

Agenda

LCCMR Site Visits Wednesday September 28, 2011

Topic areas

- Aquatic invasive species management – DNR boat cleaning station
- Watershed Districts – AIS and conservation tools
- Metropolitan Parks – environmental education and regional trails
- MN Landscape Arboretum – wetland, shoreland and prairie restorations, ENRTF funded acquisitions at arboretum
- MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge – refuge lands and restorations –Conservation Corp MN -restoration work
- Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) – fens, groundwater-surface water interactions, county geological atlases

Time	Miles	Site location
LV 8:00 a.m.	42.0	State Office Building – in front of building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, MN
AR 9:00 am		Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge – Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center 15865 Carver Highlands Drive, Carver, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge overview, MVNWR staff, Deb Loon, MN Valley Trust • ENRTF acquisition(s) in refuge • Habitat Restoration at the Refuge including work by Conservation Corps Minnesota, Len Price, Executive Director <p><i>Directions:</i> From Hwy. 169 in Jordan, turn right on Quaker Avenue/County Road 9 go north 3.5 miles across the Minnesota River (where it becomes County Road 11) to Carver Highlands Drive, turn right and drive to the end of the road to the Education and Visitor Center.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>From Highway 212, exit on Jonathan Carver Parkway (County Road 11) and turn south. Proceed 2.5 miles, continuing on County Road 11 by turning left. Proceed 1.9 miles and turn left on Carver Highlands Drive, continuing east to the end of the road to the Education and Visitor Center.</p>
LV 10:00 a.m.	10.1	
AR 10:30 am		Seminary Fen, DNR SNA On Flying Cloud Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fen ecology and restoration – Peggy Booth, SNA Supervisor, MN-DNR • Groundwater/habitat interaction – Jeannette Leete, DNR Ground Water Section Supervisor • Ground water and Geological Atlases - Dale Setterholm, University of MN Assistant Director, MN Geological Survey (MGS), Jan Falteisek, DNR Supervisor County Geological Atlas Program <p><i>Directions:</i> From Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center go to Jonathan Carver Parkway/County Road 11 and turn right, go 1.9 miles to Jonathan Carver Parkway/County Road 40 and turn right, go 1.1 miles to West 4th St. and turn right, go 1.2 mile thru the town of Carver and turn left at the end of 4th Street on to County Road 40, go 0.9 mile staying to the right where it becomes Chaska Blvd., go 3 miles (through Chaska) and continue onto Flying Cloud Dr. for 1.5 miles, go past the SNA sign to Bluff Creek Drive, turn left, go 0.3 mile to the SW Regional LRT Trail parking lot on the right immediately after crossing the trail.</p>
LV 11:30 am	6.6	
AR 12:00 pm		University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 p.m. Spring Peeper Meadow wetland restoration – board walk • 12:30 p.m. - Lunch in main bldg (short overview of ENRTF investments in the arboretum) Peter Moe, Associate Department Director – (potentially also new Director - Edward Schneider) • 1:00 p.m. Three mile drive – highlights: prairie restoration, shoreland restoration <p><i>Directions:</i> From the regional trail parking lot go right on Bluff Creek Drive 1.1 mile to Pioneer Trail/County Road 14, turn left, go 2 miles to County Road 41 and turn right, go 2.5 miles north to Arboretum Blvd/County Road 5, turn left, go 0.6 mile and turn left onto Arboretum Dr. into Arboretum. (For LCCMR members or members of the public attending the LCCMR meeting, tell the gate attendant you are there for the LCCMR meeting to have admission cost waived).</p>
LV 1:45 pm	8.0	

AR 2:15 pm		<p>Gales Woods Farm – Three Rivers Park District 7210 County Road 110 W., Minnetrista, MN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro Regional Parks, Boe Carlson, Associate Administrator, Three Rivers Park District • Environmental education - farm barn/education building, Dennis Hahn, Director of Natural Resources • Dakota Regional Trail - adjacent to the property <p><i>Directions: When exiting the Arboretum turn left onto Arboretum Blvd./County Road 5, go 1.4 miles to Rolling Acres Rd./County Road 13 and turn right, go 1.2 miles to Highway 7 and turn left, go 1.7 miles to County Road 44, turn right and go 2.5 miles to Bartlett Blvd./County Road 110, turn left into entrance of Gale Woods Farm.</i></p>
LV 3:15 pm	13.9	
AR 3:45 pm		<p>Lake Minnetonka – DNR Grays Bay Public Water Access County Rd. 101 and Gray’s Bay Blvd., Wayzata, MN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN-DNR - Invasive species/ boat steam washing station – Jay Rendall, DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Program • Minnehaha Creek Watershed District – conservation easement and water quality/land conservation efforts Eric Evenson, District Administrator <p><i>Directions: When exiting Gale Woods Farm turn left on to Bartlett Blvd./County. Rd. 110, go 3.2 miles to Lynwood Blvd./County Road 15 and turn right (becomes Shorewood Dr.), go 8.6 miles to Wayzata and follow to County Rd. 16, exit on Shoreline Drive, go 1 miles thru town along the lake, keep to the right at Lake Street East and Shady Lane to Hwy 101 (Bushaway Road), turn right across the causeway and turn left into the Gray Bay Public Water Access.</i></p>
LV 4:45 pm	22.6	
AR 5:30 pm +/-		<p>State Office Building</p> <p><i>Directions: Turn right out of public water access on to Hwy. 101 (Bushaway Road), go 2 miles to Highway 12, turn right (east) go 19 miles (Highway 12 turns into Interstate-394 which turns in to Interstate-94) follow to Marion Street exit in St. Paul, go 4 blocks, turn right on Aurora, go 1 block to SOB.</i></p>