2007 River Keepers Activities

Wall Street

Trefoil Park

Oak Grove Par

Dike East

Mickelson Park



Youth Service Projects: River Keepers collaborated with Fraiser Hall, Concordia College, Park Christian Elementary, Moorhead High School, Barnesville High 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 end up in ditches, storm drains and eventually the Red River.



Youth Fishing Clinics: Coordinated 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.



Red River Water Festival: Coordinated a spring and a fall youth festival becaue the Hjemkomst Center's roof was being replaced in 2006 and a festival was not held A total of about 3100 students attended. About 45 people volunteered about 1200 hours.



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 a 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 Millennium Tour, with logistics. Received a donated Brigden M-20 racing canoe from



Workshops: Coordinated a *Riverfront Trees and Bank Stability Workshop* with Cass County Soil Conservation District. Coordinated 4 'sold out' *Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops* with Cass Soil Conservation District and Moorhead Community Education.



Dam Safety: We continue to work with Water Task Force and others on Christine and Hickson Dam issues. We worked with MN DNR on using bonding bill money for dam portages and access sites.



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Toll Bridge

40 Ave S

Park

M.B. Johnson Park

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 onthe-water cleanups. About 195 volunteers contributed over 400 volunteer hours.

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



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 Lindenwood.

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 adding canoe/kayak access sites and portages on the Red River. Exploring 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.

our friends in Winnipeg.

Board Leadership: River Keepers' Board of Directors were active in raising funds through solicitation and a brat 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 arboretum with help from Cass County Soil Conservation District and Bennett Elementary students. Held training meeting for volunteers to water and weed. Worked with volunteer to design and build 30 interpre-



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tive sign frames. Researched, wrote, designed and installed 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.

Iwen Park / Convent Landing

Rose Creek

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 candiate. Board member working on updating GPS coordinates.



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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"Promoting a renewed vision for the Red River of the North."



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Finances

ers' projects and com-Over 800 people contributed almost 3900 hours to River Keep-Volunteer Hours: mittees.

to 20 groups, reaching **Presentations**: Presentations were made over 350 people.

Holiday Lights Parade We were at 9 commuwas viewed by almost Ruby was lit up at the and Holiday Lights in Displays & Parades: reaching over 22,000 Lindenwood which nity special events, people. The S.S. 20,000 people.

Appropriations

Contracts

Grants



North Dakota Forest Conservation District Award for the Refor-Partners included the Service: Tree Cele-Fargo Park District, bration of the Year and the Sierra Club. est the Red Project. Cass County Soil

River Keepers' Education Award: River **Presented To:** Awards of Dreams Project, **Sustaining Sponsors**:

River Keepers' Environmental Award: Cass County Soil institute

Friend of the River: River Keepers' Bill Mahar

Conservation District

County, Fargo Park

Moorhead, Clay

District, Moorhead

Public Service.

Members: City of

Government

River Keepers' Volunteer of the Year: Larroll Leach

\$12,374.50

SS Ruby/Canoe &

Income

Kayak Rentals Memberships

Jan - Dec 07

\$10,649.05 \$92,914.56 \$18,900.00 \$8,500.00



\$33,291.37 \$9,560.39

Sponsorships/ Do-

Delbert Jennings **Bob Backman** Mark Nerland Gary Prosser Dennis Flom Jason Sayler Mike Knorr Dan Koper lay Leitch

\$190,515.68

\$4,325.81

Misc. Income

Sublease nations

Ruby Crew **First Mates**

-\$7,868.16

Net Income/Loss

Christine Laney Jesse Beckers Steven Olson

* Note: A deposit of \$23,178.95 was made on 1/2/08 and recorded as income in the 2008 fiscal year.



Jan Ulferts Stewart,

Treas. President Dan Pullen, Vice Pres. Tom Moberg, Sec./

International Water

Southeast Cass Water Watershed District,

Resource District.

Buffalo-Red River

Andrea Travnicek Rick St. Germain Myron Berglund Pamela Schaefer Rocky Swanson Mark Naumann Mitchell Martel Reece Jacklitch Doug Isaacson Karl Bakkum Matt Ahonen Kawar Farok **Dennis** Flom Cindy Gray

Shanks Lauri Winterfeldt-Ex-officio Ron Sorvaag



Executive Director Bob Backman,

\$45,072.56

\$119,045.74

Payroll Expenses

Misc. expenses **Total Expense**

\$691.97

\$198,383.84

\$33,573.57

Project Coordinator Christine Laney,



Christine Laney Donna Toso

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| 2008 schedule of events: | Race the Red: 6 & 7:30 p.m. on June 9, |
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Race the Red: 6 & 7:30 p.m. on June 9, Lindenwood to Dike East.

women's weekend on the Red River, Canoeing, Cooking and Camping: A 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. & Clinic: 5-8

2008 Membership - If you haven't done so already, port of River Keepers!

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2008 BENEFITS!

Sheyenne Gardens Nursery 10% discount on regularlypriced merchandise.

10% discount on all purchases. **Critters Feed and Seed –** priced merchandise.

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Paramount Sports -

Skiff \$100

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| it's time to renew your sup | SEND FORM BELOW TO: 325 7th St. S. Ste 201, Fargo, J | Address | State | | Steamboat \$500+ | Kayak - \$30 | • |
| it's time | SEND FORM BELOW TO: River Keepers, 325 7th St. S. Ste 201, Fargo, ND 59 | | | | tion (check one): | Canoe \$50 | • |
| | River | Name | City | E-mail: | Level of participation (check one): | | • |

Mark your calendars! River Keep

- Green Roofs Inside and Out: 10 a.m 1 p.m., April 22 at the Hjemkomst Center.
- 7:20 p.m on April 22 at the Hjemkomst Planning Your Own Green Roof: 6 Center.
- p.m., April 22 at the Hjemkomst Center. **River Keepers Annual Meeting: 7:30**
- 2 Make Your Own Rain Barrel Work**shops:** 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.
- Dike East led by River Keepers. Walk This Way: 7 p.m.
- p.m. on May 21 from Midtown Dam **On-the-water river cleanup:** 6-8:30 to North Dam.
- 31. For more information, call 701-Kayak Rentals: regular operating S.S. Ruby Boat Tours and Canoe/ season runs May 23 - August 793-RUBY.
- p.m. on June 2 at Dike Lil' Fishermen's Derby

East.