

Exploring Ĥaĥa Wakpadaŋ / Bassett Creek

In the Dakota language, Ĥaĥa Wakpadaŋ is the name for Bassett Creek. Indigenous people have lived, worked, and played in areas surrounding the creek for thousands of years.

Through an oral history project, fourteen Indigenous people shared how they experience the watershed as part of their historic and contemporary cultures. The Hennepin History Museum (HHM) and its partners have recorded and transcribed the interviews.

Please join us as we build on priorities identified in the oral histories! You are invited to join a network of community partners to raise awareness of the creek's Dakota name.

You are also invited to Listen and Learn events. We'll read, listen, and discuss the recorded interviews (similar to a book club). Food and fellowship are included!

Community Gatherings

➤ What would I do?

You would meet up with potentially 70+ community groups to discuss informal ways to use the creek's Dakota name.

➤ When would we meet?

-Saturday July 8

- 10:30am – Kickoff, with lunch at 11:30, at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC), 3100 Lilac Drive North, Golden Valley, MN 55422.

-Thursday August 10

- 11:00am & 6:30pm – Virtual mid-point check-in (duplicate meetings so staff or volunteers can attend).

-Saturday November 11

- 10:30am – Capstone celebration, with lunch at 11:30, at VCPC (see above).

Listen and Learn Sessions

➤ What would I do?

You would read or listen to oral history interviews and attend related discussions. You would also provide feedback to help develop future programs.

➤ When would we meet?

-Saturday July 8

- 12:30pm – In-person at VCPC (see left).

-Tuesday August 15

- 6:30pm – Virtual

-Saturday September 23

- 1:00pm – In-person at Mill City Museum's ADM Room. Parking vouchers provided.
- Afterwards, optional field trip to James Rice Park, where the creek connects with the Mississippi River (weather permitting).

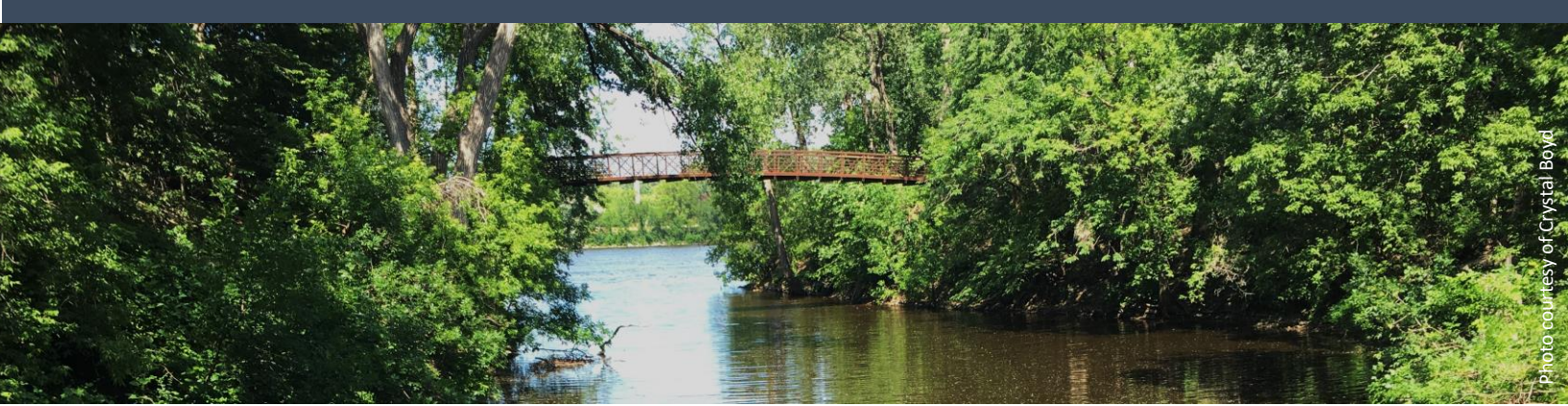


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