

LCMR Southeast Site Visits
Wed., Oct. 12 and Thurs., Oct. 13, 2005
Agenda

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Wednesday, October 12, 2005

- 8:30 a.m. Bus departs State Office Building
(Peggy Booth, Al Singer, Wayne Sames and possibly Bill Becker will be on bus to direct us to first two stops.)
[Directions: Get on I-94 east to south US 52. Stay on US 52 through Rosemount. Take Hwy. 46 exit at Coates. Turn left (south) onto County Road 81 for about ½ mile. Turn right (west) on 170th St. East and travel west for 2 miles. Turn left (south) on Annette Avenue (unmarked) and proceed for about 1 mile to the crest of the hill.]
- En route **Peggy Booth**, DNR, Project Manager for Metro Corridors, will present background information on the Metro Wildlife Corridors Partnership.
2005 LCMR Project, Metropolitan Wildlife Corridors, Phase II - \$3,530,000, Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.
2003 LCMR Project, Metropolitan Wildlife Corridors - \$4,850,000, Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Wayne Sames**, DNR, Local Grants staff, will present background information on the State Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) Fund.
2005 LCMR Project, LAWCON Federal Reimbursements, \$1,600,000.
- 9:20 a.m. Stop 1: Vermillion Empire View Natural Area – Project Overview. Discussion of overall landscape protection project with existing and proposed public lands in this area (University of Minnesota, Metropolitan Council Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant), new State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Aquatic Management Area (AMA) in conjunction with a new regional park.
- Presenters:
Joseph Harris, Chairman, Dakota County Board
Al Singer, Dakota County Farmland and Natural Areas Project
- 9:45 a.m. Board bus / depart for Stop 2. [Directions: Proceed south on Annette Avenue for about 1 mile more where it turns right (west) on 190th St. Proceed west on 190th St. West for 2 miles. Turn left (south) on Biscayne. After about 1 mile on Biscayne, cross a bridge over the Vermillion River. Bus may want to pause here. Continue another few

hundred feet on Biscayne. Turn left/east on to CSAH 66 (also called Vermillion River Trail and 200th St E) and proceed east for just over a mile until you get to the gravel driveway immediately west of farm buildings. Turn left/north into the Miles property.]

10:00 a.m.

Stop 2 – Vermillion River and Vermillion Empire View WMA/AMA (Miles property).
Introduction of project partners.
Discussion: WMA acquisition and restoration, designated trout stream, Aquatic Management Area (AMA).

Presenters:

Peggy Booth, DNR, Project Manager, Metro. Corridors.
Tim Bremicker, DNR Central Region, Wildlife Manager.
Brian Nerbonne, DNR, Central Region Fisheries Specialist.

10:45 a.m.

Board bus and depart for Red Wing.
[Directions: Turn left (east) on CASH 66. Proceed east on CSAH 66 for about 4 miles. Turn right (south) on US 52; go to Hampton and take Hwy. 50 east. Hwy. 50 becomes Hwy. 61.]

[Drop off P. Pariseau car at 50/52 intersection. She boards bus for remainder of trip.]

11:30 a.m.

Arrive in Red Wing -- Lunch
St. James Hotel, Summit Dining Room (Soup and Sandwich Buffet)
406 Main Street
Red Wing, Minnesota 55066
1-800-252-1875
Contact: Bruce – 1-651-385-5551

Noon – 12:45 p.m.

History and ecology of the Upper Mississippi River
Mike Davis, Mississippi River Ecologist, MN Department of Natural Resources (651-345-3331)
Overview of afternoon tour - **Tim Schlagenhaft**, Mississippi River and Blufflands Coordinator, MN Department of Natural Resources (Rochester - 507-280-5058; Lake City – 651-345-3365)

12:45 p.m.

Depart Red Wing -- Tim Schlagenhaft, Jay Rendall, Mike Davis(?) on bus. [South on Hwy. 61 to Frontenac, turn left on Hwy. 2 and travel 1 ½ miles to state park entrance – left turn, proceed to overlook near picnic area on bluff.]

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Itinerary and Presenters:
Frontenac State Park – Overlook near picnic area.
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total excess nutrients and turbidity in Lake Pepin.
Lisa Thorvig, Assistant Commissioner, MN Pollution Control Agency (651-296-8811)

Craig Johnson, League of Minnesota Cities (cell: 651-470-1825)

Jack Enblom, River Surveys Project Supervisor, MN
Department of Natural Resources (651-296-0785)

*2005 LCMR Project, Accelerating and Enhancing Surface Water
Monitoring for Lakes and Streams, \$600,000 - Environment and Natural
Resources Trust Fund*

*2003 LCMR Project, Accelerating and Enhancing Surface Water
Monitoring for Lakes and Streams, \$740,000 - Environment and Natural
Resources Trust Fund*

2:00 p.m.

Board bus and depart.

[Directions: Go back to Frontenac, turn south on Hwy. 61 and travel to Kellogg (40 minutes). Turn left where Hwy 42 intersects Hwy. 61. Take first right on to County Hwy. 84. Follow Hwy. 84 until it reaches Hwy. 61. The bus will stop at one or two locations along this route.]

2:40 p.m.

On bus: Lower Zumbro River floodplain – Floodplain restoration opportunities and the Navigation Environmental Sustainability Program.

Tim Yager, Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service

[Directions: Proceed south on Hwy.61 to Weaver. Turn left and cross railroad tracks into U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Public Boat Launch and stop. Facilities available.]

3:00 p.m.

Weaver USFWS Public Boat Landing - Water level drawdown on Mississippi River Pool 5.

Tim Schlagenhaft, MN Department of Natural Resources

3:30 p.m.

Board bus / depart.

[Directions: Proceed south on Hwy. 61. Take right at Minneiska and a quick left onto service road. – can follow Luke Skinners van.]

On bus: Minneiska, MN – Spring Lake islands habitat restoration project and the Environmental Management Program.

Tim Schlagenhaft, MN Department of Natural Resources

[Directions: Continue south on Hwy. 61 to Winona (30 minutes). Turn right on Huff Street, take immediate left at "T" intersection, turn right on Garven Heights Road and follow it around, turn left on High Road and proceed to Garven Heights Overlook (dead end) See map.]

En route

Video – Asian Carp (invasive species), **Jay Rendall**, DNR

4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.

Garven Heights Overlook, Winona.

Invasive Species in Minnesota – Purple Loosestrife,
European Buckthorn, Garlic Mustard.

Jay Rendall, Exotic Species Program Coordinator, MN
Department of Natural Resources;

Luke Skinner, Terrestrial Invasive Plant Coordinator, MN
Department of Natural Resources

*2005 LCMR Project, Biological Control of European Buckthorn and
Garlic Mustard – continuation, \$200,000 – Environment and Natural
Resources Trust Fund.*

*2003 LCMR Project, Biological Control of European Buckthorn and
Spotted Knapweed, \$200,000 – Environment and Natural Resources
Trust Fund.*

*2001 LCMR Project, Biological Control of Eurasian Watermilfoil and
Purple Loosestrife, \$90,000 - Environment and Natural Resources Trust
Fund.*

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

Prime Steak 'n Cake (menu in packet)
3rd & Huff Street
Winona, MN 55987
507-454-3266

8:00 PM

Check into hotel:

Best Western Riverport Inn and Suites
900 Bruski Drive
Winona, MN 55987
Phone: 507-452-0606
Toll Free: 1-800-595-0606

Thursday, October 13, 2005

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotel – Mississippi Meeting Room

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Remote Sensing and Aerial Photography for Evaluating
Water Quality in Streams.

Leif Olmanson, University of Minnesota, remote sensing /
river satellite imagery, 651-405-8081

*2005 LCMR Project, Water Monitoring, \$600,000 of which \$65,000 was
for remote sensing – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.*

*2003 LCMR Project, Accelerating and Enhancing Surface Water
Monitoring for Lakes and Streams, \$740,000 of which \$180,000 was for
remote sensing – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.*

9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.

Landscape Issues in Southeast Minnesota – preview of day.
Larry Gates, MN Department of Natural Resources

9:30 a.m.

Depart from hotel. [Directions: Take Hwy 14 west out of Winona to
Hwy. 14 in Stockton for first stop.]

- 9:30 a.m. – Noon Stockton MN – Urbanization issues, trout streams, and flooding.
Larry Gates, MN Dept. of Natural Resources (507-280-5065)
- [Directions: Take Hwy. 23 south (left) out of Stockton to Hwy. 25. Bus will stop at one or two locations.]
- County Highway 23 up the Stockton Valley – Dorer Forest acquisition, St. Lawrence Edge, rural sprawl, and blufflands.
Doug Rau, Forestry Assistant Regional Manager, MN
Department of Natural Resources (507-280-5519)
Jeff Green, Regional Groundwater Specialist, MN
Department of Natural Resources (507-285-7429)
Larry Gates, MN Dept. of Natural Resources
- CH 23 to CH 25 to Lewiston. – Grazing practices, karst, forestry. – **Larry Gates, Jeff Green, Doug Rau**,
- [Directions: Turn west on Hwy. 25 to Hwy. 14 at Lewiston. Turn left on Hwy. 14 to St. Charles.]
- Noon – 1:00p.m. Lunch at St. Charles City Park – on Hwy. 14/West 6th Street
Local foods and sustainability.
Larry Gates, DNR
Pam Benike, Southeast Minnesota Food Network
- 1:00 p.m. Depart. [Directions: Take Hwy. 14 west to Rochester. Take the East Circle Drive north to US 63 north. Turn left onto CR 14, proceed to quarry which is in north side of road.]
- 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Golberg Quarry, Rochester – Impacts of Quarries. [Location: Northside of County Road 14, approximately ½ mile west of U.S. 63.]
Jeff Green, Regional Groundwater Specialist, MN
Department of Natural Resources, 507-285-7429
2001 LCMR Project, Hydraulic Impacts of Quarries and Gravel Pits, \$320,000 – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Summary. **Tim Schlagenhaft, Larry Gates**
- 2:30 p.m. Depart for return to Twin Cities. [Take County Road 14 west to Hwy. 52 north]
- [Drop off P. Pariseau at car at Hwy. 50/52 intersection.]
- 4:00 p.m. Bus arrives State Office Building.

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