

Attachment A. -  
Public Comments Received -  
Camden State Park Cabin Removal EAW -  
Public Comment Period Dec. 21 2015 - Jan. 20, 2016

**Comment 1.**

From: Tom Watson <wavetamer@icloud.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 11:49 AM  
To: \*Review, Environmental (DNR)  
Subject: Camden EAW

Is there any option to renovate the cabin and/or move it to a site where it could be converted into a camping shelter/camper cabin?

**Comment 2.**

From: Wilfahrt, Amy -FS <awilfahrt@fs.fed.us>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 2:04 PM  
To: \*Review, Environmental (DNR)  
Subject: Camden EAW

After seeing the pictures of the cabin and the damage that was done by the trees I can see it may be difficult to save. But since the cabin is on the National Register of Historic Places, I would suggest the wood, windows, doors, etc. be sold as reclaim wood. Someone would love to purchase it and use it for a project. Thanks, Amy Wilfahrt

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**Comment 3.**

From: Anne Varberg <annevarbergmpls@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 2:41 PM  
To: \*Review, Environmental (DNR)  
Subject: DNR seeks comments on Camden State Park cabin removal project

Thank you to all involved in this process. The EAW certainly makes a case for the demolition, and I am glad the foundation will remain, and information about the structure remains. (I'm just one citizen but wanted you to know we appreciate the work you do! My family had a long involvement with the DNR and BWCA and my grandfather served in the CCC up at Ely.) Thank you for the obvious care you take with these resources.

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Anne Varberg  
Minnesota Reading Corps member at Noble Elementary  
Student at Saint Mary's University  
Assistant District Commissioner - BSA for North Mpls

**Comment 4.**

From: Larry Watson <docwatson212@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 3:08 PM  
To: \*Review, Environmental (DNR)

Subject: Camden Cabin

Camper cabin???

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**Comment 5.**

From: Texas49@dcemail.com  
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 12:35 PM  
To: \*Review, Environmental (DNR)  
Subject: Camden EAW

Regarding the swimming instructors cabin "Camden EAW", I would suggest seeing if Dakota Village at the Dakota County Fair Grounds would be interested in having it in their Dakota Village. They have many historic old buildings they've moved there over the years. Have a good day...enjoy the snow.

**Comment 6.**

From: Rhonda Wynia <rwynia@swrdc.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 9:09 AM  
To: \*Review, Environmental (DNR)  
Subject: Camden EAW  
Attachments: 4281\_001.pdf

Attached please find project review for Camden State Park EAW from Southwest Regional Development Commission, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN 56172. If questions or comments please put them to the attention of Annette Fiedler, Physical Development Director, at the SRDC office (507/836-1631) or [phydev@swrdc.org](mailto:phydev@swrdc.org). Thank you.

Rhonda Wynia, SRDC Office

**See Review Report on the following pages labeled Comment 5.**

**Comment 7.**

From: Tegdesch, Elizabeth (MPCA)  
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 10:39 AM  
To: Wieland, Ronald (DNR)  
Cc: Kromar, Karen (MPCA); Card, Dan (MPCA); Hukriede, Randall (MPCA)  
Subject: Camden State Park Instructor's Cabin Removal

Attached are the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's comments on the Camden State Park Instructor's Cabin Removal Environmental Assessment Worksheet. A paper copy will follow by U.S. mail.

Please acknowledge receipt of this comment letter to Karen Kromar at [Karen.kromar@state.mn.us](mailto:Karen.kromar@state.mn.us)

Thank you.

Elizabeth Tegdesch  
Environmental Review and EQB Support  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
**See MPCA Comment Letter on the following page labeled Comment 6.**

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

PROJECT NUMBER	
2016-6	
PROJECT APPLICANT	
CAMDEN STATE PARK	
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT	
Bill Dinesen, Park Manager 1897 Camden Park Road Lynd, MN 56157	
PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT COST
EAW: Camden State Park Instructor's Cabin Removal	N.A.
DATE PROJECT NOTIFICATION RECEIVED BY	
December 21, 2015	
DATE FINAL REVIEW SENT TO APPLICANT	
January 16, 2016	
CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE SRDC, APPLICANT, AND AFFECTED GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AGENCIES	
WAS, <u>WAS NOT</u> (circle one) REQUIRED.	
DATE OF CONSULTATION _____	PLACE CONSULTATION HELD _____
COMMENTS:	
FINAL REVIEW COMMENTS:	
The SW Regional Development Commission's Full Commission, on January 14, 2016, reviewed the EAW received from Camden State Park to the MN Department of Natural Resources (staff analysis of the project attached).	
The SRDC accepted the report in regards to this project.	

## Southwest Regional Development Commission Project Review

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Meeting Date:** 1-14-16

**Project:** Camden State Park Instructor's Cabin removal, Mandatory EAW

**Description:** MN DNR is planning on the demolition of the 1938 former Swimming Instructor's Cabin built by the WPA at Camden State Park. The cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to the Camden State Park CCC/WPA/Rustic Style Historic District established in 1991. Originally used as a residence for the swimming instructor, it had been converted into an interpretative center before 1991, and has been vacant since 2009. In 2009 the structure sustained storm damage that was repaired; in 2011, it had more extensive storm damage and was not repaired and was fenced off for safety.

The EAW has identified there are no hazardous materials in the cabin, if there is lead based paint it will be sealed with new paint before demolition. Demolition material will be taken to the Lyon County Regional Landfill located 5 miles away. There are no plans to rebuild the cabin, however, the DNR plans to renovate the historic Park Manager's Residence into a lodging facility in 2016.

**Staff Comments:** the EAW reviewed all relevant information for the removal of a historic structure that had, until major storm damage, been kept in a good state of repair; it has now deteriorated and is a safety hazard.

**Project Review Time:** 1 hour, SRDC income from the project \$0.



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January 15, 2016

Mr. Ronald Wieland  
Environmental Review Planner  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
500 Lafayette Road  
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Re: Camden State Park Instructor's Cabin Removal Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Dear Mr. Wieland:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Camden State Park Instructor's Cabin Removal project (Project) located in the Lyon County, Minnesota. The Project consists of the demolition of a former swimming instructor's cabin at Camden State Park. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed the EAW and have no comments at this time.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Project. Please provide the notice of decision on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this EAW, please contact me at 651-757-2508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Kromar".

Karen Kromar  
Planner Principal  
Environmental Review Unit  
Resource Management and Assistance Division

KK:bt

cc: Dan Card, MPCA, St. Paul  
Randy Hukriede, MPCA, Marshall