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RECAP OF APRIL 18, S.E. MN TROUT STREAM TOUR

LSOHC ATTENDEES:

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SE MN Trout Stream Tour, April 18, 2019

- Reason for tour
 - To visit OHF funded trout stream restoration/enhancement project sites in need of repair due to high water occurrences
 - To investigate whether sites needing repair had indeed failed as a result of unforeseen extraordinary high water stresses, inadequate design, improper installation, etc.
 - Engage all involved (Council, Staff, DNR, Trout Unlimited, contractors, etc.)

Trout Stream Tour location

[Image of state Minnesota with arrow pointing to SE corner of state]

East Indian Creek

- Tour Stop #1 – East Indian Creek

[two photos of portions of East Indian Creek and tour group]

Gavin Creek

- Tour Stop #2 – Gavin Creek

[two photos of tour group next to different sections of Gavin Creek]

Rush Creek

(slide 1)

- Tour Stop #3 – Rush Creek (Not OHF project site)
[two photo of tour group next to a portion of Rush Creek that is not part of an OHF project]

Rush Creek

(slide 2)

- Tour Stop #4 – Rush Creek (OHF project site)
[Four photos of tour group next to sections of Rush Creek that are within an OHF project site]

Pine Creek

(slide 1)

- Tour Stop # – Pine Creek (NOT OHF project site)
[One photo of a section of Pine Creek that is not within an OHF project site]

Pine Creek

(slide 2)

- Tour Stop #6 – Pine Creek (OHF project site)

[Two photos of a section of Pine Creek that is an OHF project site]

Trout Brook

(slide 1)

- Tour Stop #7 – Trout Brook (OHF project site)
[Two photos of tour group next to sections of Trout Brook that are within an OHF project site]

Discussion onsite

- Group, small group, and one-on-one discussions took place throughout the tour amongst all attendees.

[photo of tour group in circle discussing stream work]

Trout Stream Tour take-aways

- Some of the tour take-aways
 - Mother Nature is providing challenges
 - There is no single answer to habitat improvement
 - MN's Driftless area is unique in its challenges
 - Rock is a necessary tool, but even it needs proper use
 - Blow-outs are ugly & expensive
 - Quality costs less in the long run
 - Stream habitat enhancement requires skill & art.