

Master Water Stewards

Community Leadership for Clean Water

Hello Stewards! The weather is still warm and our waters still need protecting. See volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and water-friendly jobs below.

We Need Your Help!

As our 2016 program year is winding down, we are looking to recruit our next round of stewards.

The 2017 program year will start in October, so now is the time to find our new stewards. Talk to your neighbors, family, coworkers, and other community members about your experience as a Master Water Steward. Send them to masterwaterstewards.org for more info and to apply. Encourage them to attend an information session at one of these times:

Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

August 23 - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District & Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

August 30 - Northfield (Just Food Co-op)

September 6 - MCWD & Mississippi Watershed Management Organization & Capitol Region Watershed District & Faribault Parks and Recreation

September 20 - Freshwater Society

September 27 - City of Eagan Maintenance Facility

Your stories are the most effective tools in helping us recruit - thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities

State Fair

Volunteer with Metro Watershed Partners at the State Fair! Housed in the Eco Experience building, the Eco-Action booth features a suite of "StormDrain Goalie" outreach tools: a photo booth linked to social networking sites; an interactive iPad game; multimedia kiosks; StormDrain Goalie air hockey; and portable, museum-quality Exhibits-in-a-Box. **Volunteers get a StormDrain Goalie T-shirt and a ticket to the fair!**

Learn more and sign up for a shift [here](#)

Fulton Fall Festival

MCWD is in need of **2 Master Water Stewards** to staff a table at the Fulton Fall Festival on **Saturday Sept 10 (11 am to 3 pm)** at Pershing Park (3523 W 48th St,

Minneapolis). MCWD will provide you with the supplies and messaging for the event. You will be educating festival attendees on watersheds, stormwater and pollutants, and things people can do to help protect water quality.

For more info or to sign up contact [Sarah Fellows](#)

App Development

Partake in an interview with St. Thomas students to help develop an app! Freshwater Society is partnering with a UST class to help design a volunteer reporting app for Master Water Stewards to record hours. Provide thoughts and ideas about what you would find most helpful. The interviews will take place September 26 at 3:25 pm on campus. Email [Alex](#) if you are interested!

Upcoming Events

This Weekend!

Saturday August 13, 3-5 pm

Magic in the Roots! Metro Blooms Fundraiser

- \$10 at-the-door donation - all are welcome
- Silent Auction
- Purchase plants, art and craft (20% of purchase donated)
- Music provided by "Square Roots"
- Food, homemade kombucha, wine and local beer
- A \$1 for \$1 donation match by hostess board member to \$5000
- Mingle with twin cities green industry leaders

RSVP and more info [here](#)

Sunday August 14, 10 am

Tune up your canoe, kayak, or paddleboard and head on over to Excelsior for a friendly race out around Big Island and back. The race starts near the swim area at Excelsior Beach Park. The goal is to get paddlers of all ages and skill levels out on Lake Minnetonka for a great community summer event and raise money for a couple of worthy causes.

Don't miss the after-party at Excelsior Brewing Company beginning at 11AM for refreshments from Joey Nova's, music, and of course - beer! Awards and door prizes at 12 noon, with guest emcee Belinda Jensen from KARE11!

Register and find more [here](#)

AIS Research and Management Showcase

Monday, September 12, 8:30-4:00

U of M Continuing Education and Conference Center

Get your questions about aquatic invasive species answered with presentations about the latest MAISRC research on zebra mussels, invasive plants, spiny waterflea, invasive carp, harmful fish diseases, and more. Interact with faculty and researchers over lunch as they share the latest about their work. If you wish, take a tour of the newly renovated lab and get an inside-peek at research projects in action.



Learn more and register [here](#)



Clean Water Summit

**Thursday, September 22, 9-4:30
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum**

This year, participants will take part in presentations and case studies that showcase how green infrastructure practices were incorporated into urban redevelopment and retrofit sites, including what it took to overcome barriers and achieve local buy-in

and acceptance.

Learn more, see a list of presenters, and register [here](#)

Minnesota Water Resources Conference

**October 18-19
St. Paul RiverCentre**

The Minnesota Water Resources Conference presents innovative, practical, and applied water resource engineering solutions, management techniques, and current research about Minnesota's water resources. The conference provides an opportunity to address: 1) lessons learned from the implementation of engineering projects, 2) best practices discovered in the design and application of water resource management techniques, 3) implications of water policy decisions, and 4) research into current and emerging issues. The conference facilitates interaction among engineers, water resources managers, researchers, and local, state, and federal agency staff.



Find more info [here](#)

Water-friendly Job Listings

Ecologist/Project Manager

This position is a part of a team of ecologists at Great River Greening, who each execute and manage individual projects and collaborate on larger projects and

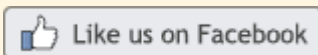
events. Projects may include bank and slope stabilization, natural areas restoration, ecological inventories, and restoration planning. While there are many applicable backgrounds, we would prefer someone who has, in addition to habitat restoration, experience in working lands practices and/or agricultural landowners to promote rural land and water conservation practices.

The deadline to apply is August 12, 2016. To view the full job posting and learn how to apply, visit www.greatrivergreening.org/ecologist.

Check out our [calendar](#) to stay up to date on Master Water Stewards events!

Questions? Contact Alex at avanloh@freshwater.org

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