

2009 LCCMR Site Visit: East Metro and St. Croix River Valley
 Times subject to change
 Wednesday, June, 17, 2009

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 interaction
- Metropolitan Regional Parks

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009		
8:15 AM	LV	Depart State Office Building by bus for Franconia Bluffs SNA <i>From St. Paul, north on I-35E to U.S. 8 (approx. 25 miles). Turn right on MN 95 (approx. 19 miles). SNA is 1.2 miles on east side of MN 95, about ¼ mile beyond 285th Street. Est. travel time: 55 minutes</i>
9:15 AM	AR	Franconia Bluffs SNA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust Fund acquisition • Restoration/management of SNAs • Franconia St. Croix Corridor Peggy Booth, MN DNR Carmen Converse, MN DNR Ellen Fuge, MN DNR, invited Hannah Texler, MN DNR, invited
10:00 AM	LV	Depart for St. Croix Watershed Research Station, Marine-on-St. Croix <i>From Franconia Bluffs SNA, travel south on MN 95 to 16910 152nd St. North, Marine on St. Croix, following posted detour. Left turn unto 152nd Street. Est. travel time (with detour): 30 minutes</i>
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
12:40 PM	LV	Depart for Stillwater Marina <i>From St. Croix Watershed Research Station, travel south on MN 95 to Stillwater (9.8 miles). Turn left on Mulberry Street, continue to Stillwater Boatworks dock.</i>
1:00 PM	AR	St. Croix River exploration with National Park Service (NPS) and DNR <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 • Chris Stein, NPS Kate Hanson, NPS Molly Shodeen, DNR
3:00 PM	LV	Depart for Lake Elmo Regional Park <i>From Stillwater Marina, travel south on MN 95 to West MN 36. Travel on MN 36 to MN 5 (Stillwater Blvd.) Turn left on MN 5, travel approx. 7 miles and turn left on Lake Elmo Avenue; turn right on 10th Street N. (2.7 miles); turn right on Keats Avenue (1 mile). Proceed in park to South Picnic Shelter.</i>
3:30 PM	AR	Arrive Lake Elmo Regional Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Regional Parks • Ground water-surface water interactions: findings from the MDH investigation of PFOCs John Elholm, Washington County Parks Arne Stefferud, Metropolitan Council Ginny Yingling, MDH
5:00 PM	LV	Depart for State Office Building <i>From Lake Elmo Regional Park, travel south on Keats Avenue to 1-94. Travel west on 1-94 to St. Paul (approx. 12 miles)</i>
5:30 PM	AR	Arrive at State Office Building