

## 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

## Members

242 members plus 15 junior members

## Volunteers

730 volunteers contributed over 1800 hours to our projects, events and committees.

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## Full Time Staff

Christine Holland  
Executive Director  
  
Kim Morris  
Project Coordinator

## 2020 Statement of Activities

Memberships	\$12,835.61
Appropriations	\$131,000.00
Grants/Contracts	\$29,943.92
Sponsorships/Donations	\$50,586.25
Misc. & Project Income	\$8,389.62
Cares Act - PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$27,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$259,755.40</b>
Office Expense	\$23,042.74
Project Expenses	\$43,551.13
Payroll Expenses	\$148,103.44
Misc. Expenses	\$220.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$214,917.31</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$44,838.09</b>

## Volunteer of the Year Award



**Sarah Griesbach**

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

### Provide educational opportunities:

- Created, with volunteer Gia Rassier, the Red River Geocaching Adventure Lab utilizing the interpretive signs and new trail at M.B. Johnson Park.
- Participated in community events such as Party for the Planet and Midwest Kidfest in various ways such as a virtual event, grab and go activity bags, etc.
- Worked with Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County to update their Historical Self-Guided Walking Tour of the Red River.

### Offer guided tours:

- Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to offer River Paddling Excursions with hosts Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Red River Zoo, Fargo-Moorhead Audubon and Nature of the North.



**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 format changes.



- Worked with MN Department of Natural Resources to update Red River Water Trail Maps. Updated F-M Water Trail Map.
- Hosted our first interpretive snow shoe hike along the Red River during Frostival.



### Provide canoe and kayak rental:

- Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to provide canoe and kayak rentals at Hjemkomst Landing. Safely operated by decreasing number of days, staff wearing masks, disinfecting equipment, etc.

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

### Encourage best management practices:

- Coordinated Reforest the Red with the City Fargo, Fargo Park District, Cass County Soil Conservation District, City of Moorhead, Clay Soil Water Conservation District, an Eagle Scout and numerous volunteers to plant almost 2000 trees and shrubs.





# Highlights

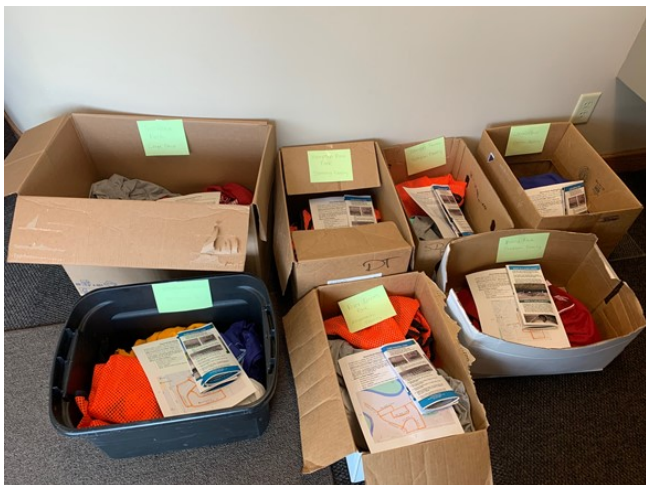
- Participated in Moorhead Community Resilience Task Force and their Ecosystem Services Subcommittee which is creating a Food Forest at M.B. Johnson Park.
- Hosted two Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops, a Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop and a virtual Pollinator Habitat Workshop with Covid-19 safety adjustments along with partners Clay Soil & Water Conservation District, Cass County Soil Conservation District, and Moorhead Community Education.



- Project Coordinator, Kim Morris, received Master Recycler and Composter Certificate from Clay County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

## Reduce threats to Red River's water quality:

- Produced multiple project volunteer training videos and offered contactless pick up of project supplies so that the community could volunteer for the Storm Drain Marking Program, T-shirt to Tote Project and trash clean ups on and along the Red River.



## Establish outdoor classrooms:

- Began developing a conceptual master plan for a Watershed Education and Research Center.

## Conduct water quality monitoring:

- Took semi-monthly water quality samples during ice-free conditions with the support of the North Dakota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the assistance of volunteers.



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

## Execute fundraising:

- The Catfish Cup Golf Scramble was a successful fundraiser led by the Board of Directors.



- Board members focused their efforts on recruiting new members and retaining current members since we were not able to hold our fall fundraiser, Celebrate Our Red.



# Mark Your 2021 Calendars to

## River Keepers Annual Meeting:

Awards will be presented and new board members elected. 5:30 p.m. on April 19 in person or via Zoom. Free event. Registration appreciated.

## Introduction to Native Pollinator Gardening:

Learn how to transform a section of your yard into a native garden to attract important pollinators. This two-day workshop is designed for beginners and focuses on what constitutes a pollinator habitat, the importance of landscaping with native plants, and the process of installing a garden from start to finish. A select number of native plants will be discussed. Participants will leave with the beginning of their design plan and a pollinator-friendly kit to get started. Second evening is held outside. Fee: \$19 (includes kit) May 4 and 11 or August 10 and 17. Taught with Clay Soil & Water Conservation District, Pheasants Forever, and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education.

## Moorhead Arbor Day:

Celebrate Arbor Day with us as we plant trees and shrubs that will make up the M. B. Johnson Food Forest! The newly planted food forest will enhance the ecosystem and make the city more resilient by offering food for people, providing habitat for wildlife, and improving water quality. Volunteer shifts from 1-3 p.m., 3-5 p.m., or 5-7 p.m. Volunteers will work in groups of 2-3 people. Plant trees and shrubs, put up fencing, or operate the water truck. Backup weather date is May 20. Partners with City of Moorhead and Resilient Moorhead. Volunteer sign ups required.

## Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshops:

We will cover the basics of composting. In addition, build and bring home a compost tumbler made from a used plastic 55-gallon barrel. Fee: \$59. 6:00-8:00 p.m. on May 18 at a Fargo Park, June 8 at a Moorhead Park. Taught with Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Supported by Cass County Soil Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education.

## Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops:

Build and bring home a rain barrel made from a used plastic 55-gallon barrel. Fee: \$59. 6:00-8:00 p.m. on May 25 at a Fargo Park and June 15 at a Moorhead Park. Taught with Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Supported by Cass County Soil Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education.



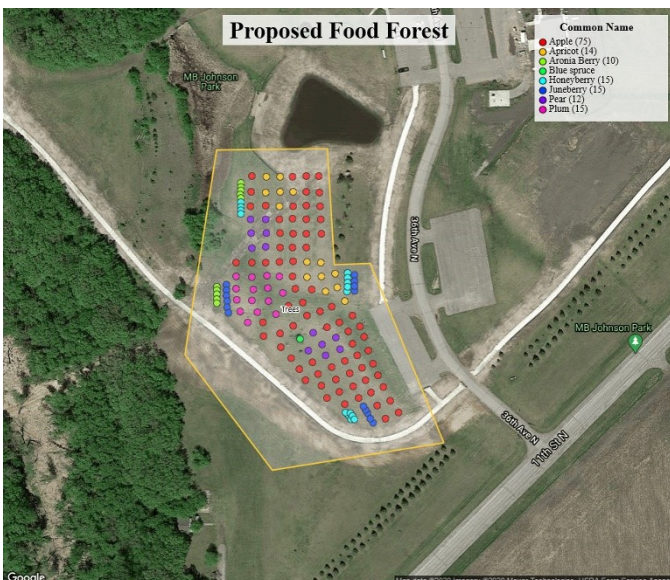
## River Paddling Excursions:

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. Backup weather date is one week later. Registration required with Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Partners with Moorhead Parks and Recreation.

- May 19 - Birds of the Red River, led by Fargo-Moorhead Audubon.
- June 16 - History of the Red River, led by Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.
- July 21 - Animals of the Red River led by Red River Zoo
- August 4 - History of the Red River, led by Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.
- August 18 - Trees of the Red River, led by City of Moorhead Forestry.

## Fargo Arbor Day:

May 21 at Longfellow Elementary. Partners with City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event. Volunteer sign ups required.





# o Participate and Volunteer!

## Canoe and Kayak Rentals at Hjemkomst Landing:

First come, first serve basis. For use at the Hjemkomst Landing only. June 1 - September 11. \$10.00/hour/per vessel. Tuesdays 5:00-8:00 p.m., Saturdays 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6:00 p.m. Partners with Moorhead Parks and Recreation.



## Moorhead Reforest the Red:

Help Reforest the Red by planting trees and shrubs in the riparian area. Noon - 4:00 p.m. on June 2. Backup weather date June 3. Partners with City of Moorhead and Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Free event. Volunteer signups required.

## River Keepers' Catfish Cup Golf Scramble:

Noon on June 14 at Edgewood Golf Course. A fun event for golfers of all skill levels. \$100/golfer. Pre-registration required.

## RiverArts Fishing Clinic:

Youth and their families are invited to learn the basics of fishing and try land the big one! 5:30-8:00 p.m. on July 27 at Memorial Park in Moorhead. Partners with FM Walleyes Unlimited and Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Free event.



## Race the Red Canoe and Kayak Races:

All skill levels welcome. Distances are 1.5, 3.5, or 6 miles. All races begin and end at Dike East. August 7. Backup weather date August 14. Fee to participate. Registration required.

## Lil' Fisherman's Clinic and Derby:

Learn the basics of fishing at a clinic from 5:30-6:30 p.m., then try land a big one at the derby from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. August 24 at Dike East in Fargo. Partners with FM Walleyes Unlimited. Free event.

## Fargo Reforest the Red:

Volunteer to plant trees and shrubs! Noon - 7:00 p.m. on September 8 along the Red River Trail by the Pontes Park. Backup weather date September 9. Partners with City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event. Volunteer signups required.



## On-the-Water Cleanup:

Experienced paddlers who are willing to get wet and dirty. 5:30 p.m. on September 15. Backup weather date September 16. Volunteer sign ups required. Free event.

## Red River Water Festival:

The Red River Water Festival facilitates awareness, appreciation, knowledge, exploration and stewardship of our natural resources with a focus on how water interacts with both the human and natural environments. Students are exposed to these concepts through indoor and outdoor hands-on activities. September 21-24, 27. Registration required for 4th grade classes. Free event. Volunteer sign ups required.

**Celebrate Our Red:** To be determined.

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