

# Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources SWIMS Project Summary

## General Project Information

**Project ID:** SSA Plan Merrill  
**Name:** Merrill SSA Plan (April 1996)  
**Type:** Water Quality Planning  
**Subtype:** Sewer Service Area Plans  
**Status:** ACTIVE  
**Start Date:** 11/01/1995  
**End Date:** 12/31/2015  
**Purpose:** <p>The statewide Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWQMP) is a collection of documents that describe the overall condition and resources within a given area. These plans form the foundation for the management of water quality. The AWQMP serves as a platform for subsequent water quality initiatives and activities, including point and nonpoint pollutant plans, monitoring activities, and related environmental resource considerations. One item found under the umbrella of Areawide Water Quality Management Planning is the Sewer Service Area Plan. Sewer Service Area plans are specific to infrastructure development within municipal areas and outline 20-year service areas for public sewers. </p>

<p>Sewer Service Area Plans outline 20-year growth boundaries and sensitive areas to protect water quality by proactively addressing the future needs for wastewater collection and treatment in developing areas. This planning helps protect water resources from adverse impacts by facilitin cost-effective and environmentally sound sewerage system planning. Plans identify existing sewerred areas as well as available land suitable for new development. The process also identifies areas not suitable for public sewer including but not limited to environmentally sensitive areas (NR 121.05(l)(g)2.c).</p>

<p>Goals to establish service area plans and policies relating to wastewater collection and treatment are best developed in tandem with Comprehensive Planning. Policies framing service area planning decisions include:</p>

- <p>• Providing cost-effective collection and treatment facilities;<br />
- Consideration of current and anticipated development or redevelopment that conforms with Comprehensive Plans;<br />
- Providing collection and treatment infrastructure improvement and upgrades accommodating 7-yr design events, and addressing NPDES permitting and EPA guidelines;<br />
- Providing collection and treatment facilities that comply with state and federal regulations and protection of sensitive resources such as headwaters, springs and wetlands;<br />
- Optimizing Main and CSO treatment plant performance and efficiency;<br />
- Optimize industrial pretreatment and pollution prevention strategies;<br />
- Interagency cooperation and public involvement.</p>

<p>With input from Planning, Engineering, and Wastewater, and WDNR SSA Planning effectuates long-term water quality protection by designating as environmentally sensitive wetlands, shorelands, floodplains, steep slopes, lands with erodible soils, and environmentahy limiting areas within the planning boundary. Additional areas within the City's limits which are guarded from sewerred development include parks, the municipal forest and other valuable recreational areas.</p>

**Objective:** This is April 1996 SSA planning report that identifies sewer service needs through the year 2015 based upon:<ul>

- <li>forecasts of population and land development density standards;</li>
- <li>the delineation of environmentally sensitive areas where development should be limited to protect water quality;</li>
- <li>potential water quality problems as a result of present on-site septic absorption systems; and</li>
- <li>sets forth an institutional structure and procedures for plan implementation.</li>

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**Comments:**  
**Outcome:**  
**Study Design:**  
**QA Measures:**

## People

Name	Role	Status	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Comments
North Central Wisconsin RPC	PROJECT_OFFI	ACTIVE	06/17/2015		NCWRPC	

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### Project Statuses

Date	Reported By	Status	Comments
03/22/2013	JOHANNA SCHROEDER	Complete	Invoice entered on 3/22/13 for the amount of \$5000.00. This was marked as the final payment. Check is due to be mailed out Monday.

### Actions

Action	Detailed Description	Start	End Date	Status
Sewer Service Area Planning	This is an April 1996 SSA planning report for the Merrill service area identifies sewer service needs through the year 2015	11/01/1995	12/31/2015	COMPLETE

### Monitoring Stations

Station ID	Name	Comments
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### Assessment Units

WBIC	Segment	Local Name	Official Name
1481200	1	Prairie River	Prairie River

### Lab Account Codes

Account Code	Description	Start Date	End Date
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### Forms

Form Code	Form Name
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### Methods

Method Code	Description
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### Fieldwork Events

Start Date	Status	Field ID	Station ID	Station Name
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### Documents

Title	Description	Author	Published	Comments
NCWRPC Merrill SSA Amendment (NC-0002) NCWRPC (2015)	The City of Merrill has submitted a request to amend its sewer service area boundary in accordance with its Sewer Service Area Plan dated April 1996. The City is annexing a 28.162 acre parcel of land adjoining the current sewer service area with the intention of providing sewer service for commercial development. To incorporate the site into the sewer service area, the City proposes the addition of the development site plus a small area to maintain boundary contiguity for a total of 33.03 acres to the sewer service area.	NCWRPC	07/07/2015	
NCWRPC Merrill SSA Plan (April 1996)	Merrill SSA Plan (April 1996)	NCWRPC	06/19/2015	
NCWRPC Merrill SSA Plan Amendment Map (Initial Map) (2015)	NCWRPC Merrill SSA Plan Amendment (2015)	NCWRPC	06/19/2015	
Prairie Dells Scenic Area, Prairie River	Merrill SSA Plan Waters: southwestward course through Lincoln	Online	06/19/2015	

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	County to the city of Merrill, where it joins the Wisconsin River as it flows through the City. Prairie Dells			

### Budget

Combined Budgets:

Combined SLOH:

Combined Total:

### Funding

Organization	Source	Type	Amount	Start Date	End Date
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