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North Mankato should drop the 'Mankato' name

In 1996, my printed article suggested North Mankato must change its name to be only one word, North.

But nothing evented. I still see no entry of the name "North" in a Minnesota map index and I still recommend that our North Mankato leaders consider such a name change. We must plan ahead. There would be no expense for new letterhead.

Simply magic mark Mankato out for now.

First of all, the name change to North would make Mankato think twice every time they repeat the merge appetite because the new merged name then would be North Mankato for everyone.

Secondly, the word greater is an adopted prefix of and by Mankato. It sounds like a chest- out attitude to North Mankatoans. But I encourage Mankato to keep it. The outcome may be a Greater North Mankato Growth result.

And thirdly, a few businesses located in North Mankato should be asked to use our proud prefix, North. Not Kato this or Mankato that.

Both communities are separate for now and it is the competition that serves the people on each side of the river best.

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