



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear friends of the river,

What a year to summarize! 2020 used to refer to good vision, but it has now come to mean pandemic. For so many, the year has been one of loss, division and injustice.

And yet, as we reflect on the year from FMR's perspective, we marvel at the positive impact that you — members, volunteers and advocates — have had on water quality, healthy habitat, engaged and equitable communities. Despite the year's pain, we can offer impactful stories of service, generosity and resilience.

The river is the life-affirming strength of our region. Thank you for working with us to heal and nurture our communities, land and waters. Let's continue this essential collaboration.

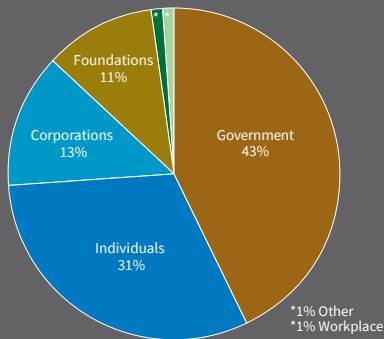


With genuine gratitude,
*Ronnie Brooks, Chair,
FMR's Board of Directors*

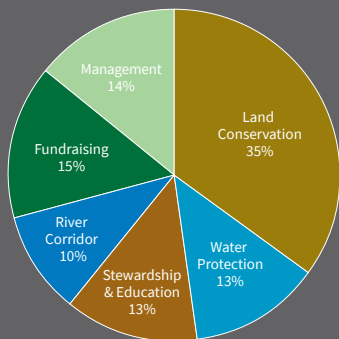
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[FMR.org/AR2020](https://www.fmr.org/AR2020)

2020 Statement of Financial Activities*

REVENUES: \$1,832,552



EXPENSES: \$2,289,437



*Calendar year 2020 unrestricted amounts, unaudited.
For our full financial report, check [FMR.org/AR2020](https://www.fmr.org/AR2020).
Audited financials will be available after July 2021.

2020 IN REVIEW YOUR IMPACT

JANUARY



We tracked
fox and coyote
to learn how to share
our urban river habitat

APRIL



You volunteered
200+ hours
to clean up our river
for DIY Earth Day

JULY



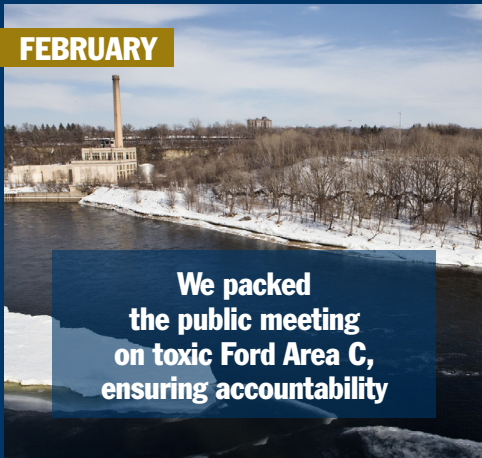
Youth impacted their
communities through our
second Environmental
Stewardship Institute

OCTOBER



We won funding
to fix the pipes
for Minnesota's
drinking water

FEBRUARY



We packed the public meeting on toxic Ford Area C, ensuring accountability

MARCH



As schools locked down, we stepped up to adapt our lessons for online learning

MAY



We launched the Forever Green Partnership, dedicated to the success of clean-water crops

JUNE



You supported the People of Color and Indigenous Caucus' police and justice reforms

AUGUST



We updated our habitat restoration plan at Wakán Tipi to center Dakota plants and practices

SEPTEMBER



You planted trees chosen to preserve our canopy through climate change

NOVEMBER



We called for a Better UHT development plan in North Minneapolis

DECEMBER



We made Minneapolis safer for birds migrating along the river flyway



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Friends of the Mississippi River engages people to protect, restore and enhance the Mississippi River and its watershed in the Twin Cities region.

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THANK YOU for 12 months of steadfast support of the river

In a year that introduced unanticipated and unprecedented challenges for all of us, I am deeply humbled by the enduring generosity of our community of river stewards.

In a time of distancing, we were still able to come together to accomplish remarkable things. Together, we got our hands dirty restoring critical habitat, spoke out as a voice for the river and made big-hearted gifts of support to help conserve our great natural treasure. Our collective commitment has never been stronger: to this work, our communities and the river.

Inside, check out a snapshot of the impactful work that you made possible in 2020 — a year like none other. And be sure to enjoy the full, interactive version of our annual report as well as our list of generous 2020 donors at [FMR.org/AR2020](https://www.fmr.org/AR2020).

The river and all of us at FMR extend our gratitude for all that you made possible and helped achieve. Thank you for helping carry out our shared vision of clean waters, restored habitat and a river for all to enjoy.

—Whitney Clark, Executive Director



Clockwise from top left, photos by Tom Reiter, Dodd Demas, Susan Ammington, FMR

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