

Flahive, Katie

From: Jean Ross <jfross@umn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:12 PM
To: Flahive, Katie
Subject: Prioritize nature-based solutions and basin-wide approach for Gulf Dead Zone and Mississippi River

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Sincerely,

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Jean Ross
3624 Bryant Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55409

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From: Michael Anderson <manderson@1mississippi.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:44 PM
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Sincerely,

Let's make this happen, Gulf Hypoxia Task Force! Prioritize restoring wetlands, reconnecting floodplains, and implementing proven agricultural practices (like cover crops, buffer strips) that reduce pollution! We are counting on you! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Michael Anderson
3949 29th Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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From: Karen Peterson <karenp735@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 4:20 PM
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Karen Peterson
735 York Ct.
Northbrook, IL 60062

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From: Hattie Lattner <hattie.lattner@MEMPHISTR.ORG>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 5:23 PM
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761 HOMER ST
MEMPHIS, TN 38122

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Lee Phillion
1826 Watson St.
St. Charles, MO 63301

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J. Beverly
803 Shurts Street
Urbana, IL 61801

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Gretchen Hagle
20960 Ivy Lane
Excelsior, MN 55331

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From: Carolyn Foster <cfoster91311@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 6:49 PM
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Carolyn Foster
3322 Lan Dr
Saint Louis, MO 63125

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From: Jim Trepka <jim_trepka@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 7:33 PM
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Jim Trepka
242 Highland Dr
Iowa City, IA 52246

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From: Lauren A. <laurass7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 10:01 PM
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Lauren A.
251 W 15th St
New York, NY 10011

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From: Debbie Valencia <valencia_j@sbcglonal.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 10:27 PM
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Sincerely,

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Debbie Valencia
2635 East 27th
Granite Coty, IL 62040

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From: Lauren Rapp <laurenrapp@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 10:30 PM
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Lauren Rapp
2201 Stephen Ct
Saint Louis, MO 63110

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From: Catherine Iliff <beateliliff79@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 6:38 AM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Sincerely,
Catherine Iliff
5508 26th Ave South
Minneapolis, MN 55417

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From: Ward Wilson <wardwilson@me.com>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 11:38 AM
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Sincerely,

We need to do more than we've done. The time is now to take action!

Sincerely,
Ward Wilson
1578 Cherokee Rd, Unit 3
Louisville, KY 40205

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From: Zach Nagel <zach.nagel@piic.org>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Sincerely,

Zach Nagel
Non-Point Source Coordinator
Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
Welch, MN 55089
Cell: 651-380-3454

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Welch, MN 55089

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From: Alexander Keilty <alex@lakepepinlegacyalliance.org>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Sincerely,

Freshwater is life.

Sincerely,
Alexander Keilty
2917 33rd ave south
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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From: Angelle Bradford <bradford.751@osu.edu>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 7:59 AM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Angelle Bradford
2103 Selma Street
New Orleans, LA 70122

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From: Marilyn Torkelson <marilyntorkelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 12:10 PM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Marilynn Torkelson
8956 Braxton Dr
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

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From: Scott Miller <scott.everett.miller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:59 PM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Sincerely,

I have paddled the river from the headwaters to New Orleans and will be making an attempt to set the Guinness World Record for fastest canoe trip down the river this coming May. The river is so beautiful and I want it to be as healthy as possible!

Sincerely,
Scott Miller
4138 40th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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From: Bronwyn Clark Skov <bronwyn.skov@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:05 PM
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Bronwyn Clark Skov
21327 Lillehei Ave
Hastings, MN 55033

Flahive, Katie

From: Karla Pashia <kpashia@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:27 PM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Sincerely,

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Thank you for your attention on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Karla Pashia
5105 Suson Way Ct
St. Louis, MO 63128

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From: Marilyn Torkelson <marilyntorkelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Flahive, Katie
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Sincerely,

I love to paddle the Mississippi near St. Cloud where it is clean, clear and full of mussels. Let's clean it up to Louisiana and the Gulf for health of the ecosystem and as a wonderful asset for recreation.

Sincerely,
Marilynn Torkelson
8956 Braxton Dr
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

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From: Wendy King <wking70118@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:14 PM
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Sincerely,
Wendy King
2100 Saint Charles Ave Apt 9J
New Orleans, LA 70130

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From: Vera Leopold <vleopold@wetlands-initiative.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:17 PM
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1331 Palmer St
Downers Grove, IL 60516

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Ilana Rubin
3422 Luttrell Rd
Annandale, VA 22003

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From: Trevor Russell <trev_russell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 1:12 PM
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Trevor Russell
3519 32nd Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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Erin Meier
159 Avalon Cove Circle NW
Rochester, MN 55901

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Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:28 PM
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407 S Johnson
Urbana, IL 61801

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