

2024 WORKSHOPS ON WATER A THREE-PART SERIES FOR LOCAL LEADERS

Calling all city council members, county commissioners, planning commissions, watershed supervisors, and other community leaders!

Join us this year for a series of workshops focused on practical approaches to protecting and restoring our water resources in the Lower St. Croix watershed. We invite community leaders from both Minnesota and Wisconsin to attend.

This is a chance to deepen your understanding of water concerns in our area, develop strategies for common challenges, and access new resources that will benefit your community and our waterways.

16TH ANNUAL ST. CROIX RIVER WORKSHOP ON THE WATER

Mon., June 24, 5-8pm, on the Grand Duchess out of Hudson, WI

Dive into an evening of fun and learning in this floating workshop on the beautiful St. Croix River.

- 5-5:30pm: Boat departs. Enjoy food and networking.
- **5:45-6pm:** Keynote presentation by Daniel Peterson, Supervisory Park Ranger with the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway (*Participants divide in two groups and flip-flop at the break*)
- **6-6:40pm:** Session 1 Kay Lutze (WI DNR), Matt Bauman & Dan Scollan (MN DNR)
 - St. Croix Riverway rules refresher
 - Dealing with sticky issues and variance requests
- 7-7:40pm: Session 2
 - Maggie Karschnia (UMN/Sea Grant) & Jay Michels (EOR Inc.)
 - Better Site Design for development and redevelopment
 - Resources for you Community Assistance Package
- 8pm: Boat returns to dock

Your ticket includes dinner and a cash bar. \$30 per person. Register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/2024stcroixwow</u>. Aboard the Grand Duchess

iiGavo on Big Marine Lake

Jackson Meadow in Marine





2 CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION TOUR

Wed., Aug 7, 1-4pm in northern Washington County

Join the Washington Water Consortium for a driving tour by bus to visit three innovative examples of conservation development and permanent land protection. Tour stops will include:

- Jackson Meadow a cluster style, conservation development in an upland area of Marine on St. Croix that features 190 acres of protected habitat.
- **TiiGavo** a conservation development on Big Marine Lake in Scandia that features a shared community boat dock, raingardens and water quality treatment basins.
- Kelly Farms 3000+ acres of private land permanently preserved through partnership with Trust for Public Land, MN DNR and Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program.

We will begin and end at the Brookside Bar & Grill in Marine. This tour is FREE but please register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/stcroixconservtour</u>.

3 WORKSHOP ON LAND & WATER

Mon., Sept. 30, 6-8pm at Elleholm Barn in Center City, MN

Join us in the barn for an evening of fun and learning with community leaders from Minnesota and Wisconsin. This is the final workshop in the St. Croix River learning series.

Learn strategies for protecting lakes, rivers, and wildlife habitat in small communities and rural areas of the Lower St. Croix Watershed. During this workshop, participants will learn about tools available to help small communities guide where and how development happens, as well as strategies for promoting conservation in rural and agricultural areas.

Topics will include:

- Strategies and approaches available to communities to help guide development and sustainable resource management
- Promoting conservation in rural and agricultural areas
- Showcasing local and regional ag producer efforts to adopt conservation practices

This is a free workshop but please register so we know how much food to order. Register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/stcroixwowland</u>.

Learn more and register at www.lsc1w1p.org/workshops-for-local-leaders

These workshops are offered in partnership by the East Metro Water Education Program (EMWREP) Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership, National Park Service, Minnesota DNR, Wisconsin DNR Polk County, St. Croix County, Washington County, Chisago SWCD, Isanti SWCD, Washington CD Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix WD, and Middle St. Croix WMO.