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Pursuant to M.S. 97A.056, Subdivision 15, this letter notifies you that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council has received a notice from the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust (MNVNVRT) concerning the conversion and conveyance of Outdoor Heritage Funded interests in real property along Hwy 6 in Sibley County, MN. Due to numerous flood events from the Minnesota River, Sibley County is proposing to upgrade Sibley County Highway 6 for safety reasons and to also increase recreational use by constructing a pedestrian trail within the road right-of-way. A total of 2.41 acres will be affected with a resulting repayment of \$6,809.60 going back into the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

The state interest in the land was originally purchased by MNVNVRT with Outdoor Heritage Funds (ML2010, Ch. 361, Art. 1, Sec 2, Subd. 5(a), Metro Big Rivers, Phase I and ML2011, 1st Spec. Session, Ch. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(d), Metro Big Rivers Phase II). The attached supporting documents received from MNVNVRT, further describes the action.

Pursuant to statute and the council's approved operating procedures, and in the absence of disapproval by leadership by June 13, 2022, I will approve the conveyance and forward notification to Ms. Deb Loon of the MNVNVRT so the conveyance can take place.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this matter. I will withhold final notification until June 14, 2022, to hear from you, if you have concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Wm. Johnson
Executive Director, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

cc: Members of the LSOHC
Deb Loon, Executive Director, MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust

Attachments: Supporting materials from MNVNWRT