



2015 Annual Report

Mission Statement

To advocate sustainable use of the Red River.

Vision Statement

All people value our Red River as a vital part of our community.

Core Values

We believe **integrity** and **respect** are inherent in all our core values.

Education: We are dedicated to educating our community by increasing local watershed knowledge through active engagement.

Stewardship: We are dedicated to taking care of our River environment and community relationships.

Leadership: We are dedicated to developing and influencing current and future leaders.

2015 Profit & Loss

Memberships	\$14,797.51
Appropriations	\$120,800.00
Grants/Contracts	\$54,091.42
Sponsorships/Donations	\$52,069.08
Misc. & Project Income	\$16,999.47
Total Income	\$258,757.48

Office Expense	\$14,605.93
Project Expenses	\$43,981.49
Payroll Expenses*	\$131,841.33
Misc. Expenses	\$108.44
Total Expense	\$190,537.19

Net Income **\$68,220.29**

* Full-time and seasonal staff

Board of Directors

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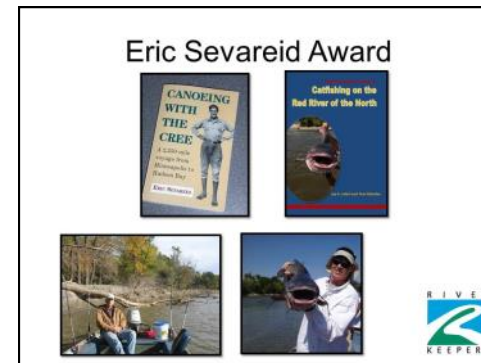
Awards Presented

Volunteer of the Year Award - Maria Stutzman

Distinguished Service Award - Bob Backman

Eric Sevareid Award - Jay Leitch and Tom DeSutter

Outgoing Board Members - Cindy Gray



2015 River Keepers Highlights

Board Leadership:

Our Board of Directors raised over \$20,000 for River Keepers by coordinating two main events (River Keepers Catfish Cup and Celebrate Our Red); soliciting sponsorships and memberships; and Yoga in the Park!



Interns:

With the assistance of two grants, Maria Stutzman and Bailey Anenson were able to intern at River Keepers. Maria assisted with many projects and Bailey produced River Keepers 25th Anniversary Video.

Geocache:

Developed River Ed 2 geocache (ID#GG5Z0T5) which is a multi-cache with two locations to learn fun facts about the Red River.



Clean ups:
Partnered with the City of Moorhead to pick up 1350 pounds of trash in the downtown section of the river weekly. Conducted a fall on-the-water clean up picking up three canoes full of garbage. Worked with City of Moorhead and Fargo Park District to coordinate five bank clean ups where volunteers picked up 775 pounds of trash.



On-the-Water Recreation:

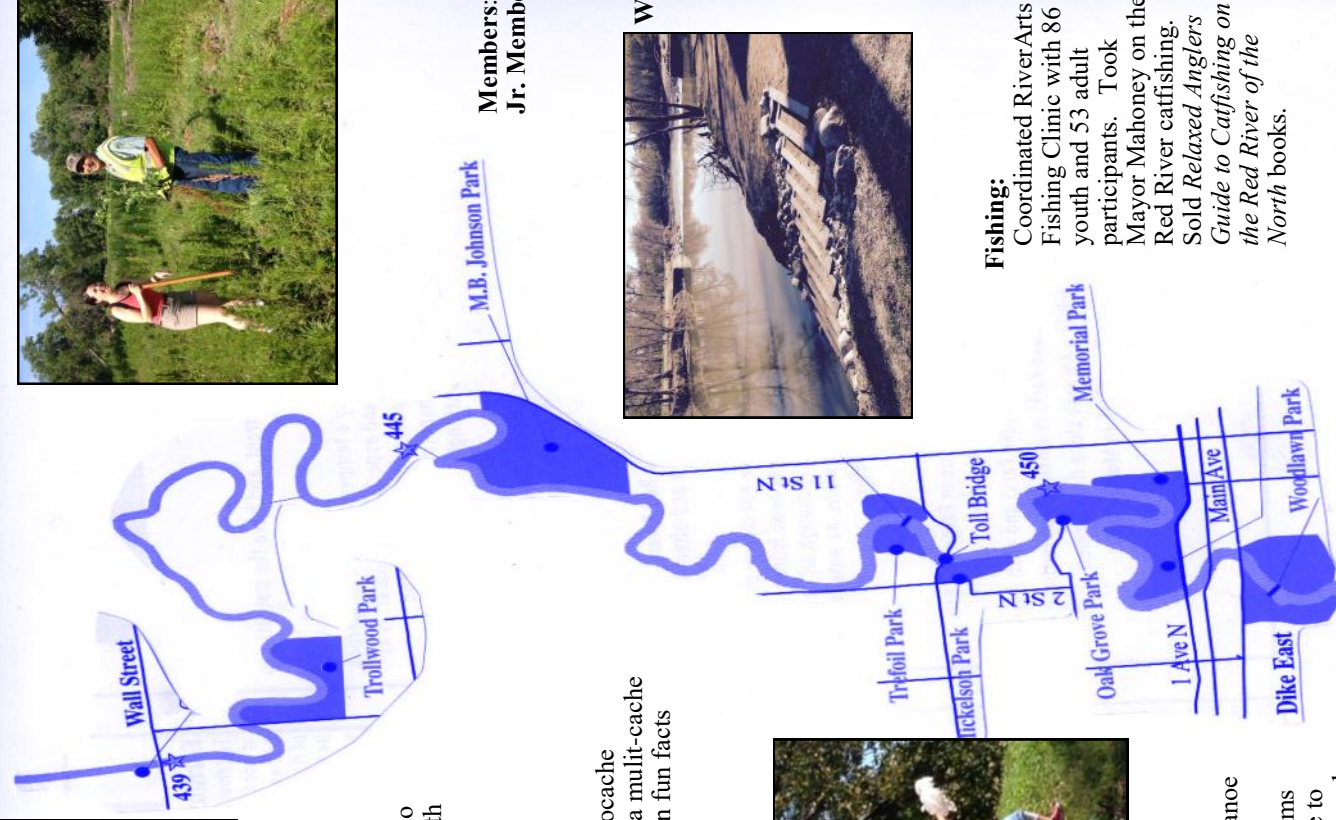
Organized Race the Red canoe and kayak races with 11 competitive and 32 fun teams resulting in the largest race to



Reforest the Red:

Along with the City of Fargo, Fargo Park District, Cass County Soil Conservation District, and City of Moorhead, and the assistance of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant, coordinated nine tree planting events. Over 600 volunteers planted 3500 trees and shrubs contributing almost 1250 volunteer hours!

Members: 230
Jr. Members: 26



Water Trail:

Participating in the Red River Basin Commission's Recreation Workgroup. Encouraged the City of Moorhead and MN DNR to finish the portage around the North Dam.



Fishing:

Coordinated RiverArts Fishing Clinic with 86 youth and 53 adult participants. Took Mayor Mahoney on the Red River catfishing. Sold *Relaxed Anglers the Red River of the North* books.



date. Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to offer four Paddling Excursions and Canoe & Kayak Rentals.



Water Quality:
With the support of the North Dakota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the assistance of volunteers, we took semi-monthly water quality samples during ice-free conditions. Participates in Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District's Local Water Plan Advisory Committee.

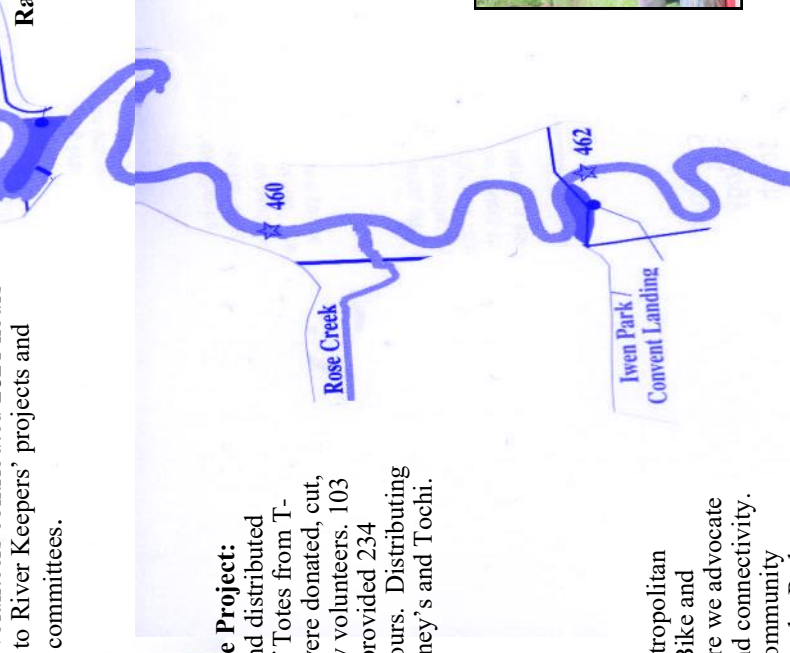


Storm Drain Marking Program:
Collaborated with City of Fargo, City of Moorhead, and volunteers to mark storm drains with a "Do Not Dump" message. Over 70 volunteers contributed 1751 volunteer hours.

Presentations and Displays:

Presentations were made to 30 groups, reaching over 1500 people. Participated in 13 community events.

Total Volunteer Hours: 1127 volunteers contributed 2821 hours to River Keepers' projects and committees.



Rain Barrels and Compost Tumblers:

Partnered with Cass County Soil Conservation District and Moorhead Community Education to produce a *Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop* and a *Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop*. Assembled and sold 49 rain barrels. Produced two How To videos.



T-shirt to Tote Project:

Produced and distributed hundreds of Totes from T-shirts that were donated, cut, and sewn by volunteers. 103 volunteers provided 234 volunteer hours. Distributing totes at Sydney's and Tochi.

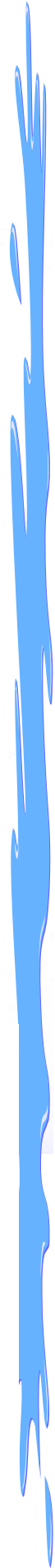
Riverfront Development:

Staff participates in the Metropolitan Council of Government's Bike and Pedestrian Committee where we advocate for more riverfront trails and connectivity. Discussions with various community leaders about connections to the Red River via the newly acquired green space.



Red River Water Festival:

Over 2000 4th grade students (94 classes from 30 schools) attended over four days. Coordinated VIP tours for sponsors and community leaders. Almost 100 volunteers provided 682 volunteer hours. Received a grant to provide a summer Watershed Stewardship Workshop for teachers to strengthen the water curriculum ties to River Keepers and the Red



Mark Your Calendars!

River Keepers Annual Meeting:

5:30-7:00 p.m. on March 24 in the Executive Suite of the Loretta Building, 210 Broadway, Fargo. Awards presented, new board members elected, 25th anniversary video. Free event.

Creating an Eco Friendly Home:

6-7:30 p.m. on April 5. Whether you live in a small apartment or a mansion there are many things you can do to help keep our waters clean and safe while beautifying our neighborhoods. You may even SAVE money in the process. Topics include: low flow toilets, proper prescription disposal, water efficient landscaping, rain barrels, and much more!! Register with Moorhead Community Education; \$14. \$9 for Moorhead school district residents.

Make Your Own Rain Barrel

Workshop: 6-8 p.m. on April 26. Learn how rain barrels reduce water pollution by reducing storm water runoff, which can contain pollutants such as sediment, oil, grease, bacteria and chemicals. In addition, build and bring home a rain barrel made from a plastic 55-gallon barrel. Sponsored by Cass Soil Conservation District and Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education, \$74 fee includes supplies. \$69 for Moorhead School district residents.



Make Your Own Compost

Tumbler Workshop: 6-7:30 p.m. on May 3. Learn how compost has the ability to regenerate poor soils, reduce erosion and help prevent pollution in our water ways. We will cover the basics of composting. In addition, build and bring home a compost tumbler made from a plastic 55-gallon barrel. Sponsored by Cass Soil Conservation District and Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education, \$69 fee includes supplies. \$64 for Moorhead school district residents.

Arbor Day Celebration:

9:30 a.m. on May 13 at Jefferson West Park. Free.

Reforest the Red:

2-7 p.m. on May 17 at Harwood Drive in Fargo. Help Reforest the Red by planting trees and shrubs! Strategically planting native trees and shrubs along the Red River creates a buffer, maintains river bank stability, encourages growth of native plants, improves water quality (Fargo-Moorhead's drinking water source), and provides habitat for wildlife. Educational youth activities. Hot dogs and Pepsi products while supplies last. Partners include River Keepers, City of Fargo, Fargo Park District, City of Moorhead and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event.

Race the Red:

June 13. Pre-registration encouraged for either a fun race or a competitive race.

River Canoe/Kayak Excursions:

* June 21 - Trees of the Red River Valley
* July 19 - History of the Red
* August 16 - Scavenger Hunt on the Red
* September 20 - Aviary Expedition,
All skill levels invited. Begins at 6 p.m. Register with Moorhead Parks and Recreation. \$15/person for canoe/kayak rental; \$10/person, if providing own vessel.

River Keepers' Catfish Cup:

1p.m. on June 20 at Moorhead Country Club. A fun event for golfers of all skill levels. Pre-registration required.

RiverArts Fishing Clinic:

5:30-8:00 p.m. on July 12 at Memorial Park. Youth and their families are invited to learn the basics of fishing and try landing the big one! River Keepers volunteers will lead educational activities, such as knot tying, casting, and river safety. Free event.

On-the-Water Cleanup:

5:30 p.m. on August 30. Experienced paddlers only. Sign up encouraged. Limited number of vessels.

Red River Water Festival:

September 20-23, 26 at Hjemkomst Center. Pre-registration required.

Celebrate Our Red Fundraiser:

6-8p.m. on October 2 at the HoDo. Join River Keepers for some fun, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets must be purchased.

Stay connected with River Keepers, learn about volunteer opportunities and community events on our webpage at www.riverkeepers.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RiverKeepersFM or contact us at info@riverkeepers.org or 701.235.2895.

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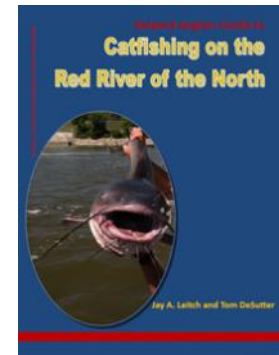
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resource for Red River catfish anglers, and a non-technical audience in mind.

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