

2016 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.

2016 Profit & Loss

Memberships	\$11,449.58
Appropriations	\$131,000.00
Grants/Contracts	\$50,535.57
Sponsorships/Donations	\$40,947.03
Misc. & Project Income	\$7,713.80
Total Income	\$241,645.98

Office Expense	\$18,071.96
Project Expenses	\$34,802.60
Payroll Expenses*	\$115,207.41
Misc. Expenses	\$4,049.56
Total Expense	\$172,131.53

Net Income** **\$69,514.45**

* Full-time, part-time and interns

** The Nonprofits Assistance Fund, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit whose mission is to build financially healthy nonprofits, states "A commonly used reserve goal is three to six months' expenses. At the high end, reserves should not exceed the amount of two years' budget." River Keepers goal for long-term financial health and sustainability is one year reserve.

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 Executive Director

Jessica Creuzer,
 Project Coordinator
 (January—June)

Kim Morris
 Project Coordinator
 (November—December)

Bookkeeper

Jeannie Baskerville

Awards Presented

Volunteer of the Year Award



Ardis Haaland



Education Award



Good Neighbor Award



2016 River Keepers Highlights

Strategic Planning:

Community members comprised of project partners, members, sponsors, volunteers, and former board members kicked off



Staffing:

Kim Morris was hired as the Project Coordinator. Maria Stutzman and



On-the-Water Recreation:

Organized Race the Red canoe and kayak races with 7 competitive and 30 fun teams. Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to offer 4 Paddling Excursions with NDSU Extension Service hosting one about trees,



Presentations and

Displays: Produced an exhibit that was displayed at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

Riverfront Connections:

Staff participates in the Metropolitan Council of Government's Bike and Pedestrian Committee where we advocate for

T-shirt to Tote Project:

Produced and distributed hundreds of



Clean ups:

Partnered with the City of Moorhead to pick up almost 650 pounds of trash in the downtown section of the river

Reforest the Red:

Along with the City of Fargo, Fargo Park District, Cass County Soil Conservation District, City of Moorhead, and the assistance of



Water Trail:

Participating in the Red River Basin



Storm Drain Marking Program:

Collaborated with City of Fargo, City of

Total Volunteer Hours:
Over 1100

Fishing:

Coordinated RiverArts Fishing Clinic with 86 youth



Water Quality:

With the support of the North Dakota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution



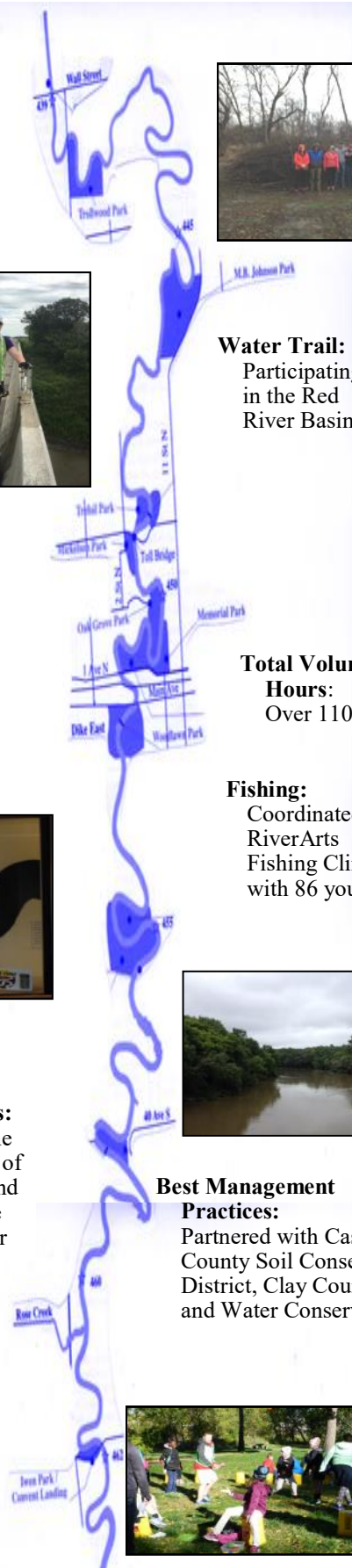
Best Management Practices:

Partnered with Cass County Soil Conservation District, Clay County Soil and Water Conservation



Youth Education:

Over 2150 4th grade students (99 classes from 32 schools) attended the Red River Water Festival over five days. Almost 100 volunteers provided 880 volunteer hours. Participated in Ellen Hopkins' Nature



Mark Your Calendars!

River Keepers Annual Meeting: 5:30-7:00 p.m. on April 13 in the Executive Suite of the Loretta Building, 210 Broadway, Fargo. Awards presented, new board members elected, bylaw updates. Free event.

Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop:



6-8p.m. on April 25 at a Moorhead Park; May 8 at a Fargo Park, May 25 at a West Fargo Park.

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. Taught with Cass Soil Conservation District and Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education at www.moorheadschoools.org/Schools/Alternative-Schools/Community-Education/ or by calling 218-284-3400.

Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop:

6-8 p.m. on May 2 at a Moorhead Park, May 15, 2017 at a Fargo Park, June 1 at a West Fargo Park. 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. Taught with Cass Soil Conservation District and Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education at www.moorheadschoools.org/Schools/Alternative-Schools/Community-Education/ or by calling 218-284-3400.

Arbor Day Celebration:

9:30 a.m. on May 19 at Brandt Crossing Park. Free.



Canoe and Kayak Rentals:

May 31-August 27 • \$8.00/hour, per vessel. Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 pm, Saturdays 1:00-5:00 pm, Sundays 1:00-5:00 pm. First come, first serve basis. For use at the Hjemkomst Landing only.



Lil' Fisherman's Clinic and Derby:

5-7:30 p.m. on June 5 at Dike East in Fargo. Learn the basics of fishing at a clinic from 5-6 pm., then try land a big one at the derby. Coordinated with Fargo Park District. Free event.

Race the Red Canoe and Kayak Races:

June 12 at Dike East. Shorter and longer courses available. Pre-registration encouraged.



River Paddling Excursions:

- * May 16 - Animal Habitats along the River, hosted by the Red River Zoo.
 - * June 20 - Aviary Expedition, hosted by Audubon of Fargo-Moorhead.
 - * July 18 - History of the Red River, hosted by Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.
 - * August 15 - Scavenger Hunt on the Red, hosted by River Keepers.
- All skill levels invited. Begin at 6 p.m. \$15/person

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 kimberly@riverkeepers.org or 701.235.2895.

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for canoe/kayak rental; \$10/person, if providing own vessel. Register with Moorhead Parks and Recreation at www.moorheadparks.com, 218-299-5340.



On-the-Water Cleanup: 5:30 p.m. on August 29. Experienced paddlers only. Must be willing to get wet and dirty. Limited number of vessels. Sign up encouraged.

Reforest the Red:

This volunteer event is moving to the fall! Help Reforest the Red by planting 9000 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 City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event.



River Keepers'

Catfish Cup: 1p.m. on June 19 at Oxbow Country Club. A fun event for golfers of all skill levels. Pre-registration required.



World Garden Commons Sunday Summer Series: 1-4 p.m. on July 16 at the World Garden Commons, Rabanus Park in Fargo. Free event.

RiverArts Fishing Clinic: 5:30-8:00 p.m. on July 25 at Memorial Park in Moorhead. Youth and their families are invited to learn the basics of fishing and try land the big one! Free event.



River Detectives Class: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on July 26 at North Elmwood Park in West Fargo. Participate in nature based activities and go on a scavenger hunt to learn about rivers, trees, birds and animals. Pre-registration required for youth ages 7-12 through West Fargo Park District.



Red River Water Festival: September 19 -22, 25 at Hjemkomst Center. Pre-registration required for 4th grade classes.

Celebrate Our Red:

6-8p.m. on October 1 at the HoDo. Join River Keepers for some fun, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets must be purchased.



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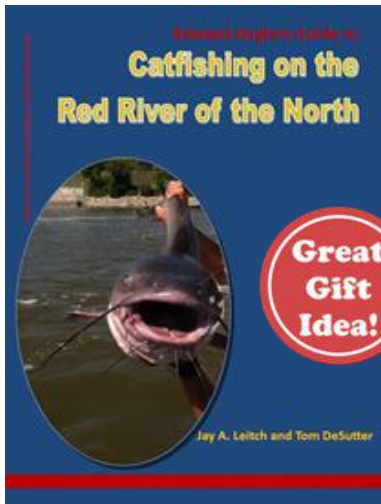
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Written to encourage anglers to take advantage of the somewhat overlooked, but otherwise tremendous catfishing on the Red River of the North; this is a resource for catfish anglers with a non-technical audience in mind. Profits support River Keepers educational programming.

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