



VOYAGEUR'S NATIONAL PARK CLEAN WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD

Ash River Sanitary Sewer System Project

The Ash River Sanitary Sewer System, part of Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board, is in the final stages of design, with a goal to begin construction in 2026. This project, which proposed to construct a community wastewater collection and treatment system, is crucial for protecting Voyageurs National Park, America's only water-based national park, by addressing non-conformance with existing septic systems and the lack of space for new systems on existing lots.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- As of 2022, approximately \$30 million in clean water projects have been completed for Crane Lake, Rainy Lake, Kabetogama sewer districts adjacent to the Voyageurs National Park boundary.
- The updated (2022) Sanitary Sewer Comprehensive Plan identifies future district needs.

PROJECT NEEDS

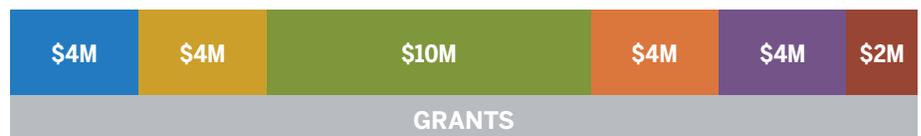
- No room to construct new systems on existing lots.
- Non-conformance with existing septic systems (approximately 78%).

PROJECT STATUS

- Design plans and specifications are 90% complete.
- The district board has approved the submittal to the MPCA for project certification.
- Preliminary EDU assignments are complete.
- A financial analyst is under contract.
- Over 75% of easements required for construction have been obtained.

FUNDING STRATEGY

TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: **\$28M**



MN Bonding Bill

Congressional Directed Spending

Water Infrastructure Funding

Clean Water Council

Point Source Implementation

IRRRB

Public Facilities Authority: (Loan)
*If less grant funds are obtained.

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Thank you to our many project partners (MN Clean Water Council, DNR, PFA, MPCA, USDA, Army Corp of Engineers,

for helping keep the water clean for visitors and residents in America's only water-based national park!!