

Land Stewardship Project Citizens' Frac Sand Summit

Saturday, Jan. 18, Tau Center, Winona, MN

Citizens gathering from around the region to share strategy, learn from experts as well as each other and strengthen the movement to keep frac sand mining from harming our communities.

- 9:00 a.m.** **Registration**
- 9:30 a.m.** **#1 Welcome and meeting overview**
- Tex Hawkins, LSP Board Member
 - Mayor Mark Peterson of Winona
- 9:40 a.m.** **#2 Reviewing grassroots victories achieved to control frac sand mining in our communities**
- Marilyn Frauenkron Bayer, Houston, MN
- 9:55 a.m.** **#3 Reflections on what is at stake**
- Bob Christie, family farmer, assesses the threat to farming from the frac sand mining industry.
 - Amanda Griggs, lifelong resident of Houston County, reflects on what the frac sand industry jeopardizes in her community and asks summit participants to share their concerns.
- 10:10 a.m.** **#4 Commissioner John Linc Stine, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**
- Commissioner Stine will speak to the MPCA's role in regulating the frac industry to protect environmental and public health. He will also take questions from summit participants.
- 10:40 a.m.** **#5 Air quality, human health and the frac sand industry**
- Facilitator: Mike Kennedy, LSP member, Winona
 - Dr. Michael McCawley of the School of Public Health at West Virginia University. McCawley is a leading expert on ambient air quality monitoring and assessing risk to human health.
 - Dr. Crispin Pierce, director of the Environmental Public Health Program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Pierce is conducting cutting-edge research on monitoring silica dust at frac sand facilities.
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch of local foods prepared by the Blue Heron Coffeehouse of Winona.**
- Apples and apple cider provided by Hoch Orchard of LaCrescent, MN.
 - Pork from Hidden Stream Farm, of Elgin, MN.
 - This is a time to meet others from around the region working on the issue and make connections.
- 1:00 p.m.** **#6 The consequences of extreme energy extraction and the growing movement to demand sustainable alternatives**
- Jennifer Krill, Executive Director of Earthworks: "The movement to stand up to extreme energy extraction around the globe is growing." Earthworks aids communities around the nation and world in fighting against extreme energy extraction that puts corporate profits before the well-being of local communities. Earthworks also works for sustainable alternatives.
- 1:40 p.m.** **#7 Taking action together to stop frac sand mining from harming our communities**
- Bobby King, LSP State Policy Organizer
- In Minnesota, there are meaningful actions the Governor and state agencies can take to ensure frac sand mining doesn't harm our communities. We will cover what these are and how we ensure they happen through collective action. At the Wisconsin Legislature, a bill to weaken local control of frac sand mining and other harmful developments has been introduced. A grassroots outcry has slowed it down but the bill must be killed.

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3:10 p.m.

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Workshops

Workshop A: Using local ordinances to control the frac sand industry

The most successful work to control the frac sand industry has been at the local level. These elected officials will share the strategies they have used.

Facilitator: Doug Nopar, LSP Policy Organizer

Panelists:

- David Williams, Township Supervisor, Preble Township, Fillmore County, MN
- Keith Fossen, Township Supervisor, Hay Creek Township, Goodhue County, MN
- Bill Mavity, County Supervisor, Pepin County, WI

Workshop B: How the Driftless Area's unique natural resources are threatened by the frac sand industry

Panelists:

- Don Arnosti, Audubon Minnesota, Policy Director
- Katie Himanga, Certified Forester and owner of Heartwood Forestry

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4:10 p.m.

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Workshop C: Establishing Minnesota air quality permit standards that put community health before frac sand company profits

Facilitator: Mike Kennedy, Winona, MN

Panelists:

- Dr. Michael McCawley, School of Public Health at West Virginia University
- Dr. Crispin Pierce, Director of the Environmental Public Health Program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Workshop D: Organizing strategies for grassroots victories

Panelists will tell the story of three victories that resulted in protecting their communities from the frac sand industry and share the strategies they used.

- Fred Troendle, Concerned Citizens for St. Charles: Stopped the Minnesota Proppant Processing Facility in St. Charles, MN
- Craig Brooks, Buffalo County Defenders: Stopped Glacier Sands Frac Sand Processing Facility in Fountain City, WI
- Johanna Rupperecht, Land Stewardship Project: Won an Environmental Impact Statement ordered on 11 proposed frac sand mines in southeast Minnesota

4:15 p.m.

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Going forward to build power and win more victories to protect our communities from the frac sand industry

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