

Public Involvement and Leadership for the St. Louis River Area of Concern



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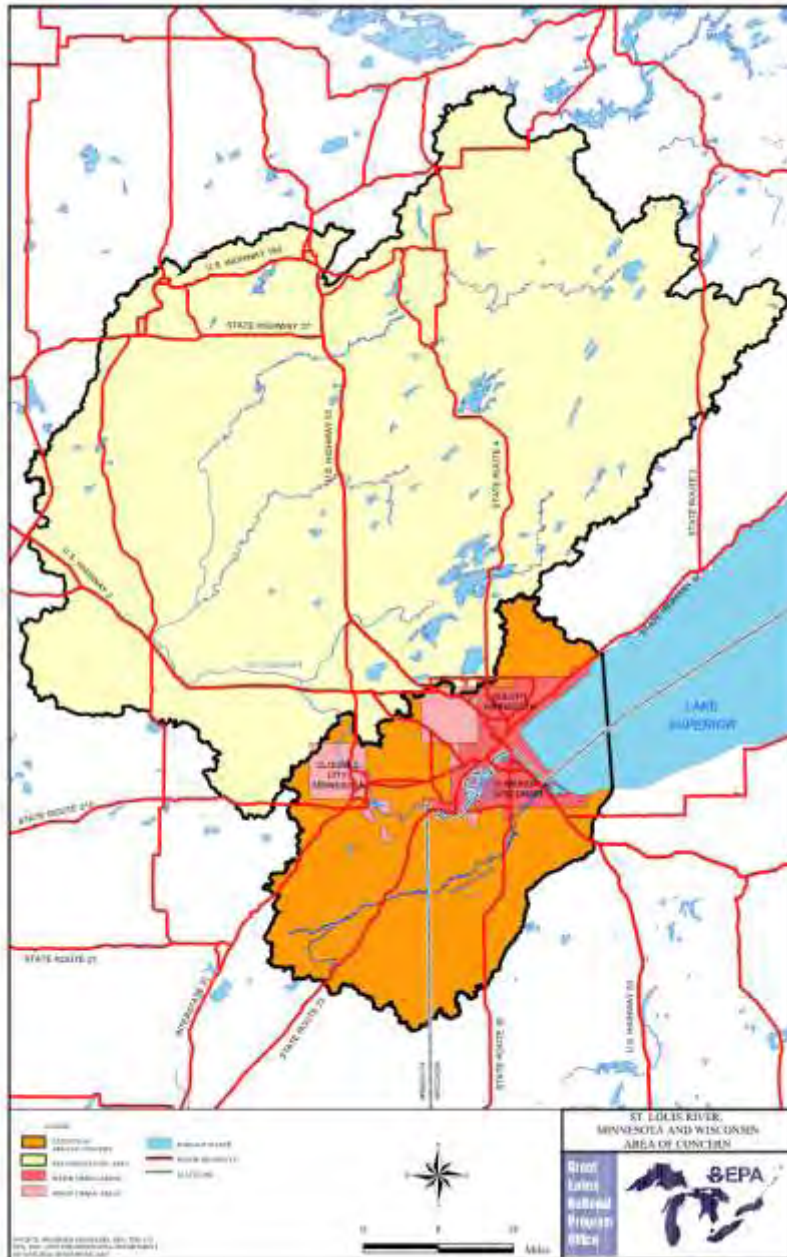
St. Louis River Citizens Action Committee

St. Louis River

- * Largest U.S. tributary to Lake Superior
- * Major source of bio-productivity for Lake Superior
- * 179 miles long, 39 miles primary AOC boundary



St. Louis River Area of Concern



St. Louis River Citizens Action Committee (SLRCAC)

- * Began as Citizens Advisory Committee
- * Helped develop the Remedial Action Plan
- * Became a non profit organization in 1996.



Remedial Action Plan



- * 43 Recommendations
- * 7 known “Hot Spots”
- * Significant progress was made on identified problems with immediate solutions

SLRCAC Public Involvement & Leadership

- * Public Awareness
- * River Stewardship
- * Fostering and facilitating remediation, restoration, and protection



Public Awareness

- * On the Water Guide for Canoeists, Kayakers & Boaters.
- * Wild Rice and Wet lands.
- * The State of the St Louis River.
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Working Groups



- * Stewardship Workgroup

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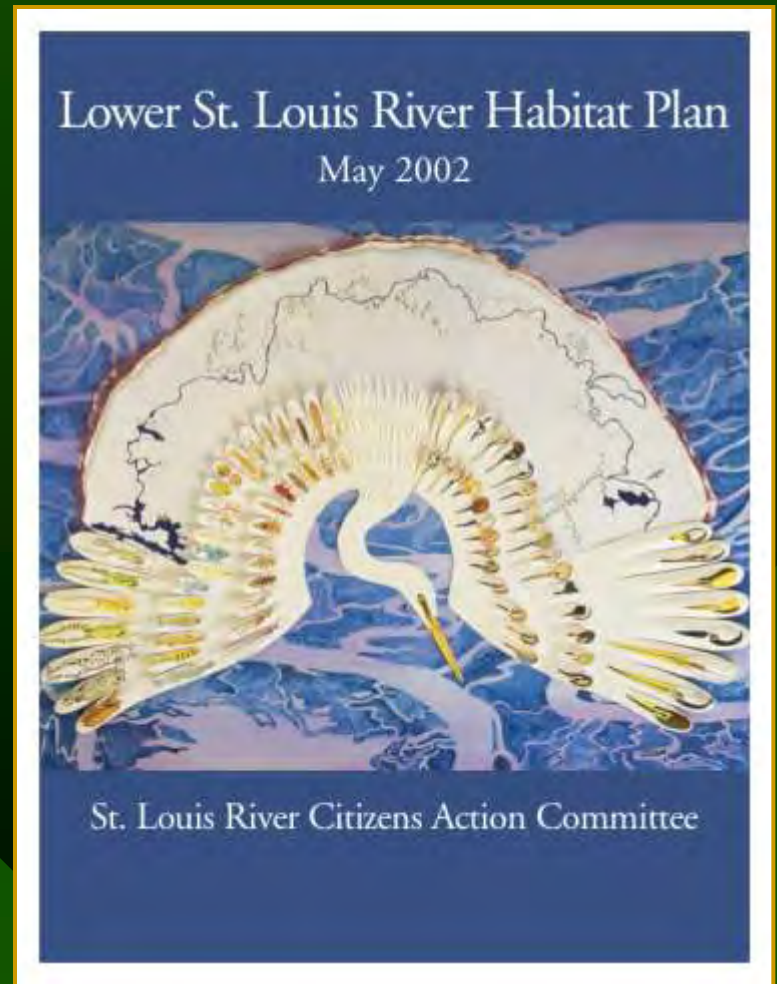
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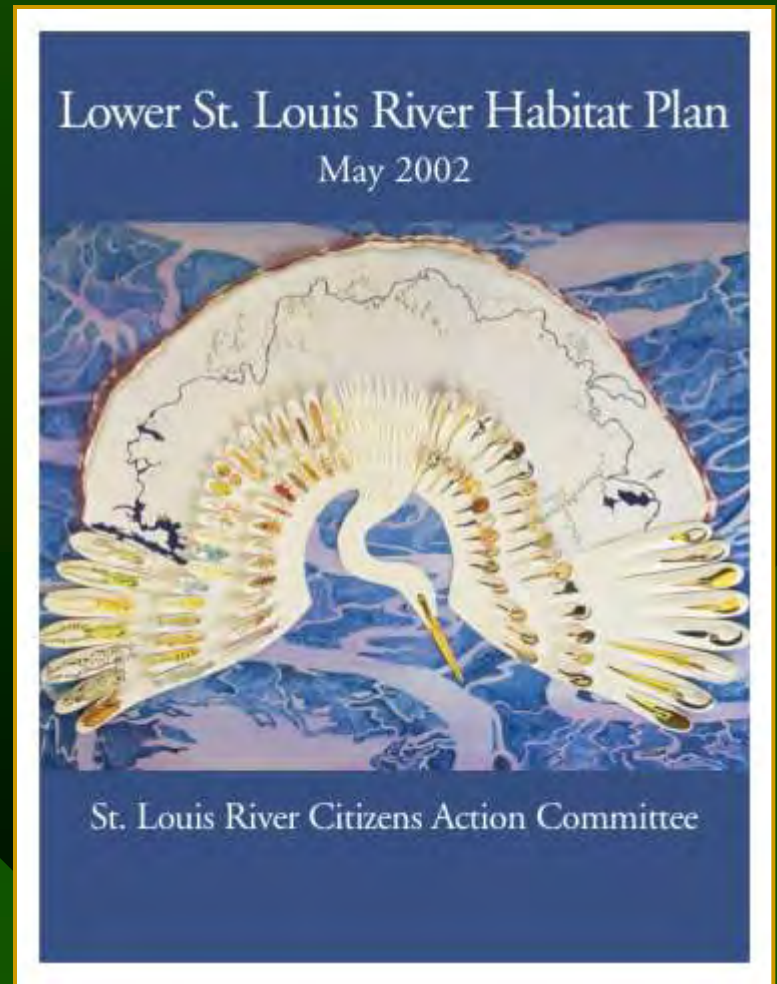
Lower St. Louis River Habitat Plan

- * A dynamic, coordinated guide that is a resource for people living in the AOC.



Lower St. Louis River Habitat Plan

- * Highlights the interconnections between the human community and the river ecosystem.



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- * Habitat Workgroup
- * Contaminated Workgroup

Remediation, Restoration and Protection

- * WI- Hog Island & Newton Creek
- * MN- Super Fund Sites
- * WI- Red River Breaks



Restoration Goals and Strategies

- Restoring Beneficial Uses
 - * De-listing targets
 - * Public Review
 - * Implementation Strategies



Restoring Beneficial Uses

- * Nine BUIs
- * Proposed restoration goals
- * Next phase in the roadmap to de-listing



Implementation

- * Collaborative projects
- * Obtaining funding
- * Partnering opportunities



Partnerships

- Minnesota DNR
- Wisconsin DNR
- MPCA
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. FWS
- Fond du Lac Reservation
- City of Duluth and Superior
- MN and WI Sea Grant, LSRI
- Community GIS
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. COE, DSPA
- MN Power, Sappi Fine Paper,
- Hallet Dock, Potlatch Corp.
- Douglas, Carlton,
and St. Louis Counties
- Citizens
- EPA & SLRCAC



The People of the St. Louis River Making the Difference



Thank you

