

Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District

2026 Capital Investment Request

HF 4013

The Township of Crane Lake is located on the Canadian Border and is adjacent to Voyageurs National Park, the BWCAW, and the Superior National Forest. The Town was established after community meetings and planning that was coordinated by the University of Minnesota and the US Forest Service. At the same time, the community joined together to create the Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District (CLWSD) to clean up the waters flowing from Crane Lake and the vicinity into our nation's only water-based national park—Voyageurs.

CLWSD funded the creation of the sanitary district, its plant, and equipment through a variety of federal loans, state support, and local funds in the early 2000's. The CLWSD's system and plant has made dramatic improvements in water quality, and the community is committed to continuing these efforts.

The important equipment and components of the plant are nearing their expected service life and technologies have improved dramatically that would be helpful to lower operating costs and improve water quality while extending the life of the plant. Our goal is to improve the sewer treatment process, reduce manpower expenses, and extend the service life of our sand filter. These improvements are achieved primarily by installing automatic actuating valves and a remote monitoring system, among other improvements.

The original treatment system is very labor intensive. Given the CLWSD's limited labor resources, the district will face numerous challenges if we are unable to upgrade the system.

The estimated costs, including recent price increases, is \$200,000.

On behalf of the people of Crane Lake and the many visitors to the Voyageurs National Park and the BWCAW, we appreciate your consideration and support. Thank you!