

Mille Lacs County Comprehensive Local Water Management

Background:

A comprehensive local water management effort started as the result of drought conditions in the mid to late 70's in Minnesota. The legislature passed legislation (Statute 103B.301 to 103B.355) to provide funding to encourage counties to develop comprehensive local water management plans. State and federal grant funding is often tied to comprehensive local water management plans.

The plan gives more local awareness of the environment, makes stronger ties with state agencies, identifies priority concerns, and addresses solutions to those issues. Some of the issues identified in the previous planning effort were sensitive groundwater areas, wellhead protection areas (water recharge locations), wetland areas, and storm water management.



The Mille Lacs County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) was adopted by the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners on February 20, 2007 at the Courthouse in Milaca, Minnesota. The Plan identifies two priority concerns: 1) The Cumulative Effects of Development on Surface and Groundwater and 2) Development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Impaired Waters. The Plan also identifies objectives for each priority concern and action steps to implement the objectives.