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and its watershed in the Twin Cities area.*

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Re: Clean Water Council Clean Water Fund Recommendations

Chair Leon Lillie
Minnesota House Legacy Finance Committee
365 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Lille,

On behalf of Friends of the Mississippi River, thank you for the opportunity to share our support for the Clean Water Council's supplemental Clean Water Fund recommendations.

As you know, the Clean Water Council prepares Clean Water Fund recommendations for the governor and legislature. The Council's process has produced supplemental Clean Water Fund recommendations that we strongly support, including:

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA): Nitrate in Groundwater (\$1.0 million) and AgBMP Loan Program (\$3.402 million).
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA): River and Lake Monitoring and Assessment (\$326,000), Enhanced County Inspection/SSTS Corrective Actions (\$2.0 million), Chloride Reduction Grants (\$1.0 million) and Continuous Nitrate Sensor Network (\$2.0 million).
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Fish Contamination Assessment (\$90,000).
- Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR): Great Lakes Restoration Initiative LAMP match (\$1.0 million), Critical Shoreland Protection Easements (\$4.0 million), Working Land and Floodplain Easements (\$4.434 million) and Clean Water Partners Legacy small grants (\$2.0 million).
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): Drinking Water Contaminants of Emerging Concern (\$384,000) and Southeast Minnesota Nitrate Response (\$2.79 million).
- The University of Minnesota: Stormwater BMP Performance Evaluation & Technology Transfer (\$1.0 million).

Given the relative scarcity of the supplemental Clean Water Fund dollars this session and the urgency associated with many of the Clean Water Council's recommendations, we encourage you to advance a 2024 Legacy Budget Omnibus Bill that reflects the Council's recommendations in their entirety.

Sincerely,

Trevor Russell

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Friends of the Mississippi River