

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 leaders.

Members

229 members

Volunteers

1578 volunteers contributed 3941 hours to our projects, events and committees.

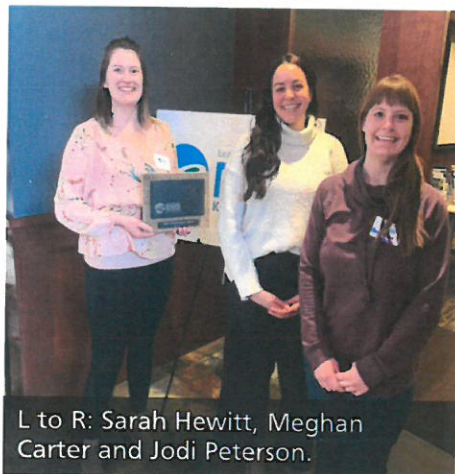
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Board and staff on the S.S. Ruby.

Presented Environmental Award to Audubon Dakota



L to R: Sarah Hewitt, Meghan Carter and Jodi Peterson.

2022 Statement of Activities

Memberships	\$17,557.72
Appropriations	\$131,000.00
Grants/Contracts	\$48,295.01
Sponsorships/Donations	\$48,079.28
Misc. & Project Income	\$6,950.40
Total Income	\$251,882.41

Office Expense	\$25,889.15
Project Expenses	\$36,426.76
Payroll Expenses	\$165,421.76
Total Expense	\$227,737.67

Net Income	\$24,144.74
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Full Time Staff

Christine Holland
 Executive Director

Kim Radebaugh
 Project Coordinator

Seasonal Staff

Annie Wodarek
 AmeriCorps Member

Received Moorheart Award from the City of Moorhead



L to R: Mike Ferrie, Christine Holland, Kim Radebaugh, Bert McDonough.

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

- Shared information about the Red River and River Keepers at 16 community outreach events plus numerous speaking engagements.
- Published two urban water cycle geocaches with assistance from interns.
- Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation to offer four River Paddling Excursions with hosts Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, Red River Zoo and Moorhead Forestry Department.
- Brought the Red River Water Festival to six schools and a few youth groups in the spring and held the regular event in the fall for over 2300 third and fourth grade students.

Clay Soil & Water Conservation District teaching Invaders at the Red River Water Festival.



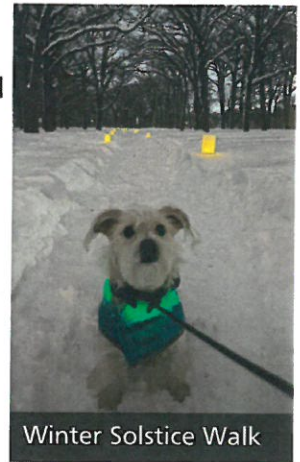
Goal: Maintain and increase appropriate recreational use of the Red River.

- Partnered with FM Walleyes Unlimited to provide the Lil' Fisherman's Clinic and Derby and the RiverArts Fishing Clinic to 100+ youth participants.
- Coordinated the 2nd Annual Winter Solstice Walk which brought out almost 400 people participants and some dog friends!

Winners of the Lil' Fisherman's Derby. Photo credit FM Walleyes.



- Created the Ruler of the Red Fishing Tournament utilizing the FishDonkey app. Partnered with FM Walleyes Unlimited.
- Worked with Brad Durick Outdoors to promote two catfishing classes and a tournament.
- Coordinated Race the Red canoe and kayak races.
- Added an extra day to the Rental Shack at Hjemkomst Landing hours. Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation.



Winter Solstice Walk

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

- Hosted two Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops, a Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshop, our first Make and Paint Rain Barrel Workshop and two Pollinator Habitat Workshops with Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Supported by Cass County Soil Conservation District.



Participants of the Make and Paint Rain Barrel Workshop creating art for their more resilient yard.

- Coordinated Reforest the Red with the City of Fargo, Fargo Park District, Cass County Soil Conservation District, City of Moorhead, Clay Soil & Water Conservation District, and over 500 volunteers to plant almost 1700 trees and shrubs.

Highlights

- Marked 697 storm drains to let people know what not to put down the storm drain and why. Partnered with Cities of West Fargo, Fargo and Moorhead plus numerous volunteers.
- Received community input on storm drain art designs which artist, Olivia Bain, brought to life in two paintings. Supported by Moorhead's Community Fund.



- Produced 3,378 totes from T-shirts that were donated, cut, and sewn by volunteers in our T-shirt to Tote project.



- Partnered with Moorhead Parks and Recreation, Fargo Park District, Southeast Cass Water Resource District and volunteers to pick up almost 6,000 pounds of trash along and in the Red River, along drains and in Snakey Creek.



- Took semi-monthly water quality samples during ice-free conditions with the support of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 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.

- The Catfish Cup Golf Scramble and Celebrate Our Red were successful board led fundraising events.



Mark Your 2023 Calendars

River Keepers Annual Meeting:

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

Make Your Own Compost Tumbler Workshops:

Build and bring home a compost tumbler made from a used plastic 55-gallon barrel. We will also cover the basics of composting. Fee: \$59 or \$54. April 18 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. at a Moorhead Park. Taught with Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Register with Moorhead Community Education. Supported by Cass County Soil Conservation District.



A workshop participant building their tumbler.

Make Your Own Rain Barrel and Make and Paint Rain Barrel Workshops:

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

Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshops are May 2 or 10 from 6:00—7:30 p.m. Fee: \$34 or \$30.

Make and Paint Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop is May 17 and 24 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Fee: \$59 or \$54.

Ruler of the Red Fishing Tournament:

A virtual fishing tournament using the FishDonkey app cohosted with FM Walleyes Unlimited. May 26 at 7:00 a.m.—June 4 at 7:00 p.m. on the Red River between Cass 22/Clay 26 and Cass 16/Clay 8. Entry Fee: \$20/individual.

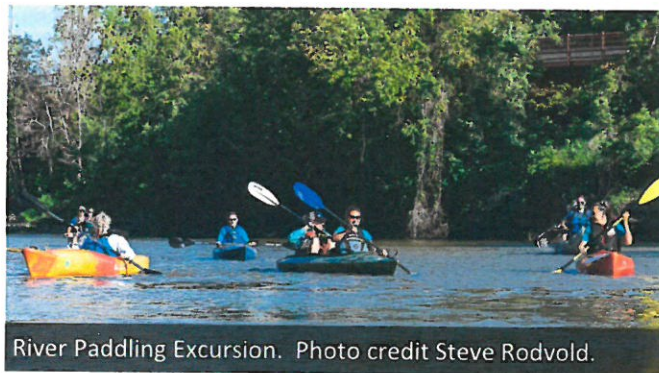


2022 Largest Catfish Winner.

River Paddling Excursions:

All skill levels welcome. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Begin at 6:00 p.m. \$15/person for canoe/kayak rental; \$10/person, if providing own vessel. Back up weather date is one week later. Partners with and registration required with Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Dates and themes are as follows:

- May 31 - Discover the Red River, led by River Keepers
- June 14 - Birds of the Red River, led by Audubon Dakota
- June 28 - Trees of the Red River, led by City of Moorhead Forestry
- July 12 - History of the Red River, led by Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
- July 26 - History of the Red River, led by Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County
- August 9 - Animals and Habitats of the Red River led by Red River Zoo
- August 23 - Discover the Red River, led by River Keepers



River Paddling Excursion. Photo credit Steve Rodvold.

Fargo Arbor Day:

May 19 at Stonebridge #2 Park. Partners with City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event. Volunteer signups required.

Reforest the Red Moorhead:

Help Reforest the Red by planting trees and shrubs in the riparian area at Gooseberry Mound Park from noon—4:00 p.m. on May 23. Backup weather date June 1. Partners with City of Moorhead and Clay Soil & Water Conservation District. Free event. Volunteer signups required.

o Participate and Volunteer!

Canoe/Kayak Rentals at Hjemkomst Landing:

First come, first serve basis. For use at the Hjemkomst Landing only. May 30 - September 9. \$10.00/hour/per vessel. Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00—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.

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 on June 5 at 6:30 p.m. Backup weather date June 19. Fee to participate. Registration required.

River Keepers' Catfish Cup Golf Scramble:

A fun event for golfers of all skill levels at noon on June 12 at Edgewood Golf Course. Fee: \$100/golfer. Pre-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. June 20 at Dike East. Partners with FM Walleyes Unlimited. Free event.



One of the participants who entered a fish into the Lil' Fisherman's Derby.

RiverArts Fishing Clinic:

Youth and their families are invited to learn the basics of fishing and try land the big one from 5:30—8:00 p.m. on July 25 at Memorial Park. Partners with FM Walleyes Unlimited and Moorhead Parks and Recreation. Free event.

On-the-Water Cleanup:

Experienced paddlers willing to get wet and dirty on August 7 at 5:30 p.m. Backup weather date August 14.

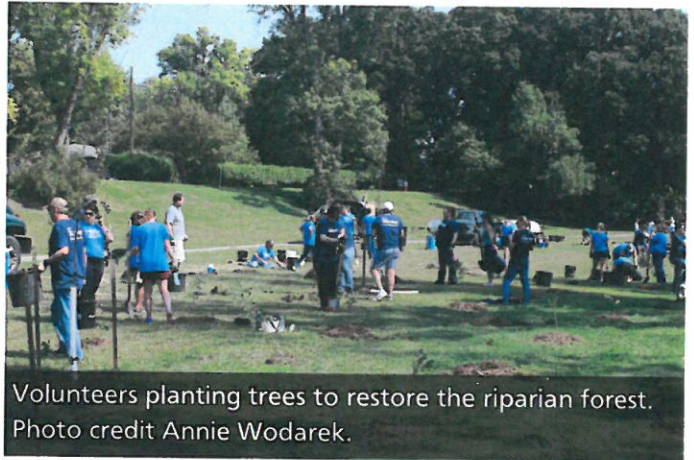
Volunteer sign ups required. Free event.



Picking up garbage via a canoe.

Reforest the Red Fargo:

Volunteer to plant trees and shrubs on September 12 from noon—7:00 p.m. at Lindenwood Park. Backup weather date September 13. Partners with City of Fargo, Fargo Park District and Cass County Soil Conservation District. Free event. Volunteer signups required.



Volunteers planting trees to restore the riparian forest. Photo credit Annie Wodarek.

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 19-22, 25 and 26. Registration required for 4th grade classes. Free event. Volunteer sign ups required.

Celebrate Our Red: More details to be announced soon.



Silent auction during Celebrate Our Red. Photo credit Annie Wodarek.

Winter Solstice Walk: December 21 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free event. Registration not required.

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