

## **Ripple Effect # 52**

### **RRBC SUMMER TOUR**

Interested in learning firsthand how your land and waters are managed in the Red River Basin? Every year, the Red River Basin Commission offers a tour of an area in the Basin, highlighting several natural features and managed projects. The goal is to help both citizens and water managers understand the Red River Basin—and for all of us to learn about what our neighbors in the Basin are doing to address the problems and develop the potential of the Basin. The tour gives us the opportunity to learn about the Basin not only by hearing, but by seeing it for ourselves.

This year, the tour bus leaves at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, from the Grand Forks, ND, Ramada Inn Hotel, for an afternoon of looking at and hearing about several water management projects in the area. The tour will conclude with a stop at Turtle River State Park.

This year's tour includes several highlights. The first stop will be at the University of Minnesota Crookston Extension Research Station, where we will hear from two researchers on tile drainage—how does tile drainage affect crop production? How does it affect water quality?

A second feature tour will be Kelly's Slough Wetland Complex, located west and north of Grand Forks, an award-winning project with multiple functions. Is it possible that an area of 936 acres can improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife, provide recreation and promote tourism, educate, and help reduce flood damage?

Finally, on our way to Turtle River State Park, we will learn about and view a number of sites where river banks (riparian areas) have been restored or enhanced. What methods work to protect and sustain our river banks? What difference do enhanced riparian areas make?

By the end of the day, you will be more informed about land and water management in the Red River Basin, ready, we hope, to take your new knowledge and experiences back to your neighbors and, perhaps, looking forward to the next year's tour.

To reserve a place on the bus, contact the Red River Basin Commission by calling 218-291-0422 or emailing [staff@redriverbasincommissin.org](mailto:staff@redriverbasincommissin.org). Space is limited, please make your reservation by June 1.

Until the next Ripple Effect,

The Red River Basin Commission (RRBC)

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