

It's up to YOU— Improve Water Quality!

Big Elk Lake, Mayhew Lake and the Elk River Need YOUR Help!

Elk River Watershed : Water quality study results and restoration plan discussions.

If you would like to hear about Water Quality Improvement Programs that
may be available to YOU
in the future this is your chance.

Please attend one of the three
identified meetings below:

July 21st, 2010

1:30 PM– 3:00 PM

Or

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Annunciation Church

9965 Mayhew Road NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

July 22nd, 2010

6:00 PM– 7:30 PM

Palmer Town Hall

4180105th Ave
Clear Lake, MN 55319

Meetings will consist of a short set of presentations followed by open discussion. If you are unable to attend, handouts and public surveys will be made available on the Sherburne SWCD website at: www.sherburneswcd.org, Click on the ERWSA tab.

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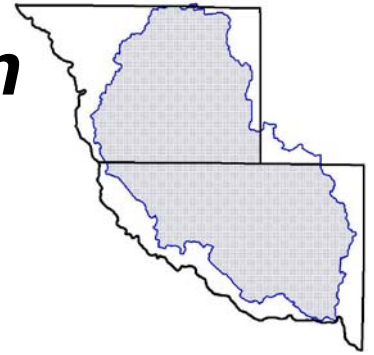
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Dear Stakeholder,

This letter is to inform Township residents of the upcoming public meetings which will be used to disseminate water quality study results and potential water quality restoration activities within the Elk River Watershed. The Elk River Watershed Association (a Joint Powers Board of Benton and Sherburne Counties and SWCDs) in the process of completing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) on three impaired water bodies in the Elk River Watershed; these studies are mandated by the State Of Minnesota as part of the Clean Water Act. TMDLs are water management plans that identify impairments to streams and lakes, identify sources of pollutants (what causes impairments), and set limits of thresholds for those pollutants in the stream or lake. Coupled with implementation plans, TMDLs are basically water quality improvement plans.

Water bodies included in this study:

Mayhew Lake- impaired for Excess Nutrients

Big Elk Lake- impaired for Excess Nutrients

Elk River (from Big Elk Lake to St. Francis River)- impaired for bacteria and turbidity

A series of three public meetings will be held to discuss draft results and more importantly to discuss the water quality improvement programs that are or will be made available to residents in the near future. Please attend the meeting time and location that is most convenient to you. It will be up to everyone to help improve water quality; those who participate in the meetings will have a chance to help guide the decision making process; you tell us what you would like to do to help improve water quality.

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Best Regards,

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