

LCCMR Southeast Minnesota Site Visit

Tuesday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 17, 2015

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Tuesday June 16, 2015 – Day 1

8:00 a.m.	State Office Building – bus departs from front of building
8:45 p.m.	<p>1. Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Southeast of Hastings - 16233 190th St. Way - Welch, MN 55089</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (WMA) - DNR - ENRTF ML 2015-9h \$400,000 - acquisition within the WMA boundaries - Overview of ENRTF funded WMA management tracking system - Vermillion River restoration efforts
9:45 a.m.	<p>2. Mississippi River Colvill Park Highway 61, south of downtown, Nymphara Lane - Red Wing, MN 55066</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mississippi River Islands restoration - Sedimentation and filling-in of the river and Lake Pepin - Mussels - reintroduction of endangered Higgins eye pearly mussel - Pelicans and their presence on the river - Benefits of potential Mississippi River Pool-4 draw down and ecological benefits including potential return of water lotus and wild rice <p>(These issues will be covered from boats departing from Colvill Park with 4 to 6 people per boat)</p>
12:15 p.m.	<p>3. Invasive Species Site - Oriental Bittersweet Infestation Red Wing – ½ miles east of intersection of Flower Valley Road and Mn Hwy 58 - Red Wing, MN 55066</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MN Department of Agriculture’s ENRTF funded invasive species project ML 2013-6d - \$350,000 - Oriental Bittersweet eradication efforts - Other invasive species being addressed with ENRTF funding - Conservation Corps Minnesota – youth employment – invasive species management
1:45 p.m.	<p>4. Kellogg-Weaver Dunes SNA 59840 124th Ave., Kellogg, MN 55945</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs) – current ENRTF appropriations to SNA program ML 2014-7a - \$2,540,000/ML 2015-9c \$4,000,000 - Prairie restoration – 150 acres/175 species - Nature Conservancy (TNC) preserve - Endangered species research
2:45 p.m.	<p>5. Whitewater Valley (State Park/WMA/State Forest) 19041 Hwy 74, Altura, MN 55910</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whitewater State Park - ENRTF acquisitions funding statewide ML 2013-4a - \$1M /ML2015-9a- \$1.5M

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historic flooding of the Whitewater River Valley that required substantial land use changes - Re-meander of the Whitewater River - Habitat restoration in State Park and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) - Forestry – Richard Doer Memorial State Forest
4:45 p.m.	<p>6. United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Lock and Dam Number 5 Lock and Dam Number 5, Minnesota City, MN 55959</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aquatic Invasive Species ML 2014-4a – \$854,000, bigheaded carp, research and implementation, barriers/sound-underwater speakers - Aquatic habitat fragmentation - Navigation – commercial and recreation boating
Tuesday June 17, 2015 – Day 2	
8:30 a.m.	<p>7. United States Geological Survey (USGS) Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, WI 54603</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tour of research facility - ENRTF funded research, Zebra mussels ML 2013-6f- \$600,000, big headed carp, loons - Brief overview of US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
11:15 a.m.	<p>8. Forestville-Mystery Cave State Park Spring Valley, MN 55975</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ground water and karst geology - Mystery Cave - Forestville-Mystery Cave State Park activities
1:15 p.m.	<p>9. Saxifrage Hollow – The Nature Conservancy Preserve and State WMA- DNR Spring Valley, MN 55975 - Along South Branch of Root River</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ground water and karst geology - Rare plants including those that thrive in cold micro climates - Unique exposed geologic features -Talus slope, cliffs, springs - Prairie restoration planning
3:00 p.m.	<p>10. Camp Creek Southeast of Preston town center, Hunter Road, at bridge crossing over Camp Creek - Preston, MN 55965</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trout stream restoration - Root River State Trail
5:30 p.m.	Return to State Office Building