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Promoting Clean Water for Minnesota

“Clean drinking water is essential for all life, for healthy communities, resource protection and our economy,” (Minnesota Association of Townships). With stronger policies and practices we can promote the sustainability of clean water in Minnesota. Communities working together towards clean water projects will unite each other.

Minnesota’s clean water sources may be compromised by economic and recreational practices. Industrial chemicals, farm chemicals, and manure runoff can contribute to water impurities. Recreational activities may also contribute to water pollution. Fuel leakage or residue from boats and jet skis pollute the water, and erosion caused by ATVs and other vehicles contribute to the problem.

Education is an essential component to sustaining clean water. Rural governments should establish a policy of educating Industry leaders in regard to proper disposal of chemicals and hazardous waste. Because farmland covers a broad portion of Minnesota, education sources should also be available to farmers with incentives to follow clean farming practices. Education should also be available and accessible to Minnesotans in regard to the use of recreational vehicles in or near the numerous lakes of our State. Recreational vehicles should be periodically checked for fuel leaks and to make sure they meet the pollution control requirements. Policies for clean water practices should continue at home with being sure to have full loads of laundry and dishes in the dishwasher so the amount of detergent isn’t harmful to the clean water that gets recycled, and having fewer loads also leads to a decrease in the amount of wasted water we use. In addition, Minnesotans can increase the amount of clean water we live with by the proper disposal of medicines, household chemicals, and household hazardous wastes.

Maintaining clean water in the State of Minnesota is a community effort. Although it is nearly impossible to create a policy that does not result in some amount of adversity, all Minnesotans would benefit from following clean water practices. Government programs need to be put in place to support farmers, industries, and individuals in their efforts to control polluted waters. From the high pollution in the big cities to the chemicals farmer use on their land, everyone can contribute to successfully sustain clean water in Minnesota.

In conclusion, policies and actions by all Minnesotans can improve our water systems. If everyone does their part including industries, farms, and individuals, it will increase the sustainability of clean water in our state. Unity is created when people work together as a whole. Our communities will be brought together and unified if policies supporting clean water are put to action.

Works Cited

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