Kabetogama Township

9707 Gamma Road

Kabetogama, MN 56669

Dear Kabetogama Lake Property Owner,

As you may be aware, a group of your fellow township residents are working together to establish a wastewater infrastructure in the Kabetogama community. You are in one of the potential service areas as proposed in the *Comprehensive Wastewater Plan - Namakan Basin Sanitary Sewer Initiative (2010).* The first step in moving forward with this initiative is to form a subordinate service district under the management of the Kabetogama Township Board of Supervisors. We are reaching out to you to gather support and ask you to sign a petition to form a subordinate service district so we may begin the process to implement a community-based sewer treatment option.

We believe that this is an opportune time to petition to form the district for many reasons, including:

* Almost 80% of the wastewater treatment systems on the properties surrounding the lake are at some level of noncompliance under standards set forth by St. Louis County SSTS Ordinance 61
* The investment in a community-based system can make individual properties more valuable and easier to sell
* Lake water quality has deteriorated, with frequent and persistent algal blooms
* Many residents will be forced to install expensive holding tanks or other unsustainable options in the near future to prevent damage to the ecosystem
* State grants are currently available to offset much of the cost of installing a community-based system
* Other nearby communities with similar situations, including Crane Lake, Ash River, Island View, as well as Puck’s Point here on Kabetogama, have successfully pursued and are constructing similar systems
* We can help preserve the land, lake, and park for future generations.

At this phase of the project we are in a petition process and will need your support for this initiative to succeed. Please contact your committee member for further information:

Sincerely,

Your local area committee representative:

Kabetogama Clean Water Steering Committee