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Recommended Actions:

Reduce the amount of inadequately treated septic system wastewater reaching the St. Louis River and other water bodies through adoption and enforcement of county point-of-sale ordinances for on-site septic systems.

Implementors:

St. Louis County Environmental Services, Douglas County Zoning Office and Health Department, Carlton County Zoning Office, St. Louis River CAC.

Actions Taken:

5/94: Minnesota passed Individual Sewage Treatment System Law requiring repair or replacement of failed septic systems when selling or improving a home.

1/95: Recommendation presented to South St. Louis County SWCD.

10/98: Letter sent to Duluth Citywide Citizen Advisory Committee for Community Development.

12/98: Committee says Douglas, Carlton, and St. Louis counties have such a requirement.

9/00: St. Louis County: New ordinance as of 8/1/01 will require a certificate of compliance issued by a company licensed through the PCA for any property transfer. Certificate requirement will be temporarily waived for sales 11/1 - 4/30. Reinspection must occur by 6/1 with certificate issued by 9/30 from Douglas County Private Sewage System. New regulations from Department of Commons.

10/00: Letter sent to Douglas County Zoning Administrator for update on 8/95 response. He will attend 1/01 EC meeting.

Project Status:

Project not completed, but there are one or more agencies currently working on it.