



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting  
Wednesday, June 15, 2022

### **Agenda Item**

#### **Item 6. G. – Education & Outreach**

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### **Summary**

The Citizen Advisory Committee did not meet in July, as the meeting date was July 5<sup>th</sup>. They plan to meet on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and plan to join the Salt Symposium.

The social media calendar for Q3 2022 is attached for the Board information.

Profiles of [Bluff Creek](#), [Eagle Creek](#), [Fisher Lake Outlet](#), [Black Dog Creek](#), [Assumption Creek](#), [Kennaley's Creek](#), [East Chaska Creek](#), [Purgatory Creek](#), [Riley Creek](#), [Nine Mile Creek](#) and [Credit River](#) have been added to the LMRWD website

### **Attachments**

Q3 2022 Social Media calendar

### **Recommended Action**

No action recommended.

Week	Date	Topic	Platform	Post
27	6-Jul	Construction—permit	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Starting a #construction project? Visit the @LowerMinn website to see whether you need a permit: <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/rules/individual-permit">https://lowermnriverwd.org/rules/individual-permit</a>
	8-Jul	Story map	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Looking for a new outdoor space to explore? The @LMRWD created an interactive map of places we love in the district. Check out the few that we have highlighted, and visit our website for even more places to enjoy this summer! #LouisvilleSwampUnit <a href="https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/149390dfb9e44b7d911dc6173be14461">https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/149390dfb9e44b7d911dc6173be14461</a> <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1kxhl0Cwod9iau7o8Z-nyw8SAqRk&amp;ll=44.8131130668377%2C-93.51754524873193&amp;z=14">https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1kxhl0Cwod9iau7o8Z-nyw8SAqRk&amp;ll=44.8131130668377%2C-93.51754524873193&amp;z=14</a>
28	11-Jul	Spring Creek	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Join us for a neighborhood meeting about Spring Creek!  The @LowerMinn is hosting a neighborhood meeting about stabilizing Spring Creek between 6th Street West and 4th Street West. The district has studied Spring Creek over the past few years, and we plan to share our findings and recommendations with residents along the creek.  Please join us!  When: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 27, 2022 Where: 5th Street West (near 112)  Bring a lawn chair and questions!  If you are unable to attend or would like information about the Spring Creek Project, please email District Administrator Linda Loomis at <a href="mailto:admin@lowermnriverwd.org">admin@lowermnriverwd.org</a>
	13-Jul	Board meeting	Facebook	Please join the @LowerMinn at its upcoming board meeting. Unless otherwise noted, board meetings are held at the Carver County Government Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/meetings">http://lowermnriverwd.org/meetings</a>
	15-Jul	Trout stream report	Facebook Twitter Instagram	#DYK the @LowerMinn is home to several trout streams, including the only remaining identified trout stream in Hennepin County? The @LowerMinn recently completed a comprehensive trout stream report using historic data to document the changes in the landscape, identify the different trout species' needs and management requirements, and review the data collected to date for each trout stream. The report also analyzes the gaps in data needed to effectively manage the resource in the future and includes recommendations for the long-term management of each stream! <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/rivers-streams">https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/rivers-streams</a>

29	18-Jul	Savage interpretive sign	Facebook Twitter Instagram	The @LowerMinn and the @CityofSavage recently installed a new interpretive sign in #EagleCreekPark. The sign highlights the unique resources of Savage, such as calcareous fens and trout streams. Stop by, see the sign, and learn more about your local environment.
	20-Jul	CAC	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Do you care about the #MinnesotaRiver, lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater in your #community? Do you wonder how you can help protect and restore them? The LMRWD is seeking interested residents, just like you, to join its citizen advisory committee. <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/news/interested-joining-citizen-advisory-committee">http://lowermnriverwd.org/news/interested-joining-citizen-advisory-committee</a>
	22-Jul	Blue-green algae	Facebook Twitter Instagram	If in doubt, stay out! Blue-green algae can produce harmful toxins that make people and animals sick. Find out more about how to stay safe this summer: <a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/blue-green-algae-and-harmful-algal-blooms">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/blue-green-algae-and-harmful-algal-blooms</a>
30	25-Jul	Our lakeshore connection	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Our friends from the north metro created a great video about our Minnesota Lakes and how to protect them. It's worth the watch! <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwjAoRwLrmM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwjAoRwLrmM</a> @AnokaSWCD
	26-Jul	Steep slopes	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Does your property have steep slopes? The @LowerMinn has information to help you manage your vegetation to keep your property safe and beautiful. <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/links">http://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/links</a> <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/application/files/5816/4925/6958/Steep_Slopes.pdf">https://lowermnriverwd.org/application/files/5816/4925/6958/Steep_Slopes.pdf</a>
	28-Jul	Lawn mowing	Facebook Twitter Instagram	#DYK setting your #LawnMower at 2.5 to 3.5 inches allows #grass to grow a little taller and helps #roots develop a deeper base? This means your lawn will need #LessWater and #fertilizer, and it will resist more weed growth!
31	1-Aug	National Water Quality Month	Facebook Twitter Instagram	It is hard to imagine life without easy access to #CleanWater. During National Water Quality Month, learn the simple actions you can take at home to #protect our valuable #water: <a href="https://nationalwaterqualitymonth.org/">https://nationalwaterqualitymonth.org/</a>
	3-Aug	MN River Corridor Mgmt Plan	Facebook Twitter Instagram	- placeholder for open house -
	4-Aug	Outdoor water use	Facebook Twitter Instagram	#DYK the average U.S. household uses more water outdoors than for showering and washing clothes combined? Follow these simple steps for a beautiful, water-smart landscape: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoors">https://www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoors</a>

32	9-Aug	Interns	Facebook Twitter Instagram	The @LowerMinn, in partnership with Young Environmental, just finished another successful #FieldSeason with interns from @UofM. They will be presenting on the project inspections they completed this year at the next board meeting. We believe in training the next generation of engineers and scientists. Special thanks to Anthony and Karina for all your hard work! You have been instrumental in your review and inspections this year.
	10-Aug	Board meeting	Facebook	Please join the @LowerMinn at its upcoming board meeting. Unless otherwise noted, board meetings are held at the Carver County Government Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/meetings">http://lowermnriverwd.org/meetings</a>
	12-Aug	Sweep up grass clippings	Facebook Twitter Instagram	When you're out #mowing the grass, make sure to keep the #clippings on the lawn. #GrassClippings left on hard surfaces can enter storm drains and end up in local lakes and ponds, turning them green with #algae: <a href="http://www.cleanwatermn.org/wp-content/uploads/Clean-Water-Lawn-Care-v2.pdf">http://www.cleanwatermn.org/wp-content/uploads/Clean-Water-Lawn-Care-v2.pdf</a>
33	15-Aug	Bingo	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Looking for new places to go and things to see? Use the @LowerMinn bingo card to plan your next adventure!
	17-Aug	Irrigation systems	Facebook Twitter Instagram	It's always a good time to spruce up your sprinkler system! <a href="https://www.epa.gov/watersense/sprinkler-spruce-up">@EPA @EPAGOV</a>
34	23-Aug	AIS	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Wherever your #adventure takes you, make sure you don't take #invasive species along when you leave. Find out more at <a href="http://playcleango.org">playcleango.org</a> @NAISMAorg @play.clean.go #AIS
	25-Aug	Fens gaps analysis	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Calcareous #fens are among the rarest types of #wetlands in the U.S. Their #ecosystem supports a unique plant community that sustains many #rare and #endangered plant species not found in other environments. In the @LowerMinn, six calcareous fen systems require special protection. You can #learn more about these local treasures in the fens report. <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/dakota-county-fen-study-management-plan">http://lowermnriverwd.org/projects/dakota-county-fen-study-management-plan</a>
35	29-Aug	District grants	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Interested in adding #NativePlants to your property or restoring your shoreline? The @LMRWD has a #CostShare program available for projects on public, private, residential, or business properties. Learn more at <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/grants-cost-sharing">https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/grants-cost-sharing</a>
	31-Aug	East Chaska Creek - final project	Facebook Twitter Instagram	- need to draft text on complete project - and get site photo of sign
	1-Sep	Irrigation	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Please don't water the sidewalk: <a href="https://eastmetrowater.wordpress.com/2018/05/16/smartsprinkling/">https://eastmetrowater.wordpress.com/2018/05/16/smartsprinkling/</a>

36	7-Sep	Intro to the Lower Minnesota River WD	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Interested in learning more about the @LowerMinn? Look no further! <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/application/files/5016/4925/6959/Intro_to_the_LMRWD.pdf">https://lowermnriverwd.org/application/files/5016/4925/6959/Intro_to_the_LMRWD.pdf</a> <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/links">http://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/links</a>
	9-Sep	Native plants	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Are you using native plants in your #landscaping? #NativePlants need to be watered less than other plants, which saves you #time and #money. <a href="https://extension.umn.edu/find-plants/native-plants">https://extension.umn.edu/find-plants/native-plants</a> <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/links">http://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/links</a> <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/application/files/4716/4925/6956/Rain_Native_Gardens.pdf">https://lowermnriverwd.org/application/files/4716/4925/6956/Rain_Native_Gardens.pdf</a> #SaveWater #conserve
37	13-Sep	Resource-specific webpages	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Interested in learning more about local water? The @LowerMinn has been compiling data on our #lakes and #streams. Current information is now on our website. #BluffCreek <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/lakes">https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/lakes</a> <a href="https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/rivers-streams">https://lowermnriverwd.org/resources/rivers-streams</a>
	14-Sep	Board meeting	Facebook	Please join the @LowerMinn at its upcoming board meeting. Unless otherwise noted, board meetings are held at the Carver County Government Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. <a href="http://lowermnriverwd.org/meetings">http://lowermnriverwd.org/meetings</a>
	16-Sep	Fertilizing	Facebook Twitter Instagram	#DYK #fertilizing lawns in the fall is better than springtime applications? Find out more at <a href="https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/lawn-care-calendar">https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/lawn-care-calendar</a> #GreenTip #WaterQuality
38	19-Sep	Leaf raking	Facebook Twitter Instagram	#Fall officially arrives this week. Are you ready to rake? Rake and bag leaves and debris that have collected against the curb, in the street, and in front of your home, as well as any debris covering the nearest storm drain. Leaves, grass, and dirt feed algae and turn lakes and rivers green—yuck!
	23-Sep	First day of fall	Facebook Twitter Instagram	It's the #FirstDayOfFall! Get #outside and enjoy the fall weather. No idea where to go? Check out our #Watershed map to plan your next adventure! <a href="http://bit.ly/LMRWDMap">http://bit.ly/LMRWDMap</a>
39	24-Sep	National Public Lands Day	Facebook Twitter Instagram	#DYK the @LowerMinn encompasses more than 80,000 acres of US National Wildlife Refuge and Fort Snelling? Entrance to #NationalParks is free today! It's a great day to #visit and #explore! #NPLD #FindYourPark @nationalparkservice @NatlParkService <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/public-lands-day.htm">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/public-lands-day.htm</a>
	25-Sep	World Rivers Day	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Happy World Rivers Day! How will you celebrate? <a href="https://bit.ly/rakeupMN">https://bit.ly/rakeupMN</a> #RakeUp #SweepUp #PickUp #CleanStreets #CleanWater
	29-Sep	Car washing	Facebook Twitter Instagram	Out washing your vehicle this week? Using a #CarWash facility is better than washing in the driveway. When we wash the car on the driveway or street, soap and dirty water flow into the #StormDrain and into our local waterways. When you use the car wash, the water will be treated before entering the water we use for #swimming and #boating. <a href="https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/">https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/</a>