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MCEA’s 2013 Annual Report focuses on one of the most serious environmental issues facing Minnesota— the proposed copper-nickel/muffuline mines in northeastern Minnesota. The DNR has concluded that it is a major threat to the environmental impact statement report (SPEIS) for the PolyMet project—the first project of its kind in the world. MCEA expects to spend a good bit of the holiday season preparing formal comments.

MCEA has partnered with the McKnight Foundation, which recognizes individual or foundation for its longstanding philanthropic investment in environmental protection. Kate McVicar, President, highlighted the Foundation’s history of protecting Minnesota’s environment and MCEA’s leadership in water quality and land use transportation initiatives. Through grantmaking, collaboration, and encourage- ment of strategic policy reform, the foundation uses its resources to attend, unite, and empower those they serve.

Also honored were Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman and Representative John Persell for their tireless effort in authorizing and passage of the Clean Water Accountability Act, which was a top priority for MCEA in 2013.

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MCEA works with this organization, and why we believe MCEA deserves your continuing financial support.
MCEA measures its success not just by our accomplishments, but by the meaningful differences we make in every issue in which we’re engaged. Highlights from this past year include:

**Land Use and Transportation**

Over the past year, MCEA worked in partnership with its allies in land-use reform to build momentum for transit projects.

- MCEA was successful in obtaining funding for the St. Croix Crossing project.
- MCEA pushed for funding for regional transportation projects.
- MCEA worked to support work to enable transportation projects to benefit from their economies of scale.
- MCEA worked with MPCA to develop a policy platform to deal with the economic and environmental effects of climate change.

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The energy program seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage the development of clean energy sources.

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- MCEA worked to defend the future of the Clean Water Legacy from the EPA.
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MCEA seeks to protect and enhance the many natural resources of the state.

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