

2009 LCCMR Site Visit: East Metro and St. Croix River Valley

Times subject to change

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Driving directions available by contacting the LCCMR office (lccmr@lccmr.leg.mn)

Site Visit Overview:

On the LCCMR Site Visit to the East Metro and St. Croix River Valley we will have the opportunity to discuss multiple, interrelated natural resource and environmental issues.

We will focus on:

- Scientific and Natural Areas (acquisition, restoration, and management)
- St. Croix River watershed issues, including water quality, land use, and ground water
- Prairie restoration
- Federal-state-local jurisdiction and partnership
- Species of interest including endangered mussel species and invasive species
- Groundwater and surface water interactions
- Metropolitan Regional Parks

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009		
8:15 AM	LV	Depart State Office Building by bus for Franconia Bluffs SNA
9:15 AM	AR	Franconia Bluffs SNA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trust Fund acquisition• Restoration/management of SNAs Peggy Booth, MN DNR Ellen Fuge, MN DNR, tentative Hannah Texler, MN DNR, tentative
10:00 AM	LV	Depart for St. Croix Watershed Research Station, Marine-on-St. Croix
10:30 AM	AR	St. Croix Watershed Research Station <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water quality research – Lake Pepin and Lake St. Croix story• Research “show and tell” – sediment fingerprinting; diatom reconstruction; sediment coring• Ground water in Washington County• Prairie Restoration experimental plots• St. Croix Greenway Corridor Dan Engstrom, Science Museum of Minnesota Shawn Schottler, Science Museum of Minnesota Paul Bockenstadt, Bonestroo Deb Swackhamer, U of MN
12:00 PM		Lunch at St. Croix Watershed Research Station

12:45 PM	LV	Depart for Stillwater Marina
1:00 PM	AR	<p>St. Croix River exploration with National Park Service (NPS) and DNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation of river system; Wild and Scenic River • Federal, state, local jurisdictions and partnerships • Endangered mussel species • St. Croix River Basin Team <p>Chris Stein, NPS Kate Hanson, NPS Molly Shodeen, DNR</p>
3:00 PM	LV	Depart for Lake Elmo Regional Park
3:30 PM	AR	<p>Arrive Lake Elmo Regional Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Regional Parks • Ground water-surface water interactions: findings from the MN Department of Health (MDH) investigation of PFOCs <p>John Elholm, Washington County Parks Arne Steffrud, Metropolitan Council Ginny Yingling, MDH</p>
5:00 PM	LV	Depart for State Office Building
5:30 PM	AR	Arrive at State Office Building