

## **Reduce phosphorus levels in the St. Croix River**

*The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:*

- **That the Department of Natural Resources establish more restrictions on fertilizers and other products that contain phosphorous and raise the awareness and education about alternative products.**

High phosphorus levels cause blue green algae to form, which can choke out other natural plants and cause problems with oxygen levels. The St. Croix River is one particular instance of this problem and will become a lot worse if no action is taken. When phosphorus leaks out into any tributaries, it could affect Lake Superior. It can also cause harm to our tourism as people do not want to swim in algae infested waters. This, in turn, negatively affects our economy. There is a potential cost of educating people about phosphorus alternatives and switching to different products.

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