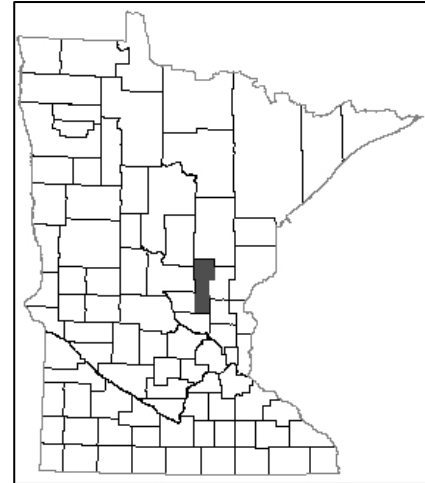


2008 Performance Review

Level II (Pilot): Summary of Full Report

LGU: Mille Lacs County
Local Water Planning



Summary of Conclusions:

At a little over one year into their new local water management plan implementation, Mille Lacs County is well positioned to implement their water plan goals and objectives. The partnership and close working relationship between the county and the soil and water conservation district in the implementation of the plan action items is noteworthy and commendable.

The county has mentioned the lack of adequate funds and engineering assistance for the feedlot program as an obstacle to addressing some of the plan objectives. This performance review finds that they are providing adequate services with the funds available, and if they had additional funds, they are well positioned to do more.

Mille Lacs County has practices in place that comply with all of the basic PRAP performance standards. They also comply with most of the target performance standards, which are designed to be stretch goals for county water planning programs. There appear to be no deficiencies in operations that need attention.

Recommendations:

1. Quantify annual report progress on action items
2. Use water quality monitoring data for trend analysis
3. Explore funding opportunities to supplement existing program dollars

Summary of LGU Response:

[Mille Lacs County did not submit a formal response to the draft PRAP report findings and recommendations. However, the county environmental services director expressed concerns with the process of performance review, and in particular, the amount of duplicative effort required to comply with the information requests.]

In addition, the county is taking steps to make the website link to the county local water plan easily accessible.]