601. Standards for Acceptance of Communal Sanitary Sewer Facilities

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**Purpose**
The following policy has been adopted by the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers to set standards that all communal sanitary sewer facilities must meet prior to submission of a request to the CRWD for taking on ownership, oversight and/or management of said facilities.

**Standard 1:** All sanitary sewer and waste treatment facilities shall be in conformance with the latest edition of the Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities published by the Great Lakes - Upper Mississippi River Board of State Public Health and Environmental Managers, the requirements of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Department of Health and the appropriate County.

**Standard 2:** Preference is given to wastewater treatment facilities with no surface discharge and such systems shall have primary and secondary treatment before land disposal. If a surface discharge is required, the total phosphorus concentration of the effluent shall be less than 0.2 mg/L.

**Standard 3:** Preference is given to gravity type facilities with no individual septic tanks, no grinder pumps, no individual lift pumps, and all lift stations and treatment systems located on common or public areas.

**Standard 4:** All facilities shall be designed to prevent unnecessary operating and maintenance costs or premature and excessive repair and replacement costs. All facilities shall be designed and constructed in a manner that minimized changes and disturbances that would be required to discharge into a future regional system.

**Standard 5:** All facilities shall be reviewed and approved by the CRWD before construction and the construction shall be inspected by the CRWD. Appropriate design reports shall be available to review the design. A 30-day design review period will be required for the CRWD’s review, with all costs of the CRWD reimbursed by applicant.