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On Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 9:14 AM, Philip Sylla <philsylla@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello LSOHF Council Members,

The St. Croix River Association (SCRA) has applied for a Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage grant, **project # HA01, titled St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase I**. From my perspective as president of the Washburn County Lakes and Rivers Association (WCLRA), I encourage you to support this application because I know that the grant monies will be well used. The Namekagon River, the largest tributary of the St. Croix River, flows through Washburn County, Wisconsin. WCLRA and SCRA have long been partners on projects to protect the St. Croix watershed in Minnesota and Wisconsin. SCRA is well organized and professionally staffed and carries out its projects

Phil Sylla
President, Washburn County Lakes and Rivers Association.



August 20, 2018

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Council Members,

The Shell Rock River Watershed District has a strong history of success and cooperation with many partners, including the Albert Lea Lakes Foundation; with this I am pleased to write this letter of support for Phase 8 of the Habitat Restoration Program.

We appreciate the effort the SRRWD has put into developing this multi-year program to transform our areas lakes and wildlife habitat. This proposal includes projects for protecting key biological functioning parcels, restoring lakeshore and streambank habitat, creating in-lake habitat structures, creating new access to public waters and restoring vegetation for migratory fowl. All of these things the Lakes Foundation deems important and work hard to make a priority in our communities.

Residents and visitors are continuously commenting on the water quality changes that have been increasingly noticeable in the last several years. We strongly believe that a continued commitment to completing these projects will present the best possible outcomes for all residents, visitors, and creatures that wish to utilize our waterways home.

Southern Minnesota appreciates your consideration of this proposal and ask for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hensley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Hensley
Lakes Foundation President