

Crow Wing County Water Plan - Comments Received

Date	Name	Comments	CWC Response
3/27/2013	Ken Zeik, DNR Staff Hydrologist	I've been looking at this and upon quick review it looks like it could be a model for others – great idea to focus on sub-watershed level.	Comment noted.
3/27/2013	Bill Patnaude, Beltrami County Environmental Services	Mitch, Just had an opportunity to review the portion of the Crow Wing county Comprehensive Water Management Plan that addresses the Mississippi River. Just want to let you guys know what a great job very impressive reading a lot of data in this document . Did notice that map when I printed out the document that Map 1 64 and Map 2 65 are in this document twice. Is it supposed to be this way?	Comment noted. CWC will verify that no duplicate maps are in the plan.
3/27/2013	Paula West, Executive Director of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation	Amazing job on the Crow Wing Water Plan and the subwatershed analysis! Very innovative and ambitious—congratulations. Lots of food for study there and it will be extremely helpful in prioritizing grant dollars. Great work.	Comment noted.
3/28/2013	Carl Mills, DNR Fisheries Specialist	Roosevelt lake is no longer stocked with trout. We stopped that about 6 years ago. There could still be trout in there. We haven't done a trout assessment since 2006 when we caught 17 trout and I think all of them were freshly stocked. We didn't catch any trout in our regular nets this past summer (2012). There just isn't enough oxygen in the cooler water for them to make it. The other lakes/streams [on the list of CWC trout lakes/streams] look fine to my knowledge. I know some the streams are designated as trout streams, but may have never had trout in them. I think they just had conditions that could support trout and were designated as trout streams in order to protect them better. Cullen Brook and Sand Creek may be an example of this. Spring, Whitley's, Borden, and Black Hoof I know have had trout in them.	Comment noted.
4/2/2013	Robert Bauer, SWCD District Technician	Noticed that the AIS map on Page 11 of the Priority Concerns document does not show the designated AIS-infested rivers. I work for the Crow Wing SWCD and notice on the Pine River, which is designated infested with zebra mussels, that citizens do not clean boats and trailers at the river access. I do have to file a permit when I sample water there so it would also be useful to show the status of rivers in the water plan. I think there needs to be greater awareness of AIS in rivers and the water plan should lead by showing the designated AIS-infested rivers.	Rivers with AIS were added to the AIS map in the water plan.
4/3/2013	Howard, Citizen	I live on the Lower Pine River below the Crosslake Dam. My concern is when the dam is closed down to regulate the pool the natural environment below the dam is sacrificed, fish, birds, animals and humans suffer. Also the limited water flow rate does not flush the effluents from the Crosslake's water treatment plant effectively which causes severe water quality degradation and huge algae blooms. Since the Pine River is a designated recreational river and a natural asset it's health and overall vitality should be monitored be more closely and should not be any less significant than the reservoir above the dam. A Concerned Environmentalist and Citizen of Crow Wing County.	The Water Plan is a policy document and not intended to address site-specific issues within the minor watershed. The issued raised by the comments might be best directed to the City of Crosslake (for the water treatment plan), Department of Natural Resources, or Army Corps of Engineers (for water levels associated with the dam).
4/23/2013	Paula West, Resident and Representative of Crow Wing County Lakes & Rivers Alliance	Transcribed from comments during the public hearing at the County Board Meeting: Paula is a local resident who serves on the Mission Lakes Association Board and is also a Board member of the Crow Wing County Lakes & Rivers Alliance (LARA). She appreciated the detailed information on her watershed and she applauded staff and the Board for their efforts on the Water Plan thought that it would be a trend setter across the state and that funding will flow easier because of this Plan. She stated that the Mission Lakes Association and LARA highly endorse the Plan. She mentioned that MPCA is conducting a major watershed assessment on a 10-year cycle and the implementation prioritization will work nicely with the County Water Plan.	Comment noted.
4/23/2013	Melissa Barrick, District Manager of Crow Wing SWCD	Transcribed from comments during the public hearing at the County Board Meeting: Melissa complimented staff and the County Board on the Water Plan. She explained that when she started in 2008 there was very limited water planning data available and it made it difficult to determine where to invest funds. She said that this Water Plan does a great job of prioritizing where water planning projects could be implemented.	Comment noted.