



CRWD launches ‘Cedar 220’ photo project

Effort aims to collect pictures of citizens this year enjoying, improving local waterways

AUSTIN, Minn. – Thursday, May 23, 2013 – Cedar River Watershed District has launched a community project aimed at collecting pictures showing at least 220 different individuals enjoying or improving the Cedar River or its tributaries this year.

Photos for the project must have been taken between April 2013 and October 2013 on or along the Cedar River in Minnesota or one of its tributaries, such as Dobbins Creek (which forms East Side Lake in Austin) and Turtle Creek. The CRWD asks that each submitted photo include the names of those pictured and the photo’s date and location.

Fishing, boating, kayaking or canoeing along the Cedar River or its tributaries are sought for the project along with pictures of citizens removing litter from or walking/posing along the waterways.

“Many people enjoy and care for our local waterways,” CRWD Administrator Bev Nordby said. “This photo initiative is a way to highlight those people while encouraging hopefully numerous others to get connected with the waterways, whether that be canoeing down the Cedar River, fishing on East Side Lake or some other activity.”

CRWD picked the number 220 for the project’s goal as a tribute to the new Austin Vision 2020 Waterways Committee working to improve the Cedar River and other local waterways as part of an overall citywide betterment initiative.

Vision 2020 Waterways is partnering with the CRWD to assist with the “Cedar 220” project this year. The CRWD also will be getting assistance with the project from Austin photographer Nate Howard.

Among the first photos so far for the “Cedar 220” project were taken April 27 as part of Austin’s annual Community Pride Day involving volunteers removing trash in town.

A photo album for the “Cedar 220” project as well as updates on the initiative will be offered on the CRWD’s Facebook page and website.

People can submit photos to the CRWD by posting onto its Facebook page – www.facebook.com/CedarRiverWD – or by emailing Nordby at: bev.nordby@mowerswcd.org.

In April 2007, state and local officials formed the CRWD in response to the Cedar River Watershed’s top, worst-known floods occurring in 2000 and 2004. The CRWD’s top priorities are aimed at reducing flooding and improving water quality within the Cedar River Watershed.

CRWD’s 2012 annual report also is now available for viewing online at www.cedarriverwd.org.

“Cedar 220” photo project

Who: Cedar River Watershed District and Vision 2020 Waterways Committee.

What: Seeking citizens to submit photos showing them fishing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, removing litter from or walking/posing along the Cedar River or other local waterways, including East Side Lake.

Where: Within the Cedar River Watershed District boundaries in Minnesota.

When: Photos must have been taken between April 2013 and October 2013. Name, date and location requested for each photo.

Why: Project aims to get at least 220 individuals pictured in an effort to promote recreation on the Cedar River and other local waterways as well as efforts to remove litter from them.

How: Send your digital photo file to the CRWD by posting to its Facebook page – www.facebook.com/CedarRiverWD – or emailing it to: bev.nordby@mowerswcd.org

Contact: Bev Nordby, CRWD Administrator, 507-434-2603; bev.nordby@mowerswcd.org

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