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**CROW WING AND CASS COUNTIES REQUEST COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PINE RIVER ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN**

Crow Wing County, Cass County, the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting public comment on the proposed Pine River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). To view the Pine River 1W1P visit [www.crowwing.us/1w1p](http://www.crowwing.us/1w1p). Written comments will be accepted until Monday, May 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. All Pine River Watershed residents (Cass or Crow Wing, see attached map.) can submit comments. They can be e-mailed to [landservices@crowwing.us](mailto:landservices@crowwing.us) or mailed to 322 Laurel Street Suite 15, Brainerd, MN 56401.

According to Jake Frie, Crow Wing County Environmental Services Supervisor, "The 1W1P is a new state-wide program. The main goal is to align water planning along watershed boundaries and enhance the existing county water plans. A watershed is an area of land where all of the water drains off and collects into the same place."

Facts about the Pine River Watershed:

- Supplies 15 million people with clean drinking water (St. Cloud to Illinois)
- Includes over 500 lakes
- Primary towns include: Backus, Pine River, Breezy Point, and Crosslake
- Includes parts of Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties

This is a voluntary program administered through the Board of Water and Soil Resources. A 15-member voluntary advisory committee helped develop the Pine River 1W1P. Partners will complete plan action items that are measurable and trackable to enhance and protect the watershed.



For more information on the plan and map of the watershed visit <https://www.crowwing.us/1w1p> or Contact the Crow Wing County Land Services Department at (218) 824-1010 or [landservices@crowwing.us](mailto:landservices@crowwing.us). Funding for plan development was provided in part by the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment.

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