



GREAT RIVER GREENING

Spring 2018 Volunteer Opportunities

Individuals of all ages, families, and community and corporate groups of any size are welcome.

Join us as we continue to restore critical lands and waters throughout the state! Choose from a variety of volunteer activities: hands-on restoration; event set-up; volunteer check-in; volunteer supervisor; photographer; lunch/snack assistance.

Working with our partners, we have chosen these sites for their ecological and community significance, based on Great River Greening's conservation priorities and programs. Volunteer activities are always part of a larger restoration plan.

Planting and Milkweed Podcast for Pollinators

Volunteers: 75
Supervisors: 20

Saturday, May 5, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Mendota Heights

At this planting event, volunteers will restore the prairie with native pollinator shrubs and release milkweed seeds into a recently burned area through a "podcast!" Volunteers collected the pods during our immensely successful Million Milkweed Seed Initiative. Many of the seeds have been propagated and will be planted this season. This 25-acre natural area in Mendota Heights features dramatic views of both Twin Cities' skylines, and Minnesota and Mississippi River Valleys.

Partners & Funders: City of Mendota Heights, Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund, and Union Pacific Foundation

Butterfly Milkweed Planting in Wildlife Management Area

Volunteers: 50
Supervisors: 10

Thursday, May 17, Time is TBD, Royalton

Join Great River Greening at the first public event at the Rice Area Sportsmen's Club (RASC) Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The RASC WMA encompasses 580 acres of sandplain prairie, wetlands, oak woodlands, and rare oak savanna in Morrison County, near the town of Buckman. Volunteers will hike and plant thousands of butterfly weed seedlings in the prairie and savanna to re-introduce this important Monarch host-plant to the site.

Partners and Funders: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund, Ramsey County Correctional Facility, Bailey Nursery, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Restoration along the MN River

Volunteers: 100
Supervisors: 15

Saturday, May 19, 8:30 am - 11:30 am, Bloomington

This is a six-acre site along the Minnesota River and the site is a part of the Minnesota Valley Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. Volunteers will plant and seed native forbs and grasses to improve the natural habitat for local wildlife. The Minnesota Valley State Trail. Surrounding landscape includes a diverse wetland and floodplain connected to the Minnesota River National Wildlife Refuge.

Partners & Funders: Izaak Walton League and Outdoor Heritage Fund

Tree Planting in a Treasured City Park

Volunteers: 75
Supervisors: 20

Monday, June 2, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Saint Paul

Crosby Farm Regional Park is the largest natural park in Saint Paul with 736 acres of floodplain forests, wooded slopes in oak forest/savanna, and natural wetlands. The park is located in the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and also has an extensive trail system which is connected to Fort Snelling State Park and other parks. The event site is an additional extension area, east of Interstate Highway 35E along the Mississippi River corridor. Volunteers will help plant native shrubs and trees seedlings on uneven terrain to enhance the floodplain terrain and natural habitat for wildlife.

Partners & Funders: City of Saint Paul, Capitol Region Watershed District, Outdoor Heritage Fund, and RBC Blue Water Fund

Seeding a New Park

Volunteers: 100
Supervisors: 20

Saturday, June 9, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Elko New Market

Doyle-Kennefick is a planned regional park located in Central Scott County between St. Catherine and Lennon Lakes. Volunteers will help transform the 1860s homestead from farmland into prairie and restore existing savannah by planting native shrubs, releasing milkweed seeds through a "podcast," and busting buckthorn.

Partners & Funders: Scott County, Three Rivers Scott County, Outdoor Heritage Fund, National Turkey Federation, and Scott-Le Sueur MN Waterfowl Association

Register Today GreatRiverGreening.org