

IMPLEMENTATION: MISSISSIPPI RIVER

The Mississippi River begins as a trickle flowing out of Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota. From there the river flows 2,348 miles until it pours into the Gulf of Mexico below New Orleans. The Mississippi River drains 33 states and its watershed covers one-half of the United States. It fosters cities and commerce, transports people and goods, provides habitat for fish, plants, and wildlife, and enriches human life with natural and recreational opportunities.

North America's longest river percolates out of a mixed hardwood and conifer forest as it begins its descent to the Gulf of Mexico. It is a humble stream fed by underground springs, the moist climate and countless lakes, marshes, bogs. The Mississippi River at its source bears little resemblance to the mighty river it becomes. It is nonetheless the defining feature of northern Minnesota.

The Mississippi River is protected from its headwaters at Lake Itasca in Clearwater County, to the southern boundary of Morrison County, near Little Falls by the Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB). Formed in 1980 as an alternative to designation of the river into the National Wild and Scenic River System, the Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) is a joint powers board of Clearwater, Beltrami, Cass, Hubbard, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing and Morrison Counties that is mandated by Minnesota Statutes 103F.361-377 to enhance and protect the natural, cultural, historic, scientific and recreational values of the headwaters region.

MHB achieves its goal of river protection through cooperative land use planning in the eight counties, in conjunction with the Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. The MHB also promotes water quality monitoring, education and stewardship activities among its partners along the corridor.

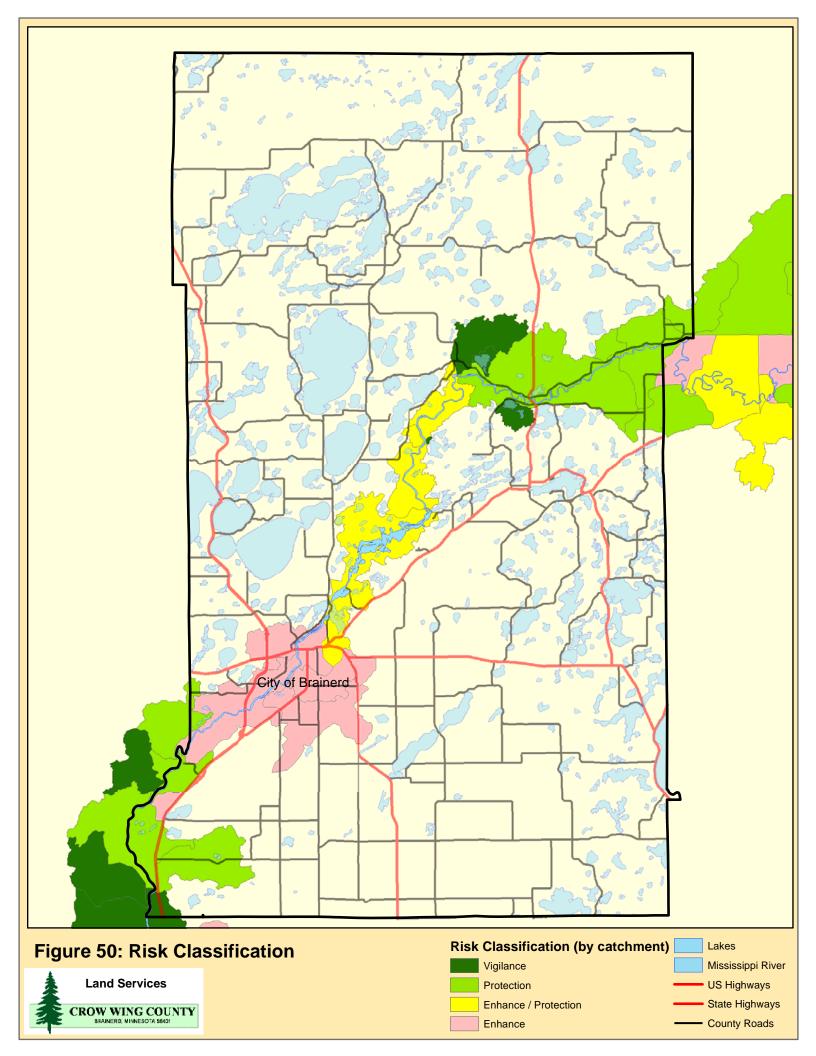
The MHB is currently coordinating a water planning effort along the entire 400+ mile corridor to prioritize conservation implementation projects by minor watershed (DNR Level 8 Catchment). By analyzing the available GIS and water quality information, the MHB and the member counties can coordinate funding strategies for targeted, effective implementation of conservation practices that take advantage of future Clean Water Land and Legacy funding opportunities as well as providing greater coordination among the counties.

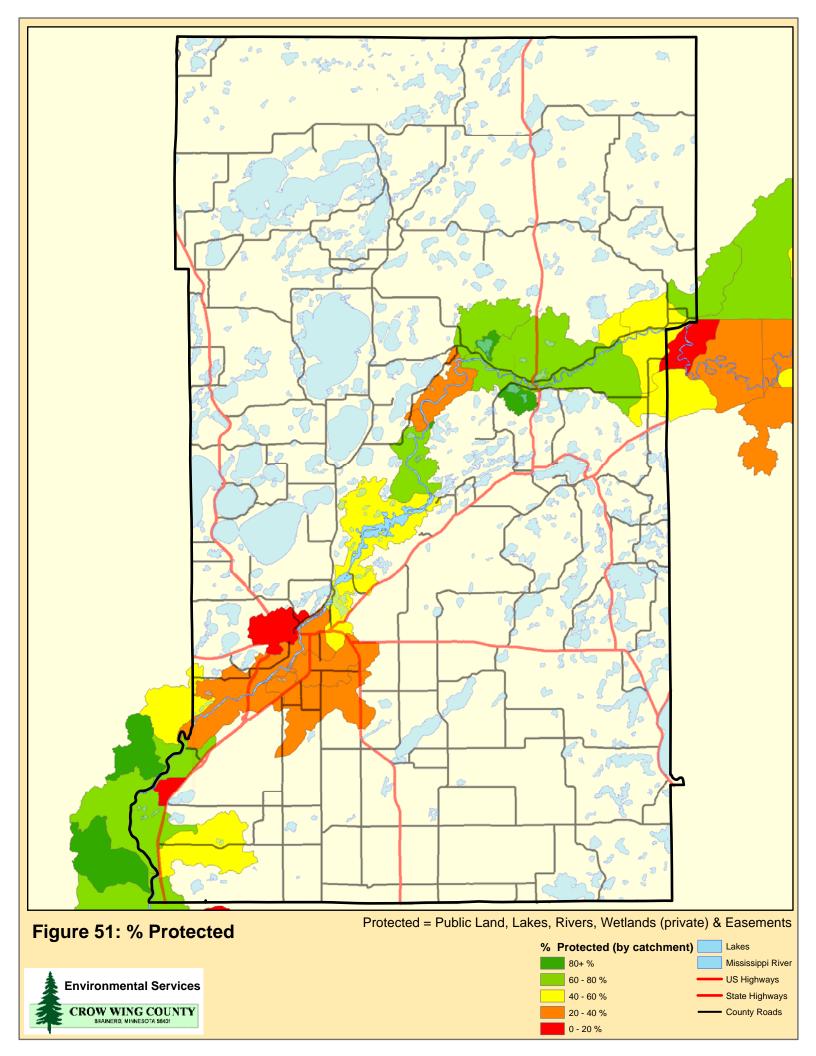
The DNR Level 8 Catchment was the level chosen because it is a slightly more focused watershed unit than the DNR Level 7 watershed.

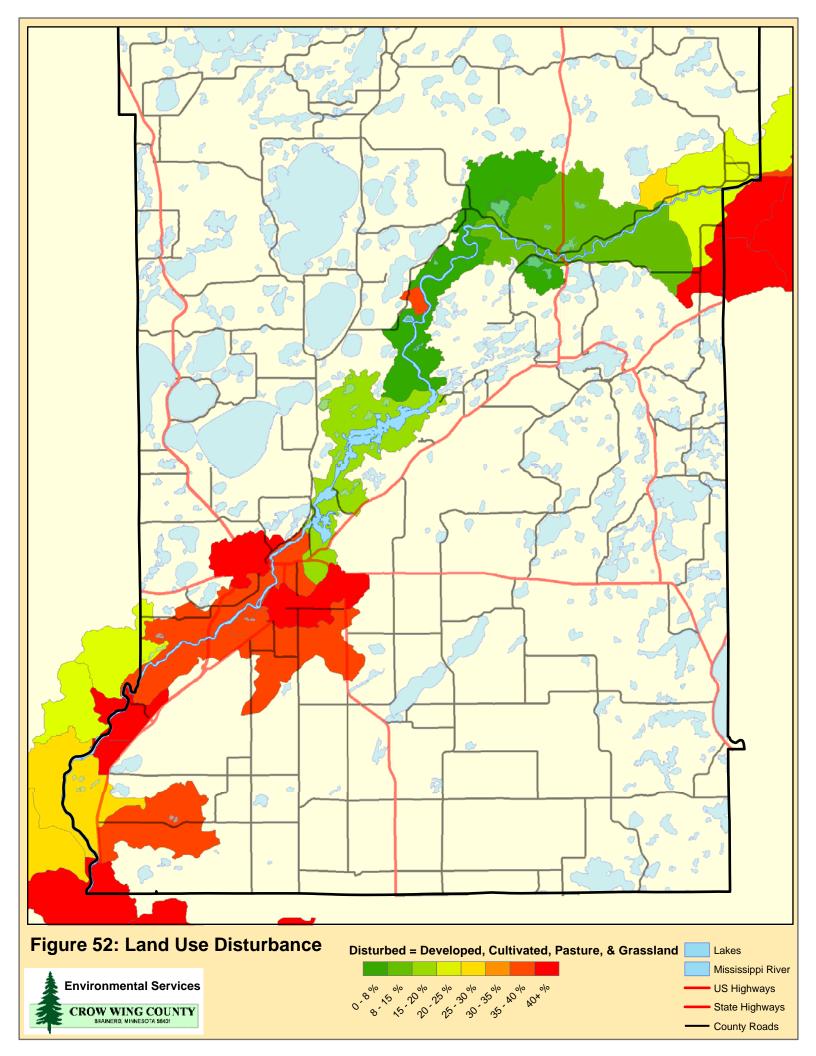
Conservation priorities were again summarized by catchment along the corridor for the level of existing protection and land use disturbance and were also prioritized by various implementation focuses and summarized by catchment. The *vigilance*, *protection*, and *enhance* risk classification were again applied and mapped. Figures 45 - 63 highlight the implementation priorities by catchment along the river in Crow Wing County. Figures 64 - 66 are more detailed maps of these catchments. Water quality and DNR survey data for the Mississippi River is included as Appendix 5 of this report.

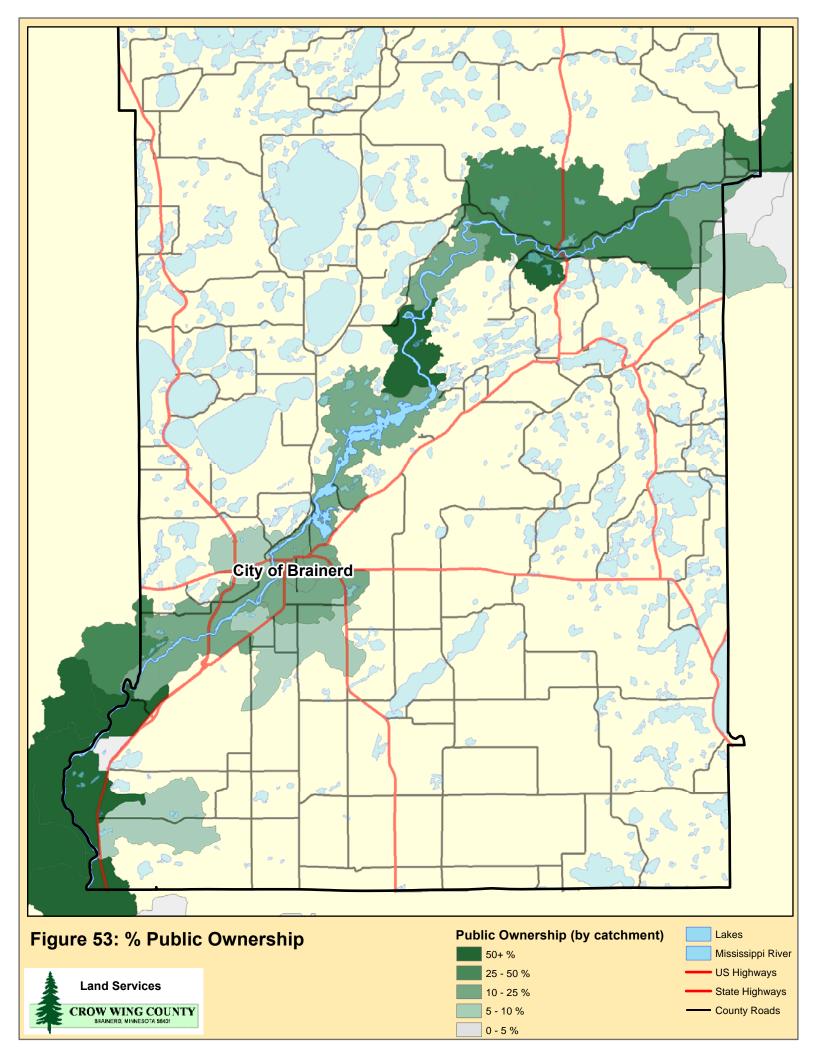


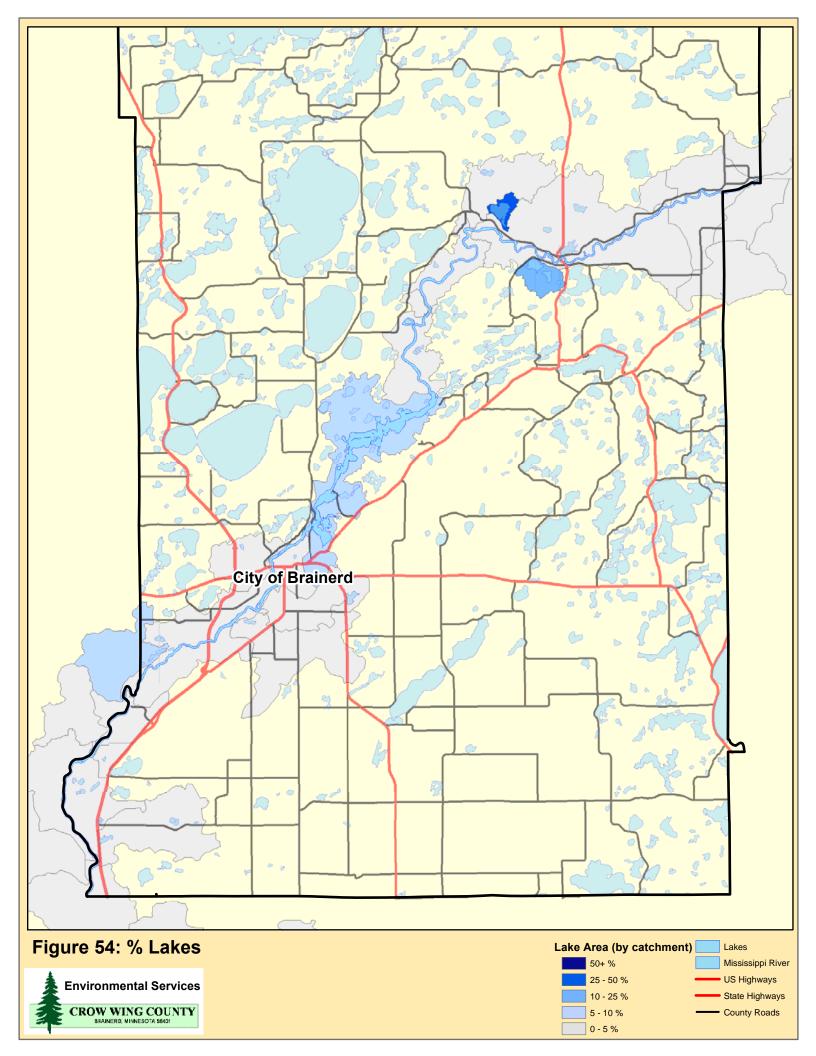
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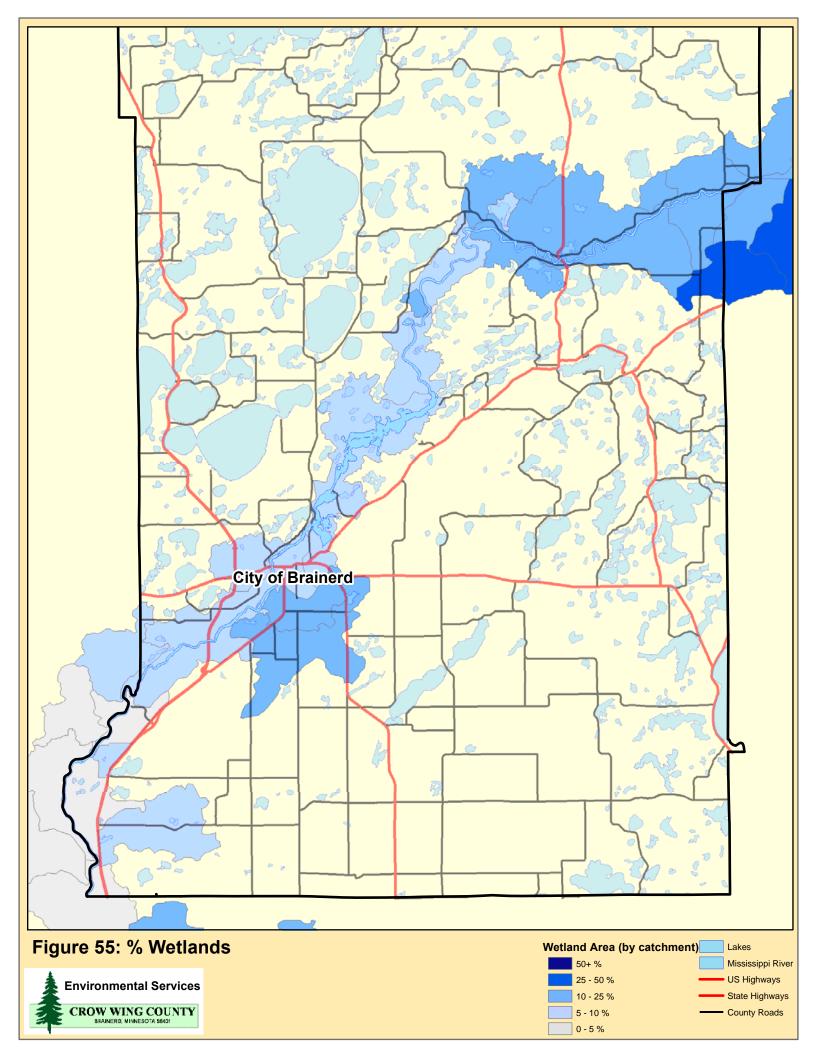


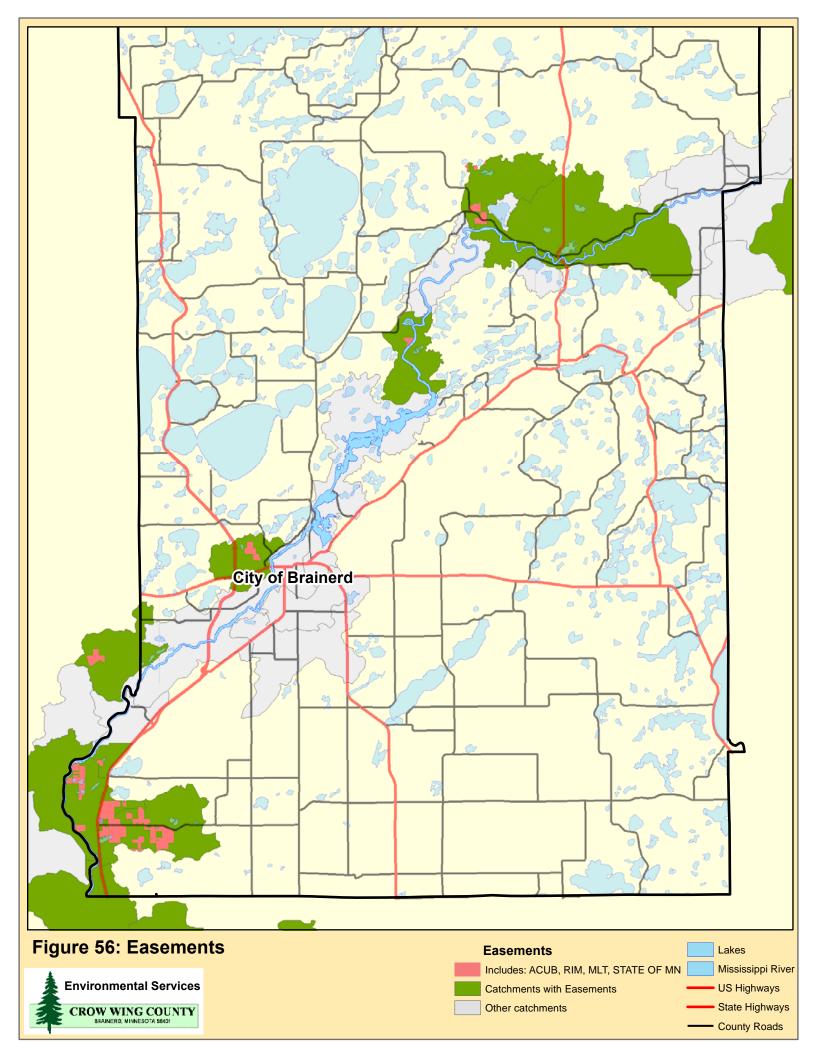


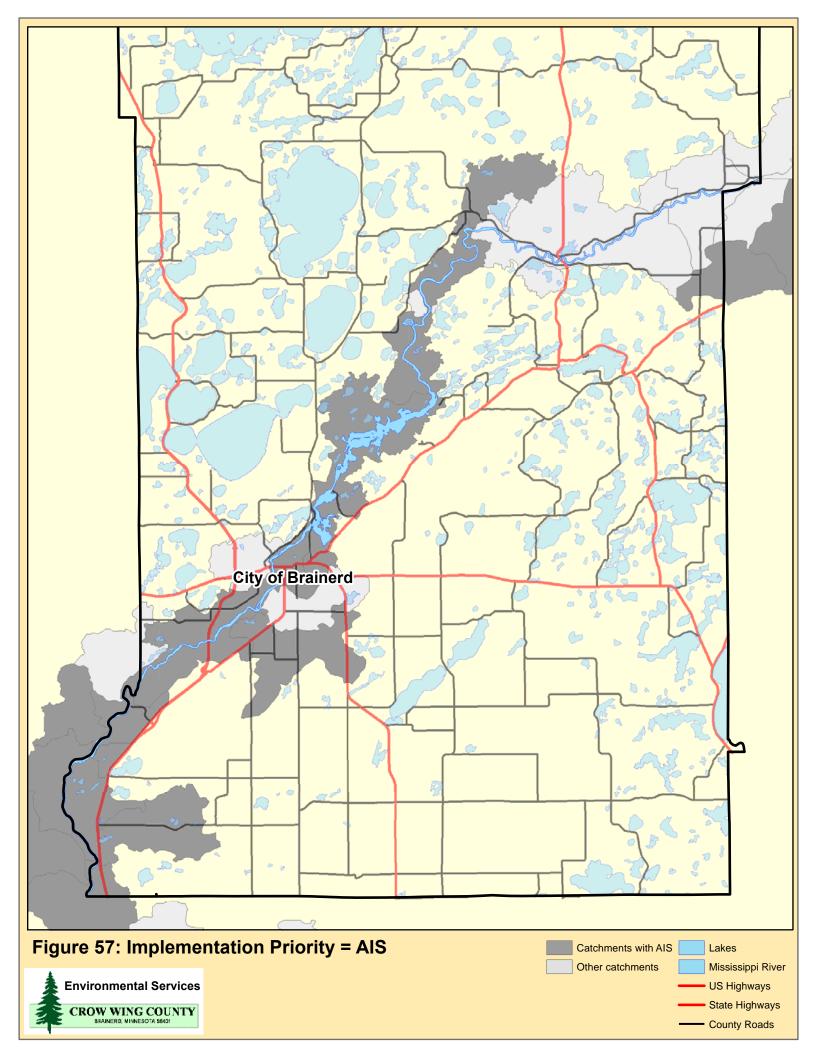


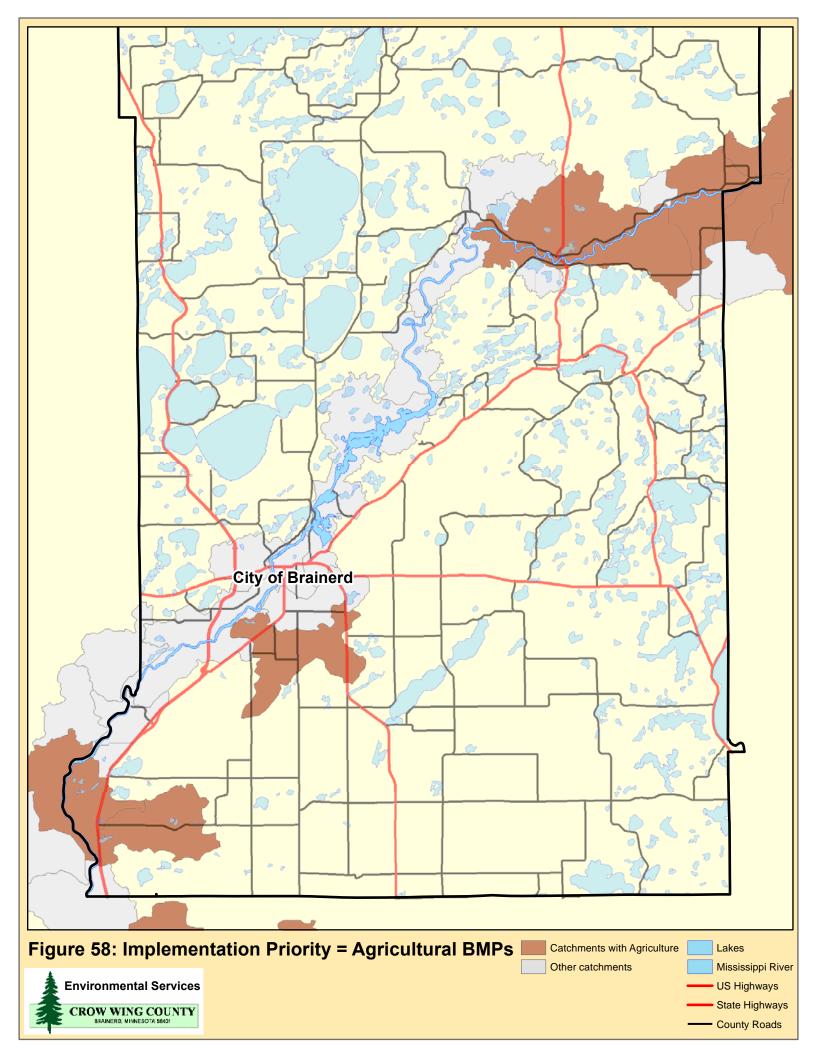


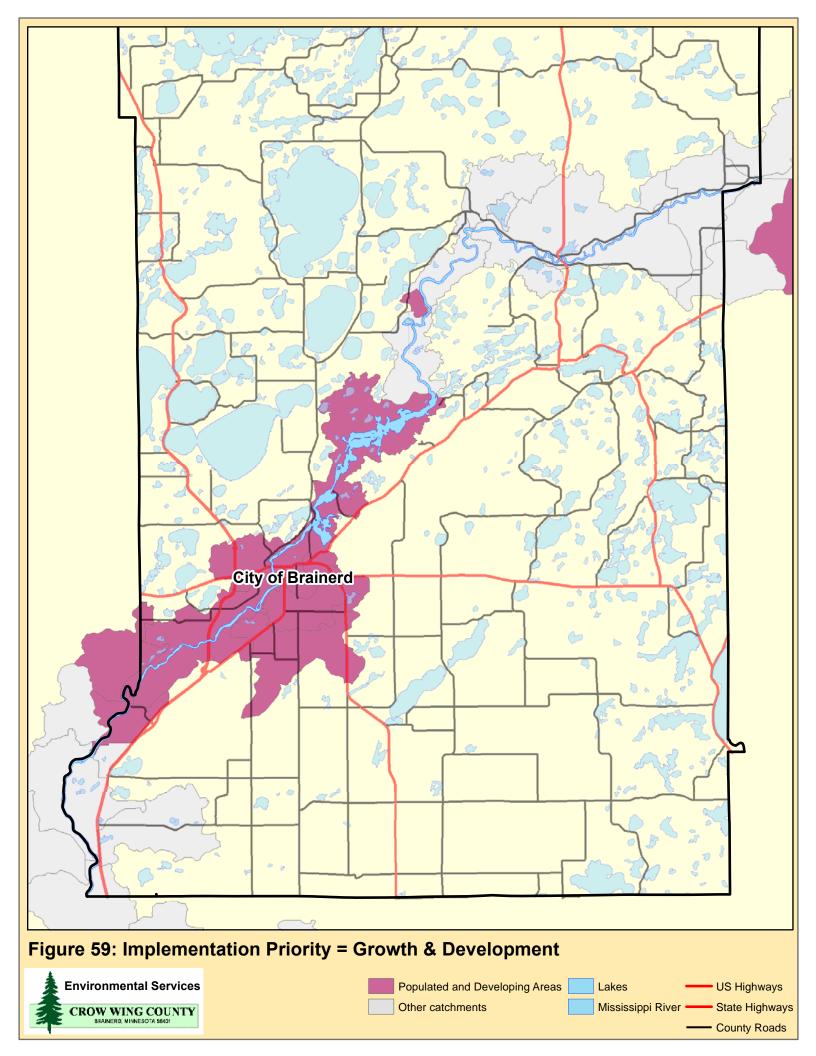


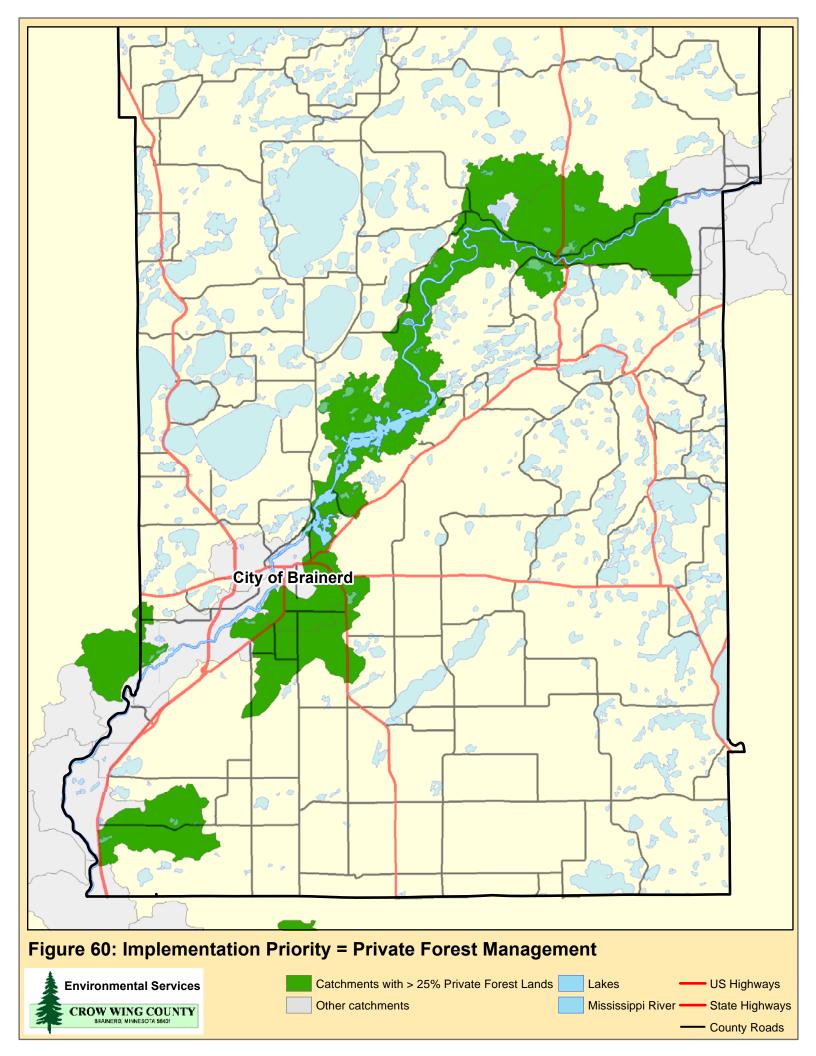


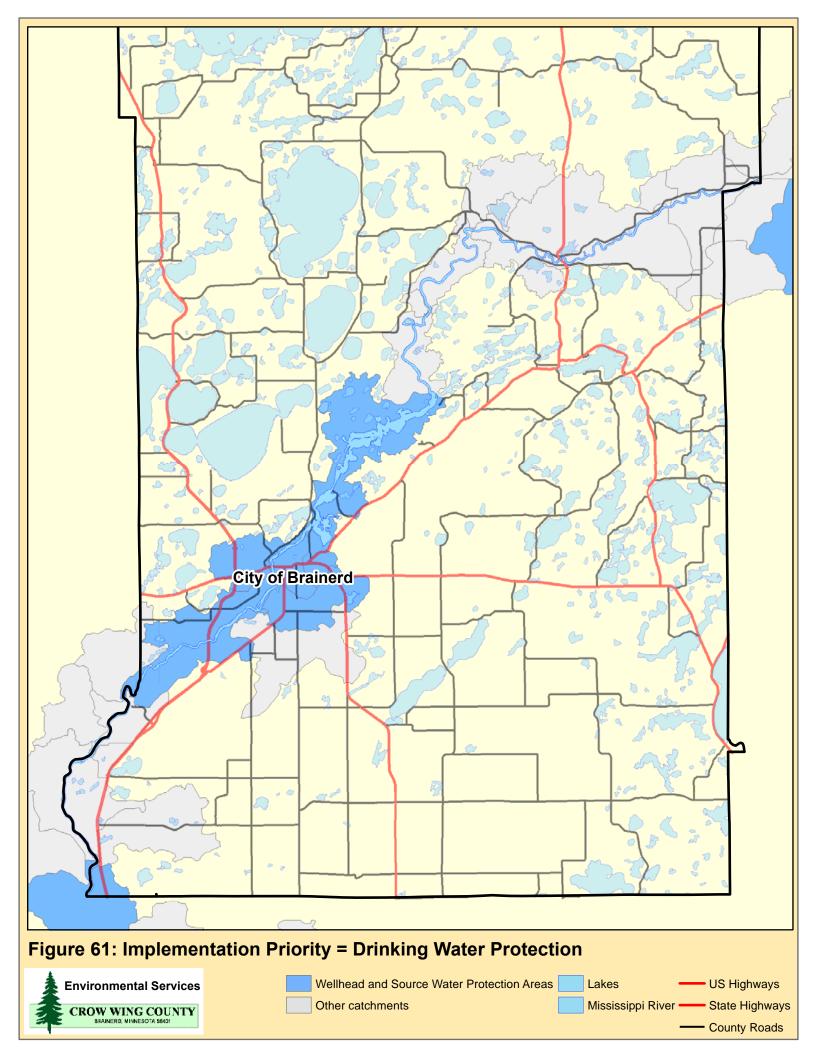


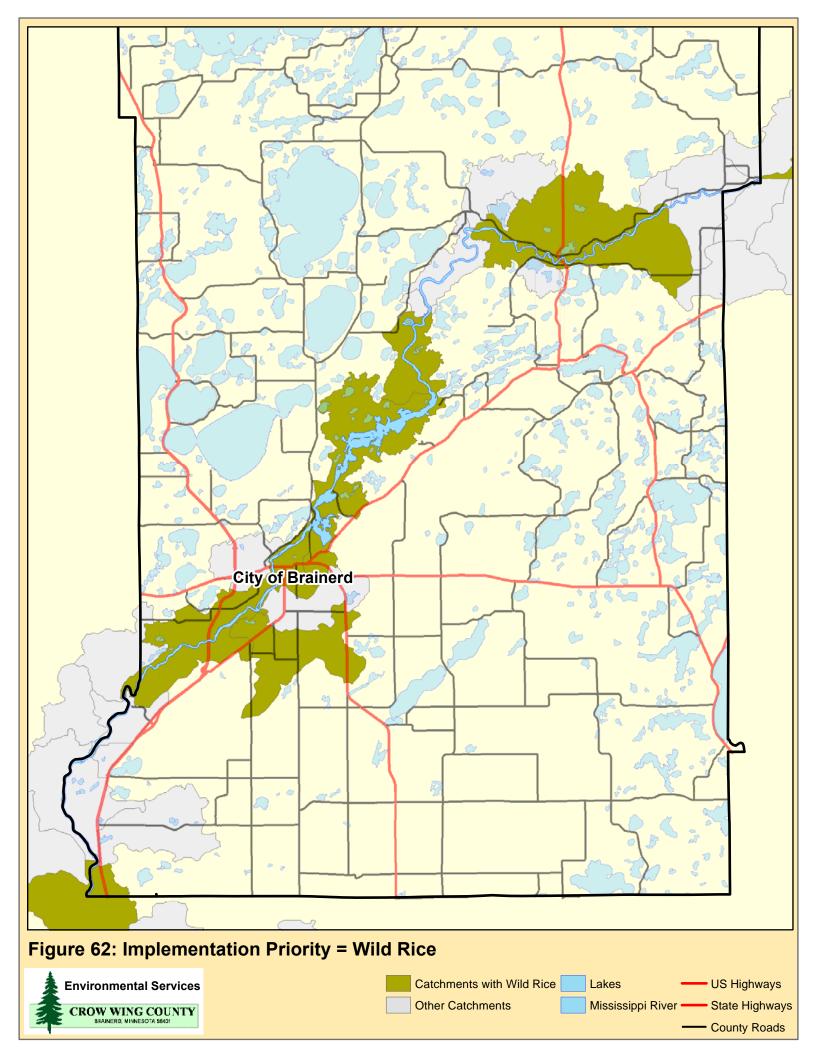


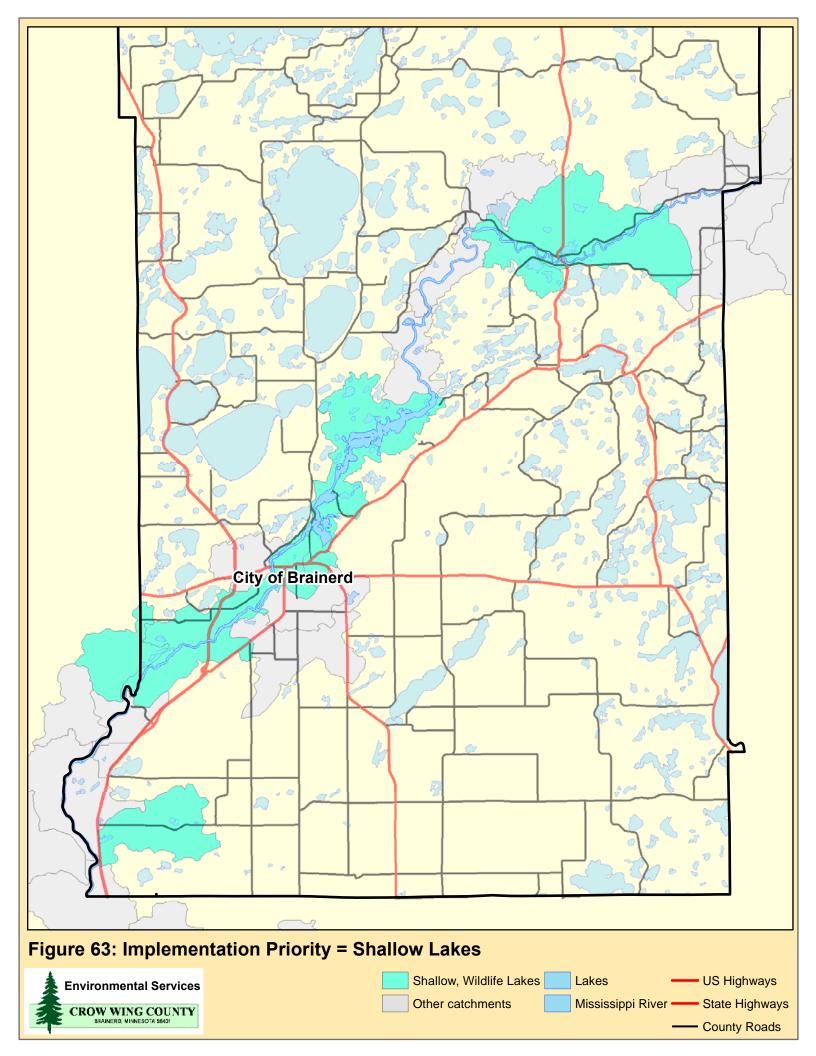


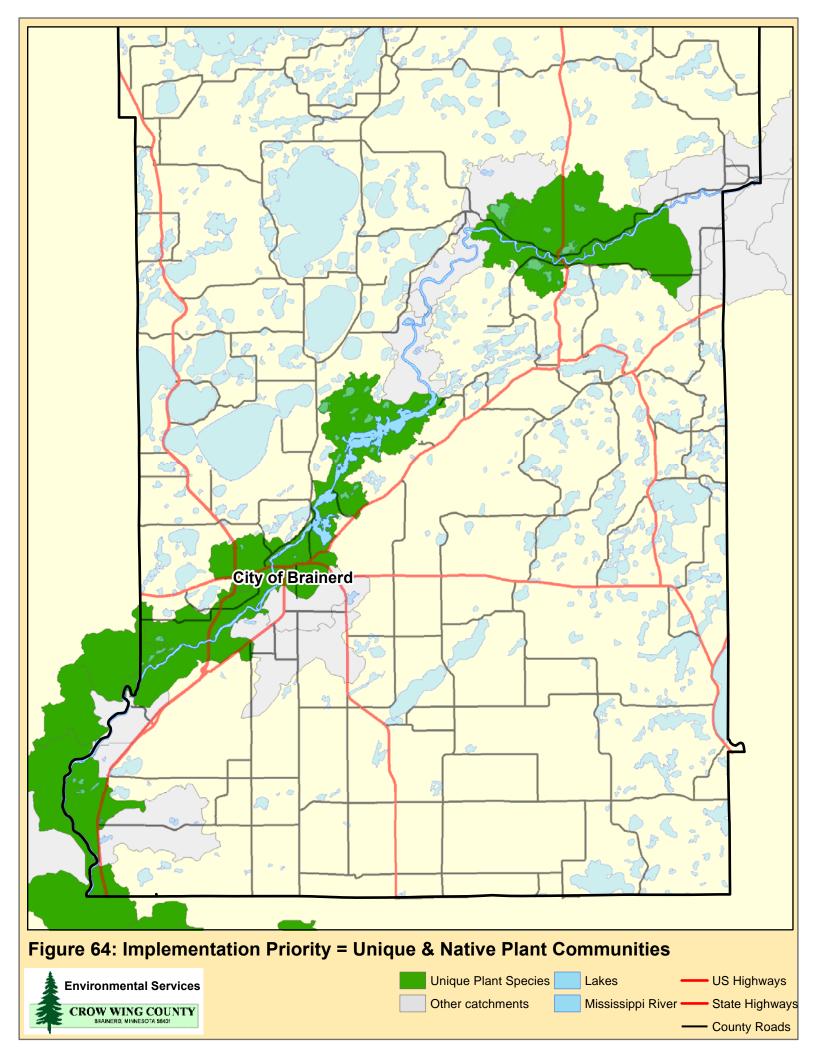


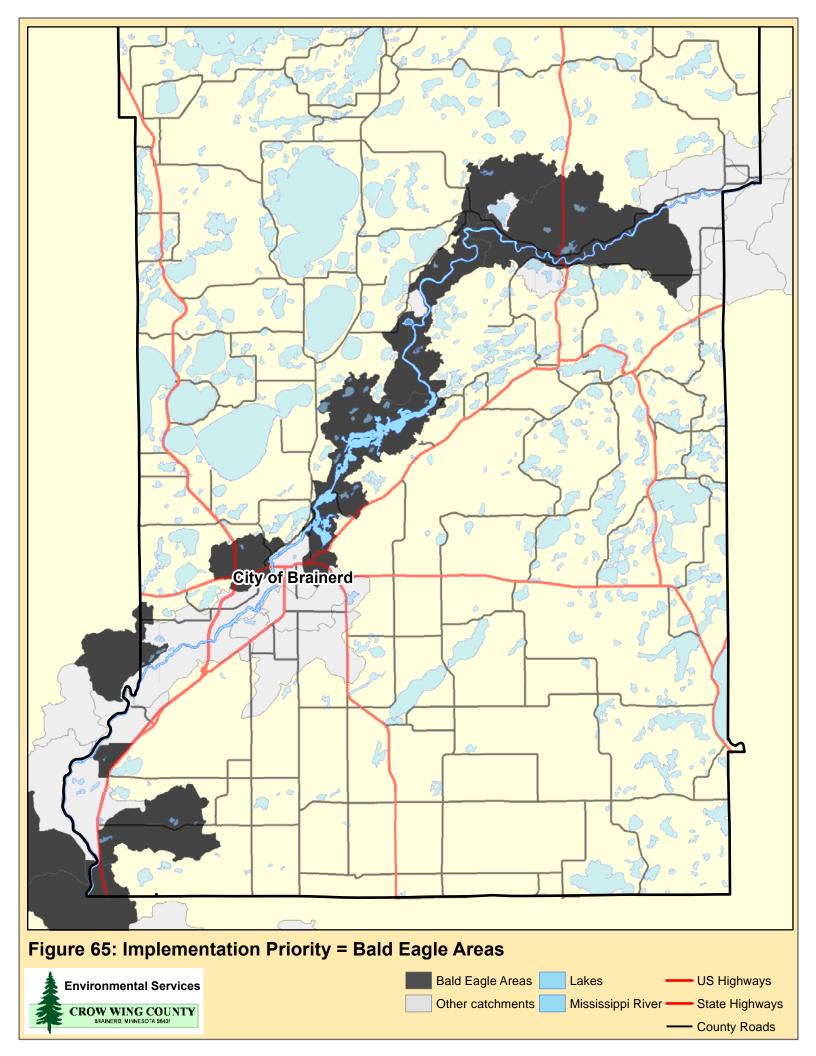


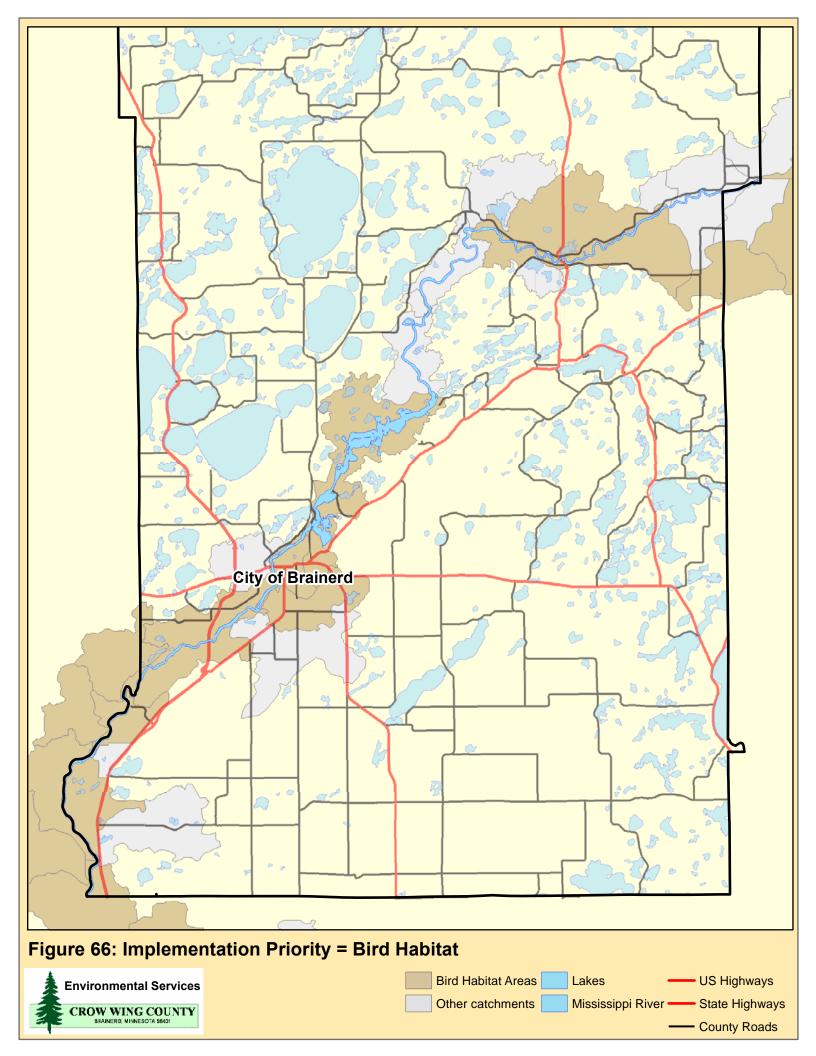


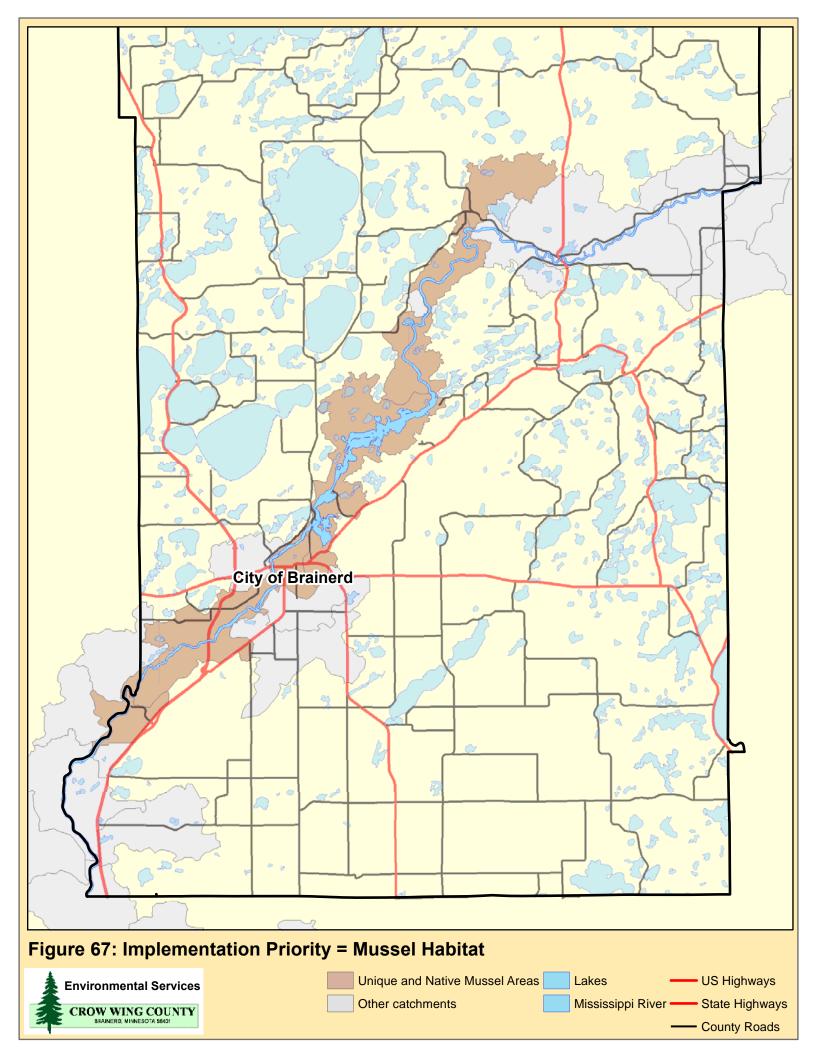


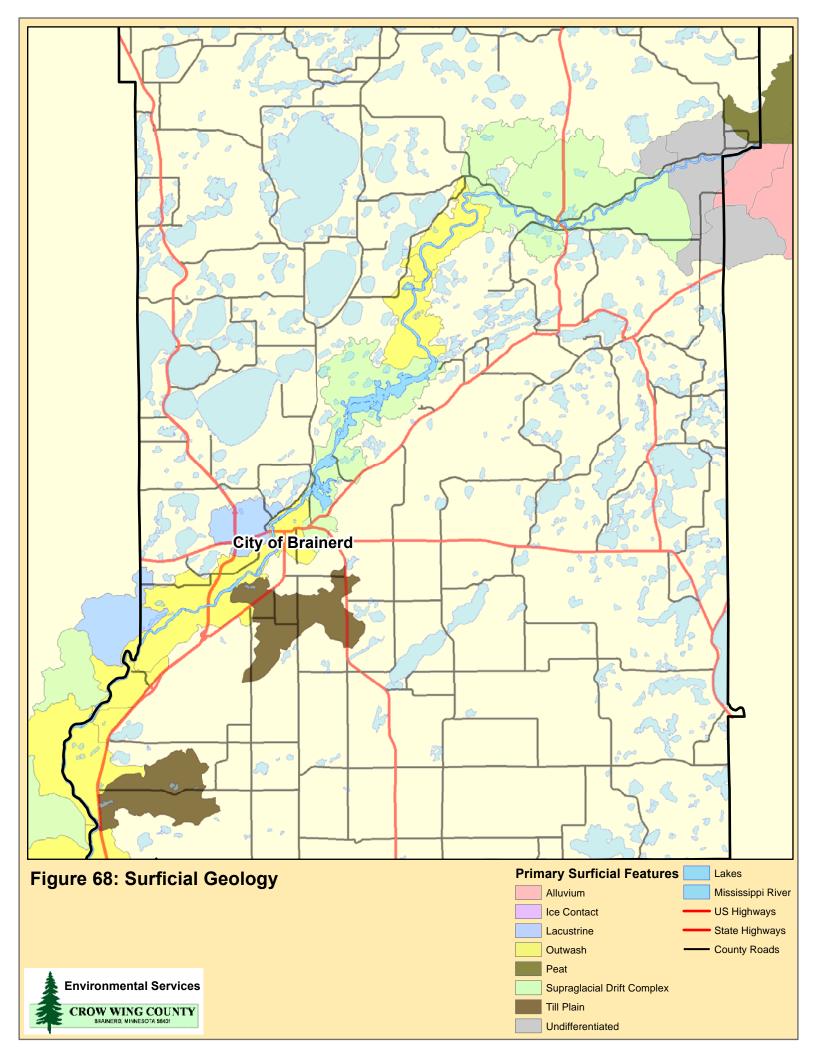


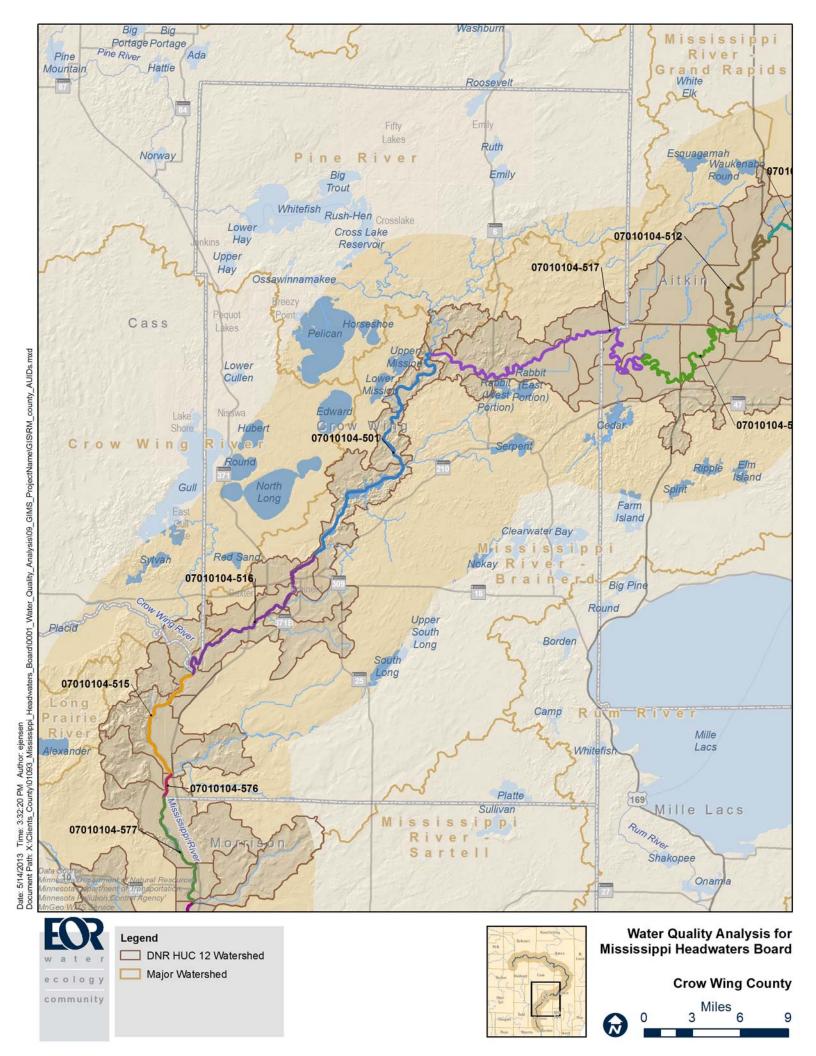






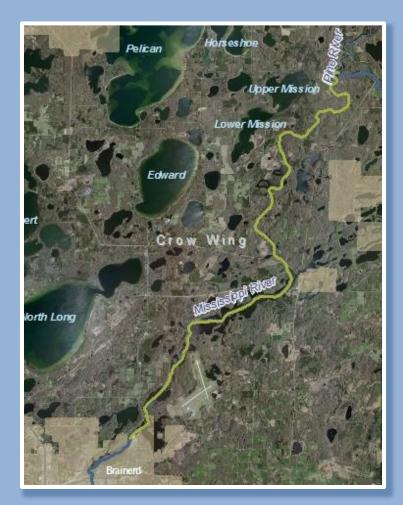






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Mississippi River – Pine River to the Brainerd Dam



- 20.32 miles
- · Municipalities: None

WATER QUALITY

- 6 monitoring stations
- Data collected 2010-2012

POLLUTANT	N	MEAN	SD	MIN	MAX
Ammonia (mg/L)	1	0.0005			
Chloride (mg/L)	2	3.75	0.22	3.59	3.90
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	33	7.70	1.11	4.80	9.66
Inorganic Nitrogen (mg/L)	14	0.36	0.11	0.05	0.40
Phosphorus (mg/L)	13	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.08
Sulfate (mg/L)	2	3.34	0.29	3.13	3.54

BIOLOGY

- Fish survey completed in 2007 by MN DNR Fisheries Brainerd Office
- 564 individuals caught at 3 sites
- 24 species
- Fish IBI Score varies between 54 and 68

PERMITTED SOURCES

None

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07010104-516

Mississippi River – Brainerd Dam to Crow Wing River



- 13.49 miles
- · Municipalities: City of Brainerd

WATER QUALITY

- 6 monitoring stations
- Data collected 2010-2012

POLLUTANT	N	MEAN	SD	MIN	MAX
Ammonia (ug/L)	14	2.48	1.4	0.92	5.06
DO (mg/L)	19	8.07	1.74	3.53	11.03
Inorganic N (mg/L)	31	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.09
Phosphorus (mg/L)	31	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.08
TSS (mg/L)	31	10.67	7.06	1.60	30.00

BIOLOGY

- Fish survey completed in 2007 by MN DNR Fisheries Brainerd Office
- 893 individuals caught at 6 sites
- 30 species
- Fish IBI Score varies between 57 and 76; lowest near Brainerd Dam

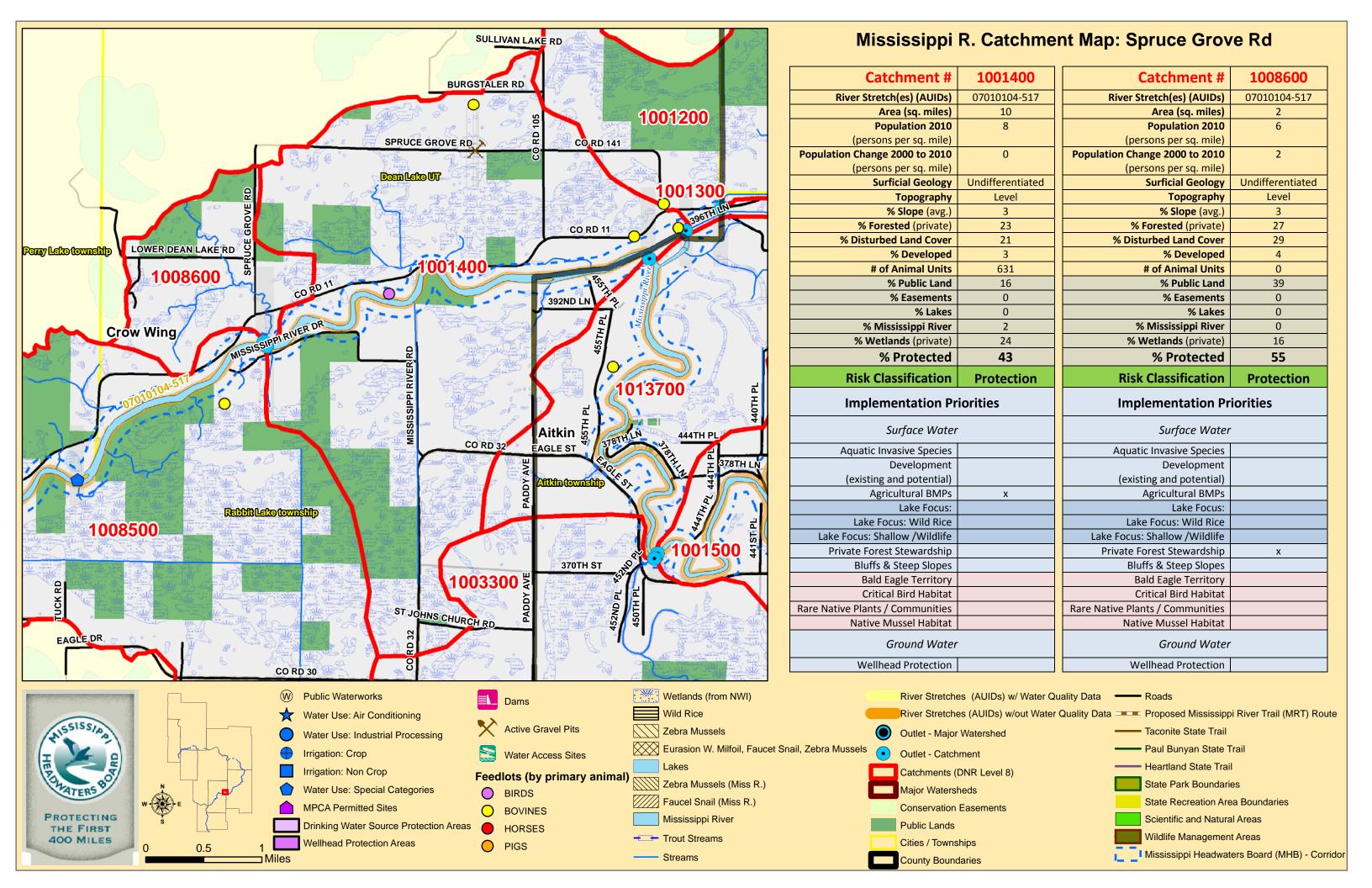
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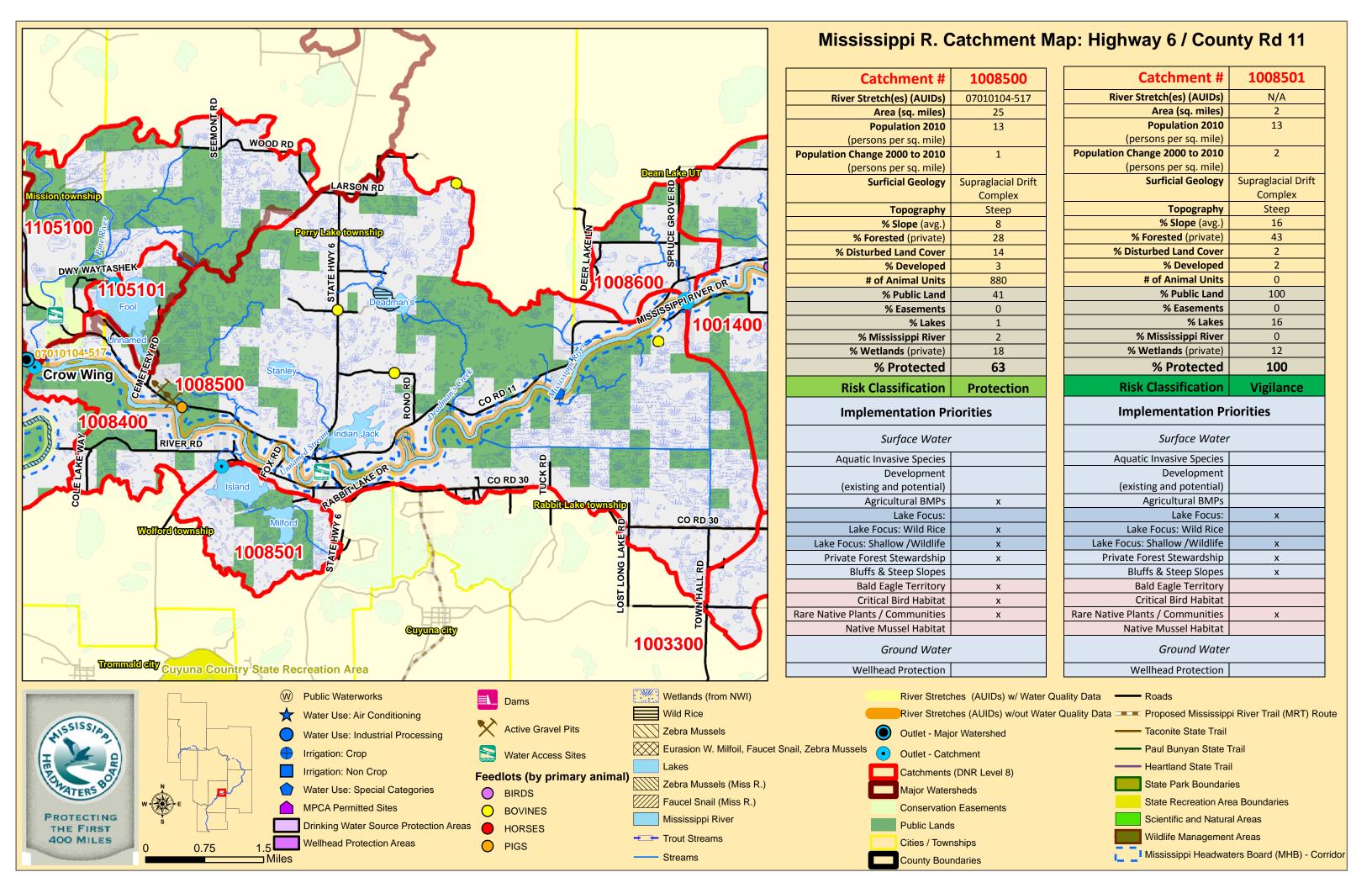
• 3 sources with NPDES permits

NAME	PERMIT NO.	CITY
BNSF RR - Former Tie Treating Plant	MN0055387	Baxter
Wausau Paper Mills LLC	MN0001422	Brainerd
Wausau Paper Mills LLC - ISW	MNR0534ZH	Brainerd

ROW WING COUNTY

Mississippi R. Catchment Map: Aitkin / CWC Bndy 1001300 **CO RD 11** 1003300 Catchment # 1013700 Catchment # Dean Lake UT River Stretch(es) (AUIDs) N/A 07010104-517 River Stretch(es) (AUIDs) Area (sq. miles) 8 Area (sq. miles) 12 Population 2010 Population 2010 11 392ND LN (persons per sq. mile) (persons per sq. mile) 440TH PL 390TH ST 390TH ST Population Change 2000 to 2010 -1 Population Change 2000 to 2010 (persons per sq. mile) (persons per sq. mile) **Surficial Geology** Undifferentiated **Surficial Geology** Alluvium Topography Level **Topography** Level 001400 % Slope (avg.) 2 013700 % Slope (avg.) 2 % Forested (private) 11 % Forested (private) 19 42 % Disturbed Land Cover 48 % Disturbed Land Cover % Developed 5 % Developed 4 444TH PL # of Animal Units 0 # of Animal Units 165 CO RD 3 % Public Land 7 % Public Land % Easements 0 % Easements 0 % Lakes 0 % Lakes % Mississippi River 0 % Mississippi River 4 Crow Wing % Wetlands (private) 34 % Wetlands (private) 10 40 % Protected 15 % Protected Aitkin Attanto **Risk Classification Protection Risk Classification Enhance** 1001500 370TH ST EAGLE ST 1008500 **Implementation Priorities Implementation Priorities** Surface Water Surface Water ST JOHNS CHURCH RD **Aquatic Invasive Species Aquatic Invasive Species** Development Development (existing and potential) (existing and potential) Agricultural BMPs Agricultural BMPs **CO RD 30** 1003300 Lake Focus: Lake Focus: Lake Focus: Wild Rice Lake Focus: Wild Rice Lake Focus: Shallow / Wildlife Lake Focus: Shallow /Wildlife Private Forest Stewardship Private Forest Stewardship Bluffs & Steep Slopes **Bluffs & Steep Slopes Bald Eagle Territory Bald Eagle Territory** STATE HWY 210 Critical Bird Habitat Critical Bird Habitat IRON HUB RD Rare Native Plants / Communities Rare Native Plants / Communities Native Mussel Habitat Native Mussel Habitat **Ground Water Ground Water** Wellhead Protection **Wellhead Protection** Wetlands (from NWI) **Public Waterworks** River Stretches (AUIDs) w/ Water Quality Data ----- Roads ■ Dams Wild Rice Water Use: Air Conditioning River Stretches (AUIDs) w/out Water Quality Data —— Proposed Mississippi River Trail (MRT) Route Active Gravel Pits Zebra Mussels Taconite State Trail Outlet - Major Watershed Water Use: Industrial Processing Eurasion W. Milfoil, Faucet Snail, Zebra Mussels Paul Bunyan State Trail Irrigation: Crop Water Access Sites Outlet - Catchment Heartland State Trail Feedlots (by primary animal) Zebra Mussels (Miss R.) Irrigation: Non Crop Catchments (DNR Level 8) State Park Boundaries Water Use: Special Categories Major Watersheds BIRDS Faucel Snail (Miss R.) State Recreation Area Boundaries MPCA Permitted Sites Conservation Easements **BOVINES** PROTECTING Mississippi River Scientific and Natural Areas Drinking Water Source Protection Areas Public Lands **HORSES** THE FIRST Wildlife Management Areas Trout Streams 400 MILES Wellhead Protection Areas Cities / Townships PIGS Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) - Corridor ---- Streams Miles County Boundaries





Mississippi R. Catchment Map: Pine River / Fool Lake Catchment # 1105100 Catchment # 1105101 River Stretch(es) (AUIDs) N/A River Stretch(es) (AUIDs) N/A Area (sq. miles) Area (sq. miles) Population 2010 8 Population 2010 (persons per sq. mile) (persons per sq. mile) Population Change 2000 to 2010 0 Population Change 2000 to 2010 1 (persons per sq. mile) (persons per sq. mile) WOOD RD **Surficial Geology** Supraglacial Drift **Surficial Geology** Complex Topography **Topography** Steep % Slope (avg.) 6 12 % Slope (avg.) 18 % Forested (private) 33 % Forested (private) % Disturbed Land Cover 1 % Disturbed Land Cover 6 % Developed 0 % Developed 1 # of Animal Units 0 1105100 # of Animal Units 0 35 % Public Land % Public Land 41 % Easements 0 % Easements 6 % Lakes 42 % Lakes 0 % Mississippi River 0 % Mississippi River 0 % Wetlands (private) 5 Perry Lake townshi % Wetlands (private) 15 Crow Wing 83 % Protected 61 % Protected **Risk Classification** Vigilance **Risk Classification** Vigilance **Implementation Priorities Implementation Priorities** Surface Water Surface Water **Aquatic Invasive Species** 1105101 **Aquatic Invasive Species** Development Development GILMER RD (existing and potential) (existing and potential) Agricultural BMPs Agricultural BMPs Lake Focus: Lake Focus: Lake Focus: Wild Rice Lake Focus: Wild Rice 1008500 Lake Focus: Shallow /Wildlife RIVERVIEW PL Lake Focus: Shallow /Wildlife Private Forest Stewardship **Private Forest Stewardship** Bluffs & Steep Slopes Bluffs & Steep Slopes Х **Bald Eagle Territory Bald Eagle Territory** Х Critical Bird Habitat Critical Bird Habitat Rare Native Plants / Communities Rare Native Plants / Communities Х Native Mussel Habitat Native Mussel Habitat **Ground Water Ground Water** Wellhead Protection Wellhead Protection Wetlands (from NWI) **Public Waterworks** River Stretches (AUIDs) w/ Water Quality Data ----- Roads Dams Wild Rice Water Use: Air Conditioning River Stretches (AUIDs) w/out Water Quality Data —— Proposed Mississippi River Trail (MRT) Route Active Gravel Pits Zebra Mussels Taconite State Trail Outlet - Major Watershed Water Use: Industrial Processing Eurasion W. Milfoil, Faucet Snail, Zebra Mussels Paul Bunyan State Trail Irrigation: Crop Water Access Sites Outlet - Catchment Heartland State Trail Feedlots (by primary animal) Zebra Mussels (Miss R.) Irrigation: Non Crop Catchments (DNR Level 8) State Park Boundaries Water Use: Special Categories Major Watersheds BIRDS Faucel Snail (Miss R.) State Recreation Area Boundaries MPCA Permitted Sites Conservation Easements **BOVINES** PROTECTING Mississippi River Scientific and Natural Areas Drinking Water Source Protection Areas Public Lands **HORSES** THE FIRST Wildlife Management Areas Trout Streams 400 MILES Wellhead Protection Areas Cities / Townships PIGS 0.75 Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) - Corridor ---- Streams County Boundaries

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