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St. Louis County Invites Public to Provide Input to the Comprehensive County Water Management Plan

Public Survey and Public Meetings available for citizens to provide input.

St. Louis County is requesting input from the public for its updated Comprehensive County Water Management Plan. The purpose of water management planning is to protect water resources through the adoption and implementation of local plans that are based on local priorities. Counties are responsible for local water management. St. Louis County is contracting with the South St. Louis and North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation Districts to update the plan by spring of 2010. Many funding agencies and programs require entities to have a water plan in order to receive grants to implement the actions set out in a plan. Such actions could include public education regarding best management practices, lake monitoring and water quality testing and restoration projects.

There are several different opportunities available for residents in southern St. Louis County to provide input to the plan. Interested citizens may:

- complete an on-line survey by February 28, 2009. The survey can also be found directly at the following link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=CsWtzYSINE4fAC2d4_2bEqmw_3d_3d (copy and past into a browser), or on the South St. Louis SWCD website (www.southstlouisswcd.org);
- request a paper copy of the survey from Kate Kubiak at the South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District at 218-723-4867 or at kate.kubiak@southstlouisswcd.org;
- and/or attend a public meeting set for **Wednesday, February 11, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in Room 302 of the Old Central High School in Duluth at 215 N. 1st Ave. E. Sign up for the meeting by contacting Kate at 218-723-4867. A similar meeting will be held in northern St. Louis County.

Input from the public is an important part of the water management planning process and all input is welcome and will be considered. For questions about the Comprehensive County Water Management Plan Update process, contact Kate Kubiak at the South St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District at (218) 723-4867 or at kate.kubiak@southstlouisswcd.org.

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