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RE: Closing MCWD's Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay Habitat Restoration Program

Dear David,

I am pleased to be reaching out with the news that our Six Mile Creek- Halsted Bay Habitat Restoration project has recently been completed. This major restoration initiative, supported by funding from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC), focused on managing the overabundance of invasive common carp across fourteen connected lakes in the Six Mile Creek-Halsted Bay subwatershed.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to the staff and members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for their support over the last five years, as we worked to implement a management strategy to reduce common carp populations, improve ecological conditions, and inform the ongoing science of carp management as one of many restoration tools. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to showcase this project at the 2023 LSOHC summer tour and enjoyed meeting Joe Pavelko and many council members in June.

Now that we have successfully implemented the management program by impeding carp migration and spawning, and removing adult carp, we're continuing to monitor carp populations, aquatic vegetation response, and water quality to evaluate the success of the program and determine when and where carp management can be an effective restoration strategy. As we work with partners to evaluate data from the project, we're also documenting and communicating key insights to support the work of others. Enclosed is a publication we recently produced that summarizes the program and highlights some early findings from our initial assessments.

Thank you for your support of the habitat restoration project. We look forward to continuing to work with the LSOHC on innovative projects that measurably improve the water resources of the region.

Sincerely,

Michael Hayman
Director of Project Planning

We collaborate with public and private partners to protect and improve land and water for current and future generations.