

## MOU Riverway Mitigation

To mitigate the negative and adverse effects of the new St. Croix River Crossing on the scenic and recreational values of the Lower St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.

- Funds spent by each agency as described
- Summary annual report prepared by FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)
- Oversight Committee from NPS, MNDNR, WDNR, USFW, MNDOT, WDOT, FHA – reviews annual report and meets at its discretion, minimum annually.
- Review by Advisory Team optional.

### **Mitigation Activities – 10**

- **Removal of Xcel Barge Unloader Facility & Mooring Cells – MNDOT (in Minnesota)**
- **Bluffland Restoration – WisDOT (in Wisconsin)**
- **Removal of Terra Terminal Building – MNDOT (in Minnesota)**
- **Kolliner Park – WisDOT (in Wisconsin, owned by City of Stillwater)**
- **Riverway Interpretation -- \$300,000 NPS, MNDNR, WDNR (in Minnesota & Wisconsin)**
- **Public Boat Access -- \$1.2 million MNDNR (in Minnesota)**
- **Loop Trail System – MN DOT & WisDOT (in Minnesota & Wisconsin)**
- **Recreation, Education & Riverway Restoration -- \$250,000 NPS, MNDNR, WisDNR (in Minnesota & Wisconsin on NPS lands)**
- **Covenants on Excess Property – WisDOT (in Wisconsin)**
- **Spill Response Plan -- \$100,000 NPS (in Minnesota & Wisconsin)**
- **Mitigation for Damages to Blufflands – \$4.5 million (in Wisconsin)**
  - **\$2.0 million WDNR, \$2.0 million St. Croix County, \$500,000 Town of St. Joseph**

### **Mitigation for Damages to Blufflands -- \$2.5 million**

- Protection of replacement lands to offset the impacts of the new crossing on the Wisconsin bluff.
  - Purchase of fee title, purchase of transfer of development rights, or purchase of conservation easements from willing sellers of land in the county.
  - Protected lands perpetually maintained for land and water conservation, scenic protection and compatible uses including low-impact public recreation.
  - Protection for historic properties in conjunction with land and water conservation goals.
- Consult with WI State Historic Preservation Officer, MN State Historic Preservation Office, and other consulting parties such as Indian tribes as appropriate.
- Consult with and seek concurrence from WDNR
- Matching grant funds from state/federal programs such as WDNR Stewardship and Water Resources Planning and Protection are encouraged.
- **St. Croix County spends \$2.0 million, St. Croix County Fiscal Agent**
- **Town of St. Joseph spends \$500,000, St. Croix County Fiscal Agent**