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**Construction Begins on Flute Reed River Great Lakes
Restoration Initiative Projects
July – August, 2013**

[Hovland, MN] River bank stabilization projects are scheduled to begin this week on the Flute Reed River. The project was funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) in 2011 and construction started last year replacing undersized or poorly aligned culverts on private property in the watershed. Project partners include the Flute Reed Partnership, the Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), US Environmental Protection Agency, along with consultants and local contractors. Permits have been obtained from Cook County, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the US Army Corps to perform the work in and adjacent to the river. There will be short term water quality impacts due to construction activities. Over the long term, these projects will help stabilize and protect the river and Lake Superior. Supervision of construction sites will be carried out by the Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District.

A public meeting and tour of the project sites is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Hovland Town Hall. Everyone is invited. Information on the Flute Reed Partnership's efforts to protect the river and watershed will be highlighted as well. A video documenting this important work on the river is scheduled to air this fall.



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