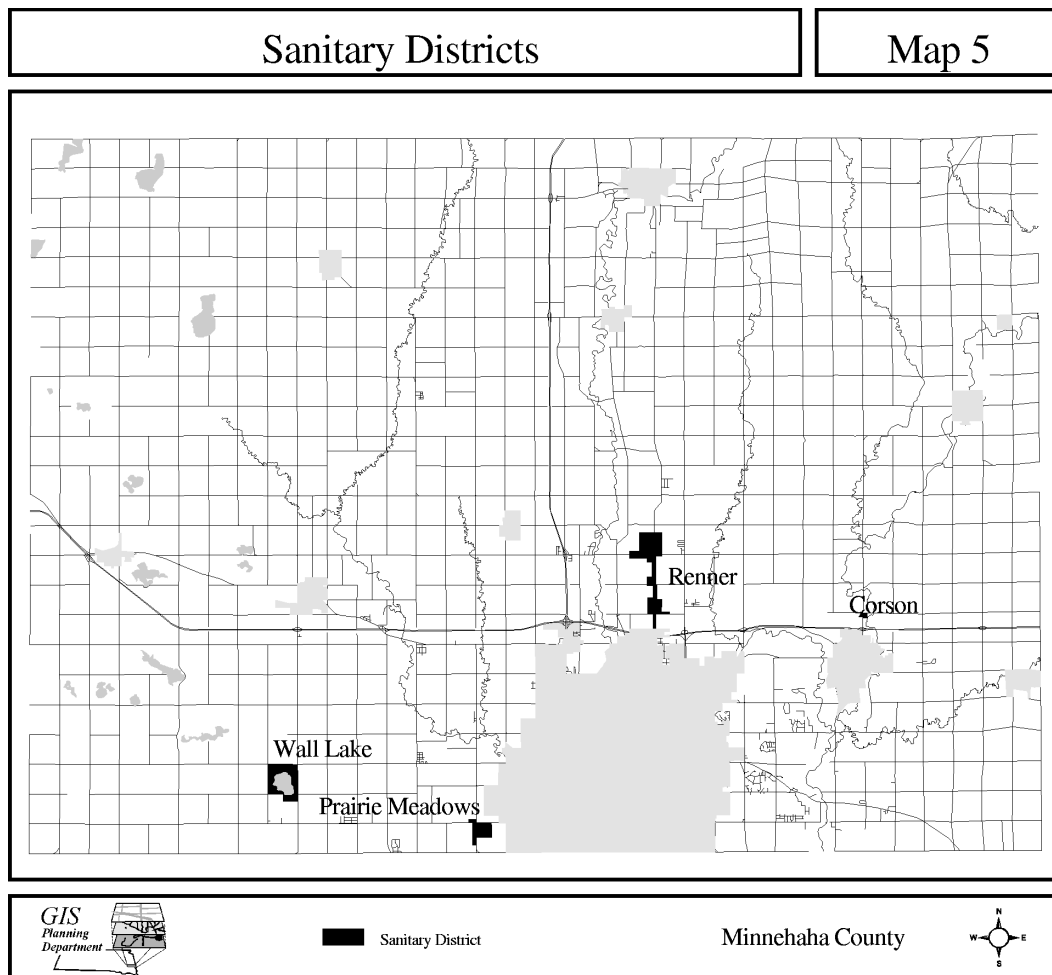


Wastewater Treatment

Rural residences and businesses depend almost exclusively on individual on-site wastewater treatment systems. As these systems became more concentrated, sanitary districts were organized to address health and environmental concerns.

Eight sanitary districts have been formed in Minnehaha County. Four of these districts no longer exist due to municipal incorporation or annexation. The Brandon and Crooks sanitary districts dissolved when the service areas were incorporated as municipalities. The Norton-Froehlich and Hayward



Districts were annexed into Sioux Falls. Two other districts, Renner and Prairie Meadow, provide collection systems which transport the wastewater to Sioux Falls for treatment. The locations of these districts are shown on Map 5.

Wall Lake Sanitary District was formed to provide a central collection and treatment system to lake front residences. A lagoon located one-half mile south of the lake stores and treats the wastewater.

The unincorporated community of Corson also functions under a sanitary district. A somewhat unique system is employed, where the septic tanks are connected to a central collection system which transports the liquid effluent to a lagoon. All solids remain in the individual septic tanks to be pumped as needed.

Sanitary districts are created and operated pursuant to state statutes. Boundaries are established and a majority vote of the residents is required to create the district. An elected board of trustees governs district operations. A district has the power to borrow money, construct and maintain facilities, levy taxes and special assessments, and issue bonds.