

**Please join us for the second public meeting focusing on the  
water quality of the Poplar River.  
The meeting will be held Thursday February 28, 2008 from 6-9  
pm at the Cook County Courthouse,  
Grand Marais, Minnesota.**

**Brief history** – Water quality monitoring on the Poplar River has revealed that the river’s water quality has excessive turbidity (muddiness of the water). This condition requires that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) conduct a study, referred to as a “TMDL.” The TMDL includes a calculation of the maximum amount of sediment that the waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards. Information about the Poplar River TMDL study and educational materials on water quality can be found at:  
<http://www.lakesuperiorstreams.org/northshore/poplar/TMDL/index.html>

**February meeting** --- On Thursday, February 28, the Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will host a public meeting to discuss progress on the TMDL study that is currently underway. This meeting will be an opportunity to learn about studies completed within the last six months including a river channel assessment and watershed modeling. Both studies help to better understand the sources of sediment. Estimated sediment contributions from all sources will be discussed.

Cook County SWCD and MPCA serve as the local resource partners for the project and will provide a general review of the turbidity impairment and the TMDL process. Troy Naparela, Senior Project Engineer with URS Corporation, the firm contracted to complete the technical study will provide a presentation and an opportunity for questions and discussion.

**Additional information**--- Although not the major focus of the meeting, representatives from the Cook County SWCD and Planning and Zoning department will be on hand to discuss other projects and proposals in the watershed including the Megaslump bank stabilization project.

Please join us. Citizen participation is encouraged.