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.

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Christine Holland
Executive Director
Kim Morris
Project Coordinator

Bookkeeper
Jeannie Baskerville

Awards Presented
Good Neighbor Award
Greater Grand Forks Greenway
Volunteer of the Year Award
Annie Wodarek
Distinguished Service Award
Jon Evert
Friend of the River Award
Vijay Gaba

2017 Profit & Loss

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* Full-time, part-time and interns

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Michael Maddox
Bert McDonough
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Jill Wilkey
Lauri Winterfeldt
2017 River Keepers Highlights

On-the-Water Recreation:
Organized Race the Red canoe and kayak race with 52 vessels participating in a new flag format. Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to offer 4 River Paddling Excursions with over 60 vessels participating. We also partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation on summer Canoe & Kayak Rentals at Hjemkomst Landing. Partnered with International Water Institute and Wilderman Inquiry to bring the Canoeobile to the Red River with 60 participants.

Fishing:
Coordinated an "Advanced Catch & Release" session with Brad Danglich with over 30 participants. Coordinated Lil' Fishercap's Derby & Clinic and RiverArts Fishing Clinic with FM Valley Fire and Moorhead Parks and Recreation with over 150 youth participants. Received a donation to distribute "Reduced Anglers Guide to Outfishing on the Red River of the North" books to schools in the basin.

Restoration:
Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation and a volunteer to develop the ReVet 4 geocaches which debuted during Froshival.

Volunteers:
Over 1300 (up 400 over last year) volunteers contributed over 4000 hours to River Keepers' projects, events, and committees. Participated in Creating Good to recruit volunteers with professional skills.

Storm Drain Marking Program:
Collaborated with City of Fargo, Moorhead, and over 150 volunteers (which included 3 Eagle Scout projects) that conducted 425 volunteer hours to mark storm drains with a "Do Not Dump" message and distribute doorhangers.

Clean-up:
Partners with the City of Moorhead to pick up 150 pounds of trash in the downtown area around the river. Worked with a group to coordinate on the water clean-up plus River Keepers coordinated a fall downtown on the water clean-up. Worked with the City of Moorhead and Fargo Park District to coordinate bank clean-ups with volunteers.

T-shirt to Tote Project:
Produced and distributed about 2000 tote bags from T-shirts that were donated, cut, and sewn by over 225 volunteers providing over 450 volunteer hours.

Board Involvement:
Board members recruited members, participated in Board and Committee meetings to ensure the organization is run effectively, and raised funds through our "Catch a Carp" golf scramble and Celebrate Our Red at the HHeDo.

Water Quality:
With support from the North Dakota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the assistance of volunteers, we took semi-monthly water quality samples at 4 locations during ice-free conditions.

Youth Education:
Over 1100 4th grade students (97 classes from 33 schools) attended the Red River Water Festival over five days. Over 100 volunteers provided 600 volunteer hours. Partnered with the Fargo Project on a Family Water Festival. Led a River Detectives Camp with West Fargo Parks. Led activities at community events such as Midwest Kinet, Police Community Picnic Party for the Planet. About 200 boy scouts attended a day camp in which River Keepers led a water cycle activity.
Mark Your Calendars!

River Keepers Annual Meeting: 5:30-7:00 p.m. on April 23 in the downtown Fargo Public Library. Awards presented and new board members elected. Hear from the new president of Downtown Moorhead Inc. Free event.

Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops: 6-8 p.m. on April 24 at a Moorhead Park; May 9 at a Fargo Park; May 21 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 County Soil Conservation District and Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education at https://bit.ly/2INCzVy or call 218-284-3400.

Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshops: 6-8 p.m. on May 1 at a Moorhead Park, May 16 at a Fargo Park, May 31 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 https://bit.ly/2INCzVy or call 218-284-3400.

Arbor Day Celebration: 9:30 a.m. on May 18 at Orchard Glen. Ceremony and tree planting. Free.

Canoe and Kayak Rentals: May 29 - August 28. $10.00/hour/vessel. Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturdays 1:00-6:00 p.m., Sundays 1:00-6:00 p.m. First come, first serve basis. For use at the Hjemkomst Landing only. Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation.

Lil’ Fisherman’s Clinic and Derby: 5:30-8:00 p.m. on June 4 at Dike East in Fargo. Learn the basics of fishing at a clinic from 5-6 p.m., then try land a big one at the derby. Coordinated with FM Walleyes and Fargo Park District. Free event.

Reforest the Red in Moorhead: 1-4 p.m. on June 8 at Horn Park. Help Reforest the Red by planting trees and shrubs in the riparian area. Coordinated with City of Moorhead. Free event.

Race the Red Canoe and Kayak Races: 6:30 p.m. on June 11 at Dike East. All skill levels welcome. Distances are 1.5, 3.5, or 6 miles. Participants will paddle up river to a designated turnaround point, grab a prize, and return down river to the finish. Early Bird fee is $15/person if pre-registered. Entry fee is $25 after 5:00 p.m. on June 7th. Canoe/kayak rentals available for $15. Register online at: https://bit.ly/2qnNoWG

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River Paddling Excursions: All skill levels welcome. Begin at 6 p.m. $15/person for canoe/kayak rental; $10/person, if have own vessel. Register with Moorhead Parks and Recreation at www.moorheadparks.com or call 218-299-5340.
* May 16 - Red River Trivia, hosted by River Keepers
* 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 - Animals and Habitats, hosted by Nicole Lee.

River Keepers’ Catfish Cup Golf Scramble: 12:30 p.m. on June 18 at Edgewood. A fun event for golfers of all skill levels. Pre-registration required. Register online at: https://bit.ly/2HsYJgl

RiverArts Fishing Clinic: 5:30-8:00 p.m. on July 24 at Memorial Park in Moorhead. Youth and their families are invited to learn the basics of fishing and try land the big one! Partners include FM Walleyes and Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Free event.

River Heros Camp: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on August 8 at North Elmwood Park in West Fargo. Learn about local rivers and the trees and animals that call them home. Each participant will earn their own hero cape after completing the various nature activities and a scavenger hunt. Pre-registration required for youth ages 7-12 through West Fargo Park District.

On-the-Water Cleanup: 5:30 p.m. on September 10. Experienced paddlers only. Must be willing to get wet and dirty. Limited number of vessels so sign up early.

Reforest the Red in Fargo: noon - 7:30 p.m. on September 12. 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 water provided while supplies last. Partners include City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event.

Red River Water Festival: September 18-21, 24 at the Hjemkomst Center. Pre-registration required for 4th grade classes.

Celebrate Our Red: 6-8p.m. on October 14 at the HoDo. Join River Keepers for some fun, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets must be purchased and can be bought online at: https://bit.ly/2qrvdQJ

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Buy your copy for only $10 (regular price is $18.95). 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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