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## PLANNING AGENCY

### Environmental Division

# An Inventory of Its Comprehensive Local Water Management Act Records

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota State Planning Agency. Environmental Division.  
**Series Title:** Comprehensive Local Water Management Act records.  
**Dates:** 1977-1997.  
**Quantity:** 1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).  
**Location:** 112.D.14.1B

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

In July 1981, with the support of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources [LCMR], Water Planning Board, Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin Board, and Minnesota Extension Service, a number of southeastern Minnesota counties organized meetings to discuss water management issues. With the help of the Minnesota Project, a private non-profit organization, they developed a model ordinance for groundwater protection. Their successful implementation of a regional water plan led to passage of the statewide Comprehensive Local Water Management Act [Laws 1985 1st Spec Sess c2; Minn. Stat. 110B], which allowed for multi-county planning on water management issues. The Minnesota State Planning Agency provided assistance in the implementation of the act, continuing even after the transfer of the act's main responsibility to the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources in 1988. The act was repealed in 1990 [Laws 1990 c391 art10 s4], with responsibility for local water planning and management placed under the Environmental Quality Board and Minnesota Planning.

The records, kept by the Planning Agency, document the act's administration, particularly the work of its project managers, the Water Resources Board's Comprehensive Local Water Planning Technical Advisory Committee and Local Advisory Committee, and the LCMR grant participants. The latter were part of an LCMR funded 1987 pilot program to develop comprehensive water plans in other Minnesota regions. Included in the files are minutes, correspondence, articles, clippings, and reports, covering such topics as pollution of surface and groundwater, disposal of animal and chemical waste, water use, well abandonment, water

quality, landfill impacts, erosion, flooding, underground storage tanks, septic systems, and sinkholes.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Animal waste--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.  
Chemical plants--Waste disposal--Minnesota.  
Environmental policy--Minnesota.  
Erosion--Minnesota.  
Floods--Minnesota.  
Groundwater--Pollution--Law and legislation--Minnesota.  
Hazardous waste sites--Minnesota.  
Livestock--Housing--Waste disposal--Minnesota.  
Sanitary landfills--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.  
Septic tanks--Law and legislation--Minnesota.  
Sinkholes--Minnesota.  
Underground storage tanks--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.  
Water--Pollution--Law and legislation--Minnesota.  
Water quality management--Minnesota.  
Water use--Minnesota--Planning.  
Wells--Abandonment--Minnesota.  
Wells--Environmental aspects--Minnesota.

### Organizations:

Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources.  
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.  
Minnesota Extension Service.  
Minnesota. Legislature. Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.  
Minnesota Planning (Agency).  
Minnesota Project (Organization).  
Minnesota Water Planning Board.  
Minnesota Water Resources Board. Comprehensive Local Water Planning Technical Advisory Committee.  
Minnesota Water Resources Board. Local Advisory Committee.  
Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin Board.

### Titles:

Minnesota. Comprehensive Local Water Management Act (1985).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

### Location

112.D.14.1B                      Project Manager's meeting minutes, 1987-1988.  
Project Manager's correspondence, 1987-1989.  
LCMR Project Management background, 1986-1991.  
Water Resources Board: Comprehensive Local Water Planning  
Technical Advisory Committee records, 1985-1989.  
Includes minutes, agendas, and notices.  
Water Resources Board: Local Advisory Committee records, 1983-1990.  
3 folders.  
Minutes and notes, 1985-1987.  
Correspondence, 1983-1990. 2 folders.  
LCMR Grants:  
Progress Reports, 1985-1990. 6 folders.  
May 1987, July 1987, January 1988.  
July 1988.  
January 1989.  
June 1989.  
February 1990.  
General information, 1985-1990.  
Southeast Minnesota, 1977-1997. 8 folders.  
Minutes, 1981-1987. 3 folders.  
Correspondence, 1981-1987. 2 folders.  
Articles and papers, undated, 1977-1997. 2 folders.  
Newspaper clippings, 1983-1990.  
Northwest Minnesota, 1987-1990. 2 folders.

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LCMR Grants (cont.):

Mississippi Headwaters Board, 1986-1990. 2 folders.

Minutes and correspondence, 1986-1990.

*Tidings Newsletter*, 1987-1990.

North Fork Crow River Watershed District, 1986-1989.

Olmsted County, Local Water Planning, 1987-1990.

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, 1987-1990.

South Central Minnesota Counties Comprehensive Water Planning  
(Mankato), 1987-1991. 3 folders.

Minutes, 1987-1991.

Correspondence, 1987-1990.

Reports, etc., 1987-1988.

Stearns County, 1987-1990.

Zumbro Root River Area Water Quality Task Force, 1986-1989. 2  
folders.