



A View from the River

A guided tour of the St. Croix Valley's
land & water resources

June 17, 2009

Participants will engage in topics and issues about the St. Croix River and land use within the watershed in a view that can only be seen by working on water and looking back into the landscape.

Objectives—What we hope to accomplish:

- ⇒ Revive interest and engagement of citizens and community leaders in the St. Croix River.
- ⇒ Increase the knowledge of water & natural resources in the St. Croix watershed, identify the issues, concerns, and upcoming challenges and decisions facing the River.
- ⇒ Build partnerships and a network of people focused on river & watershed protection.
- ⇒ Provide resources & next steps for community leaders.

AGENDA

5:00pm	Boarding & Dinner
5:40pm	Welcome
6:10pm	Move to Concurrent Session I
6:20pm	Concurrent Session I <i>Participants assignments are on their name tag</i> <i>Group A (all) : Deck 1</i> <i>Group B-Lake : Deck 2</i> <i>Group B-River : Deck 3</i>
7:25pm	Rotate to Concurrent Session II
7:40pm	Concurrent Session II <i>Participants assignments are on their name tag</i>
8:45pm	<i>Group A-Lake : Deck 2</i> <i>Group A-River : Deck 3</i> <i>Group B (all): Deck 1</i>
8:45pm	Networking, Question/Answer with presenters & experts, Evaluation
9:30pm	Boat Docks back at Hudson Pier

Overview of Topics, Presentations, & Activities

Welcome & Why is the St. Croix Basin so special?Dan McGuiness
The St. Croix in trouble! *What is the problem?* Jay Riggs
Overview of Workshop John Bilotta

Concurrent Sessions Overview

Note to participants: Everyone will participate in all the sessions throughout the evening in a rotating fashion. There are many participants this evening so please attend the sessions you are assigned on your name tag. You will get to see and hear everything.

Deck 1—The Watershed Game & State of the St. Croix Basin Water Quality: *An activity about land use & water quality connections, practices, & water quality goals* *Presentation about the State of the St. Croix Basin water quality & land use*

Facilitators: John Bilotta, Michele Hanson, Angie Hong
Presenters: Buzz Sorge

Deck 2—Fisheries, Mussels and Bugs: *What Lurks Beneath Aquatic indicators of water quality for the St Croix*

Presenters: Mike Davis, Gerry Johnson, Brenda Lafrancois, Marty Engle

Deck 3—Guided View of the St. Croix Valley: from Hudson to the Kinnickinnic *With the help of experts, participants will look at specific sites along the shoreline & learn about the management, challenges, regulations & the roles of local communities in protection, restoration, & management*

Presenters: Molly Shodeen, Buck Malick, Dave Fodrockzi, Jennifer Shillcox, & others

Full contact information for all presenters, experts, and other resource specialist will be in your workshop packets you receive when you disembark the boat. For more information from all of the St. Croix workshops, go to: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/wild_scenic/wsrivers/workshops_2008-2009.html

About This Workshop:

This is the 4th in a series of workshops focused on engaging appointed & elected officials and community leaders in the current efforts being made to protect natural and economic resources of the St. Croix Basin. This workshop provides the opportunity to gain additional understanding of how land uses can impact river resources, hear about ongoing water quality research projects and learn how that information has been guiding the development of resource protection and water quality restoration strategies. The workshop will increase your knowledge about the significant resources within the valley and provide communities with tools and strategies that can be used to make more informed land use and resource management decisions within each of the St Croix Valley Watershed communities. This unique workshop capitalizes on experts and resources from the following collaboration:

St. Croix River Minnesota Watershed Basin Team

East Metro Water Resource Education Program

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

University of Minnesota Extension

Washington Conservation District

Northland NEMO Program

National Park Service

NEMO or *Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials* is an education and training program that builds the knowledge and skills of local decision makers, elected & appointed officials, and community leaders in the area of water and natural resource management.