

# CONSERVATION DRAINAGE SESSIONS



**Conservation Drainage:  
How It Can Help All Of  
Us?**

**Informational Sessions  
Coming To  
Sleepy Eye,  
St. Peter and  
Hanska**

## Meeting Locations

- **Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:45 P.M.** at the **Railway Bar** in **Sleepy Eye. 300 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. North**
- **Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:45 P.M.** at the **Traverse de Sioux Treaty Site History Center** in **St. Peter**
- **Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:45 P.M.** at the **Community Center** in **Hanska. 201 Broadway**

The terms conservation and drainage may seem to be at opposite ends of management approaches when dealing with runoff coming from our lands. But recently these two important and needed components of land management have come together to form new innovative technologies and approaches. These approaches have the potential to benefit crops and water quality and may significantly improve our Minnesota River Watershed.

The public is invited to attend the events in their area and learn more about this exciting way of water management.

Experts who have been working on the development of this concept along with those who have been involved in using it for several years will be on hand to provide an overview and answer questions from the general public.

**Co Hosts for the Events:** Minnesota River Board, Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition, Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Minnesota Department of Ag, Agri-Drain Corp., Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, Minnesota River Watershed Alliance, Rural Advantage and Clean Up Our River Environment.

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## **Conservation Drainage Informational Sessions**

Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Open to the Public

If you are an agricultural producer, ditch and tile contractor, watershed professional, elected official or a citizen interested in clean water, you will have the opportunity to learn about the very latest drainage technology design which has the ability to save ground water, reduce rural runoff to local waterways, improve tile drain water quality and potentially increase crop yields.

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Each session will be given by Brian Hicks, who has implemented Conservation Drainage technology on his farm for several years.

The event is Co-Hosted by: the Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition, Agri-Drain Corp., the Minnesota River Board, Friends of the Minnesota Valley, MN Dept. of Ag Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance, Clean Up our River Environment and Rural Advantage

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