

CALENDAR ALERT

[Next Generation of Parks™ Lecture](#)

International Journalist & Harvard Visiting Fellow Tracy Metz on

Sweet & Salt: Water and the Dutch

Monday, October 1, 6:00 PM

FREE

University of Minnesota, Rapson Hall

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For centuries the Dutch have created their land to defend it from water. Today, a changing climate is challenging traditional methods of water management, and the Dutch are subjecting their land to an “extreme makeover” in order to accommodate a new, more proactive relationship with water.

As we embark on visionary RiverFirst parks projects along our dynamic Mississippi Riverfront and elsewhere in the “City of Lakes,” what can we learn from this new approach to environmental engineering in the Netherlands?

Tracy Metz, a native of California, is a journalist and author based in the Netherlands who writes for NRC Handelsblad and the Architectural Record. Metz was a Loeb Fellow at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, where she is currently a visiting fellow.

[Next Generation of Parks™ Lecture Series](#)

The Next Generation of Parks™ speaker series introduces the Twin Cities to transformative parks design around the U.S. and the world. Presented by the Minneapolis Parks Foundation with its partners the Walker Art Center, the University of Minnesota College of Design, and American Society of Landscape Architects – Minnesota Chapter (ASLA-MN), the series features acclaimed urban parks designers and experts, who focus on specific 21st century approaches to comprehensive parks planning and design. Earlier lectures included singular presentations by Jamie Dean on London’s Green Grid and Robert Hammond on the New York City’s High Line.

[About the Minneapolis Parks Foundation](#)

The Minneapolis Parks Foundation is focused on the Next Generation of Parks™, with an emphasis on parks programming and design education, innovation and implementation. Beginning in 2010, the Parks Foundation co-sponsored the globally renowned Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition, the largest in the state’s history. This year, the Parks Foundation’s projects include Water Works Park on the downtown riverfront, the RiverFirst Initiative with the Minneapolis Park Board and the City of Minneapolis, the beloved _/ (Minne, the Lake Creature) floating sculpture, and offering the SiteSeeing urban design curriculum for youth.

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