

Master Water Stewards



Community Leadership for Clean Water

Hello Stewards! Spring is in full swing and our waters need your help! See volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and water-friendly jobs below.

Minnehaha Creek Clean Up

July 24th is the 10th annual Minnehaha Creek Clean Up. There will be three main locations this year: Lake Hiawatha Park, St. Louis Park, and Minnetonka. Help clean the creek in the morning and celebrate the day at lunch afterward! You can find more information about the day [here](#).

Following the cleanup, there will be a free barbecue lunch at Lake Hiawatha Park and, for those 21 or older with a valid ID, free Leinenkugel's beer (limit of two per person). There will be prizes for kids and adults, music, educational activities for all ages, canoe and paddleboard rides and more!

Stewards are utilized as super volunteers for the day and sign up with a unique registration link at minnehahacreek.org/stewards



The Water Underground

The Freshwater Society's Groundwater Report is complete! Learn about the issues facing our cities' groundwater supplies [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

JUNE

- **WATERFEST Saturday, June 4, 11 am-4 pm, Phalen Regional Park, 1600 Phalen Dr, St. Paul**

WaterFest is a free family festival celebrating our clean lakes. It offers fun and an opportunity for outdoor hands-on learning about clean water, wildlife, and land and water conservation.

Volunteers are needed to help with activities and exhibits. To register to volunteer or for more information: www.rwmwd.org/waterfest

- Talk to people about how to keep our waters healthy at a MWS booth at the **Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest on June 8 at Minnetonka City Hall, 3-7pm**. There will be representatives from a variety of programs and organizations including Master Naturalists and Wild Ones. Represent the MWS and have a fun afternoon/evening interacting with community members. Reply to avanloh@freshwater.org if you're interested in volunteering.
- **Eagan's LakeFest 2016** is a free public lake festival on **Saturday June 11th from 10am to 2pm at Trapp Farm Park in Eagan**. It will focus on fishing, lake and watershed health, water safety, and other environmental themes. There will be Cajun music, a food truck, art project, maybe face painting, live aquatic invertebrate demo, possibly live animal demo, water rescue boats, lots of informational booths... etc. MWS will have a table with information on the program and about how people can help improve water quality. Reply to avanloh@freshwater.org if you're interested in volunteering.
- **June 16, Tenant Company, Golden Valley**. Each year, The Tenant Company hosts a Sustainability Expo for their employees to learn how to improve their lives at work, at home and in the community. They show off new equipment and innovations that offer environmentally friendly cleaning solutions to our customers. They want Master Water Stewards to host a table with info on things like stormwater management, conservation, raingardens, etc. Contact avanloh@freshwater.org with interest.
- **Metro Blooms is seeking volunteers to help with raingarden installs on June 20th - 23rd** in the Greater Longfellow Neighborhood. Volunteers will be excavating M - Th and planting on Th evening. The hours are 8am - 4pm divided into am and pm shifts. You will be guided by landscape architects and stormwater experts. Scheduling is flexible and volunteers can work as little a half day or the entire time if they want. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for volunteers. Please contact laura@metroblooms.org with interest.

WATER HISTORY PROJECT

- We are looking to partner with the Minnesota History Center on a project focused on historical information about our waters. If you have an interest in history and it would benefit a project you are currently working on, or have been thinking about starting, to partner with the history center please contact Deirdre. We can also help formulate your project idea!

Upcoming Events

Planning for Water Webinar and Speaker Series #1



Join MWMO May 24 for the first of their [Planning for Water](#) webinar and speaker series! Earn certification maintenance (CM) credits by viewing the American Planning Association's webinar, [Environmental Systems, Assessment, and Carrying Capacity](#). Then, stay for a round of the Watershed Game!

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: MWMO Stormwater Park and Learning Center ([directions](#))

Schedule:

- 8 a.m. - Continental Breakfast and Networking
- 8:30 a.m. - APA Webinar (1 CM credit)
- 9:30 a.m. - Watershed Game
- 10:30 a.m. - MWMO site tour (optional)

What You Can Do For Pollinators: Creating a Pollinator Friendly Garden Habitat

Presented by: Heather Holm
Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point
12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, 55346
[+ Google Map](#)



Local author and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District resident Heather Holm will present "What You Can Do For Pollinators: Creating a Pollinator Friendly Garden Habitat". You will learn about the types of native pollinators that visit our gardens and how we can foster all parts of their life cycles, including providing food, water and nesting habitat. The top native plant species for pollinators will also be discussed.

Please RSVP to gzembal@ninemilecreek.org or 952-204-9691.

This event is held in conjunction with Putting Down Roots Exhibit Opening from 6:00-8:00 PM. Join the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District at our Open House event for Putting Down Roots. Come see the evolving artistic fiber representation of plants that are beneficial for a healthy environment made by residents from all over the Twin Cities metro area! More info: www.mwmo.org/pdr



Master Water Steward Happy Hour & Brainstorming Session

Tuesday May 24 5:00 to 7pm
Common Roots Café, Community Room
2558 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55405
<http://commonrootscafe.com/>

5:00pm to 5:45pm - Come to socialize and share what you have been up to
5:45pm to 6:30pm - Brainstorm water quality action campaigns ideas & resources for 2016

6:30pm to 7:00pm - More socializing on the outdoor patio

- Bring photos of your current projects to share.
- Wear your Master Water Stewards shirt if you like.
- Bring examples of props, outreach flyers, newspaper articles, if you have them.

Please RSVP if you can join us online at <http://goo.gl/forms/FJwM6YmnjL>

Climate Generation Summer Institute

June 21-24, 2016

Macalester College, St. Paul

Registration \$150

26 Clock Hours

Lodging On Site (fee)

2 Graduate Credits available (fee)

This year features an impressive lineup of speakers who will address the current state of climate change education and climate science, and give you the background you need to answer tough questions like, "How do we know this is happening?" Hear from nationally renowned scientists Dr. Ben Santer and Dr. Robert Jacobel about their efforts in climate change research, ranging from writing the IPCC report to researching ice cores in Antarctica.

In addition to the keynote speakers, there will be daily hands-on activities and field trips offered to research sites and districts around the metro area already making strides in climate change solutions.

Freshwater Society will run a workshop on stormwater management as a climate change solution on the last day. **Sign up or spread the word to educators of all kinds!**
Learn more and register [here](#)



Water-friendly Job Listings

Minnesota GreenCorps Member

Minnesota GreenCorps is an [AmeriCorps](#) program, coordinated by the MPCA, which places AmeriCorps members with organizations around the state to spend 11 months, beginning September 14, 2016, addressing environmental issues and building community resilience. More information on the program is available [here](#).



A summary of the 40 service positions is available [here](#). In addition to gaining valuable skills and experience in the environmental field, members receive a living allowance,

an offer of health insurance, and loan forbearance. Upon completing the program, participants receive an Education Award which can be used to pay off qualified student loans, or to finance future education.

Applications accepted through June 3, 2016.

This program is a great chance to serve the community, protect our natural resources, and gain professional experience. **Spread the word in your circles!**

Operations Manager at Waterfront Restoration

Waterfront Restoration, an innovative, fast-growing company, is now accepting applications for the Operations Manager. This new position requires an individual who is a self-starter, strategic problem solver, multi-tasker of a variety of functions and who can motivate the staff to do their best. You will have the opportunity to improve, build and sustain the day-to-day operations. You will have the opportunity to make an immediate impact as part of an entrepreneurial, growing company. Learn more [here](#).

Stormwater Tech Position in Faribault

The City of Faribault is currently accepting applications for the position of Stormwater Tech I. This is a shared position within the City's Public Works - Utilities Department (Stormwater, Water Supply, and Collections Systems). While the individual will gain experience in many facets of operation of the City's utility infrastructure; the position would be heavily involved in regulatory enforcement of construction projects, illicit discharge detection and elimination activities, and operation and maintenance of the stormwater conveyance system (including structural stormwater BMPs). The full job posting and applications may be found at: www.faribault.org

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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