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500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155

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Mark Johnson  
Executive Director  
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
State Office Building, Room 95  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Johnson:

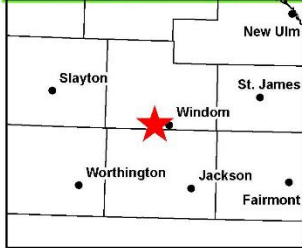
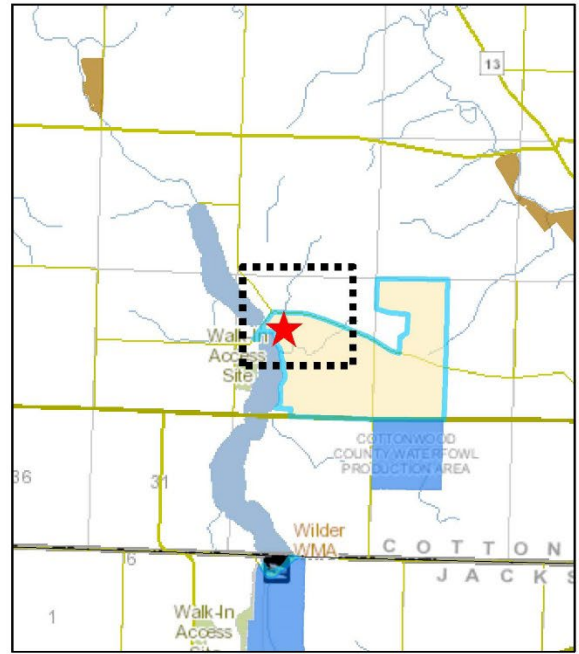
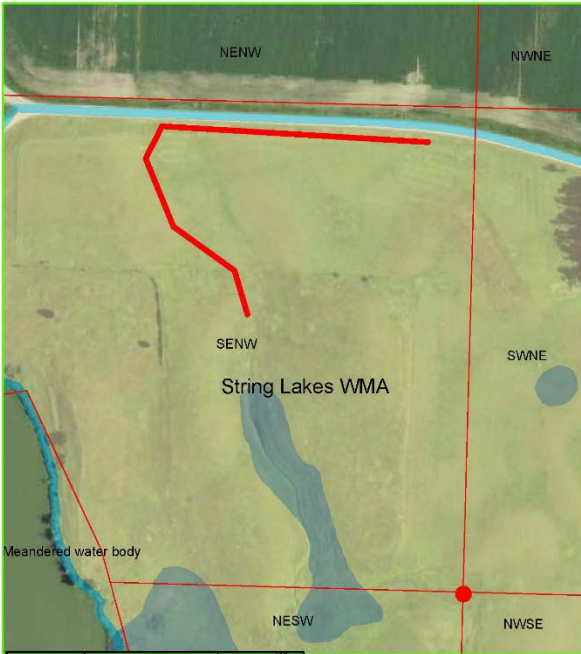
The Cottonwood County Drainage Authority is requesting a permanent easement to reroute and abandon an existing tile line on String Lakes WMA in Cottonwood County. This parcel was purchased by the Minnesota DNR with ML 2014, Ch. 256, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(b) Outdoor Heritage Funds. Since easements are considered a conveyance of an interest in the land, we are required to seek approval from LSOHC prior to DNR approval.

Project Description: The Cottonwood County Drainage authority will reroute and abandon an existing tile line that currently drain a wetland on the WMA. The easement application will allow the drainage authority to relocate the tile line and will be a significant benefit to the hydrology and wetland vegetation of the WMA. The footprint and dimensions of the easement are in the application attachment. The easement is established based on a court order and the DNR will not be charging a fee for the easement.

Sincerely,

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# String Lakes WMA, T:105, R:36, S:29, Cottonwood County Drainage Authority, Easement



0 0.05 0.1 Miles

0 0.375 0.75 1.5 2.25 3 Miles

String\_Lakes\_Cottonwood\_County\_Easement\_Line

USFWS WPAs

Native Prairie

String\_Lakes\_Cottonwood\_County\_Easement\_point

RIM Reserve

State WMAs

State AMAs

State SNAs

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