

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAND MARAIS WATERSHED

PROJECT ID:

306-16-000

YEAR:

1999

GRANTEE:

Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District

COUNTY:

Cook

CATEGORY:

Coastal Land Use Planning & Development

GRANT AWARD:

\$32,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST:

\$53,828

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SUMMARY

Grand Marais area watersheds are challenged with steep slopes, shallow bedrock, and thin soils. Erosion and flooding problems have received much attention, especially as development pressures increase.

A Stormwater Management Committee was formed from various County staff, the Cook County Soil Water District, City of Grand Marais Public Works, and local citizens. A kick-off meeting was held to gather information on areas of concern within the watershed.

A consultant was hired to gather digital data, including a digital terrain model, land use, slope, watershed divide, and a storm sewer coverage. The consultant also developed a watershed model.

Collaboration was key to pulling together the Stormwater Plan. A list of 23 prioritized action items were developed, and planning for 18 of these priorities has already started.

The Plan will be a solid base for storm water projects, procedures, and ordinance development.

Grand Marais watershed study

The Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District has been concerned for some time about the continued development in and around Grand Marais, and how the volume and intensity of runoff is increasing. They recently received \$26,250 from the Lake Superior Coastal Program to fund a Grand Marais Watershed Study.

Implementation measures. Commissioner Jim Hall is the county representative on the committee. The representative for the city of Grand Marais is yet to be appointed.

The first meeting will be Monday, January 8 at 6:30 PM at the Cook County Courthouse. The public is welcome.

