

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Comprehensive River Management Plan

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River Planning at St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

The National Park Service (NPS) has begun a comprehensive river management plan planning process at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. The river plan, once complete, will guide NPS actions and decisions of the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers for the foreseeable future. Input and engagement from stakeholders, partners, and the public will help develop and build this plan.

The purpose of this river plan is to establish overall management direction to protect and enhance the values for which the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway was designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and unit of the National Park Service. The rivers contain free-flowing condition, good water quality, and aquatic, cultural, recreational, riparian, scenic-aesthetic, and geologic values. The plan will identify river-specific desired conditions, user capacities, monitoring and data needs, land and facility development protocols, communication goals, and other management practices necessary for protecting and enhancing river values.

Listening Sessions

To kick-off the multi-year planning process, the NPS will hold five listening sessions in locations throughout the park in July 2023 (details on back). At each session, NPS staff will present a short presentation about the river plan and the planning process. After the presentation, NPS staff will be at designated stations to foster conversation, gather feedback, and answer questions. The presentation will be the same at each session and will also be available on the park's Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/sacnriverplan> on July 20, 2023.

We Want To Hear From You!

You can get involved by answering the following questions.

1. What experiences on the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers are most important to you?
2. What experiences do you want future river users to have when visiting the St. Croix or Namekagon Rivers?
3. What barriers interfere with your desired experience at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway?
4. What could the National Park Service do to address these barriers?
5. What river-related issues/topics are most important to you and why?
6. What is the National Park Service doing well in managing the Riverway?

You are Invited!

The listening sessions and public comment period are an opportunity for you to be involved early in the river planning process. The listening sessions are the first of several public and partner feedback opportunities throughout the planning process.

Important steps in the planning process are outlined below, along with anticipated timelines for completion. To learn more, visit:

- <https://www.nps.gov/sacn>
- <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/sacnriverplan>



How to Comment



On the web (preferred method) at:
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/sacnriverplan>



By mail:
St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
Attn: Superintendent
401 N. Hamilton St.
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024



Attend a listening session!

- Thursday, July 20 - Minong, WI and Cable, WI
- Wednesday, July 26 - Stillwater, MN and St. Croix Falls, WI
- Thursday, July 27 - Grantsburg, WI

While all comments are welcome and appreciated, here are some suggestions that will best contribute to helping shape the future of the monument:

- Focus on the questions presented
- Be specific as possible in your suggestions
- Include any questions about the process that remain unanswered for you

**WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK**

NOTE: Comments will not be accepted by fax or any other way than those specified above. Please also note that your entire comment—including personal identifying information such as your address, phone number, and e-mail address—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments submitted by individuals or organizations on behalf of other individuals or organizations will not be accepted.