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THE MORRIS MODEL ANNOUNCES ITS SECOND EVENT IN THE SEVEN-PART
MORRIS MODEL RESILIENCY DISCUSSION SERIES:

PREPAREDNESS IN AGRICULTURE – MARCH 23rd, 6-7pm

The Morris Model team is proud to announce the continuation of its ongoing effort to bring experts to the community via Zoom webinars to provide relevant and timely information regarding the anticipated changes to our way of life with regards to increasingly volatile and extreme weather patterns being observed in west central Minnesota. On **Tuesday, March 23rd at 6pm** the Morris Model will be hosting a discussion via Zoom with Dennis Todey from the USDA Midwest Climate Hub to discuss the changing agricultural practices in the Upper Midwest in response to shifts in seasonal temperatures and precipitation events. This discussion will cover the how observed changes in climate are impacting agricultural practices in West Central MN, how producers and farmers are effectively changing management practices to adapt to these changes, and future trends and projections related to the increased soil loss, insect and pest ranges and diseases, and weed ranges that are a direct consequence of our warmer and wetter regional weather patterns. There will be ample time afforded for a question and answer session after the presentation, and this platform will provide a unique opportunity for local farmers and concerned citizens to access the most up-to-date information and planning strategies that are shaping the future of agricultural markets.

Residents interested in attending this event can RSVP, as well as view the background information and resources supporting the Morris Model Resiliency Discussion Series, at www.morrismodel.org/resiliency-series.

The Morris Model is a community partnership representing the City of Morris, Stevens County, the University of Minnesota Morris campus and the U of M West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris Area Schools, Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, and Horizon Public Health. The goals of the partnership are centered around energy conservation, clean energy development and deployment, community resilience, cultural exchange, and celebration of successes in the community that continue to make Morris and Stevens County a model community for other rural local governments working towards the same goals.

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