Youth Fishing Clinics: Coordinated a youth fishing clinic in conjunction with Moorhead City and School River Watch, Robert Asp, Red River Zoo, Moorhead Library, Bethesda Church Vacation Bible School, NDSU, Charism Boys Club, YMCA, and Boy Scouts of America, on projects related to the water quality monitoring, the Living Lab, storm drain marking program, and the water festival.

Storm Sewer Education: We worked with City of Fargo and City of Moorhead to provide the storm drain marking program. Over 200 participants contributed 340 volunteer hours to mark drains. River Keepers also makes presentations to groups to educate citizens about how garbage in yards and streets ends up in ditches, storm drains and eventually the Red River.

Red River Fishing Clinics: Coordinator a clinic for about 200 youth to complement the Fargo Park District derby at Dike East in June. We also coordinated a youth fishing clinic in conjunction with Moorhead RiverArts in August with 85 participants. Met with Grand Forks park staff on the logistics of coordinating a fishing clinic.

Riverfront Development: Continued to advocate for connecting urban redevelopment to the Red. Worked with Fargo Planning Department to coordinate Wildflower Grove Dedication. Received an award from the ND Forest Service for ReForest the Red Project. Volunteers planted about 1000 trees. Partners included Fargo Park District, Cass County Soil Conservation District and the Sierra Club.

Canoe and Kayak Events: Organized and managed a fun and competitive race in conjunction with the Prairie Rose State Games. Coordinated a family canoeing evening with Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Assisted the Red Lake River Rendezvous, a copycat event of the Millenium Tour, with logistics. Received a donated Brigden M-20 racing canoe from the City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and City of Moorhead to provide the storm drain marking program. Over 200 participants contributed 340 volunteer hours to mark drains. River Keepers also makes presentations to groups to educate citizens about how garbage in yards and streets ends up in ditches, storm drains and eventually the Red River.

Riverfront Festivals: We worked with RiverArts to have activities in Moorhead Tuesday evenings. Participated in a community “art burning” event at Dike East.

S.S. Ruby and Canoe & Kayak Rentals: Recruited and trained crew, coordinated marketing, scheduled crew and charters, and maintained ticket booth and watercraft. Assisted Captains in renewing their licenses. Didn’t start operations until July, due to flooding. Still, over 1900 passengers heard the narration about the Red River. There were almost 100 canoe and kayak rentals. Two Moorhead High School gym classes rented canoes to paddle the river. Passed Coast Guard inspection. Decorated Ruby for Holiday Lights Parade and Holiday Lights in Lindendood.

Red River of the North International Historic Canoe Trail: Under contract with MN Department of Natural Resources, River Keepers developed 2 canoe and boating maps for the sections of the Red River from Georgetown to Grand Forks and Grand Forks to the border that were made available in spring of 2007. Working with MN DNR on using canoe/kayak access sites and portages on the Red River. Expanding methods to construct the 2 projects in Moorhead (new boat ramp and North Dam portage). Worked with MN DNR on the construction of boat ramps at Hendrum and Halstad.

Riverfront Clean ups: Worked with City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Prairie Heights Church on clean up of the Wildflower Grove Park. Assisted Fargo Park District and City of Moorhead with Adopt-the-Park/Red programs. Worked with Scheels All Sports on multiple on-the-water cleanups. About 195 volunteers contributed over 400 volunteer hours.

Land Trail Development: Worked with Fargo Planning on developing the Grand Meadow and Wildflower Grove. Assisted with coordination of a dedication.

River Keepers' Board of Directors were active in raising funds through solicitation and a bra-t sale. Several board members also led events and activities such as a catfishing class and a riverfront bike ride.

Living Laboratory: Designed native plant displays. Moved the info center. Planted an arborvitae with help from Cass County Soil Conservation District and Bennett Elementary students. Held training meetings for volunteers to water and weed. Worked with volunteer to design and build interpretive signs. Coordinated a fall clean up. Wrote technical reports written for the Environmental Protection Agency grant. Trained new site manager. Good Sheppard Church installed a handicap ramp on the info center.

Water Quality Monitoring: Volunteers assisted in taking semi-monthly samples during ice-free conditions. The City of Fargo analyzed samples. Data can be found at www.fmriver.org.

Cavity Replacement Program: Received grant from North Dakota Game and Fish to continue the program. Wood duck boxes were maintained by NDSU Natural Resource Management Club and an Eagle Scout candidate.

Canoeing, Cooking and Camping: Coordinated the 2nd women’s weekend on the Red River. The weekend was rained/flooded out after the first night.
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Mark your calendars! River Keepers 2008 schedule of events:

Green Roofs – Inside and Out: 10 a.m -1 p.m., April 22 at the Hjemkomst Center.

Planning Your Own Green Roof: 6 -7:20 a.m. on April 22 at the Hjemkomst Center.

River Keepers Annual Meeting: 7:30 a.m., April 22 at the Hjemkomst Center.

2 - Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops: 6-8 p.m. on April 29 and May 15 at the Living Lab.

Flower Power Fundraiser: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Levi Runions Garden Center.

Walk This Way: 7 p.m. on May 6 at Dike East led by River Keepers.

Race the Red: 6 & 7:30 p.m. on June 9, Lindenwood to Dike East.

Canoeing, Cooking and Camping: A women’s weekend on the Red River, June 20-22.

Canoeing on the Red: July 10 from Lindenwood Park to Viking Ship Park.

RiverArts Fishing Clinic: August 12 in Memorial Park.

Red River Water Festival: September 23-26 at the Hjemkomst Center.

2007 Membership - If you haven’t done so already, it’s time to renew your support of River Keepers!

2008 BENEFITS!

• Paramount Sports – 10% discount on all regularly-priced merchandise.

• Sheyenne Gardens Nursery - 10% discount on regularly-priced merchandise.

• Critters Feed and Seed – 10% discount on all purchases.

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City ________________________        State _________  ZIP ___________________
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Level of participation (check one):  ___ Steamboat $500+     ___ Skiff $100
___ Canoe $50    ___ Kayak - $30       ___ Student—$20

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