

Emerging Leaders Forum

Tomorrow's Philanthropic Leaders Building a Better Community Today

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ELF Nears \$50,000 Library Goal

ELF members are only \$6,000 from reaching our goal for the teen room at the new St. Cloud Library. [Donate online.](#) [View 2008 Donors](#)

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The Otto Bremer Foundation will match every \$1 donated by new members.

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Sept. 18:
[Rediscover the River Event: Natural Wonders of Our Mississippi](#)

Sept. 20:
[St. Cloud Library Grand Opening & Art Chair Auction](#)

Oct. 1:
[Rediscover the River Event: Local Waterfront Development](#)

Oct. 25:
[Rediscover the River Event: Making St. Cloud a Vibrant River City](#)

→ ELF Gears Up to Rediscover the River

ELF hosted the first in a series of meetings on rediscovering the Mississippi River on Aug. 14. About 85 people attended the event to learn how the city of Dubuque, Iowa, leveraged its place on the river to revive its once failing economy and to create more than 4,500 jobs in the last five years.



The community's efforts have been recognized nationwide for its livability, employment rate and business retention. The city's dramatic urban revitalization, started in the late 1990s, spanned 90 acres of riverfront property near the city's downtown and had a first phase budget of \$188 million. [View the Presentation.](#)

How did Dubuque do it?

The City of Dubuque partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to engage citizens and open an all inclusive discussion to identify the area assets and opportunities. The community narrowed more than 2,300 ideas to 10 key projects. Some projects are:

- National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium
- Scenic river walk and bike trail
- Conference Center
- Hotel and Resort with 25,000 square foot water park
- Winery and Restaurant complex

Learn More

Eric Altena and Mark Hauck of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will tell us about some of the natural assets right here along our stretch of the river on Sept. 18. [Register Online.](#)

Upcoming Rediscover the River Events

Sept. 18: Natural Wonders of Our Mississippi

Oct. 1: Local Riverfront Development

Oct 25: Making St. Cloud a Vibrant River City

Opportunities to Explore the River

Sept. 6: Mississippi River Canoe Trip
Beaver Island Trailhead to Clearwater

Oct. 4: St. Cloud River Bluffs Regional Park Open House

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