

Mission Statement

To advocate for safe and 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 leader

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Christine Holland
Executive Director

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Annie Wodarek

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Awards Presented

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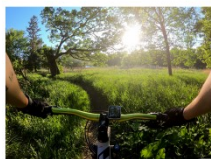
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Education Award



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15 Years Presenting at the Red River Water Festival Ginger Deitz



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Volunteers

Over 2,250 volunteers contributed over 4,700 hours to our projects, events and committees.

2019 Statement of Activities

Memberships	\$10,755.10
Appropriations	\$131,000.00
Grants/Contracts	\$30,416.05
Sponsorships/Donations	\$43,981.80
In-kind Support	\$10,241.50
Misc. & Project Income	\$15,006.71
Total Income	\$241,401.16

Office Expense	\$16,670.12
Project Expenses	\$44,772.66
Payroll Expenses*	\$161,307.97
In-kind Expenses	\$10,241.50
Misc. Expenses	\$131.65
Total Expense	\$233,123.90

Net Income	\$8,277.26
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* Full-time and part-time

Goal: Increase public awareness of the Red River, its uses, and water related issues by disseminating accurate information and engaging in educational activities.

Increase public awareness:

- Produced multiple impact videos about our projects and our new slogan Learn, Sustain, Enjoy.
- A volunteer utilized our new brand etiquette guide to redesign all of our brochures and flyers.
- Projects and events were covered by media outlets over 50 times. Displayed at and/or presented information at almost 30 events/meetings.



Provide educational opportunities:

- Over 2,100 4th grade students (97 classes from 32 schools) attended the Red River Water Festival over five days to learn all about water.



- Created an online educational activity tote check out system.

- Led educational water related activities at community events such as Midwest Kidfest, Police Community Picnic, Fargo Police Summer Program, Cheney STEM Club, and more.

Offer guided tours:

- Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to offer River Paddling Excursions, but due to high water, only the Aviary Expedition led by Fargo-Moorhead Audubon was held.

Goal: Maintain and increase appropriate recreational use of the Red River.

Serve as a source of information about recreation:

- Partnered with FM Walleyes Unlimited to provide two youth fishing clinics with almost 120 youth participants.
- Coordinated Race the Red canoe and kayak races with 84 participants!
- Hosted two new winter hikes along the Red River.



Provide canoe and kayak rental:

- Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to provide canoe and kayak rentals at Hjemkomst Landing. Due to high water, only operated one month.

Highlights

Goal: Advocate land use, river use, and environmental practices that contribute to a sustainable, safe, and economically beneficial river ecosystem.

Encourage best management practices:

- Partnered with Cass County Soil Conservation District, Clay Soil & Water Conservation District and Moorhead Community Education to produce three sold out Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop and three sold out Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop and a Pollinator Habitat Workshop.



- Partnered with the City of Fargo, Fargo Park District, Cass County Soil Conservation District, City of Moorhead and Clay Soil & Water Conservation District to recruit over 900 volunteers to plant trees and shrubs to Reforest the Red during three events.
- Received North Dakota Trees Volunteer Organization Award from the North Dakota Forest Service for our efforts in recruiting volunteers for Reforest the Red.



Reduce threats to Red River's water quality:

- Partnered with the Moorhead Parks and Recreation and Fargo Park District to work with over 250 volunteers to pick up over 1200 pounds of trash along the Red River.

- Four Eagle Scout Candidates chose the Storm Drain Marking Program as their project. Volunteers marked over 1,225 storm drains. Partners are Cities of West Fargo, Fargo and Moorhead.



- Produced and distributed 1,500 totes from T-shirts that were donated, cut, and sewn by almost 500 volunteers in our T-shirt to Tote project.

Conduct water quality monitoring:

- 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.



Establish outdoor classrooms:

- Partnered with the International Water Institute to engage with the community in a visioning process and began the process of developing a conceptual master plan for a Watershed Education and Research Center.

Goal: Provide financial sustainability of River Keepers by securing adequate funding to maintain goals listed above.

Execute fundraising:

- Celebrate Our Red at the HoDo and the Catfish Cup Golf Scramble were successful fundraisers led by the Board of Directors.

Mark Your 2020 Calendars to

Pints with a Purpose:

4:00-10:00 p.m. on April 20 at Drumconrath Brewing Company. \$1 of for every pint sold goes towards River Keepers mission!

Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshops:

6:00-8:00 p.m. on April 27 at a Moorhead Park, May 20 at a Fargo Park. We will cover the basics of composting. In addition, build and bring home a compost tumbler made from a used plastic 55-gallon barrel. Taught with Cass County Soil Conservation District and Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Must register with Moorhead Community Education. Fee: \$59.

River Keepers Annual Meeting:

Celebrate 30 years with us from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on April 30 in the downtown Fargo Public Library. Awards and new board members elected. Mr. History, Steve Stark, will draw and tell the history of the Red River. Free event.



Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops:

6:00-8:00 p.m. on May 5 in West Fargo is a NEW Make and Paint Workshop! Artist Olivia Bain will get your artistic juices flowing. Fee: \$74.



Regular workshops are June 10 at a Moorhead Park and July 14 at a Fargo Park. Fee: \$59.

Build and bring home a rain barrel made from a used plastic 55-gallon barrel. Taught with Cass County Soil Conservation District and Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Must register with Moorhead Community Education.

River Paddling Excursions:

All skill levels welcome. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Begin at 6 p.m. \$15/person for canoe/kayak rental; \$10/person, if providing own vessel. Back up weather date is one week later. Registration required with Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Partners with Moorhead Parks and Recreation.

- May 20 - History of the Red, led by Mark Peihl, Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.
- June 17 - Aviary Expedition, led by Matt Mecklenburg, Fargo-Moorhead Audubon.
- July 15 - History of the Red River, led by Mark Peihl, Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.
- August 19 - Animals and Habitats, led by Nicole Lee, Red River Zoo.



Arbor Day Celebration:

9:30 a.m. on May 22 at Longfellow Elementary. Ceremony and tree planting. Partners with City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event.

Canoe and Kayak Rentals at Hjemkomst Landing:

May 26 - September 1. \$10.00/hour/per vessel. Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 1:00-6:00 p.m. First come, first serve basis. For use at the Hjemkomst Landing only. Partners with Moorhead Parks and Recreation.

Race the Red Canoe and Kayak Races:

6:30 p.m. on June 1 at Dike East. Backup weather date is June 8. All skill levels welcome. Distances are 1.5, 3.5, or 6 miles. Sponsorship available. Registration required. \$20/person early bird. \$25/person after May 28.

o Participate and Volunteer!

Moorhead Reforest the Red:

1:00-4:30 p.m. on June 5. Help Reforest the Red by planting trees and shrubs in the riparian area. Partners with City of Moorhead and Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Free event.

Lil' Fisherman's Clinic and Derby:

5:30-8:00 p.m. on June 23 at Dike East in Fargo. Learn the basics of fishing at a clinic from 5:30-6:30 pm., then try land a big one at the derby from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Partners with FM Walleyes Unlimited. Sponsorship available. Free event.



River Keepers' Catfish Cup Golf Scramble:

12:30 p.m. on June 29 at Moorhead Country Club. A fun event for golfers of all skill levels. Sponsorships available. Pre-registration required. \$100/golfer.

RiverArts Fishing Clinic:

5:30-8:00 p.m. on July 28 at Memorial Park in Moorhead. Youth and their families are invited to learn the basics of fishing and try land the big one! Partners with FM Walleyes Unlimited and Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Sponsorship available. Free event.

On-the-Water Cleanup:

5:30 p.m. on September 2. Backup weather date September 3. Experienced paddlers only. Must be willing to get wet and dirty. Must register. Free event.



Fargo Reforest the Red:

Noon - 7:00 p.m on September 9 along the Red River Trail by the Fargo Water Treatment Plant. Backup weather date September 10. Volunteer to plant trees and shrubs! Educational youth activities, hot dogs and water while supplies last. Partners with City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event.



Red River Water Festival:

September 22-25, 28 at Hjemkomst Center. Fourth grade classes participate in hands-on activities to learn about many aspects of water. Sponsorships available. Classes must pre-register. Free event.



Celebrate Our Red:

6:00-8:00 p.m. on at the HoDo on October 11. Fun, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets required. \$60.

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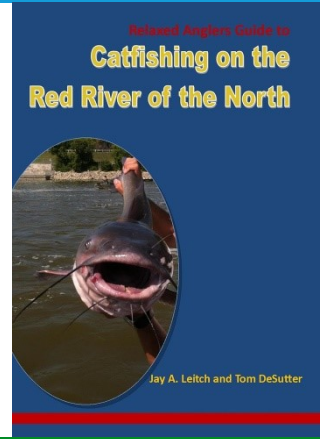
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