



Contest: St. Cloud has best tasting water in state

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After winning a tap water contest at the Minnesota State Fair this year, St. Cloud has made it official: The city has the best tasting water in the state, according to four judges at the American Water Works Association conference.

St. Cloud won the Best in Glass taste test award — judged based on municipalities' water's taste and odor profiles — and is scheduled to compete in the national American Water Works Association contest in Philadelphia next June.

Pat Shea, public services director, said city staff were presented with the award Thursday at the American Water Works Association conference in Duluth. The source of St. Cloud's water is the Mississippi River.



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St. Cloud wins best tasting water at State Fair contest

Shea said the city has invested more than \$25 million in the water treatment facility in the last five years to improve treatment techniques.

St. Cloud Mayor Dave Kleis said Thursday he expected St. Cloud to do well in the contest.

"There's nothing better than water the comes out of the Mississippi River," said Kleis, who added with a laugh, "Maybe we should start bottling it."

The city of Bloomington won both the state and national tap water contest last year. St. Cloud last won the statewide tap water contest in 2011.

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