Great River Greening addressed Minnesota’s most pressing conservation issues in 2018, from disappearing pollinator habitat to declining water quality. Our work spanned from the Mississippi Headwaters through the Twin Cities and into south-central Minnesota.

How did we do it? Certainly not alone. Thousands of volunteers, donors, and community partners–people like you–joined our efforts to restore healthy land and water across Minnesota.

These are some accomplishments that, together, we made possible:

Great River Greening launched a multi-year initiative to address the shortage of native, POLLINATOR-friendly seeds. In partnership with public and private landowners, volunteers planted “seed nurseries” across the Twin Cities. Once mature, volunteers will harvest the seeds to establish hundreds of acres of new pollinator habitat.

Our dedicated VOLUNTEERS, including more than 700 kids and teens, busted buckthorn, planted trees, and stabilized shorelines in new communities across the state. In our Field Learning for Teens Program, 277 teens spent the day outdoors learning about the science of restoration, green jobs, and the role they play in caring for the environment.

Minnesota’s declining RIVERS, LAKES, and STREAMS benefitted from restored land that naturally filters harmful pollutants–with new projects along the Cannon River, Mississippi Headwaters, and Rum River.

We helped dozens of landowners in agriculturally-rich areas adopt conservation-friendly practices on their LAND. From row crops to wildflowers, the new habitat significantly reduces harmful runoff from entering the local waterways, including the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.

Inspiring, engaging and leading local communities in conserving and caring for the land and water that enrich our lives.
Thank you to our volunteers, donors, and community partners.