



one gift — 10,000 REASONS why

Impact Statements – *how your gifts add up*

The Minnesota Environmental Fund makes it easy to support *all* of Minnesota's most pressing environmental issues with *just one gift*. Here are just a few examples of the way your gifts are adding up to big impact for Minnesota's environment through the important work of our members:

Audubon Minnesota: In 2019, Audubon Minnesota planted 20,000 trees along the Upper Mississippi River floodplain that will create habitat for birds and help water quality.

Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota: BikeMN conceptualized and created the Walk! Bike! Fun! elementary school safety curriculum, which passes on safe walking and biking skills to Minnesota's K-8 students, and has implemented it by training and supporting about 800 educators who are now teaching about 80,000 young people every year to use these lifelong skills.

Clean Water Fund: 551 people engaged with activities around our ReThink Disposable campaign, including 326 people who pledged to make a change that would result in using fewer disposable items.

Environmental Initiative: Between 2017 and 2019, Project Stove Swap replaced 322 wood-burning appliances in 17 counties in Northern Minnesota, which had the emissions reduction equivalent to removing nearly 1,000,000 cars from the road each year.

Freshwater Society: Since 2013, Freshwater has trained 342 grassroots water steward volunteers who have been hard at work in their neighborhoods doing outreach to more than 28,000 community members and filtering out pollutants from 18 million gallons of water.

Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness: In the past year, the Friends has been at the forefront of protecting water in Northeast Minnesota, including in court with the Minnesota Court of Appeals, striking down PolyMet's permits to mine, and working with Representative Betty McCollum to introduce legislation to permanently protect the Boundary Waters from the proposed Twin Metals and any future sulfide mine.

Friends of the Mississippi River: Friends of the Mississippi River educates and empowers Minnesota's river stewards. Annually they engage over 4,000 people in volunteer stewardship and environmental education programming including nearly 2,000 youth - the next generation of river stewards.

Izaak Walton League of America: Since 2016 the MN Division has given \$8,000 in grants to reduce chapter energy footprints.

Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance: In 2019, Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance's habitat restoration project was selected as one of ten projects nationwide - and the only project on the entire Mississippi River - to receive federal recognition and funding to support ecological objectives through a congressionally authorized pilot program.

Land Stewardship Project: Since July 2018, LSP has hosted over 1100 people for six soil health workshops and seven field days in Southeastern Minnesota to teach farmers to implement soil-building methods that improve farm economic viability, water quality, climate stabilization, and carbon sequestration.

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy: MCEA successfully protected constitutionally dedicated funds, resulting in more than \$100 million being invested in our environment. This victory was a result of a lawsuit we filed in tandem with work with agencies and legislators to protect the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Mississippi Park Connection: Since 2018, Mississippi Park Connection has built 7 Community Tree Nurseries in partnership with diverse local partners like the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Raptor Center, and Surly Gives a Damn – helping to plant 8,800 trees in the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.

North American Water Office: “Landscapes of Conflict,” (LOC) a 36-piece visual, visceral portrayal of pre-contact America, the genocide and conquest, through art and beauty toward recovery, was recently shown at U MN class and Nibi Manoomin conference. LOC is a candidate for installment at the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples at the UN.

Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota: In 2019, Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota successfully acquired 13 acres along the Baptism River that it is working to add to Tettegouche State Park.

Sierra Club Foundation: In 2019, the Sierra Club mobilized hundreds of dedicated volunteers across the state to organize in their cities for clean energy. Minneapolis, St. Paul and Rochester have committed to 100% renewable energy, and Minnetonka and Duluth are on their way.

The Trust for Public Land: In 2018, The Trust for Public Land protected a record 13 special places in the Upper Midwest totaling 1,458 acres and 6.5 miles of shoreline.

Tree Trust: In 2019, Tree Trust planted or distributed 3,400 trees in urban areas, engaged 600 community volunteers and educated over 3,000 students about the importance of trees for healthy communities.

Voyageurs National Park Association: In 2019, Voyageurs National Park Association supported essential park operations during the federal government shutdown, added 6 acres of boreal forest and lake shoreline to the park, provided 25 Minnesota high school students the opportunity to build outdoor leadership skills through the Teen Ambassador program, and sponsored outreach and education programs that engaged over 13,000 people.

Wilderness Inquiry: In 2019, Wilderness Inquiry connected 40,000 people to inclusive outdoor adventures through 450 trips and events worldwide, including more than half from Minnesota. They served 19,000 people of color, 4,800 people with a disability, and those ranging in age from 1 to 87.

Women's Environmental Institute at Amador Hill: In 2019, WEI provided policy and strategy guidance to White Bear Area Neighborhood Concerned Citizens Group responding to toxic chemical exposures from Water Gremlin Corporation. Result: NCCG engaged multiple stakeholders and local lawmakers to successfully demand stronger environmental protections for both impacted residents and company workers.



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