

SMITHSONIAN WATER/WAYS EXHIBIT

GRAND OPENING!

Saturday, June 25, 10A.M. - *Water/Ways* Exhibit
@ Prairie Woods Environmental Learning
Center 12718 10th Street NE Spicer, Minnesota 56288
Exhibit Running: June 25 - August 7

Traveling Exhibition

We Are Water is an interactive story collecting exhibit that focuses on individuals' relationships with and responsibilities to water. The exhibit includes stories from people reflecting on the meaning and experience of water in the state of Minnesota as a whole, stories from people local to the Kandiyohi County community, and space for visitors to add their own stories and images to the exhibit. Water connects. Listen to others. Share your stories.

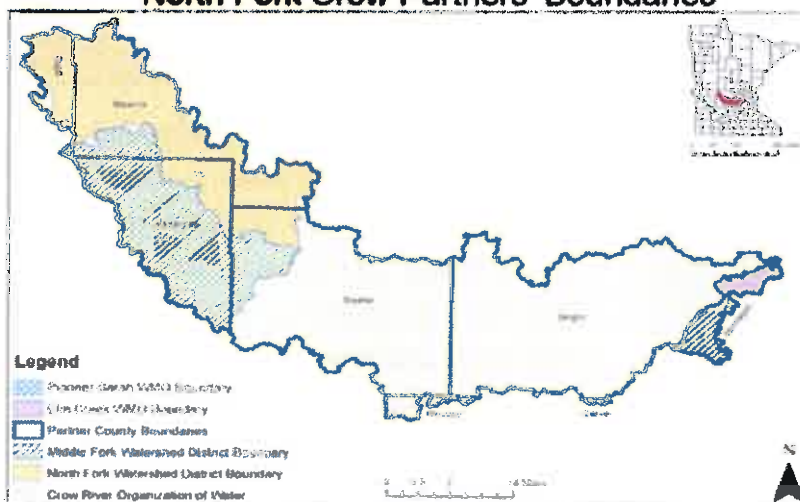
How's the Water? focuses on water quantity and quality and Minnesota's unique position as the source of three major U.S. watersheds. Exhibit-goers learn about overall conditions of Minnesota's lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, and water infrastructure. *How's the Water?* also raises awareness about health equity issues and water in our state. The exhibit then connects Minnesotans to solutions, providing ways to sign up to be a citizen scientist, use water sustainably, and manage runoff.

ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN

The One Watershed, One Plan program is grounded in 2011 recommendations from the Minnesota Local Government Water Roundtable, which said that local governments charged with water management responsibility should organize and

develop implementation plans on a watershed scale. In 2012, the Minnesota Legislature gave the Board of Water and Soil Resources the authority to work with local governments to develop and implement this comprehensive watershed management plan approach.

North Fork Crow Partners' Boundaries



North Fork Crow River One Watershed One Plan project was picked as one of five pilot projects in the State. The planning group consists of two Watershed Management Organizations, two Watershed Districts, six Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and seven Counties to produce one plan that will reflect the unique characteristics and needs in the North Fork Crow watershed. Pilot plans will build on existing efforts, using current local water plans, state and local knowledge and a systematic, science-based approach to watershed management. The resulting plans will address the largest threats and provide prioritized, targeted, and measurable strategies benefiting the North Fork Crow watershed. The pilot program will involve a broad range of stakeholders, including local governments, state agencies, and community members as true partners in the planning process.