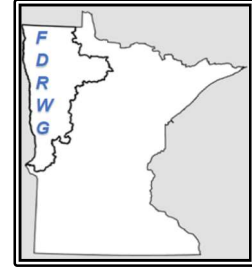


Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group

March 2, 2021

Ms. Jamie Beyer
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RE: Support for Redpath Project Stream Corridor Habitat Rehabilitation Project

Dear Ms. Beyer:

Thank you for presenting information on the proposed Redpath project at the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG) meeting held on February 17, 2021. We understand the District is currently seeking an extension of the term of an existing funding agreement with the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) for this project. Following our discussion at the meeting, the FDRWG re-affirmed its ongoing support for the project, including LSOHC funding of the project's stream corridor restoration component.

As you know, the Work Group was established by the 1998 Mediation Agreement that seeks to achieve effective flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement throughout the Red River Basin of Minnesota. The stream corridor rehabilitation component of the proposed Redpath project is consistent with the natural resource enhancement goals of the mediation agreement, while the planned flood-storage impoundment adjacent to the stream corridor will help to achieve the flood damage reduction goals of the agreement. Thus the proposed project aligns with the shared goals of the Mediation Agreement. We look forward to continued discussion with the District as you work towards eventual funding of the entire project to enable full implementation.

Please feel free to forward this communication to those involved in the LSOHC grant extension if that is helpful to the District. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact one of us or the FDRWG Coordinator (Andrew.Graham@state.mn.us).

Respectfully,

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