

# Environmental

The C.A.R.E. Directory (Coordinating Area Resources Effectively) is a compilation of non-profit corporations, groups, organizations, services clubs, and service providers operating in Crow Wing County.

This reference manual is always accepting more information. If your organization fits into one of our headings, please call or email us with your information so we can keep our CARE directory up to date.

**Brainerd Community Action**  
213 S. 5th Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
**Office:** 218.829.5278  
**E-mail:**  
holly@brainerdcommunityaction.org

## **A. W. Research Laboratories**

16326 Airport Road  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-7974  
awlab@awlab.com

Water sampling and analysis of waste water, well water and lake water.  
Environmental Consultation and remote sensing also available.

## **Central Region Agricultural, Tourism & Natural Resources Partnership**

1830 Airport Road  
Staples, MN 56479  
Contact: 218-894-5192  
Toll-Free: 1-877-997-7778  
rezac003@umn.edu

A partnership with the citizens of Central Minnesota, Central Lakes College, and the University of Minnesota (covering Todd, Morrison, Crow Wing, Cass, Becker, Hubbard, Wadena, and Ottertail Counties). We create citizen partnerships with the U of MN to foster the development of sustainable systems in agriculture, natural resources and tourism. Funding provided by 1997 Legislature, to U of MN, for 5 regions. Directed by a Board of Directors comprised of citizens, U of MN research and extension faculty.

## **Crow Wing County Land Commissioner's Office**

322 Laurel St. Suite 12  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1115  
www.co.crow-wing.mn.us

## **Crow Wing County Planning & Zoning Office**

322 Laurel Street Suite 14  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1125

## **Eco-Dome - LCC**

9121 Co Rd 23  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-764-2321  
www.ecowork.com

Home of the Bog Frog and the Eco Domes. Tours of the Eco Domes. Part non-profit and part for-profit conservation marketing organization.

## **Environmental Assistance**

520 Lafayette Rd. - N. Flr. 2  
St Paul, MN 55155  
Contact: 651-296-3417  
www.moea.state.mn.us

Information on environmental education, recycling markets, sustainable communities, business and local government assistance, grants and loans.

**Household Hazardous Waste Hotline/County Waste Management**

15728 St. Hwy 210  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1290

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources Crow Wing State Park**

7100 State Park Road SW  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Manager: 218-829-8022  
info@dnr.state.mn.us

A state park in Crow Wing County, bordering on the confluence of the Crow Wing and Mississippi Rivers. Offers canoeing, skating, hiking, biking, fishing, cross-country skiing, camping and camper cabins.

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources Division of Fisheries**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Manager: 218-828-2735

Manages the fisheries population in the public waters. Responsible to set and monitor fishing seasons, conduct creel census, aquatic weed control, and the lake stocking program.

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources Division of Forestry**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-2565

Works with public and private entities to promote the conservation, protection and enjoyment of Minnesota's forest resources. Township Fire Warden program and burning permits.

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources - Division of Trails and Waterways**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Area Supervisor: 218-833-8710

Develops and manages state trails, forest trails, water access sites, and canoe and boating routes for recreation.

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources- Division of Waters**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Area Hydrologist: 218-828-2605

Works to manage and preserve the state's lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater. Collaborates with local units of government to monitor the state's minimum lakeshore and

shoreland zoning standards adopted by local units of government, in concert with Federal regulations. Permits to work in beds of public waters. Groundwater (irrigation) permits.

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Nongame Wildlife: 218-828-2228

Carries out research and management programs affecting all state wildlife species (protected, nonprotected, and endangered). Includes hunting seasons setting and monitoring.

**MN Materials Exchange**

Cass County Courthouse - Box 3000  
Walker, MN 56484

Contact: Brita Sailer, 218-547-7428  
Toll-Free: 1-800-247-0015  
bsailer.matex@co.cass.mn.us

www.mnexchange.org

Free service which helps prevent usable material from becoming waste by providing a business reuse network. Service links organizations that have quality, reusable goods they no longer need to those who can use them. Can send a catalog or email list of available and needed items.

**MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**

7678 College Rd. S. Suite 105  
Baxter, MN 56425

Contact: 218-828-2492

Toll-Free: 1-800-422-0798(to report spills/envirom emergency)

www.pca.state.mn.us

Regulatory agency to limit pollution caused by businesses, organizations and individuals, in order to protect human health and the environment. Activities include: testing & research to identify problems; developing environmental priorities and strategies, setting standards and developing rules to protect people and the environment, developing permits to control activities that affect the environment, outreach and education to schools, organizations and public, responding to emergencies and enforcing rules.

**Northland Arboretum**

14250 Conservation Dr.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-8770  
northlandarb.org

Northland Arboretum is a 501©(3) non-profit organization dedicated to getting the community involved in and aware of nature. We have a wide, beautiful area for you and your family to explore. Have a peaceful walk on our nature trails, or take your mountain bike for a ride. Winter time? We've got that covered too! You can cross country ski on our spectacular groomed snow covered trails. Snowshoe or winter hike on non-groomed trails. Check out our website for upcoming activities.

**Paul Bunyan Trail**

Paulbunyantrail.com

A 100 mile long trail between Brainerd/Baxter and Bemidji. Located on former Burlington Northern Railroad grade; generally level and wheelchair accessible. New section between Chippewa and National Forest will be completed summer of 2003. Used for biking, hiking, in-line skating, snowmobiling in winter.

**Rural Renewable Energy Alliance-RREA**

2330 Dancing Wind Rd.  
Pine River, MN 56474  
Contact: 218-587-4753  
info@rreal.org  
www.rreal.org

Nonprofit dedicated to making renewable energy accessible to all. Designs, builds, and installs systems onto low income households free to help families weather energy crises and help society shift away from fossil fuels. Also provides adult and youth volunteer programs.

**Trout Unlimited, Paul Bunyan Chapter**

Chapter President: Mickey Johnson  
5415 Mount Normandale Curve  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
Contact: 218-828-1658  
[moj@brainerd.net](mailto:moj@brainerd.net)

**U of M Extension Service Crow Wing County**

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Brainerd, MN 56401-3500  
Contact: 218-824-1065  
Fax: 218-824-1066  
[mnext-crowwing@umn.edu](mailto:mnext-crowwing@umn.edu)

The University of Minnesota Extension Service provides educational programs and information to Crow Wing County citizens and communities. Programs in Youth Development and Family Living, Land, Food and Environment, and Community Development focus on issues where research-based education makes a difference.

**U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resources Conservation Service**

7118 Clearwater Rd.  
Baxter, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-5965

[www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

Natural Resource information; soil & water quality practices.