

January 29, 2026

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330/HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Biwabik Township, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session-Senate File 330House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued commitment to the environmental and infrastructure needs of Greater Minnesota.

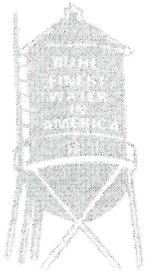
Sincerely,

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Biwabik Township

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CITY OF BUHL

"Finest Water in America"

December 16, 2025

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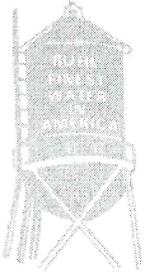
On behalf of the City of Buhl, Minnesota, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session - Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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Sincerely,

James Matthews
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Board of Commissioners

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Sarah Plante Buhs-District 1
Susan Zmyslony -District 4

Marv Bodie -District 2
Dan Reed-District 5

Thomas R. Proulx-District 3

Date: January 26, 2026

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste
Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Carlton County, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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Thomas R. Proulx
Carlton County Board Chair



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Date: December 23, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste
Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Chisholm, Minnesota, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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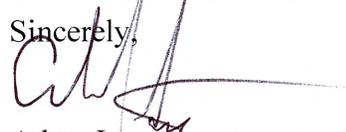
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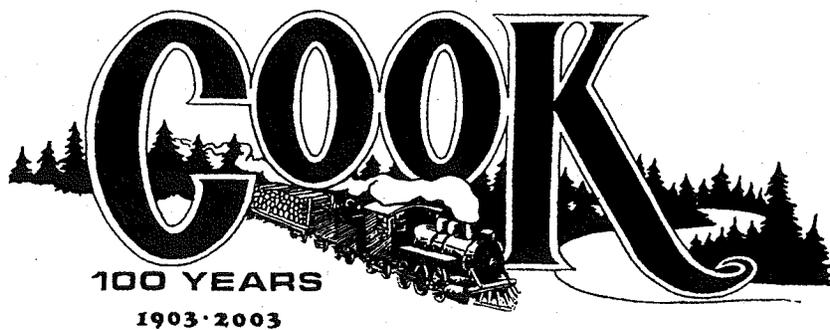
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Sincerely,



Adam Lantz
Mayor, City of Chisholm
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218-969-8254



Date: December 18, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Cook, Cook City Council, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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We respectfully urge the Legislature and Governor to include funding for the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus in the 2026 capital investment bill. This investment will safeguard Minnesota's natural resources, strengthen local partnerships, and advance the state's leadership in responsible waste management.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued commitment to the environmental and infrastructure needs of Greater Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Daniel Manick
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Ely City Hall, 209 E Chapman St, Ely MN 55731

Date: December 22, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Ely, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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Sincerely,



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December 17, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Eveleth, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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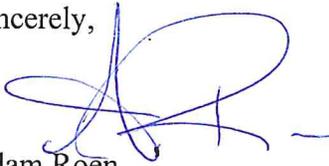
Support for St. Louis County's Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management

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Sincerely,

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Adam Roen
Mayor of Eveleth



January 13, 2026

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority- Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 I HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Cook County, Minnesota, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session- Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued commitment to the environmental and infrastructure needs of Greater Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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Ginny Storlie, Board Chair
Cook County Board of Commissioners
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December 17, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Hibbing, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

As a regional hub community, Hibbing depends on stable, long-term, and environmentally sound solid waste management infrastructure. The Canyon project is essential to ensure that cities like ours are not left vulnerable to capacity shortages, higher hauling and disposal costs, or environmental liabilities that would ultimately burden local taxpayers. The \$6 million appropriation requested in this legislation would allow St. Louis County to acquire property and advance development of a modern, integrated facility that will provide direct and lasting benefits to Hibbing and the surrounding region.

The City of Hibbing specifically supports this project because it will:

Ensure predictable and affordable solid waste services for Hibbing residents and businesses.

With the Moccasin Mike landfill in Superior closing in 2026, the region faces significant pressure on remaining disposal capacity. By creating a long-term, in-state solution, the Canyon facility helps stabilize future tipping fees, transportation routes, and municipal budgeting—protecting Hibbing taxpayers from sudden cost escalations.

Provide reliable biosolids disposal options for municipalities like Hibbing.

The facility's capacity to accept biosolids will help Hibbing maintain compliance with environmental standards and avoid the increasing costs and limitations of land application.

Safeguard environmental quality throughout northeastern Minnesota.

By preventing PFAS and other contaminants from entering the Lake Superior watershed, the project strengthens the environmental protections Hibbing relies on to preserve its natural resources and ensure public health. The ability to accept waste from closed or capped landfill sites further reduces legacy environmental risks that could otherwise affect the region for decades.



Support continuity in regional waste management partnerships.

St. Louis County's partnership with the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) — publicly known as Resource Renew — ensures responsible, in-state waste management for Duluth-Superior and the Arrowhead region. Hibbing benefits directly from the resilience and efficiency created by these coordinated regional systems.

Extend the life of existing landfill infrastructure serving Hibbing.

The Canyon facility is being designed to complement and extend the useful life of the Virginia Regional Landfill. Together, these sites will anchor the region's waste management strategy for an estimated 70 years, ensuring dependable service to Hibbing well into the future.

For these reasons, the City of Hibbing respectfully urges the Legislature and Governor to include funding for the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus in the 2026 capital investment bill. This project represents a responsible, strategically planned investment that will protect Minnesota's natural resources, strengthen essential public infrastructure, and support the long-term economic and environmental health of communities like ours.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the needs of Greater Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Pete Hyduke,
Mayor of Hibbing



**KOOCHICHING COUNTY
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March 10, 2026

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: **Letter of Support for St. Louis County – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)**

Dear Chair and Members of Committee:

On behalf of Koochiching County, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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The Canyon site is being designed to complement and extend the life of the existing Virginia Regional Landfill, which—through strategic upgrades and expansion—now has an anticipated life exceeding 70 years. These landfill options are important as Koochiching County has partnered with St. Louis County on a long-term agreement to dispose of municipal solid waste at the Virginia Regional Landfill.

Together, these facilities will serve as a critical backbone for the region's solid waste and environmental protection strategy for generations.

We respectfully request the Legislature and Governor to include funding for the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus in the 2026 capital investment bill. This investment will safeguard Minnesota's natural resources, strengthen local partnerships, and advance the state's leadership in responsible waste management.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued commitment to the environmental and infrastructure needs of Greater Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Ricky Roche, Chairman
Koochiching County Board of Commissioners

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**Board of Commissioners
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Fifth District – Rich Sve

January 12, 2026

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Lake County, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — **Senate File 330 / House File 573**, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the **Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus**.

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Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners



**Range Association of
Municipalities and Schools**

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February 26, 2026

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority — Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS), representing over 70 public sector units of government including cities, townships, and school districts in a 7-county region in Northeastern Minnesota, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued commitment to the environmental and infrastructure needs of Greater Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Paul Peltier
Executive Director

***RANGE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOLS (RAMS)** The organization represents more than 155,000 residents and over 70 public sector units of government, including 27 cities, 33 townships, and 15 public school districts in the 13,000 square mile Taconite Assistance Area (TAA) of northeast Minnesota. As an organization, RAMS has represented the interests of the Iron Range region for 85 years.*



November 25, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for the St. Louis County Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Resource Renew, the public brand of Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD), we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — **Senate File 330 / House File 573**, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the **Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus**.

This project represents a forward-looking, environmentally responsible, and regionally significant investment in Minnesota's solid waste infrastructure. The \$6 million appropriation requested in this legislation would allow St. Louis County to acquire property and advance development of a modern, integrated facility that will:

- **Accept both new waste and previously processed waste** from closed or capped landfill sites under the state's Closed Landfill Program;
- **Prevent PFAS and other contaminants** from entering the Lake Superior watershed;
- Accept municipal biosolids that do not meet criteria for land application;
- **Ensure long-term solid waste management capacity** for northeastern Minnesota communities; and
- **Protect public health and the environment** while supporting regional collaboration in waste management.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued commitment to the environmental and infrastructure needs of Greater Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carrie Clement', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carrie Clement
Executive Director
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District
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St. Louis County Association of Township Officers

December 3, 2025

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of [*City/Township/Organization Name*], we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — Senate File 330 / House File 573, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

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Sincerely,


Megan Julin

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Town of White

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Date: January 20, 2026

To: Members of the Minnesota House and Senate Capital Investment Committees
Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: **Support for St. Louis County's #1 Legislative Priority – Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus (SF 330 / HF 573)**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Town of White, we are writing in strong support of St. Louis County's top legislative priority for the 2026 session — **Senate File 330 / House File 573**, a bipartisan bonding request to design, engineer, and construct the **Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus**.

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Sincerely,


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