

St. Croix River Crossing Mitigation Activities Summary

MOU Growth Management

To address the potential negative impacts to water and other resources in the Lower St. Croix National Scenic Riverway from accelerated growth in St. Croix County the MOU provides financial support for the development of various studies, plans, tools and activities to help address the needs of local governments to improve their abilities to manage growth. To promote natural, cultural and historic resource protection in the watershed, thus preserving water quality and scenic values.

- Growth Management Advisory Team will provide advice to WDNR in its review of proposals by St. Croix County, Town of St. Joseph, UW-RF, STH 64 Corridor Communities and other non-profit or private agencies.
- County and town submit proposals describing how and when funds will be used and expected benefits (see form)
- Joint proposals with local units of government are encouraged
- UWRF to facilitate regional intergovernmental coordination on land use and environmental issues.
- Funds available 180 days after Record of Decision
- Funds spent by each agency as described
- 5-year timeframe to spend funds
- Upon project approval, quarterly reports submitted with receipts to WDNR which submits to MNDOT

Mitigation Activities - 3 Areas

Water Resources Planning/Protection—WDNR approves, WDNR or STH 64 Corridor Communities spend \$1.2 million

- WDNR to provide St. Croix Basin Water Resources Planning team assistance in phosphorus reduction strategies \$400,000
- STH 64 corridor communities to study sanitary wastewater treatment facility need or upgrade/expansion alternatives that accommodate projected population growth. Could be used for a regional evaluation of domestic wastewater disposal issues. \$400,000 **St. Croix County Fiscal Agent**
- STH 64 corridor communities planning, ordinance development and implementation of local stormwater management programs to protect surface water quality. \$400,000 **St. Croix County Fiscal Agent**

Local Government Planning/Zoning Support– WDNR approves, [St. Croix County](#) or [Town of St. Joseph](#) or UW-RF spend \$1.0 million

- [St. Croix County](#) for project staff and consultant services to revise or develop local comprehensive plans, neighborhood plans, ordinances and other tools for natural resource enhancement, pollution prevention, protection for historic properties or other environmental protection. \$750,000 [St. Croix County Fiscal Agent](#)
- [Town of St. Joseph](#) for project staff and consultant services to revise or develop local comprehensive plans, neighborhood plans, ordinances and other tools for natural resource enhancement, pollution prevention, protection for historic properties or other environmental protection. \$200,000 [St. Croix County Fiscal Agent](#)
- UW-RF to facilitate regional intergovernmental coordination on land use and environmental issues. To establish and implement natural resources and historic properties protection efforts of the Western Wisconsin Intergovernmental Collaborative. WWIC will serve as an issues clearinghouse, engage in regional problem solving, develop a more visible regional identity, serve as a voice for the 3-county region to influence public policy, provide advice and sharing of technical expertise and explore cost-saving through shared resources. Planned actions include organizing and sponsoring quarterly programs/workshops used to bring in experts, facilitate focused problem solving and disseminate targeted and region-specific educational materials on water quality, natural resources, historic properties and other issues. \$50,000

Greenspace Protection Program -- WDNR approves, [St. Croix County](#) or [Town of St. Joseph](#) spend \$500,000

- [St. Croix County](#) to develop and adopt plans, policies, educational outreach programs and/or ordinances to protect open space consistent with the goals including fee title, purchase/transfer of development rights or purchase of conservation easements. \$400,000 [St. Croix County Fiscal Agent](#)
- [Town of St. Joseph](#) to develop and adopt plans, policies, educational outreach programs and/or ordinances to protect open space consistent with the goals including fee title, purchase/transfer of development rights or purchase of conservation easements. \$100,000 [St. Croix County Fiscal Agent](#)