape local decision-making around water quality.

Stewarding the river's cultural and recreational values

The Mississippi River is a large and colorful part of our history and a critical part of our future. FMR works with communities to promote land use decisions that celebrate, not degrade, the ecological and cultural value of the river. We provide information and forums that help local citizens become river stewards, and our fun, educational events offer still more ways to engage in the life of the river.

LANDOWNER PROFILE: Harry & Patty Benjamin

Harry and Patty Benjamin's 19-acre property is situated on the bluffs above the Mississippi River just west of Hastings. Harry's father purchased the property in 1927, and used half of the land for raising corn and hay. Though his father worked in town managing a phone company, Harry remembers that as a child they always "had a few cows." After living in Eagan for years, Harry returned to his boyhood home, and is now working with FMR to restore a former farm field to its native prairie.

Though he had been toying with the idea of restoring the land, Harry became serious about it after meeting with FMR's restoration ecologist, who laid out the steps involved in the process. The Benjamin's decision to take action to improve their land was based on a desire to create better habitat for the many birds and other animals that travel along the Mississippi. "There was still hay on our land from twenty-five to thirty years ago," he said. "By converting the field back into prairie we are recreating what was here a century ago or more."

With FMR providing technical assistance and project oversight, the Benjamins did much of the site preparation and seed installation themselves and are now looking forward to enjoying the sight of birds, wildflowers and prairie grasses.

Funding for this project was recommended by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources from the Minnesota Future Reserves Fund as part of the Metropolitan Wildlife Corridors Project and Big Rivers Partnership.

Working with riverfront land owners

Much of the most pristine riverfront land left along the Mississippi is privately owned, often by people with a strong concern for the health of the river. FMR reaches out to riverfront landowners and helps connect them to the technical assistance and funding they need to protect their property and maximize the habitat and water quality benefits.

Thanks to the successful Dakota County referendum that FMR helped pass in 2002, new funding became available through the Farmland and Natural Areas Program to assist conservation-minded landowners interested in permanently protecting their property by selling the development rights. In 2003, FMR's conservation staff contacted 65 landowners in Dakota County to raise awareness and understanding of the Farmland and Natural Areas Program. FMR also continued our efforts to involve landowners in our Heritage Land Registry. The number of landowners involved in the registry is growing consistently, and FMR is working with many of these committed citizens to plan and implement projects that improve the ecological health of their land. The number of landowners involved in the registry is growing consistently, and FMR is working with many of these committed citizens to plan and implement projects that improve the ecological health of their land.

There are now 45 landowners and 2,274 acres enrolled in FMR's Heritage Land Registry



Harry Benjamin played an active role in prairie restoration on his property



Expanding the Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)

Eighteen acres of beautiful oak woodland and savanna have been added to the Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) as a result of FMR's 2003 efforts. The acquisition, which was made by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Trust for Public Land, was the culmination of several months of negotiation that began with landowner meetings convened by FMR. The permanent protection of this land not only protects the health of the river, it will provide visitors with some of the most breathtaking panoramic views of the river in the Twin Cities. The Pine Bend Bluffs SNA was officially dedicated in 2004.

This new part of the Pine Bend Bluffs SNA boasts some of the most breathtaking panoramic views of the river in the Twin Cities.

Trust gift creates lasting legacy

Dwight Malcolm had the vision and foresight to protect his 50 acres of Mississippi River bluffland in Inver Grove Heights before he died in 2001. In December 2003, an innovative provision in his estate resulted in the donation of more than \$200,000 to FMR to fulfill his desire that his land be “maintained in a natural state for the benefit of wildlife and any visitors.”

Malcolm's father purchased the property in 1918, and over the years the Malcolm family farmed portions of the land and left the forested hillsides untouched. Today, the land is a rare high quality natural area along the river in the Twin Cities. As Malcolm wished, the family sold the land to the DNR in 2002 and it is now part of the new Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area (SNA).

Funds from the Malcolm Trust will be used by FMR to carry out activities that include removing exotic invasive woody plants in the forested portions of the property, restoring natural communities to areas that were previously farmed and providing educational information for visitors to the Pine Bend Bluffs SNA. FMR thanks the Malcolm family for their stewardship and generosity — their actions are truly a model for how landowners can create a natural legacy for the benefit of our environment and future generations.



The late Dwight Malcolm and his sister Mayjel Anderson.

Restoring riverfront land

FMR works with landowners, government officials, community members and other stakeholders to restore the vibrant prairies, shorelines, bluffs and forests that are part of our natural river ecosystem. Restoration is a multi-step process that involves establishing management plans, leveraging funds for implementation and carrying out on-the-ground restoration work, which often involves a large volunteer component. Some 2003 highlights are included here. In 2003, FMR conducted a total of 21 restoration projects on 483 acres of key river area land. Through this work we are creating improved habitat for a diversity of wildlife, including numerous rare plant and animal species. Some highlights of our work in 2003 are included here.



Mississippi River Gorge –

FMR leads an array of restoration projects through our Gorge Stewards program. In 2003, we held 13 restoration events at six different sites, which included a sand flats/floodplain forest area, blufftop oak woodlands and maple/basswood forests, blufftop prairies, and a remnant prairie and oak savanna in Minneapolis. *Funding partners: DNR, Gannett Foundation, Longfellow Community Council, Seward Neighborhood Group and Recreational Equipment, Incorporated*



Katharine Ordway Natural History Study Area –

FMR helped to organize a volunteer event that restored a 1-acre wetland with 1,600 new native plants. *Funding partner: Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (through the Big Rivers Partnership)*



Wiklund Property – FMR has been working with this private landowner to protect and restore a 25-acre high quality natural area in Rosemount. Our 2003 efforts focused on restoring 8 acres to its native prairie. The land is adjacent to more than 100 acres of oak woodland, but it is also in the middle of an area that is urbanizing very rapidly. By conserving this land, FMR will be helping to create an important connection in a greenway stretching to the river in northern Dakota County. *Funding partner: DNR Metro Greenways Program*



Benjamin Property –
See landowner profile, page 4.



Empire Waste Water Treatment Plant – Empire Waste Water Treatment Plant – Owned and operated by the Metropolitan Council, this property includes more than 400 acres of land at the crux of a wildlife corridor along the Vermillion River in Farmington. An important part of FMR's work here has involved restoration of a 50-acre wet meadow, a rare type of wetland. In 2003, FMR also helped stabilize more than 1,000 feet of severely eroded streambanks along the Vermillion River, which is one of the few remaining trout streams in the Twin Cities. Project partners used a variety of techniques to reduce erosion, including re-shaping steep banks, installing rock weirs to protect banks from high flows, installing lunger structures (wooden frames that have the added benefit of providing fish habitat), and re-planting native plant species that will develop extensive root structures to hold exposed bank soils in place. Volunteers helped with many activities, including planting willow and dogwood stakes for additional stabilization. *Funding partners: DNR Aquatic Plant Restoration Grant, Metropolitan Council*



RESTORATION 2003



3M Property – FMR drafted a natural resource management plan for a 200-acre portion of 3M's Cottage Grove facility that includes recommendations for restoring the health of remnant native prairie and controlling exotic invasive species in existing woodlands. We hope to begin implementation of the management plan in 2004.
Funding partner: 3M



Flint Hills Resources – FMR has continued to conduct restoration activities in partnership with this corporation, which owns high-quality bluffland along the river near Rosemount. After five years of active restoration, the land is showing visible signs of improvement. In 2003, our efforts focused on 100 acres of prairie, bluffland and savanna where we conducted prescribed burns that suppress invasive species while invigorating native prairie plants, stimulating seed germination and improving wildlife habitat. We also removed 15 acres of buckthorn and worked with Great River Greening to organize a volunteer event powered by more than 100 people.
Funding partners: Flint Hills Resources, Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (through the Big Rivers Partnership), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation



Hastings River Flats – A former petroleum tank farm on the Mississippi River, this area is an important ecological and recreational asset for Hastings and people from across the Twin Cities. FMR is working with Hastings officials and others to restore this 210-acre site to a combination of floodplain forest, mesic prairie and wet meadow, which provides habitat for shorebirds. In 2003, our efforts included a volunteer event that involved local high school students and others in planting 300 new wetland plants along the shores of the adjacent Lake Rebecca. We also seeded 32 acres with native prairie seeds.
Funding partner: North American Wetland Conservation Act



Sand Coulee – FMR conducted restoration activities in the 60-acre coulee, a prairie remnant that is home to rare plants and animals including the blue racer snake. FMR organized a volunteer seed collection event at this site, located in Marshan Township near Hastings, and prepared to launch implementation of expanded restoration activities in 2004.
Funding partner: DNR Metro Greenways Program

VOLUNTEER PROFILE:



Lou Ann Keleher

Master gardener and “buckthorn buster” Lou Ann Keleher has been working with FMR on Gorge Stewards projects since early 2002. A resident of Minneapolis’ Seward neighborhood, Lou Ann has participated in twelve Gorge Stewards events, co-leading two buckthorn removal projects and helping as a guide at a plant identification hike in the section of restored oak savanna near the Longfellow neighborhood. Lou Ann has also adopted a section of trail in the Seward neighborhood, which she routinely monitors for exotic species, graffiti, signs of erosion, and litter.

Living just a half block off the river for 25 years, Keleher has seen first hand how the native plants are being taken over by buckthorn. She worked for years with the Seward Environment Committee to keep their stretch of the river as natural and protected as possible. Keleher says FMR’s staffing and energy have helped enliven neighborhood efforts to protect the gorge. “We did our neighborhood bit and had started to run out of money, energy and enthusiasm,” she said. “Working with FMR and the Park Board, we are connecting up with others to work on a riverwide effort that goes beyond neighborhood boundaries.”

Mississippi Gorge Stewards

The Twin Cities is home to the only true gorge on the entire Mississippi River — a stunning natural feature and riverfront park in both Minneapolis and Saint Paul. FMR works to protect and improve the gorge area by teaming with local neighborhood groups to build an organized network of river protection stewards. Initiated as a partnership with Minneapolis’ Longfellow neighborhood, our Gorge Stewards program now also includes cooperative efforts with Minneapolis’ Seward and Prospect Park neighborhoods as well as the Merriam Park, Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods in Saint Paul. Our Gorge Stewards work is also coordinated with parks agencies and other natural resources partners.

Volunteer training and events are central aspects of Gorge Stewards. In 2003 we completed 28 Gorge Stewards events that involved nearly 1,000 community members in the life of the river. As part of this project, 800 hours of work were carried out by 349 volunteers. Projects included monitoring trails, picking up trash and ecological restoration.

Also in 2003, FMR piloted an innovative intergenerational stewardship project that forged a new partnership between FMR, Minnehaha Academy, and residents of nearby Becketwood, a retirement community on West River Parkway in Minneapolis. FMR made presentations about the gorge to Biology and Environmental Science classes at Minnehaha Academy, then organized a series of stewardship events with the students and Becketwood residents. Events focused on pulling out invasive garlic mustard plants in the sand flats near 34th Street and removing buckthorn at the top of the bluffs near West Mississippi River Parkway. In all, the events involved nearly 100 teenagers and senior citizens.

More than 60 volunteers joined FMR at a June event to clean up trash along the Mississippi River gorge.



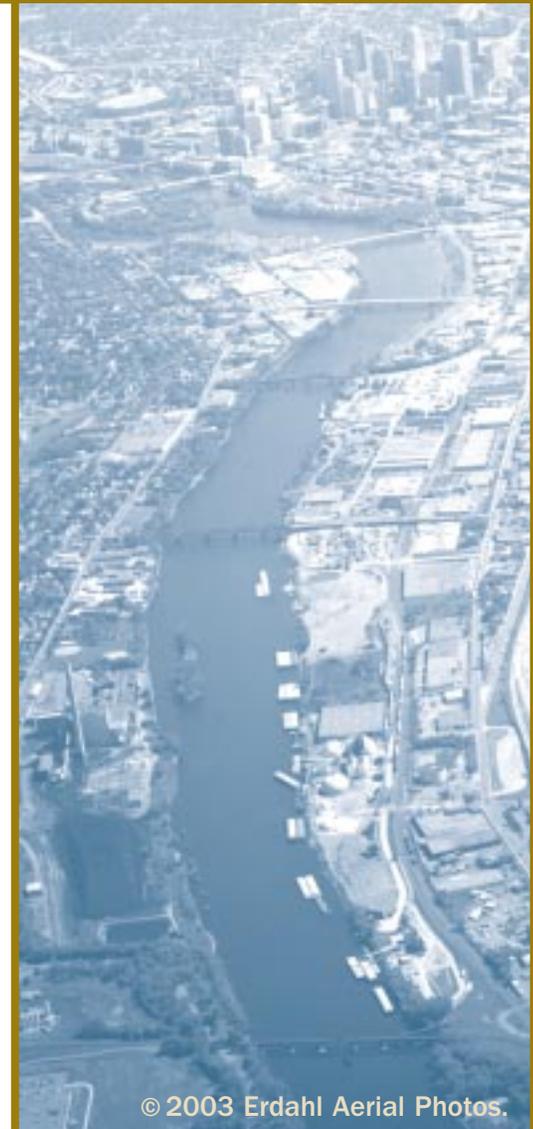
Helping communities embrace the river

The Mississippi is an enormous asset for the communities it touches on its way through the Twin Cities. FMR works with cities and citizens to transform areas along the river that were once used for industrial purposes, and acts as a “river watchdog” to prevent or alter projects that would compromise the health of the river. A key aspect of our work is to bring together river stakeholders to determine how land can be redeveloped to maximize habitat, protect water quality and create a place of value for surrounding residents and businesses.

In Minneapolis, FMR has provided long-term leadership on efforts to move from industry to parkland along the river north of St. Anthony Falls. We played a central role on the Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee and initiated a series of design workshops to plan the future of the Upper Harbor Terminal, located on the west bank of the river in north Minneapolis. FMR partnered with American Rivers and the City of Minneapolis to launch this project, which resulted in a feasibility study and a set of design recommendations for redeveloping the area as riverfront parks and housing. Recommendations will be released in 2004.

In the City of Rosemount, FMR is helping to plan an interpretive trail that will connect the city’s downtown to the river at the west end of Spring Lake Park, where trail users can access hiking trails to the river or the planned county bike trail along the river. Along the way, the trail will travel along areas of restored native prairie and oak savanna and feature interpretive signs that highlight the area’s fascinating local history and ecology.

In St. Paul Park and Grey Cloud Township, FMR is working as an advocate and resource for a partnership effort to protect a pristine backwater bay from a massive development plan. As proposed, the development would destroy important remaining open space, impair views to and from the river and degrade habitat, including bald eagle nesting sites. The development is not consistent with existing laws and would require a Critical Area designation change, setting a dangerous precedent.



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"The upper harbor terminal opportunity is one of those rare chances that come along every decade or so to dramatically redefine a key part of Minneapolis. Our work with Friends of the Mississippi River will allow us to begin realizing the potential of this stretch of the Upper Mississippi waterfront."

- Minneapolis Mayor R. T. Rybak

River tours and events

One of the best ways to inspire commitment to the Mississippi is to provide opportunities to get out and enjoy this wonderful resource. Each year FMR offers a variety of educational events on the river and its tributaries in the Twin Cities. In 2003, our interpretive events included birding hikes at Schaar's Bluff and North Mississippi Park, a wildflower walk at Grey Cloud Scientific and Natural Area, a "bird's eye view of history" talk at Mounds Park and a paddle from Elk River to Anoka. More than 250 people took part in these tours, and more than 400 paddlers joined us for our Sixth Annual Mississippi River Canoe Adventure.



FMR's Special Places Tours provide opportunities for wildlife spotting and interpretation of the river's ecology and natural history.

Coming in 2004!

 HealthPartners®

Mississippi River Challenge

August 7-8
2004

Paddle it. Protect it.

Join Friends of the Mississippi River for a fun and challenging two-day expedition on one of the world's great rivers! Participants will canoe or kayak 44 miles through the heart of the Twin Cities from the Coon Rapids Dam to Grey Cloud Island while raising money to support protection of the river. The HealthPartners Mississippi River Challenge promises a unique excursion: pass through locks, paddle with voyageurs and camp overnight inside Historic Fort Snelling! Participate in the only pledge event of its type in the upper Midwest. To discover how you can paddle, volunteer or sponsor a team, visit the event website at:

www.mississippi-river-challenge.org



Water quality education

FMR works in a number of arenas to educate and involve people in improving local water quality. FMR's Storm Drain Stenciling Project offers a fun and easy way for volunteers to get involved in stormwater pollution education by painting local stormdrains with the message: "Please! Don't Pollute! Drains to River." This program engages volunteers from a range of organizations, including scouting groups, public and private school students, community groups, and church youth groups. In 2003, FMR worked with more than 2,500 volunteers to mark nearly 5,000 storm drains in Minneapolis, St. Paul, South St. Paul, West St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights. FMR also visited numerous classrooms in seven St. Paul Public Schools, either to follow up on the stenciling service project or to introduce a series of lessons that will culminate in stenciling next spring.

In 2003, FMR also convened a series of workshops on "watershed friendly" lawncare and co-presented a natural gardening workshop to an evening class at the Hmong American Partnership, using a Hmong interpreter. The workshop included detailed information about household hazardous waste disposal, fishing restrictions and safe fish cleaning techniques. FMR also worked with the Hmong American Partnership to provide water quality information in English language classes. We look forward to continuing our work to reach out to the Twin Cities' growing Hmong community.

FMR Online

FMR's website and electronic newsletter are important channels of information on the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities. In 2003, FMR added several new features to its website, which now includes a growing amount of information on our work and events. By the end of 2003, about 9,000 visitors each month found information at www.fmr.org, an increase of nearly 50% since the end of 2002. Look for handy tips, educational information and updated ways to get involved in river tours, outings and plantings. In 2004 we will be adding a new online field guide to special places along the river. The guide will provide an in-depth look at the ecology, history and stewardship opportunities in the Mississippi River Gorge, Pine Bend Bluffs, Vermillion River Bottoms and other local riverfront natural areas. FMR's monthly email newsletter, Mississippi Messages, provides a wealth of river information and updates on FMR's programs to more than 2,000 subscribers.



More than 400 young people from all over the state came together for a 4-H conference at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds to learn about leadership and community involvement. Many of the young people participated in stenciling service projects with FMR.



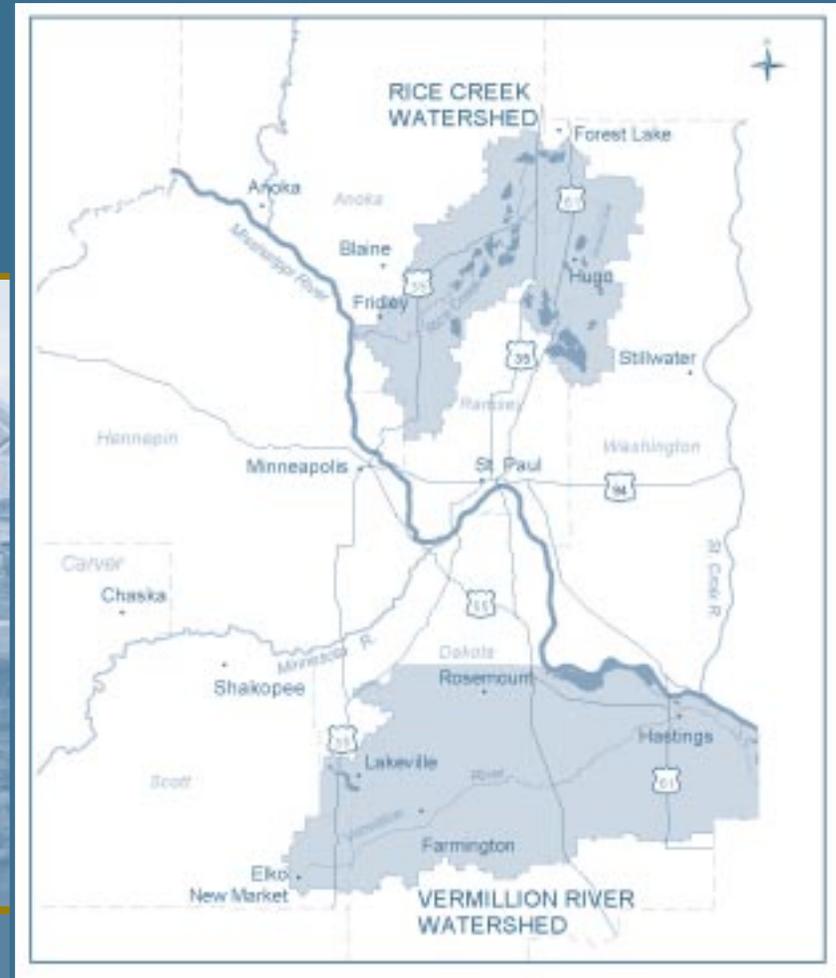
Check out our website, and sign up to receive Mississippi Messages, by visiting www.fmr.org.

Watershed Initiative

The many tributary creeks and streams that flow through the Twin Cities add to our quality of life and play a crucial role in determining the health of the Mississippi River's water. Many people feel connected to their local water resources, but all too often, the planning, zoning and land use decisions that affect local water quality are made with little or no citizen involvement.

FMR's new Watershed Initiative was launched in the fall of 2003 to combine our proven strategies of grassroots advocacy, land conservation and public education with a finely-tuned focus on tributary watersheds in the fast growing fringes of our metropolitan area. Through this new initiative we will provide the information, forums and tools needed to help community members shape decisions about development and water quality, and help people become effective water quality stewards as volunteers and landowners.

After extensive research, FMR decided to concentrate on the Rice Creek and Vermillion River watersheds as our pilot project areas. Both watersheds are in sections of the Twin Cities that are experiencing rapid urbanization, and our work will create a model that can be used by other communities striving to accommodate growth while protecting water quality and preserving open space.



The populations of both the Rice Creek and Vermillion River watersheds are expected to nearly double by 2030. Poorly planned development can lead to increased phosphorous and pesticide pollution, severe erosion and failing septic systems, which result in water that is unsafe for swimming.

The Vermillion River Watershed encompasses 335 square miles including a large portion of Dakota County and part of Scott County. One quarter of the watershed is fully developed, half is rural and the remaining quarter includes the fast-developing communities of Lakeville, Farmington and Rosemount.

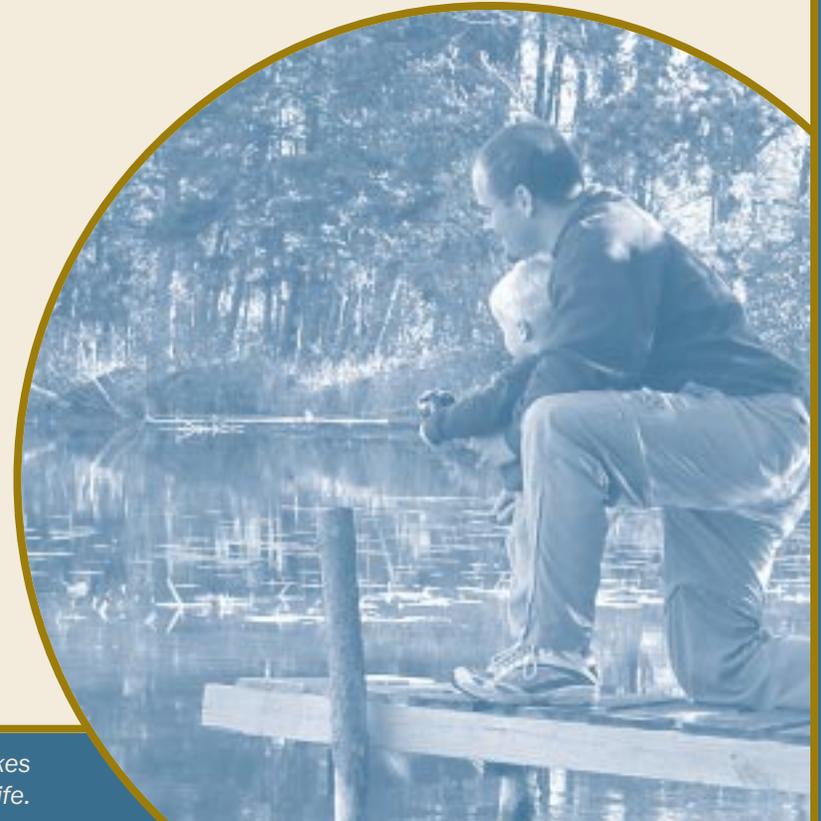
The Vermillion River itself has two distinct identities. Above Hastings, it flows through prairies and has high-quality, cold water habitat that makes it one of the top trophy trout streams in Minnesota. Below Hastings, the river plunges over a falls and through a gorge then spills out onto the Mississippi River floodplain, where it becomes a warm water fishery that mingles seasonally with the larger river. In its lower reaches, bacteria from leaking septic systems and other sources have made the Vermillion River unsafe for recreation. Contamination problems were vividly illustrated recently when 17 of a 20-member kayaking group became ill after paddling below Vermillion Falls.

FMR has worked in this area for a number of years, and our upcoming goals include establishing a continuous greenway along the Vermillion River, addressing the septic system problems that contaminate the lower river with fecal coliform bacteria, improving groundwater quality and promoting development standards that feature low-impact development and protection of water resources.

The Rice Creek Watershed encompasses 201 square miles including parts of Washington, Ramsey and Anoka Counties. Approximately 40% of the watershed is fully developed, 25% of the watershed could be characterized as “developing,” and the remainder is undeveloped or rural. Located at the edge of the Twin Cities, many communities in this watershed are now bracing for the next wave of metropolitan expansion.

The watershed includes a wealth of ecological resources, including Hardwood and Clearwater Creeks, White Bear and Bald Eagle Lakes, and the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, which enters the Mississippi River in Fridley. In addition to providing important habitat, lakes in the Rice Creek Watershed supply the City of St. Paul with much of its drinking water. Unfortunately, several of these lakes are listed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as impaired due to bacteria.

Because this is a new geographic focus area for FMR, much of our work to date has consisted of developing partnerships with the Rice Creek Watershed District and other stakeholders, and planning initiatives to engage local landowners and citizens in water quality improvement efforts.

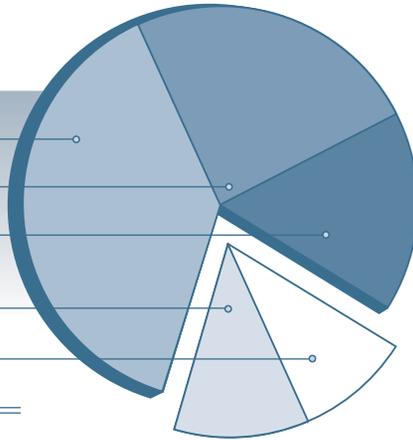


FMR is working to engage local citizens in protecting the lakes and streams that add to their quality of life.

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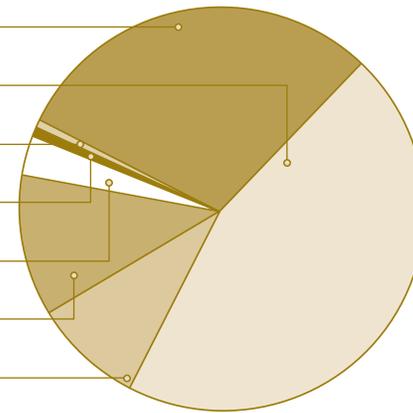
EXPENSES

Program	\$	%
Land Conservation	\$295,641	38.5%
Water Quality	\$184,645	24.0%
Sense of Place	\$126,394	16.5%
Fundraising	\$ 84,605	11.0%
Management	\$ 76,859	10.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$768,144	



REVENUE

Foundations	\$236,031	29.7%
Government	\$363,061	45.6%
Other	\$ 3,818	0.4%
Fees	\$ 7,025	0.8%
Workplace Giving	\$ 25,194	3.2%
Individuals	\$ 89,353	11.2%
Corporations	\$ 70,927	8.9%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$795,409	



Financial Numbers from an audit conducted by Judd, Ostermann & Demro, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants.

Grants, contributions and contracts

FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- American Rivers
- Augsburg College
- Ben & Jerry's Foundation
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- Bush Foundation
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- Ecolab Foundation
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- Gannett Foundation as recommended by KARE 11
- Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation
- McKnight Foundation
- Minnesota Environmental Partnership
- Northern Environmental Support Trust
- Patrick & Aimee Butler Family Foundation
- River Network
- Unity Avenue Foundation
- Eco Education
- Minnesota Native Plant Society

- Metropolitan Council - MetroEnvironment Partnership Program
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Prairie Stewardship Program
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Environmental Community Partnership Program
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Metro Greenways Program
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Aquatic Plant Restoration Grant
- Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
- North American Wetland Conservation Act
- Seward Neighborhood Group
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

IN-KIND SUPPORT

- Aarcee Recreation
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- SteppingStone Theatre
- Summit Brewing Company
- Surdyk's
- Trotters Café and Bakery
- University of MN Press
- Welch Village
- Wild Mountain Ski Area
- Wild River Outfitters
- River Network

CORPORATIONS

- 3M
- A Fine Grind Café
- Consentia Health
- Flint Hills Resources
- Center Point Energy/Minnegasco
- Noran Neurological
- Peregrine Capital Management
- Recreational Equipment, Incorporated
- Summit Brewing Company
- Wild River Outfitters

GOVERNMENT

- City of Rosemount
- City of Saint Paul Public Works
- Dakota County Environmental Education
- Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources - Big Rivers Partnership
- Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources - Farmland & Natural Areas Project
- Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources - Metropolitan Wildlife Corridor Project
- Longfellow Community Council
- Metropolitan Council - Environmental Services

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