

Final Itinerary as of 7/8/13.

Activity	Location	Drive Time	Notes	Presenter
Council meeting (8-8:30 a.m.)	SOB		See LSOHC meeting agenda	
Travel (depart 8:30 a.m.)		<p>I-94 west to MN Hwy 241 west to Co. Hwy 22 south to park. Turn right into Crow – Hassan Parky; - will be guided on internal gravel roads. Turn right onto Park Dr. Continue onto Crow-Hassan Park Rd, go 1.0 mi. Continue straight onto Co. Rd. 19, go 2.0 mi. Turn right onto Co. Rd. 10 (East), go 6.3 mi. Continue onto Rebecca Park Trail go 1.3 mi. Continue onto Greenfield Ave, go 0.2 mi. Slight left onto Co. Rd. 50/ Rebecca Park Rd, go 0.8 mi. Turn left on East Rebecca Rd (Gravel), go 2.05 mi. Turn left onto Co. Rd. 11 go 1.0 mi. Turn right onto Co. Rd. 92 (Dogwood St), go 1.7 mi. Turn right onto Co. Rd. 92 S/ US-12 W, go 0.4 mi. Turn left onto Co. Rd. 92 S, go 2.8 mi. Turn right onto Watertown Rd go 0.3 mi. Take the 1st left onto Co. Rd. 92 S/ Main St. Continue to follow Co. Rd. 92 S, go 6.5 mi. Turn left onto MN-7 E, go 2.2 mi. Turn right onto Co. Rd. 11/ Victoria Dr Continue to follow Co. Rd. 1, go 2.8 mi. Turn left onto Arboretum Blvd, go 0.5 mi. Turn right onto Co. Rd. 11/ Victoria Dr. Continue to follow Co. Rd. 11, go 5.0 mi. Turn left onto Co. Rd. 140, go 1.8 mi. Turn left onto Chaska Blvd.</p>		

<p>Site Visits (arr. Crow-Hassen 9:15 a.m.)</p>	<p>Crowe-Hassen Park Reserve. Lake Rebecca and Carver Park Reserves are drive-by sites.</p>		<p>Crow-Hassen Park Reserve is the largest prairie and grassland complex in metro area. Lake Rebecca has a successful large watershed restoration project. Carver Park Reserve contains rolling woodlands and inter-connected marshes and lakes.</p>	<p>John Barten & John Moriarty, Three Rivers Park District will ride the bus and provide context and commentary.</p>
<p>Travel (arr. St. Thomas Cemetery @11:30 a.m.; arrive Ney Nature Center @12:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge; St. Thomas Cemetery (look-out point)</p>	<p>Head south on N Chestnut St toward Canyon Rd, go 1.8 mi. Turn right onto Chaska Blvd, go 1.2 mi. Slight left onto Co. Rd. 40, go 0.9 mi. Turn right onto 4th St E, go 1.2 mi. Turn left onto Co. Rd. 11/ Jonathan Carver Pkwy. Continue to follow Jonathan Carver Pkwy, go 1.1 mi. Turn left onto Co. Rd. 11/ Jonathan Carver Pkwy, go 1.9 mi. Turn right onto Co. Rd. 50, go 1.6 mi. Turn left onto Co. Rd. 40, go 7.5 mi. Continue onto Scenic Byway Rd Destination will be on the right go 7.8 mi</p> <p>Saint Thomas Cemetery Jessenland, MN.</p> <p>Head southwest on Scenic Byway Rd toward Jessenland Rd, go 4.8 mi. Continue onto N 5th St, go 0.5 mi. Turn left onto MN-19 E/ Main St. Continue to follow MN-19 E, go 1.9 mi. Turn right onto Nature Center Lane. Ney Environmental Learning Center</p>	<p>Metro Big Rivers collaborators will provide an overview discussion of Minnesota River valley and bluffslands.</p>	<p>Deb Loon, Minnesota Valley Wildlife Trust Jeanne Holler, USFWS</p>

		28238 Nature Center Ln, Henderson, MN		
Site Visit (arr. @1 p.m.) (45 min. visit for lunch and presentations)	Blakely Bluffs Park Reserve	West on Hwy 19 for ½ mile to Chatfield Dr. North on Chatfield with drive-by stops of Ney WMA and USFWS property . Stop at 2651 Chatfield Dr. in Belle Plaine for lunch.	Focus is partnerships in the Blakely Bluffs area and coordinated efforts for permanent protection of important natural resource habitat land. Information will be provided on native plant communities connected from the floodplain to above the blufftops in a large contiguous corridor of habitat. Staff will discuss how funds are leveraged to protect, restore, and enhance close-to-home hunting and fishing opportunities.	Patricia Freeman & Mark Themig, Scott Co.
Travel (depart 2:00 p.m.)		North on Chatfield Dr., following on to Co. Rd. 51, then east on Co. Rd. 1 to US Hwy 169 to MN Hwy 19 E to I-35 North to Co. Hwy 70. East on Hwy 70 to Co. Hwy. 23 and turn north. Go ½ mile and turn east on Co. Hwy 50. Follow Co. Hwy 50 through Farmington and head north on MN Hwy. 3 for ½ mile and head east on Co. Rd. 66 for 2.5 miles. Turn north on Miles WMA gravel parking lot.		
Site Visit (Arr. @3:30 p.m.)	Dakota County Vermillion Highlands, Vermillion WMA/AMA,		Focus of this part of the tour is on the significant size, quality, and diversity of the wildlife habitat and partnerships that have been involved in the protection and management	Brad Parsons & Tim Pharis, DNR Al Singer & Steve Sullivan, Dakota Co. Brian Watson, Dakota Co. SWCD

	Whitetail Woods, Vermillion River complex		of the area.	Terry Holmes, Empire Township Chair U of M rep TBD
Travel		West on Co. Hwy 66. Right on Biscayne Ave. Right on St. North on Annette Ave. West on Station Trail to Co. Hwy. 46. West on Hwy. 46. North on MN Hwy 3. Left on MN Hwy. 149 north until it merges with MN Hwy. 55 north to MN Hwy. 5. Turn right onto Shepard Rd to Crosby Regional Park.		
Site Visit (Arr. @5 p.m.)	Two Rivers overlook and Crosby Farm Regional Park		Focus is on inter-agency habitat protection, enhancement, and restoration planning and coordination within the MNRRA-designated corridor.	Adam Robbins & Don Ganje, City of St. Paul, Bruce Chamberlain, Mpls Parks and Recreation Tom Lewanski, Friends of the Mississippi Wayne Ostlie, Great River Greening
Travel (Arr. 6 p.m.)	MN Hwy 5 or alternate to SOB	15 minutes		