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1.0 Introduction

The overall approach to the annual monitoring program has been to conduct baseline monitoring for precipitation, stream monitoring on Clearwater River, and lake monitoring on a rotating basis. In addition, citizen volunteers collect secchi depth readings on numerous lakes.

The year 2000 program included stream flow gauging and water quality monitoring for total phosphorus at three sites and fecal coliform bacteria monitoring at five sites. Two sites (WR0.2, Warner Creek above Clearwater Lake, East and CR 28.2, the Clearwater River below Kingston Wetland) were sampled for both parameters. Six lakes were monitored four times between July and September for water quality. See Figure 1 for monitoring locations and Appendix A for a summary of the 2000 monitoring plan.

For the watershed as a whole, precipitation for 2000 was very low, averaging 21.22 inches (Table 1). Overall, this was the driest year since 1989. Precipitation in the first five months, was only 1.12 inches below normal (Figure 2), but by October this deficit increased to 8.05 inches, and the year-end value was 6.13 inches below normal (slightly recovered due to a wet November and December). The water quality monitoring on streams and lakes was performed through October, which was a cumulative 8.05 inches below normal. Individual volunteer records are shown in Appendix B.

3.1 RUNOFF

Stream flow at the outlet of Clearwater Lake (station CR10.5) averaged 9.2 cubic feet per second (cfs) for the monitoring season and approximately 10.8 cfs for the whole year. The whole-year flow was equivalent to 1.0 inch of runoff from the 155-square-mile upstream watershed. Throughout the summer, stream flows decreased from spring maximums to minor or zero flow by late August. Flows for each site are given in Table 2.

3.2 TOTAL PHOSPHORUS

Phosphorus levels in the Clearwater River remained much improved, compared with conditions monitored in the early 1980s prior to the lake restoration project's main implementation. Upstream of the main-stem lake chain (station CR28.2), the mean total phosphorus concentration was 0.38 mg/L (milligrams per liter, or parts per million), versus 0.74 to 1.40 mg/L in the early 1980s. Sites WR0.2 and CR 10.5 had very low mean concentrations of 0.06 mg/L and 0.029 mg/L, respectively. Results for the three sites are given in Table 3.

3.3 FECAL COLIFORM

Five sites were monitored for fecal coliform bacteria for five events. Four of the sites are along the Clearwater River, and WR0.2 is a tributary to Clearwater Lake East Basin. Values ranged from 14 colony forming units per 100 milliliters (cfu/100 mL) to over 2,000 cfu/100 mL. All sites had one or more exceedances of the state standard of 200 cfu/100 mL. Site CR 30.0 had the most exceedances (three), WR0.2 and CR 28.2 had two exceedances, and CR 32.5 and CR 23.8 had one exceedance. Geometric means were calculated as is typical for bacteria data. The only

potential mean exceedance of the 200 cfu/100 mL state standard occurred at WR0.2. If laboratory values listed as >2,000, actually exceeded 6,200 cfu/100mL, the site's mean value would exceed the state standard for the year. The geometric mean values for the remaining sites did not exceed the state standard, even if the values listed as >2,000 cfu/100 mL were an order of magnitude larger (20,000 cfu/100 mL). However, since all sites exceeded the state standard for one or more events, bacteria are a concern. Results for all sites are given in Table 3.

4.0 Water Quality of Lakes Sampled in Year 2000

4.1 CLEAR LAKE

Clear Lake's mid-summer water quality was poor, with mean total phosphorus of 228 ug/L, chlorophyll-*a* of 134 ug/L, and secchi depth of 1.1 feet. The phosphorus and chlorophyll-a concentrations were the highest of the six lakes sampled this year (Figure 3). Clear Lake has been sampled in 1994, 1998, 1999, and 2000 (Figure 4). The 2000 data show the poorest water quality and significant degradation from the 1994. A citizen volunteer also monitors secchi depths, which show the water clarity peaked in June at two feet (Figure D-2).

4.2 CLEARWATER LAKE

Clearwater Lake is sampled in both the West and East basins every year as part of the long-term monitoring plan. Data for 2000 show very good water quality for both basins.

<u>West-</u> Mean values for the West basin are 41 ug/L for total phosphorus, 9 ug/L for chlorophyll-a, and 6.1 feet for secchi depth. The citizen secchi data (Figure D-3) show a maximum clarity of 14 feet and an average of 9.8 feet from May through September. A citizen site on the very north portion of the West basin had an average secchi depth of 11.3 feet, nearly double the average of the four measurements by District personnel. The extended period for citizen monitoring (early spring) and location on the lake account for the higher mean values.

<u>East</u> - Mean values for the East basin are 33 μ g/L for total phosphorus, 10 μ g/L for chlorophyll-*a*, and 7.5 feet for secchi depth. No citizen monitoring of secchi depths occurred in the East basin.

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The historical data (Figures 5 and 6) show very good water quality in recent years, with downward trends in total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a, and a slight upward trend in secchi depth.

4.3 LAKE MARIE

Lakes Louisa and Marie are essentially one long lake with a narrows in the middle. The two lakes are generally monitored in alternate years, and in 2000 it was Lake Marie. The summer water quality was fair, with mean concentrations of total phosphorus and chlorophyll-*a* of 74 and 45 μ g/L, respectively. The mean secchi depth was 2.6 feet, which is approximately the same as the citizen secchi mean value of 2.4 feet (Figure D-3) on the downstream lobe called Mill Pond. Historical data (Figure 7) show a dramatic reduction in total phosphorus since 1981. The chlorophyll-*a* data is less conclusive and has more variability over time. The mean secchi depth has remained constant between 2 and 4 feet for 11 of the 14 years monitored.

4.4 PLEASANT LAKE

Pleasant Lake lies in a small tributary watershed and forms Annandale's northerly boundary. Its 2000 water quality was very good, with mean concentrations of total phosphorus and chlorophyll-*a* of 30 and 13 μ g/L, respectively. The secchi depth mean was 7.6 feet for the four water quality events, and 4.0 for the citizen events (four readings July through September Figure D-5). Historical data (Figure 8) show a slight increasing trend of total phosphorus and stable concentrations for chlorophyll-*a*. The secchi depth has ranged from 6 to 10 feet, which places year 2000 clarity near the average for the lake.

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4.5 SCHOOL SECTION LAKE

School Section Lake average concentrations of total phosphorus and chlorophyll-*a* were 37 and 11 μ g/L, respectively. These results are similar to both Pleasant Lake and Clearwater Lake and represent very good water quality. Secchi depth was 6.9 feet for the four water quality events, and the citizen mean value was also 6.9 feet (Figure D-5). Historical data (Figure 9) show a slightly increasing trend for total phosphorus and slightly decreasing trend for chlorophyll-*a*. The mean secchi depth has wide variability from a minimum of 3.3 (1999) to 7.2 feet. The 2000 result of 6.9 feet was a very good year for clarity.

- Precipitation for the year was low, 21.22 inches (78% of normal) and was 8.05 inches below normal at the end of October and 6.13 inches at the end of the year.
- 2. The low precipitation resulted in extremely dry summer and fall conditions with very low runoff: 1.0 inch, the lowest since 1988.
- 3. The Clearwater River phosphorus load was very low, 530 pounds at CR 28.2, the second lowest in two decades of monitoring.
- The water quality of Clearwater Lake, Pleasant Lake, and School Section Lake continued to be very good, while the water quality of Lake Marie was fair and Clear Lake was poor.
- Fecal coliform bacteria were found at levels of concern in Clearwater River and Warner Creek. These findings confirm the 1999 fecal coliform monitoring results.

6.0 Recommendations

- 1. Continue the District's water quality and hydrologic monitoring program.
- 2. Investigate the sources of fecal coliform bacteria in the District and evaluate control methods.
- 3. Continue pursuing methods to improve the water quality of the District lakes.

Tables

TABLE 1

YEARLY PRECIPITATION AND RUNOFF TOTALS

Clearwater River Watershed District

Precipitation (inches of water)										
				Maine				Area-Weighted		Runoff
YEAR	Watkins	Kingston	l	Prairie		Corinna		Average		(inches)
1981								19.76	(1)	3.6
1982								24.58	(1)	6.8
1983	46.54			42.32		35.02		41.78		17.4
1984	32.23	30.13		32.37		36.07		32.95		13.3
1985	40.72	39.49		45.28				42.22		12.0
1986	40.02	35.63		39.68		33.40		37.26		16.0
1987	18.97	15.40		19.41		16.16		17.52		1.4
1988	16.57	18.98		15.96		15.01		16.48		0.7
1989	22.13	22.68		21.80		16.96		20.68		3.0
1990	40.35	39.18		41.36		32.18		37.94		11.7
1991	41.30	45.11		43.41		36.28		41.01		20.7
1992	23.06	18.41		20.47		24.35		22.01		12.9
1993	40.17	35.27	(2)	37.54	(2)	33.33		36.71		15.5
1994	34.77			30.13		30.26		31.98		9.0
1995	33.80			33.65		28.66		32.21		8.8
1996	31.31			24.32	(2)	26.13	(2)	27.59		4.8
1997	24.18			21.90		27.37		24.43		6.3
1998	30.03			29.39		27.43	(2)	29.05		5.5
1999	22.08			22.31	(2)	27.71		23.84		3.9
2000	23.83			20.56		19.91		21.22		1.0
							Mean	29.06		8.7
						Std.	Dev.	8.4		5.9

NOTES:

Whole watershed runoff is based on time-weighted average flow at Clearwater Lake outlet (station CR 10.5), and total drainage area of 155 square miles.

- (1) Data for single gauge in east-central part of watershed (Camp Heritage on Lake Caroline).
- (2) Average values of other stations in District were used to fill in missing data.

TABLE 2SUMMARY OF STREAM FLOWS

	Flow Values (cubic feet per second)							
	WR 0.2	CR 32.5	CR 30.0	CR 28.2	CR 23.8	CR 10.5		
27-Apr	0.94	0.38	0.19	1.67	1 15	13.5		
18-May	1.30	0.38	0.17	2.00	1.15	18.3		
25-May	0.94	0.27	0.21	1.28	1.77	18.3		
11-Jun	0.43	0.27	0.21	0.85	1.0	18.3		
26-Jun	0.43	0.14	0.39	0.41	0.57	18.1		
7-Jul	0.43	0.10	0.32	0.50	0.7	18.2		
25-Jul	0.10	0.06	0.07	0.70	0.94	10.4		
4-Aug	0.05	0.04	0.020	0.35	0.08	6.0		
21-Aug	0.01	0.03	0.004	0	0.08	0.6		
9-Sep	0.01	0.03	0.020	0.20	0.08	< 0.1		
19-Sep	0.01	0.03	0	0	0.04	< 0.1		
6-Oct	0.05	0.03	0.015	0	0.04	< 0.1		
24-Oct	0.01	0.03	0.020	0	0.05	< 0.1		
Weighted Means:								
April to October	0.34	0.13	0.13	0.58	0.59	9.19		
Year 2000	0.44			0.72		10.8		

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Notes: 1. First reading of water elevation below dam crest on August 21.

2. Based on interpolations using flows at end of 1999 monitoring season.

TABLE 3. STREAM WATER QUALITY

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	Total	Dhoonhomia	(ma/I)				
	Total Filosphorus (Ilig/L)						
	WR 0.2	CR 28.2	CR 10.5				
27-Apr	0.052	0.24	0.037				
25-May	0.062	0.24	0.028				
26-Jun	0.12	0.52	0.029				
25-Jul	0.11	0.44	0.019				
21-Aug	0.10	0.28	0.029				
19-Sep	0.068	Dry	< 0.01				
24-Oct	0.13	Dry	0.092				
2000 Flow Weighted Mean	u 0.07	0.30	0.029				
2000 Adjusted Mean*	0.06	0.38	0.029				
1999 Flow Weighted Mear	n 0.07	0.16	0.04				

* Phosphorus concentrations per log-log regression on flow so as to correspond to annual mean flows.

	Fecal Coliform (cfu/100 mL)						
	WR 0.2	CR 32.5	CR 30.0	CR 28.2	CR 23.8		
Notes	1, 2, and 3	1	1	1, 2, 4, and 5	1, 2 and 5		
27.4		20	24				
27-Apr	14	20	34	256	54		
25-May	105	90	135	135	30		
26-Jun	41	180	470	50	17		
25-Jul	>2000	120	330	>2000	120		
21-Aug	>2000	150	270	<10	100		
19-Sep	180	360	Dry	Dry	>2000		
24-Oct	31	19	110	Dry	78		
Geometric Mean	51	88	166	112	91		
2000 Average	624	134	225	489	343		
1999 Average	Not Sampled	Not Sampled	Not Sampled	100	500		

Notes:

1. Exceeds State Standard of 200 cfu/100 mL.

2. Used 2,000 cfu/100 mL for lab value of >2,000 cfu/100mL.

3. Geometric mean is >200 cfu/100mL, if values listed as >2,000 are 6,200 or greater.

4. Used 5 cfu/100 mL for lab value of <10 cfu/100 mL.

5. 1999 value is average of two events.

TABLE 4 (cont.)

STORICAL SUMMARY OF STREAM FLOWS, PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATIONS AND LOADIN

Average Total Phosphorus Average Stream Flow Concentration Total Phosphorus Load Station Year (cu m/sec) (mg/l) (kg) (cfs) (lb) Main Stem: CR 28.2 1981 (1) -----1.40 --1982 (1) 0.93 32.8 0.74 19700 43,500 1983 0.92 2.62 92.6 76000 168,000 1984 1.49 52.6 0.76 35700 78,800 1985 2.32 81.9 0.90 65500 144,000 122,000 1986 3.20 113 0.78 55200 1987 0.11 3.90 0.13 460 1,020 1988 0.09 3.12 0.66 1850 4,080 0.72 1989 0.02 0.19 120 260 0.51 18.0 0.44 7040 15,500 1990 1991 1.11 39.1 0.29 10200 22,500 1992 0.26 9.30 0.20 1660 3,650 0.29 1993 1.28 45.2 11600 25,600 1994 1.17 41.2 0.28 10100 22.300 1995 1.15 40.4 0.29 10400 22,900 1996 0.33 11.7 0.27 2860 6,300 1997 0.27 9.36 0.26 2170 4,790 0.25 7,020 1998 0.41 14.4 3190 1999 2.78 870 0.08 0.16 400 2000 0.02 0.72 0.38 240 530 CR 10.5 40.6 0.05 4550 1981 (1) 1.15 2060 2.20 1982 (1) 77.8 0.07 4990 11000 1983 199 0.10 40800 5.64 18500 4.28 1984 151 0.05 14600 6620 1985 3.88 137 0.14 16700 36800 5.52 195 0.15 23700 52300 1986 0.04 600 1320 1987 0.46 16.2 1988 0.23 7.95 0.04 260 580 1989 0.97 34.2 0.08 2340 5150 1990 3.77 133 0.03 3060 6750 1991 6.68 236 0.05 10500 23200 1992 4.16 147 0.06 8090 17800 1993 5.01 177 0.04 6330 14000 1994 2.92 103 0.03 2850 6290 1995 2.83 100 0.03 3040 6710 1996 1.53 54.2 0.04 1970 4350 72.8 0.04 5940 1997 2.06 2690 1998 1.78 63.0 0.04 2330 5120 1999 1.25 44.1 0.04 1520 3350 2000 0.31 10.8 0.03 280 610

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TABLE 4 (cont.)

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NOTES:

Flow values are time-weighted averages unless otherwise noted.

Total phosphorus values are flow- and time-weighted averages unless otherwise noted.

- (1) Values in 1981 and 1982 are arithmetic means
- (2) Station WR 0.2 was designated Station WC 0.2 in 1981-1983
- (3) Phosphorus values in 2000 are flow-weighted and adjusted per log-log regression on flow so as to correspond to annual mean flows.

TABLE 5LAKE SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Clearwater River Watershed District

	Total Phosphorus (micrograms/liter)									
	July 5 and 6	July 27 and 30	Aug. 22 and 23	Sept. 14	Mean	Std. Dev.				
Clear Lake	190	220	240	260	228	30				
Clearwater Lake East	20	29	25	59	33	18				
Clearwater Lake West	45	14	22	84	41	31				
Lake Marie	60	93	86	56	74	18				
Pleasant Lake	23	<10	31	59	30	22				
School Section Lake	35	29	41	41	37	6				
	Note: Used 5 ug/L for calculating mean and standard deviation for value of <10.									

	Chlorophyll-a (micrograms/liter)								
	July 5 and 6	July 27 and 30	Aug. 22 and 23	Sept. 14	Mean	Std. Dev.			
Clear Lake	77	140	180	140	134	43			
Clearwater Lake East	5.3	12	12	12	10	3			
Clearwater Lake West	6.9	8	6.9	13	9	3			
Lake Marie	27	52	59	42	45	14			
Pleasant Lake	6.9	6.9	18	22	13	8			
School Section Lake	9.6	12	14	9.6	11	2			

	Secchi Depth (feet)								
	July 5 and 6	July 27 and 30	Aug. 22 and 23	Sept. 14	Mean	Std. Dev.			
Clear Lake	1.5	1	1	1	1.1	0.3			
Clearwater Lake East	12	6.5	7	4.5	7.5	3.2			
Clearwater Lake West	7.5	5.5	7	4.5	6.1	1.4			
Lake Marie	2.5	3	1.5	3.5	2.6	0.9			
Pleasant Lake	12.5	7	6.5	4.5	7.6	3.4			
School Section Lake	8.5	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.9	1.1			

TABLE 6 (cont.)

HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF LAKE WATER QUALITY Summer (June - September) Epilimnetic Means

Clearwater River Watershed District

		Т	otal			Sec	chi Disk
LAKE/	Number of	Phospho	rous (ug/l)	Chloro	phyll-a (ug/l)	Transp	arency (m)
Year	Samples	Mean (3)	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.
CLEARWATER I	EAST						
1981	7	60	20	11	8	2.6	0.7
1982	7	60	30	12	9	2.7	1.6
1983	7	90	50	3	2	2.4	1.8
1984	7	90	40	4	2	1.4	0.2
1985	7	130	60	39	28	1.2	0.3
1986	6	80	40	85	132	2.1	0.8
1987	7	30	10	18	20	2.6	1.2
1988	5	40	10	10	5	2.9	1.8
1989	6	60	20	5	4	3.0	1.9
1990	5	90	100	18	9	2.0	0.6
1991	3	50	20	10	7	1.4	0.2
1992	8	30	10	20	10	2.0	0.6
1993	4(1)	43	15	42	38	1.5	0.8
1994	4	23	5	14	9	1.4	0.2
1995	4 (2)	30	8	16	10	1.6	0.4
1996	4	33	8	10	3	2.1	0.3
1997	4	52	17	8 ((5) 2	1.6	0.2
1998	4 (6)	36	18	11	3	1.9	0.4
1999	4	54	6	9.9	2.1	1.8	0.2
2000	4	33	18	10.3	3.4	2.3	1.0
Mean		56	25	17.8	15.3	2.0	0.8
CLEARWATER V	WEST						
1981	7	60	20	45	71	26	0.9
1982	7	100	20 60	29	25	2.0	0.7
1083	7	160	100	4	5	1.7	1.4
1983	7	70	30	4	2	1.0	0.2
1985	7	110	30 80	4 24	17	1.4	1.3
1985	6	50	20	24 77	137	1.9	1.5
1980	0	30 40	20	20	137	2.0	1.0
1987	5	40	10	20	12	2.0	1.2
1980	5	40 70	10	8	10	2.0	0.0
1909	5	50	20	21	4	2.5	0.9
1990	3	50	20	18	13	1.9	0.8
1991	9	60	40	20	12	1.5	0.0
1992	o 4 (1)	40	70	29	24	1.9	0.0
1995	4(1)	40	15	29 17	0	1.4	0.3
1994	4	33 25	15	21	0	1.5	0.2
1995	4 (Z)	33 12	11	21 0	10	1.4	0.5
1990	4	43	11	9 12	۲ ۲	2.0	0.5
1997	4	44	5 11	13	0	1.5	0.1
1998	4 (<i>1</i>)	21	11	14	3	1.5	0.1
2000	4(0)	31 41	4 31	10.2	∠.0 2.0	1.0	0.5
2000	4	41	51	7	2.9	1.7	0.4
Mean		59	28	21.3	19.5	1.8	0.6

TABLE 6 (cont.)

HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF LAKE WATER QUALITY Summer (June - September) Epilimnetic Means

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		Т	otal			Seco	chi Disk
LAKE/	Number of	Phospho	rous (ug/l)	Chlor	ophyll-a (ug/l)	Transp	arency (m)
Year	Samples	Mean (3)	Std. Dev	. Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.
MARIE							
1981	7	270	130	31	19	1.3	0.5
1982	7	360	120	63	57	1.3	0.6
1983	7	340	160) 4	4	0.9	0.3
1984	7	190	60	7	5	0.9	0.3
1985	7	230	210) 34	14	1.0	0.2
1986	6	160	30	92	91	1.1	0.1
1987	7	120	30	95	30	0.6	0.1
1988	5	220	80	153	91	0.4	0.1
1989	6	120	40	58	54	0.6	0.4
1990	5	150	60	101	33	0.8	0.2
1994	4	90	99	71	19	0.6	0.1
1996	4	100	39	37	5	0.8	0.1
1998	4	76	15	56	12	1.1	0.1
2000	4	74	18	45	13.9	0.8	0.3
Mean		179	78	60.4	32.0	0.9	0.2
<u>PLEASANT</u>							
1993	4	15	(4) 9	12	8	2.0	0.6
1997	4	51	31	9	(5) 2	2.4	0.6
1999	4(6)	25	5	9.1	5.8	3.0	0.9
2000	4	30	22	13.5	7.7	2.3	1.0
Mean		30.1	16.9	10.8	5.9	2.4	0.8
SCHOOL SECTION							
1993	4	35	(4) 38	14	9	2.2	0.8
1997	4	29	9	11	(5) 5	1.6	0.4
1999	4(5)	50	12	12.6	10	1.0	0.5
2000	4	37	6	11	2.1	2.1	0.3
Mean		38	16	12	6	2	0
<u>CLEAR</u>							
1994	4	80	24	17	8	1.2	0.3
1998	4	220	141	110	141	1.0	0.1
1999	4	188	43	84.5	47	0.5	0.0
2000	4	228	30	134.3	42.6	0.3	0.1
Mean		178.9	59.5	86.4	59.5	0.8	0.1

Notes:

 The fourth sample was collected on October 6, 1993.
The fourth sample was collected on October 2 or 3, 1995
Starting in 1993, Total phosphorus means are rounded to two significant figures. Prior to 1993, the mean values were rounded to the nearest 10 ug/l.(4) Values reported as "Less than" the detection limit were estimated as half of the detection limit.

(5) Three samples were analyzed for chlorophyll-a.(6) Three samples were analyzed for total phosphorus.

(7) Three secchi disk readings were recorded.

Figures













































Appendix A

2000 Monitoring Plan Summary

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers
FROM:	Norman C. Wenck Engineer for the District
DATE:	April 12, 2000
RE:	Proposed 2000 Water Quality Monitoring Program

Introduction

The Clearwater River Watershed District conducts annual water quality monitoring at selected lakes and selected locations on streams. Typically the monitoring plan consists of following a plan shown in Table 1. Some years special monitoring is also conducted. This memo addresses the regular monitoring proposed for 2000.

Lake Monitoring

The schedule on Table 1 was modified somewhat in 1999. Last year 20 lakes were monitored in an expanded program. The regular schedule for the 2000 program has Clearwater East and West being monitored, as they are every year. In addition, it is proposed to monitor Marie, Pleasant, School Section, and Clear Lake during 2000.

Stream Monitoring

Clearwater River will be monitored at station CR 28.2, CR10.5 and WR 0.2 monthly in addition to 8 other flow measurements.

Parameters

The parameters monitored will be the same as 1999 (Table 2). Field parameters consist of Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature, and Specific Conductivity. For lakes secchi is also measured. Laboratory parameters consist of total phosphorus and total suspended sediment for stream samples and additionally, cholorophyll-*a* for lake samples. This proposed program is estimated to cost \$9,800.

Option 1 – Additional Fecal Coliform Monitoirng

In view of the MPCA's determination that a portion of the Clearwater River is impaired due to fecal coliform, a five station fecal coliform monitoring option is presented in Table 2 at an estimated cost of \$2,400.

TABLE 2

Proposed 2001 CRWD Monitoring Plan Summary

Category	Schedule	Station	Parameters
Lakes:	June 15 - July 5	Clearwater-East	Field: Secchi, DO and temperature profiles
	Jul 27 - Aug 4	Clearwater-West	
	Aug 26 - Sep 15	Augusta	
		Louisa	Lab: Total phosphorus and Chlorophyll-a
		Betsy	
		Cedar	
		Nixon	
		Otter	Citizen Secchi: Fourteen Sites
		Bass	
Streams:	April	CR28.2	Field: Flows, DO and temperature
	May	WRO.2	
	June	CR10.5	Lab: Total phosphorus, soluble reactive phosphorus
	July		
	August		
	September		

Precipitation: Daily at three sites (Watkins, Maire Prairie and Corrinna)

Option 1: Fecal Coli	form Moni	toring	
April		5 River Stations	Lab: Fecal Coliform
May		CR32.5	
June		CR30.0	
July		CR28.2	
Augu	st	CR23.8	
Septer	mber	WR0.2	

TABLE 1 PROPOSED LONG-TERM WATER QUALITY MONITORING PLAN FOR CRWD LAKES

KE STATIONS ⁽¹⁾	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	2004
arwater Lake:								
Clearwater East	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Clearwater West	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
in Stem Lakes:								
Augusta	Х		Х		Х		Х	
Louisa	Х		Х		Х		Х	
Caroline		Х				Х		Х
Scott		Х	Х			Х		Х
Marie		Х		Х		Х		Х
Betsy	Х		Х		Х		Х	
ner Lakes:								
Cedar			Х		Х		Х	
Pleasant	Х		Х	Х				Х
School Section	Х		Х	Х				Х
Nixon	Х		Х		Х			Х
Otter	Х		Х		Х			Х
Bass		Х	Х		Х			
Clear		Х	Х	Х			Х	
Union		Х	Х			Х		
Henshaw		Х	Х			Х		
Little Mud			Х			Х		
Wiegand			Х			Х		
Swart Watts			Х				Х	
Albion			Х				Х	
Grass			Х				Х	

⁽¹⁾Lake selection based on total lake size ranking scores (Lake Priority Ranking, 1990)

Appendix B

Volunteer Precipitation Data



Watershed Weighted Average is calculated by scoring Eckman double, Novotne and Klein single.

Citizen's Lake Monitoring Program – Secchi Data





























