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CROW WING COUNTY TO CONDUCT RESEARCH PROJECT ON AREA LAKES

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department recently received a grant from the University of Minnesota, Community Assistantship Program (CAP) for an impervious coverage lakeshore research project to be completed on area lakes. The grant, which is supported by the Initiative Foundation, provides research and technical expertise for the study utilizing students from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

The grant will fund a student intern for the summer of 2012 to conduct an analysis of current impervious coverage on the shores of lakes in the county. Impervious coverage is hard surfaces such as rooftops, sidewalks and driveways. By law, impervious coverage on a lake lot is limited to 25%. Any permitted improvements that exceed 15% impervious coverage on the lot require stormwater runoff to be treated before it goes into the lake, under the provisions of the Crow Wing County Land Use Ordinance.

“During the Land Use Ordinance revision in 2010, there was little data about impervious coverage around our lakes,” stated Land Services Supervisor Chris Pence. “Having this information will help future decisions regarding our water resources.”

“We are excited about this impervious coverage lakeshore research project in Crow Wing County,” said Land Services Director Mark Liedl. “The more local data we have, the better we will be able to make sensible decisions that protect property rights and our water resources. Partnerships with the Initiative Foundation and State Universities are one of the innovative ways the county can achieve results that will make a difference for future generations.”

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Office at (218) 824-1125 or environmental.services@co.crow-wing.mn.us to discuss land use and water protection activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.co-crow-wing.mn.us.

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