

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Minnesota Duluth storm water pollution prevention program is to minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the possible negative impacts of the campus on the surrounding watersheds and ultimately the Lake Superior ecosystem. To this end, the University of Minnesota Duluth will develop, implement, and enforce a storm water pollution prevention program to protect water quality and satisfy the appropriate requirements of the Clean Water Act.

At a minimum, the University of Minnesota Duluth must meet the requirements of each of the six control measures as defined in Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's General Permit MN R580000 by selecting best management practices specific for its operation. Both University financial and staffing resources will be dedicated, to the maximum extent practicable, to the implementation of the best management practices identified in this storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP).

Our "community" is defined as the employees, contractors, and students of the University of Minnesota Duluth. To this end, we will be targeting this audience for our specific best management practices, annual meetings, notifications, etc. In realizing that we are but a small part of the Lake Superior watershed area, and that most of our "residents" live in the greater Duluth area, we will work in conjunction with the surrounding Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s) owners in promoting storm water education and in dealing with joint municipal storm water problems.

This program builds on the 2000 Campus Master Plan's guideline that "Sound runoff management and ecological preservation will convey the message of UMD's concern for and appreciation of its natural amenities" (pg. 64).