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Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP) Invites Ideas

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Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP) invites Idea Briefs to be submitted by January 23, 2015. The Partnership seeks projects that contribute to a vibrant future of Northwest Minnesota.

As a part of University of Minnesota Extension, the Regional Sustainable Partnerships (RSDP) brings together local talent and resources with University of Minnesota knowledge and seed funding to drive sustainability in four areas: agriculture and food systems, tourism and resilient communities, natural resources, and clean energy. The Northwest RSDP office in Crookston is led by Linda Kingery, executive director, and a board comprised of community and university representatives.

"The project Idea Brief launches a conversation with the NWRSDP by providing a sketch of the project and an early draft of the project proposal," said Linda Kingery, executive director. "NWRSDP seeks innovative ideas that are identified and valued by the community and collaborate with the university to foster sustainability."

In recent years, NWRSDP has supported successful projects for natural play space design in several communities, a sustainable tourism assessment program in Warroad, community garden design for Lake Region Takes Root in Fergus Falls and the Bemidji Food Shelf, and a social science assessment of conservation in the Red River Valley. The partnership also supports farmers' markets and community gardens across the region and is the organizer of the very popular, Local Foods College.

NWRSDP is one of five Regional Partnerships across the state that connects local communities and citizens with resources from the University of Minnesota. Each of the five Regional Partnerships (Southeast, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Central) is citizen-driven, building community-university partnerships that create new opportunities and solve problems in Greater Minnesota.

For more information and to submit an idea to the NWRSDP, see "Idea Brief" or contact Linda Kingery at kinge002@umn.edu or [218-281-8697](tel:218-281-8697).

To learn more about the work of the Northwest Regional Partnership go to <http://www.extension.umn.edu/rsdp/northwest/>.

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