



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

### **Agenda Item**

#### **Item 5. D. – Report from the Citizen Advisory Committee**

#### **Prepared By**

Linda Loomis, Administrator

#### **Summary**

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met on April 2, 2024. The meeting was not a formal meeting, as the CAC had the privilege of being led on a bird-watching excursion by Robert Brereton from the Minnesota Valley Audubon Society. The group met at the old Cedar Avenue Bridge in Bloomington, and we saw a great variety of birds.

Members that have not attended meetings were contacted to see what the reason for their absence was. One member indicated that he plans to resign because of health reasons. We have not been able to contact one of the members but will continue to reach out to him.

A list of outreach events was reviewed with the members.

A tour of CHS, Inc. in Savage is planned for the May CAC meeting. Managers are always welcome to attend CAC meetings.

#### **Attachments**

LMRWD April 2024 CAC meeting agenda

LMRWD March 2024 meeting notes

CAC Outreach Events

#### **Recommended Action**

No action recommended



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## Agenda

### Citizen Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 | 4:30 p.m.

Old Cedar Bridge, 9500 Old Cedar Ave S, Bloomington

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Input on Non-agenda Items
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of the April Agenda
  - b. Approval of the March Minutes
4. CAC Discussion Items
  - a. Update on volunteer calendar of events:
    - Not having a presence at:
      - Eden Prairie Eco Expo (April 20<sup>th</sup>)
      - Dakota County Soil & Water 2024 Tree Sale (April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)
      - Eagan Arbor Day Celebration (not occurring in 2024)
      - Hennepin County Master Gardener Plant Sale (May 18<sup>th</sup>)
      - Dakota County Fair (August 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)
      - Chaska Farmers' Market
    - Secured spot at:
      - Eden Prairie Arbor Day Walk & Green Fair (April 27<sup>th</sup>)- Partnering with Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
      - Burnsville Native Plant Market (May 18<sup>th</sup>)
      - Savage Farmers' Market (June 16<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>)
      - Carver Farmers' Market (August 13<sup>th</sup>)
    - Availability for volunteers at:
      - City of Chaska's Earth Day event at McKnight Park (May 4<sup>th</sup>)
      - Carver County Fair (August 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)
      - Scott SWCD's Outdoor Education Days at Cedar Lake Regional Farm (last week in September)

## 5. Communications

- Hennepin County is hosting a free aquatic invasive species (AIS) detector course this spring. The course is an introduction to AIS science, identification, and surveillance. You will learn how to identify and report invasive species, best practices for preventing the spread of AIS, relevant rules and regulations, and how to search for AIS on your own. This course consists of two portions: a self-paced online course and an in-person workshop with the instructors. The self-paced online course opens on Wednesday, April 3, takes approximately eight hours to complete and must be completed prior to the in-person workshop. The in-person workshop is on Friday, May 3 at French Park in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
[z.umn.edu/DetectorsRegistration](https://www.z.umn.edu/DetectorsRegistration)
- Volunteer Buckthorn Removal Event on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Seminary Fen from 8am-12pm. Meet at the parking lot located off of Flying Cloud Drive/Hwy 61

## 6. Adjournment and Bird Watching Activity with Bob Brereton (Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter)

*\*\*Please RSVP to confirm a quorum\*\**



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Minutes

### Citizen Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 | 4:30 p.m.

Virtual via WebEx

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Lee Peterson, CAC Member
- b. Patty Thomsen, CAC Member
- c. Linda Loomis, LMRWD Administrator
- d. Theresa Kuplic, Board Member
- e. Suzy Lindberg, Young Environmental Education and Outreach Team
- f. Jess Norby, Young Environmental Education and Outreach Team, CAC Facilitator

#### 2. Citizen Input on Non-agenda Items

- a. Patty requested the availability of dredge material from the Minnesota River. She wondered if the material had good nutritional value to feed native plants. If so, she wanted to grow some plants in a bucket of dredge material and have the experiment prepared to bring to future tabling events as an interactive display. Linda confirmed that the material is suitable for plants and that she can work with Patty to arrange this request.

#### 3. Consent Agenda

- ~~a. Approval of the March Agenda~~
- ~~b. Approval of the February Minutes~~

*Note: With only two CAC members in attendance, there was not a quorum to approve agenda or minutes.*

#### 4. Old Business

- a. Winter Salt Use Video Review – CAC provide status update
- b. Update on MN River Journey video – Sent for Board approval in February 2024
- c. Update on Education and Outreach Priorities Meeting (January CAC Meeting)
- d. Refresher of CAC Role in LMRWD (Linda)
- e. There were no updates on Old Business.*

## 5. CAC Discussion Items

- a. 2024 Calendar Planning: CAC Meetings (i.e. group events, learning opportunities, and tours) (*see attached calendars in packet, updated with dates*)
  - The CAC members that were present (Patty and Lee) discussed their feedback on the calendar.
  - Patty noted she was okay with skipping the waterfowl tour and focusing on a regular meeting for April if needed.
  - Theresa commented that the calendar looked really good. Next month, the CAC could host a regular Webex meeting or look at migrating birds.
  - Jess noted that the Minnesota River tour scheduled for late summer could pair well with one of the mini grant applications. Theresa agreed that it would be really cool to see a teacher in action using the money. Patty asked if the Friends of the Mississippi River grant would be eligible because they're not officially within the watershed. Linda replied that she specifically encouraged Natalie to apply because of the connection between the two rivers. The project is specifically focused on educating students about the Minnesota River, which fits our goal. She wants to teach kids the relationship between agriculture and water quality. Lee noted that he had the same question, but liked this response. Jess recommended we replace Ike's Creek tour with the Minnesota River Boat Tour. Linda noted the Board of Managers is also planning a Minnesota River Boat tour, which is yet to be scheduled. Patty suggested doing both the Ike's Creek tour as scheduled and also the tour with the Friends of the Mississippi River as an additional monthly event. Based on this, the group had general consensus on the draft calendar.
- b. 2024 Calendar Planning: Outreach Events (i.e. group volunteering and tabling)
  - Patty asked what the best way is to view the event list. s noted that after today's meeting, a Google document will be circulated for sign-ups.
  - Arbor Day Event (Eden Prairie)- Exhibitor Application due Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Jess noted that Young Environmental will attend to support the CAC in this early event. Theresa noted that she did this event with Judy last year and this is definitely a priority event to sign up for. Judy was also interested in attending this event.
  - After circulating the Google document, the Young Environmental team will see how events line up for staffing and finalize the calendar.
- c. Finalize Ideas for Spring/Summer Newsletter Draft: **Discuss and Prioritize:**
  - i. Show photos of rain gardens from cost-share grants. Discussion: Jess advocated for sharing this topic. Patty asked if this could show with the issues with using fertilizer as it relates to rain gardens and native plants.
  - ii. Share ways to reduce water use and introduce rain barrels.
  - iii. Showcase spring pollinator gardens. Discussion: Theresa noted highlighting native plants and showing people what they can do in their land. Highlight the difference between weeds and native plants. Check with city ordinances for prairies. We altered the land and need to do some work to get it back to a native state. Share a discussion of turf vs. native plantings vs. weeds – the “plant debate”.

- iv. Share information on the use of fertilizers vs. native plants.
- v. Provide information about keeping storm drains clean and impact to waterways.
- vi. Discussion: Continue to repeat pet waste topic for any season. Linda noted that this is a big issue. We could combine the topic with fertilizers to show multiple issues that are harmful. Combine both topics into a “spring runoff” topic.
- vii. Share information that’s unique to the Minnesota River – i.e. presentations on Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fisheries or fishing on the river.
- viii. Show Ike’s Creek (information from resource signs?)
  - ix. Introduce nature viewing opportunities and waterfowl migration that can be viewed in the spring.
  - x. Topics that were prioritized include spring runoff, cost share opportunities, and management of yards and pet waste best practices. Action item: Young Environmental will begin a first draft and circulate for review.

b. Educator mini-grant applications review

- Although Judy was not in attendance at the meeting, she shared her scores with the Education and Outreach team before the CAC meeting. Her scores were read on her behalf during the meeting and included in the rubric.
- Tammy Hakanson (Integrated Arts Academy, Chaska)
  - i. The CAC discussed Mini Grant 1: See scoring rubric for individual scores. Discussion: Patty questioned whether waders were the best use of funds for supplies. Theresa noted that the waders do create an experiential component that leads to a memorable project. Patty confirmed this makes sense. The group recommended this mini grant for Board approval.
- Natalie Warren (Friends of the Mississippi River's Environmental Stewardship Institute)
  - i. The CAC discussed Mini Grant 2: See scoring rubric for individual scores. Discussion: Despite the group being outside the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, there is a high correlation to shared goals. The group also really liked the opportunity to include the CAC in the boat tour. Patty asked if the amount was high for busing. Linda replied that applicants will provide receipts for their costs and that transportation costs are higher than you would think. The group recommended this mini grant for Board approval.
- Alexis Buesgens (Chaska Middle School West):
  - i. The CAC discussed Mini Grant 3: see scoring rubric for individual scores. Discussion: Patty stated that the program has fantastic engagement and offers a scholarship. They have a reputable website but less focus on river sedimentation. Lee noted it was a slim application and not a lot of information on how the funds would be used. Jess noted the program is less centered around

water. Based on the discussion and scoring, this was not recommended for Board approval.

- Amy Conniff (Shakopee Area Catholic School)
  - i. The CAC discussed Mini Grant 4: see scoring rubric for individual scores. Discussion: Some members scored this grant lower based on the limited amount of expense detail. The discussion highlighted that CAC members would like more clarification on how the money will be specifically used. Patty mentioned programs they do and wasn't sure they fit the requirements. She wanted clarification on what program they would be applying for. Jess indicated that she could reach out to the applicant to ask some clarifying questions. Based on the scores, the group recommended conditional approval based on the responses to the secondary questions.
- Maggie Ekrem (Prior Lake High School)
  - i. The CAC discussed Mini Grant 5: see scoring rubric for individual scores. Discussion: Patty noted the application was very detailed and liked that the costs were itemized. The applicant listed state standards and was very organized. Lee noted this was a good application and his only clarifying questions were on the professional environmental educator and the volunteer honorarium. The group recommended this mini grant for Board approval.
- The Education and Outreach team closed this session by noting next steps to reach out to Shakopee Area Catholic School and document the CAC's recommendations for Board approval at the March meeting.

## 6. Communications

### a. Administrator Report

- Update on Watershed Activities:
  - Linda shared that the watershed district solicited for its technical, legal, and professional services contracts and the deadline for proposals is tomorrow. The Board will review the proposals and make decisions on who they want to work with for the next two years.
  - Linda noted that new projects are starting, including the hydrologic investigation of the Minnesota River with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The project will look at water storage to reduce sediment in the Minnesota River.
  - Linda also noted the ongoing collaboration with the One Watershed, One Plan committee for the Lower Minnesota River East plan. Comments have been prepared in response and the Board of Managers wrote a letter to accompany the comments.
  - Linda also noted the improvements to Vernon Avenue road. The bids for construction were received and the costs are much higher than expected.
- Board Transitions:
  - Linda noted there is a new Board member who will be appointed

to Scott County's seat at the March meeting. She noted that Manager Barisonzi was reappointed to his position and is currently the Board President. Manager Amundson will not be reapplying to her position in 2024; however, she will stay on the Board until Hennepin County reappoints someone new. She is not sure if Hennepin County is advertising the position. Patty asked what the counties are looking for in the position. Linda noted that these requirements are up to the County Board; however, she noted there is currently a need for engineering knowledge, which Manager Amundson previously brought to the Board.

b. CAC Report

- Open Floor for Announcements and Information Sharing:
- Patty discussed a woodworking project for a volunteer activity for tabling. Jess asked what types of things we need for tabling events. Patty said she would like to bring examples of plants to show long root systems. Jess noted this type of hands-on experience can be very positive. Linda noted that Judy has liked the root puller from Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, when we've been able to borrow it. Hennepin County also has hands-on displays for aquatic invasive species outreach. She noted that activities are really helpful to engage with the general public. Jess agreed that exploring our connections with the education and outreach community to find materials is a good strategy. Linda said Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District has a sand table, but it may work better for inside events. Action item: Inventory what we have, what we need, and what may be available in our network.
- Linda mentioned sampler plate as a good need to have for monitoring for lakes. This is a way to get people engaged if they are by the lakes – no docks there. Patty would be interested in planting a shepherd rod or volunteering to help people see what is in the lakes.
- Jess mentioned volunteer opportunity at Seminary Fen to remove buckthorn this last Sunday, but we attended and connected with DNR staff to plan another event. Host another event on April 14<sup>th</sup> to do another vegetation management volunteer event. Linda – it's been since at least 2017 since buckthorn clearing has happened. Buckthorn changes hydrology of the fen. There used to be a group called Friends of Seminary Fen.
- Patty asked what firm gave the design for Vernon Avenue: what company designed it and determined an estimate? Linda replied that they worked with Bolton and Menk to design it. Their estimate is more than \$1 million.

7. Adjournment

8. Motion for adjournment Lee motioned; Patty seconded



# Technical Memorandum



**To:** Linda Loomis, Administrator  
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD)

**From:** Jess Norby, Senior Water Resources Scientist  
Suzy Lindberg, Communications Manager

**Date:** March 13, 2024

**Re:** Educator Mini-Grant Recommendations – Spring Round 2024

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The Educator Mini-Grant program is a key component of the Education and Outreach Program, focusing on educating school-aged students within and surrounding the LMRWD. The program provides up to 10 grants per school year – each up to \$500 – to help cover the cost of materials and/or programming that focuses on water resources.

On behalf of the LMRWD, Young Environmental released a new call for educator mini-grants in February and received **six applications**, requesting a total of **\$2,975** in funding. Young Environmental pre-screened the applications for compliance and funding eligibility and created review packets that were distributed to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for discussion at the March 5, 2024 meeting. Our team led the discussion on the applications, providing recommendations and justification for the educational relevance and cost-effectiveness of each grant application. Based on the resulting discussion, and further clarifications made with one applicant, the CAC has provided the following recommendations for Board approval.

## SUMMARY

Based on the review process, our team and the CAC recommends authorizing funding for 5/6 of the applications, noting their alignment with LMRWD mission and goals for watershed-focused education, which includes authorizing **\$2,475** in funding to five current applicants. With this approach, there will also be budget remaining for up to five grants in the fall season of the school year. We have included a detailed scoring matrix and comments from the CAC on page 2, followed by the full mini-grant applications received for reference.

Mini Grant	Summary	Total Average Score	Recommended Board Action
<b>Mini-Grant 1:</b> Integrated Arts Academy	Funds for waders and materials to lead an experiential field trip on water sampling.	6.8	Recommend approving funding request for <b>\$475</b> .
<b>Mini-Grant 2:</b> Friends of the Mississippi River	Funds will be used for transportation for a canoe-trip on	7	Recommend approving funding request for <b>\$500</b> .

Mini Grant	Summary	Total Average Score	Recommended Board Action
– Environmental Stewardship Institute	the Minnesota River, which can include the LMRWD’s CAC.		
<b>Mini-Grant 3:</b> Chaska Middle School West	Requested funds to support the Deep Portage Learning Center programming.	4.4	Recommend <u>not approving</u> the funding request for <b>\$500</b> because the project is not focused on watershed education.
<b>Mini-Grant 4:</b> Shakopee Area Catholic Schools	Funds will be used for Cedar Lake Farms Field trip programming, led by Scott County Watershed District, including transportation funds and purchase of National Geographic Kids Water! Book.	7	Recommend approving funding request for <b>\$500.</b>
<b>Mini-Grant 5:</b> Prior Lake High School	Funds will be used to purchase Credit River stream experiment equipment	7.6	Recommend approving funding request for <b>\$500.</b>
<b>Mini-Grant 6:</b> Minnesota Valley Refuge Friends	Funds will be used to design curriculum relating to watershed, stormwater, and habitat education.	7.4	Recommend approving funding request for <b>\$500.</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL</b>			<b>\$2,475</b>

Attachment I:



## Lower Minnesota River Watershed District - Educator Mini-Grant Evaluation Spring 2024 Round

Mini-Grant Summary	Amount Requested	Applicant Contact	Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Members						Staff Vote		TOTAL AVG SCORE	CAC Recommendation	Notes
			Judy Berglund	Greg Genz*	Thomas Hartle*	Kevin Kedrowski*	Lee Peterson	Patty Thomsen	Linda Loomis (Administrator)	Jess Norby (Young Env.)			
<b>Mini-Grant 1:</b> <i>Integrated Arts Academy</i>  Money will be spent on waders and materials for an experiential field trip on water sampling.	\$475	Tammy Hakanson <a href="mailto:hakanson.t@isd112.org">hakanson.t@isd112.org</a>	6	---	---	---	8	6	7	7	6.8	Based on the total average score, the CAC recommends the Mini-Grant for <b>Board Approval.</b>	The CAC wished to ensure that activities are communicated effectively for water quality. They suggested providing professional help to guide activities (if funds allow) or connecting with a water professional who may be willing to volunteer time to ensure the supplies are used effectively.
<b>Mini-Grant 2:</b> <i>Friends of the Mississippi River – Environmental Stewardship Institute</i>  Money will be spent on transportation for a canoe trip on Minnesota River.	\$500	Natalie Warren <a href="mailto:nwarren@fmr.org">nwarren@fmr.org</a>	6	---	---	---	7	6	8	8	7	Based on the total average score, the CAC recommends the Mini-Grant for <b>Board Approval.</b>	Project had a strong connection to the Minnesota River and the group is providing an opportunity for the CAC to participate in tour with students, which can help with relationship-building.

# Lower Minnesota River Watershed District - Educator Mini-Grant Evaluation Spring 2024 Round



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Mini-Grant Summary	Amount Requested	Applicant Contact	Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Members						Staff Vote		TOTAL AVG SCORE	CAC Recommendation	Notes
			Judy Berglund	Greg Genz*	Thomas Hartle*	Kevin Kedrowski*	Lee Peterson	Patty Thomsen	Linda Loomis (Administrator)	Jess Norby (Young Env.)			
<b>Mini Grant 3:</b> <i>Chaska Middle School West</i>  Money will be used to support the Deep Portage Learning Center programming	\$500	Alexis Buesgens <a href="mailto:Buesgens.a@distric t112.org">Buesgens.a@distric t112.org</a>	3	---	---	---	6	5	4	4	4.4	Based on the total average score, the CAC recommends the Board <b>not approve</b> the mini grant for this grant cycle for a lack of direct alignment with goals.	The group determined the Deep Portage programming lacks a direct connection to watershed education and therefore recommended against funding based on competition this round.
<b>Mini-Grant 4:</b> <i>Shakopee Area Catholic Schools</i>  Money will be used for Cedar Lake Farms Field Trip programming	\$500	Amy Conniff <a href="mailto:aconniff@sacsschools.org">aconniff@sacsschools.org</a>	6	---	---	---	7	6	8	8	7	Based on the total average score, the CAC recommends the Mini-Grant for <b>Board Approval.</b>	Staff clarified the educational value by further researching the Cedar Lake Farms program and determined it aligns with goals.
<b>Mini-Grant 5:</b> <i>Prior Lake High School</i>  Money will be invested in Credit River stream experiment equipment	\$500	Maggie Ekrem <a href="mailto:mekrem@plsas.org">mekrem@plsas.org</a>	6	---	---	---	8	8	8	8	7.6	Based on the total average score, the CAC recommends the Mini-Grant for <b>Board Approval.</b>	The CAC greatly appreciated the level of detail included in itemized costs and believed the educational tools were highly in alignment.

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Mini-Grant Summary	Amount Requested	Applicant Contact	Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Members						Staff Vote		TOTAL AVG SCORE	CAC Recommendation	Notes
			Judy Berglund	Greg Genz*	Thomas Hartle*	Kevin Kedrowski*	Lee Peterson	Patty Thomsen	Linda Loomis (Administrator)	Jess Norby (Young Env.)			
<b>Mini-Grant 6:</b> Minnesota Valley Refuge Friends  Design of curriculum for watershed, stormwater, habitat	\$500	Alison Schaub <a href="mailto:hello@mnvalleyrefugefriend.org">hello@mnvalleyrefugefriend.org</a>	6	---	---	---	7	8	8	8	7.4	Based on the total average score, the CAC recommends the Mini-Grant for <b>Board Approval.</b>	

\*Note: Three CAC members were absent from the March 5 monthly meeting and did not contribute to the scoring. They were provided with the mini-grant application package and our staff followed up with them offline to request scores. While we did not receive input from every CAC member, there was general consensus with members and staff in attendance on their review of applications.

**Recurring Events**

June Recurring Events						
Date/Time	Event	City	Location	Communications	LMRWD Attending/ Volunteers	Tabling Supplies/ comments
June 2 (Sunday) 8 AM-1PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
June 4 (Tuesday) 3-6 PM	Carver Farmers' Market	Carver	1607 Hartwell Drive, Carver, MN 55315	Contacted 3/26. Coordinator responded 3/27 and informed us of fee. Asked Linda about fee 3/27.	Patty	
June 5 (Wednesday) 4-8 PM	Chaska Farmers' Market	Chaska	3120 Chaska Blvd., Chaska, MN	Contacted 3/26. Coordinator responded 3/27 and informed us of fee. Asked Linda about fee 3/27.	Judy	
June 8 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431	Contacted 3/26. Did not hear back, followed up and heard back on 4/3. Submitted application 4/4.	Patty Judy	
June 9 (Sunday) 8 AM-1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			

June 15 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
June 16 (Sunday) 8 AM-1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN	Contacted 3/26. Heard back 3/27 and submitted application 3/27. Confirmed spot on 3/28.	Patty	
June 22 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
June 23 (Sunday) 8 AM-1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
June 29 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
June 30 (Sunday) 8 AM-1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			

<b>July Recurring Events</b>						
Date/Time	Event	City	Location	Communications	LMRWD Attending/ Volunteers	Tabling Supplies/ comments
July 6 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
July 7 (Sunday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
July 10 (Wednesday) 5-8 PM	Midweek Music and Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
July 13 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
July 14 (Sunday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
July 17 (Wednesday) 5-8 PM	Midweek Music and Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			



July 20 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
July 21 (Sunday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
July 24 (Wednesday) 5-8 PM	Midweek Music and Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
July 27 (Saturday) 8 AM-1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
July 28 (Sunday) 8 AM-1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
July 31 (Wednesday) 5-8 PM	Midweek Music and Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			

<b>August Recurring Events</b>						
Date/Time	Event	City	Location	Communications	LMRWD Attending/ Volunteers	Tabling Supplies/ comments
August 3 (Saturday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
August 4 (Sunday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
August 7 (Wednesday) 5-8 PM	Midweek Music and Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
August 10 (Saturday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431	Contacted 3/26. Did not hear back, followed up and heard back on 4/3. Submitted application 4/4.	Patty	
August 11 (Sunday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN	Contacted 3/26. Heard back 3/27 and submitted application 3/27. Confirmed spot on 3/28.	Patty	

August 13 (Tuesday) 3-6 PM	Carver Farmers' Market	Carver	1607 Hartwell Drive, Carver, MN 55315	Contacted 3/26. Coordinator responded 3/27 and informed us of fee. Asked Linda about fee 3/27. Registered 3/29	Patty	
August 14 (Wednesday) 5-8 PM	Midweek Music and Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
August 17 (Saturday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
August 18 (Sunday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			
August 21 (Wednesday) 5-8 PM	Midweek Music and Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
August 24 (Saturday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
August 25 (Sunday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Savage Farmers' Market	Savage	4800 West 123rd Street, Savage, MN			

August 31 (Saturday) 8 AM- 1 PM	Bloomington Farmers' Market	Bloomington	1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431			
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**One-Time Events**

Date/ Time	Event	City	Location	Communications	LMRWD Attending/ Volunteers	Tabling Supplies/ comments
March 9 9 AM-3 PM	22nd Annual "Everything Spring" Home, Landscape & Garden Expo	Eden Prairie	Grace Church (9301 Eden Prairie Rd., Eden Prairie, MN)			
April 20 10 AM- 6 PM	Eden Prairie Eco-Expo	Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie Mall Center Court	-Fee for participation	-Patty Theresa	
April 25 & 26	Dakota County Soil & Water 2024 Tree Sale	Farmington	Dakota County Fair Grounds (4008 220th St W, Farmington, MN 55024)	-Contacted 3/26, Dakota County responded 3/27. Not accepting exhibitors	-Patty	
April 26 8 AM-6:30 PM	Scott SWCD Tree Sale	Jordan	Scott County Fair Grounds (7151 West 190th Street Jordan, MN 55352)	Jess contacted on Friday, Mar 22. Jess followed up 4/3, did hear back that they aren't accepting volunteers for this one	-Patty Theresa	
April 27 10 AM- 11:30 AM	Arbor Day Celebration	Savage	McColl Pond Environmental Learning & Event Center (13550 Dakota Ave. Savage, Minnesota 55378)			
April 27 1-3 PM	Arbor Day Tree Sale	Shakopee	Public Works (400 Gorman St., Shakopee, MN)			

April 27 10 AM- 1 PM	Arbor Day Event	Eden Prairie	Round Lake Park; 16691 Valley View Rd; Eden Prairie, MN 55346	Communicated, solidified a spot	Jess Theresa Judy	native plant/rain garden, cost share information. Jess will look into borrowing larger display items
May 4	Earth Day Festival	Chaska	McKnight Park	Waiting for Linda to reply, but City has said we have a spot if we want it		
May 10 & 11 8 AM- 3PM	Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Plant Sale	Chanhassen	Farm at the Arb (3210 W. 82nd St., Chaska, MN)	Contacted 3/26. Reached out to Terry Staub (Master Gardeners) to see if he has any info 4/3. Terry knows volunteer coordinator for event and is reaching out 4/3. Followed up 4/12.	Patty Judy	
May 11 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM	Plant Sale- Holz Farm	Eagan	4665 Manor Drive, Eagan, MN	Got in touch with Recreation Manager for City of Eagan. She is passing our information along 4/3. Followed up 4/12.	Patty Theresa	
*May 13	Resident Tree Pickup & Rain	Mendota Heights	Mendota Heights Public Works (2431 Lexington			

9 AM - 12 PM	Barrel/Compost Bin Pickup		Avenue S, Mendota Heights, MN 55118).			
<del>*May 17 4-6 PM</del>	<del>Arbor Day Celebration</del>	<del>Eagan</del>	<del>Sky Hill Park (3590 Blue Cross Road, Eagan, MN)</del>		<del>-Theresa</del>	
May 18 9 AM-12 PM	Native Plant Market	Burnsville	Parking Lot across from City Hall (100 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville, MN)	Contacted 3/26. Responded 3/27. Confirmed our spot (weather dependent)	Theresa Judy	
<del>May 18 9 AM-2 PM</del>	<del>Hennepin County Master Gardener Plant Sale</del>	<del>Hopkins</del>	<del>Hopkins Pavilion (11000 Excelsior Blvd, Hopkins, MN 55343)</del>	<del>-Contacted 3/26. Responded 3/26. They will not be having exhibitors at this event</del>	<del>-Patty</del>	
*May 20 9 AM- 12 PM	Public Works Open House	Bloomington	Public Works Building (1700 West 98th Street, Bloomington, MN)			
<del>June 7</del>	<del>Scott SWCD Plant Sale</del>	<del>Jordan</del>	<del>Scott County Fair Grounds (7151 West 190th Street Jordan, MN 55352)</del>	<del>-Jess heard back and the event does not need volunteers</del>		
June 20 5-7 PM	LakeFest (June)	Eagan	Schwanz Lake Fishing Pier (Trapp Farm Park)			
July 13 8:30 AM-4:30 PM	Learning Garden Tours	Minneapolis	Minneapolis (Hosted by Hennepin County Master Gardeners)	Contacted about the Arboretum Plant sale, Terry Staub passed our contact along to coordinator of this event on 3/26		

July 16 5-7 PM	LakeFest (July)	Eagan	Thomas Lake Park (4425 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, MN)			
July 24-28	Scott County Fair	Jordan	Scott County Fair Grounds (7151 West 190th Street Jordan, MN 55352)			
August 5-11	Dakota County Fair	Farmington	Dakota County Fair Grounds (4008 220th St W, Farmington, MN 55024)	Reached out regarding the Tree Sale. District Manager of Dakota SWCD let us know that we could host a booth at the Fair. We declined due to amount of commitment needed and participation in Carver County Fair.		
August 7-11	Carver County Fair	Waconia	Carver County Fair Grounds (501 W 3rd St, Waconia, MN 55387)			
August 15 5-7 PM	LakeFest (August)	Eagan	Blackhawk Park (1629 Murphy Parkway, Eagan, MN)			
Sept 23-27 (Rain days are Sept 20-Oct 2)	Outdoor Education Days	New Prague	Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park (25875 Juniper Ave, New Prague, MN 56071)	Contacted 3/26. Heard back 3/28. Asked for specifics on dates 3/29.	Patty Theresa	



*September 8-10	Mendota Mdewakanton Traditional Pow Wow	Mendota	St. Peters Church Grounds (1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy 55120, Mendota, MN)			
*September 16 10 AM- 1 PM	Buzz Fest	Bloomington	Moir Park Park Shelters 1 & 2 (10320 Morgan Ave S. Bloomington, MN 55431)		Judy	
*September 25	Metro Children's Water Festival	St. Paul	Minnesota State Fair Grounds			
October 1	Public Works Open House	Carver	Carver Fire Department 801 Jonathan Carver Pkwy, Carver, MN 55315			
*October 28 9:30 AM-12 PM	Fall Clean Water Clean up	Prior Lake	Sand Point Beach (14349 Crest Avenue NE, Prior Lake)			