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Release of Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan

Groundbreaking report to be presented on future of Minnesota's environment and natural resources

When: Tuesday, July 8, 2008 Public Presentation: 8:45-11:45 a.m. Press Conference: 11:45 a.m.

Where: State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul Presentation: Room 5 Press conference: Rm. 181

The Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan team, led by the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, will give a public presentation before the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) on its assessment and recommendations for the state's environmental and natural resources 8:45-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 8 at the State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul. The presentation will be followed immediately by a press conference in Rm. 181.

The Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan will present an integrated assessment and recommendations intended to guide short and long term planning, policy and funding investment for the protection and enhancement of the state's environment and natural resources. It represents the most comprehensive look at Minnesota's environment and natural resources. The effort was led by the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment in conjunction with a variety of public and private partners. Funding was provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Presenters at the July event include professors from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and Duluth campuses and representatives from Bonestroo, a St. Paul-based multi-disciplined company committed to healthy and livable communities, and CR Planning, a Minneapolis-based consulting firm in land use planning sustainable development and energy policy industries.

Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan team members and LCCMR members will be available for interviews and photographs. Additional interviews before or after July 8 can be arranged by contacting Mike Banker for LCCMR members and Todd Reubold or Luisa Badaracco for Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan team members.

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