

## News Release

# Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP) Seeks Members in Northwestern Minnesota to serve on its board of directors

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Thursday, April 16, 2015 Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP) is seeking community members in Northwestern Minnesota to serve on its board of directors.

"We are one of five Regional Partnerships across the state that connects local communities and citizens with the resources of the University of Minnesota. For example, our board has supported innovative projects in Northwest Minnesota like Community Gardens, Connecting Children and Nature and Sustainable Tourism Assessment. We seek forward-thinking board members who will help us contribute to a more vibrant and sustainable Minnesota, now and into the future," says Abby Gold, current board chair. 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. The Partnerships are a division of University of Minnesota Extension.

According to Linda Kingery, executive director, board members function as a team, working with local communities to identify and implement projects that foster sustainability in agriculture and food systems, tourism and resilient communities, natural resources, and clean energy.

Members of the NWRSDP board also:

- solicit, evaluate, and vote on proposals
- participate in regular boards and focus area work group meetings--both in-person and by conference calls--contributing time, energy, and insight to projects
- serve for three years with mileage and honorarium for agreed upon meetings and special assignments.

Board membership is open to residents of Greater Minnesota and University of Minnesota faculty, staff, and students. To be considered for a position, please submit your application by Friday, May 28, 2015 for terms starting in July of 2015.

For more information, see "Board members information and application" at <http://RSDP.umn.edu>.

The Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDPs) give communities in Greater Minnesota access to the University of Minnesota in order to help solve problems and take advantage of new opportunities. As a part of University of Minnesota Extension, NW 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.

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