



As Minnesotans we are fortunate to be surrounded by some of the purest elements on the planet. The 21 organizations supported by the fund are working to keep things that way for future generations.

The Minnesota Environmental Fund (MEF) is a state-wide network of respected and responsible non-profit environmental and conservation organizations, working together to protect, conserve and restore Minnesota's environment through employee giving. To learn more, call 651-917-1876 or visit www.mnenvirofund.org. Don't forget to sign up for our monthly electronic newsletter!

MEF member groups are working every day to

Protect

- Minnesota's clean air and water by developing renewable energy resources and preventing waste.
- People, by helping to reduce mercury levels in fish.
- Public natural areas by fostering responsible use of trails and roadways.
- Soil and water with conservation farming practices.
- By informing and engaging community residents in public policy issues that affect their lives.

Conserve

- Natural areas on the urban fringe, with development planning that addresses short and long-term ecological concerns.
- Important natural habitat for birds and other wildlife.
- Valuable open space for future generations to enjoy.
- And expand consumer access to locally grown organic and sustainable food products.

Restore

- Lakes and streams for safe swimming and fishing.
- Native prairie in roadside plantings.
- Water quality through buffer zones, greenways and plantings along streams and waterways.
- Parks and native landscapes along the Mississippi River by removing buckthorn and other invasive species.

Audubon Minnesota of the National
Audubon Society
Clean Water Fund
Eureka Recycling
Friends of the Boundary Waters
Wilderness
Friends of the Mississippi River
Green Institute
Izaak Walton League of America,
Minnesota Division
Land Stewardship Project
Minnesota Center for Environmental
Advocacy

Minnesota Conservation Federation
Minnesota Environmental Initiative
Minnesota Food Association
The Minnesota Project
The Nature Conservancy of Minnesota
North American Water Office
Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota
Sierra Club Foundation
Tree Trust
The Trust for Public Land
Voyageurs National Park Association
Wilderness Inquiry

Choose to help the environment. It adds up.

Did you know.....



\$3 per pay period buys a six foot tree for planting in a low-income neighborhood?

The top five most visited state parks in Minnesota in 2008

1. Fort Snelling (820,184)
2. Gooseberry Falls (569,097)
3. Itasca (472,458)
4. Tettegouche (387,221)
5. Split Rock Lighthouse (298,011)

\$20 per pay period can pay for one-quarter of a school bus retrofitted to reduce the diesel exhaust emissions that increase the risk of children developing asthma and other respiratory diseases?

\$3 per pay period provides recycling bins at your recreation center or library so that you can recycle away from home?

\$5 per pay period provides tools for volunteers for a community tree planting to replace trees lost to storms, insects or urban sprawl?

The Pink and White Showy Ladyslipper, *Cypripedium reginae*, or "slipper of the queen" is Minnesota's state flower?

\$5 per pay period will purchase Fire Safety Equipment for prescribed burning, an essential component of maintaining native prairies?

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness contains 1,500 miles of canoe routes, nearly 2,200 designated campsites, and more than 1,000 lakes and streams?

\$15 per pay period supports coordination of and supplies for a volunteer planting event to restore native species to

important wetland areas in the watershed?

30% of Minnesotan's visit a state park each year?

Grocery store produce travels (on average) 1500 miles from field to store?

\$1 per pay period can purchase thirteen Northern White Cedar sapling?

\$5 per pay period provides 1 day of labor for improving national park trails?

After you account for what we currently recycle, another 50% of what's left in our trash can be recycled and 25% can be composted?

\$15 per pay period provides support to create a long term inventory and monitoring system for Minnesota Important Bird Areas?

\$3 per pay period will purchase an adaptive canoe seat to stabilize paddling for amputee, paraplegic and quadriplegic participants?

More than 40% of Minnesota's waters do NOT meet water quality standards for being fishable, swimmable and drinkable?

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That 100% of the money raised by the Minnesota Environmental Fund stays in Minnesota?

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