#### 5.6 Prohibitions

#### 5.61 Sewage Discharge to Ground Surface or Surface Water

It is unlawful for any person to construct, maintain, or use any SSTS system regulated under this Ordinance that results in raw or partially treated wastewater/sewage seeping to the ground surface or flowing into any surface water. Any surface discharging system must be permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program by the MPCA.

#### 5.62 Sewage Discharge to a Well or Boring

It is unlawful for any person to discharge raw or treated wastewater/sewage into any well or boring as described in MN Rules Chapter 4725.2050, or any other excavation in the ground that is not in compliance with this Ordinance.

#### 5.63 Discharge of Hazardous or Deleterious Materials

It is unlawful for any person to discharge into any treatment system, regulated under this Ordinance, any hazardous or deleterious material other than in normal household use and quantities that adversely affects the treatment or dispersal performance of the system or groundwater quality.

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#### 9.9 Escrow

If the seller fails to provide a Certificate of Compliance, or if a compliance inspection indicates a Notice of Noncompliance or if the seller is unable to complete a compliance inspection due to frozen soil conditions, the seller shall provide the buyer sufficient security in the form of an Escrow Agreement to assure the installation of the complying SSTS. The buyer may, by mutual written agreement with the seller, assume the responsibilities to fund the escrow.

The security shall be placed in an escrow with a licensed real estate closer, licensed attorney at law, or federal or state-chartered financial institution. The amount escrowed shall be equal to 125% of a written estimate to install a complying SSTS provided by a Licensed Installation business or Licensed Installer or if a written estimate cannot be completed due to frozen soil conditions, the amount escrowed shall be equal to 150% of the annual average cost of a mound system as determined by the Department.

The Escrow Agreement shall list Aitkin County as having the "release authority" of the escrow monies which shall not be released until a Certificate of Compliance is issued by the Department or its agent.

After a complying SSTS has been installed and a Certificate of Compliance issued, the Department shall provide the escrow agent a copy of the Certificate of Compliance which shall cause the escrow to be released. A copy of the Escrow Agreement and written estimate must be submitted to the Department.

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### AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Aitkin County Courthouse 217 Second Street N.W., Rm. 130 Aitkin, MN 56431 218-927-7276

April 11, 2014

John and Rhonda Beasley 40352 Nature Avenue Aitkin, MN 56431



Dear John and Rhonda:

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Sincerely,

Sue Bingham

Administrative Assistant

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Fax: 218-927-7374

April 9, 2014

Debra Chute 42992 US Hwy 169 Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Debra:

At the April 8, 2014 Aitkin County Board meeting the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners reappointed you to the Extension Committee as the District 4 representative. This is a three year term ending December 31, 2016. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your reappointment!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kirk Peysar at 218-927-7354.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Wedel, Chair

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Kirk Peysar, Auditor

## **MAWD Summer Tour**

## We're All in the Same Boat!

The St. Croix River Basin: A model for working together to accomplish water quality and natural resource protection goals.

Wednesday, June 18 to Friday, June 20, 2014 Stillwater, Minnesota







Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts

Land and Water Shall Be Preserved

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The St. Croix River is one of the original rivers in the Wild and Scenic River Act of 1968 and enjoys widespread popularity as a recreational resource only 20 miles east of St. Paul. Lake St. Croix is the lowest reach of the river before it joins the

Mississippi and was placed on the Impaired waters list in 2006. Wisconsin and Minnesota signed an agreement to work together to improve water quality in the River and de-list Lake St. Croix by reducing annual phosphorus loading by 20 percent. We will hear about the challenges of implementing a plan in a 7,760 square mile basin with the help of government, science, non-profits and corporations.

Stillwater is the oldest town in Minnesota and is the location of a new bridge spanning the St. Croix. The bridge proposal started a 15 year battle to determine if a new bridge is compatible with the river's Wild and Scenic status. We will cruise the St. Croix River and hear from the National Park Service and representatives from MnDot about construction challenges and mitigation.

The Water Street Inn and the Lowell Inn represent Stillwater's unique character and both are just one

block off of the town's historic Main Street and the St. Croix River, with wide ranging opportunities for dining, shopping, and sight-seeing.





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## Wednesday, June 18, Evening - Water Street Inn

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Conference Registration at Water Street Inn

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

#### A Town Born on a River, Stillwater History

Brent Peterson, Director of the Washington County Historical Society will introduce the rich history of Minnesota's oldest town.

#### Active Citizens in the Basin

Deb Ryan, Executive Director, St. Croix River Association

The St. Croix River Association is the oldest citizen-led natural resource organization in the state. The group was reorganized in 2009 and has become vital in coordinating basin-wide efforts for outreach and awareness around water quality. Deb has graciously agreed to leave her annual St. Croix Canoe excursion to address the group.

8:00-9:00 PM Hors d'oeuvres at Water Street Inn

#### **Stillwater History -** see www.projects.wchsmn.org/communities/stillwater/

In 1840 a former soldier, Indian trader, promoter, and Justice of the Peace named Joseph Renshaw Brown set up a small warehouse at the head of Lake St. Croix to supply his upriver fur trading operations. This warehouse, in what is now the north part of Stillwater, became the county seat of St. Croix County, Wisconsin Territory. Brown began building a courthouse and jail and importing settlers for his new village, which he named Dacotah.

In 1842 Jacob Fisher, former millwright for the St. Croix Falls sawmill, was living in Dacotah. He made a claim to south and diverted Pine (now Browns) Creek through a lake on top of the bluff to provide a water power. Fisher soon sold his claim to John McKusick and three other lumbermen who were looking for a good millsite. The four men formed the Stillwater Lumber Company and had a mill in operation by spring 1844.

Stillwater was platted in 1848, a town of about 600 people, nearly all lumbermen. When Wisconsin entered the union that year, leaving lands now in Minnesota without government, delegates from the area met in

Stillwater. The Stillwater Convention that August appointed Henry Sibley to petition Congress for the early organization of Minnesota Territory. Minnesota became a Territory on March 3, 1849. The first Minnesota Territorial Legislature named the county Washington and confirmed Stillwater as its county seat. On March 4, 1854, Stillwater was incorporated as a city. John McKusick, the



man who had named the community for Stillwater, Maine, was elected Stillwater's first Mayor.

Stillwater had all the ingredients for a lumbering town: river connections to the northern Minnesota and Wisconsin pine lands, still waters for assembling rafts, and water power. In the 1850s huge steam-powered mills and a log-holding boom were built and Stillwater became the supply depot for the entire St. Croix valley. Early stage roads connected the city to St. Paul, Marine, and Point Douglas.

## Thursday - June 19 Events

7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast and Registration at the Water Street Inn

8:30-12:00 AM Sessions at Water Street Inn

#### ■ Science for the St. Croix Basin and Beyond

Jim Almendinger, Senior Research Scientist, St. Croix Watershed Research Station - SCWRS is a private research facility on the River that has been involved from the beginning of the St. Croix TMDL. His modelling efforts have led to a more precise understanding of the location and types nutrient inputs into the system. The station has done work on Lake Pepin and the Minnesota River Basin as well.

#### ■ The View from the Other Side of the River

Kathy Bartilson, Northern Region Wastewater Supervisior, Wisconsin DNR. Kathy works out of the Spooner office of the Wisconsin DNR managing point source operations and compliance across northern Wisconsin. She will speak about the successes and challenges to the two-state St. Croix Basin Water Resources Planning team.

#### **■** Targeted Priorities in the St. Croix Basin

Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District. As manager of the Washington Conservation District, Jay led an effort to target and install BMP practices in the Basin working with non-profits, counties, and water management organizations. He will discuss his inclusive approach to managing projects.

#### Working Together for Ground Water Solutions

Stephanie Souter, Associate Planner, Washington County. Washington County has had severe problems with both ground water pollution and declining groundwater levels effecting surface resources. Stephanie will discuss the updated Washington County Groundwater Plan and partnerships with local governments in implementing the Plan

#### ■ An all-inclusive Mitigation Plan

Dan Baumann, Secretary's Director West Wisconsin DNR. The new bridge over the St. Croix in Stillwater is projected to have a significant impact on land use change in western Wisconsin. A large amount of the mitigation funds for the project is directed to land planning issues in this area and Dan will talk about the issues and challenges he faces managing the mitigation efforts on the other side of the bridge.

#### ■ A Unique Collaboration- The Water Consortium

Jessica Collin-Polarski, Senior Planner, Washington County and a panel of Washington County Local Government representatives. The Water Consortium is a result of the County's water governance study and for a dozen years, has been a forum for local governments, watershed organizations, and agencies to share ideas and to engender a sense of collaboration in Washington County on a monthly basis.

## 12:00 - 5:00 PM Enjoy Stillwater

www.discoverstillwater.com/attractions/ and see tour materials at the registration desk

## Thursday evening

## St. Croix River Tour 5:30 - 8:30

5:30-6:30 PM

Reception and cash bar

Board Boat for St. Croix River and Bridge Tour (van will be available to and from Inns and there is free parking adjacent to the boarding area. Follow the "Boat Parking" sign.)

6:00 PM

Tour sets sail - do NOT be late!!

6:00 - 8:30 PM Dinner



The Empress

Step back in time aboard the replica of an 1890s paddlewheel riverboat. Enjoy the sun, fresh air & beautiful sights along the St. Croix River. The interior is a wonderful mix of Victorian decor with stain glass and tin ceilings.

#### On the Boat . . . . .

#### A Wild and Scenic River and a National Park

Chris Stein, Park Superintendent of the St. Croix Scenic Riverway. The St. Croix Riverway is part of the National Park System. Chris Stein will discuss the challenges of dealing with a linear park and the many groups with whom he partners.

#### A Border Battle over The Bridge

Jennifer Hildebrand, Environmental Compliance
Manager for WSB Associates Inc. and is currently the
Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the St.
Croix Crossing. Jennifer specializes in compliance
issues, inspection programs, program design, and site
plan strategies. She has been involved in environmental
compliance of various components of St. Croix Crossing



project and in late 2013 was requested to manage environmental compliance for the entire project.

#### Friday, June 20

#### 7:30-9:00 AM Breakfast at Lowell Inn

#### 9:00-9:30 AM The View from the "Other Side"

Steve Woods, Executive Director of The Fresh Water Institute, left BWSR recently to head this well respected water resources non-profit. Steve will talk about the different challenges in the private sector and how he intends to build partnerships for his new organization.

#### 9:30-10:00 AM Xcel Energy

"Xcel Energy has had a presence in the St. Croix Basin as a major riparian property owner and a producer of both hydro-electric and coal-fired power. The construction of the Alan S. King plant in the Stillwater area resulted in the preservation of 30,000 acres and advanced the effort to name the Lower St. Croix a Wild and Scenic River. The plant also has been involved in the development of bike trails and natural areas on company-owned property near the plant.

Representatives will discuss the company's involvement in other collaborative efforts in the St. Croix watershed."

#### 10:00-10:45 AM - Stillwater Depot

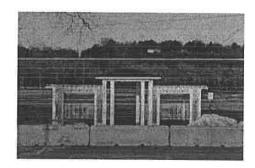
## 10:45-11:15 AM The Other Legacy Land and Water Program

Jane Harper, formerly Washington County Land Planning. Before the MN Land and Legacy program, Washington County passed a referendum to fund \$20 million in land protection initiatives in its own Legacy Land and Water Program. Recently retired, Jane will talk about the complexity of these transactions and the many parties involved in their successful completion.

11:15-11:30 AM Walk or shuttle to Lowell Park



Stillwater Depot - walk or shuttle



#### 11:30-12:00 AM Building Mussel Teams

Byron Karnes, National Park Service. The St. Croix River is home to 48 native mussel species, two on the endangered species list. Zebra mussels have also arrived. No one knows more about their river habitat than Byron Karnes. He will talk about their interaction and his efforts creating volunteer teams for his Project Red and Algae Alerts.

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June 18-20, 2014

Registration Deadline June 13, 2014

www.lexingtonhotels.com

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101 Water St S	102 2nd St	2000 Washington Ave
Stillwater, MN 55082	Stillwater, MN 55082	Stillwater, MN 55082
(651) 439-6000	(651) 439-1100	(651) 275-1401
Room Rate \$99 + tax	Room Rate \$75 - \$175 + tax	Room Rate \$94 + tax

Credit card registration at mnwatershed.org. Questions: MAWD office at 651-452-8506 or pegbohn@gmail.com.

www.lowellinn.com

Hotel reservation deadlines - May 17, 2014

Make Checks Payable to/mail to MAWD: 540 Diffley Road, St. Paul, MN 55123

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# Aitkin County Board of Commissioners **Board Meeting Attendance Record** Date: April 22, 2014

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