Summary of Documents Collected

A key element in the project's planning process was a *directed* literature review by each research and analysis team. A directed literature review, as the name implies, is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather is targeted at specific areas of interest. In this case, the review was targeted at natural resource data related to current conditions, resource trends and drivers of change.

While these documents were used as a basis for the Preliminary Report, they will also be valuable during phase II as the project emphasis shifts toward projecting key trends into the future, and addressing policy and investment issues that emerge from this analysis.

A full listing of the documents collected by each team to date is available for download from the project website: www.mnconservationplan.net (click on Plan Progress, then Preliminary Plan Addenda)

Note: the process of collecting relevant data will continue, and this listing will be periodically updated.

Survey of Existing Plans and Policies

Toward the end of phase I of the project, the research and analysis teams began to identify and collect information on existing plans and policies directed at Minnesota's natural resources – this process will continue throughout phase II.

When completed, this survey will provide a robust framework for the Final Report's recommendations for policy and investment additions and/or modifications. These recommendations will be based on trend analyses and condition projections for the key issues being looked at, as well as a consideration of the alternatives available.

A copy of the Survey of Existing Plans and Policies as of this report can be downloaded from the project website:www.mnconservationplan.net (click on Plan Progress, then Preliminary Plan Addenda)

Suggestions welcome!

While the project team's experience and expertise related to Minnesota's natural resources is both broad and deep, the universe of documents, plans and policies is no doubt broader and deeper. The project team welcomes any and all suggestions for items that can usefully be added to either list. See the website for contact information.