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Re: Support for Anoka Conservation District Rum River Bank Stabilization Project Grant Applications

Dear State grant proposal review councils,

The City of Ramsey is pleased to support Rum River habitat and water quality enhancement grant applications submitted by the Anoka Conservation District. The Rum River is among the most important water, ecological, and recreational resources in our community. Enhancing habitat and improving water quality through bank stabilization projects outlined in this proposal will benefit the citizens and visitors who frequent our parks and fish, swim, or boat in the Rum River. These projects will also help to preserve the wild and scenic attributes of the river that set our community apart in an urbanizing metro county. Please give this grant application every positive consideration.

The projects outlined in this proposal are a local and regional priority supported by plans at each scale. They will help meet one of the top project priorities of our watershed management organization's 10-year watershed plan. The projects are also supported by the science and watershed-level prioritization in the Rum River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) report.

The Rum River is one of the most significant and valuable water and wildlife resources in our region and our city. We are pleased that the proposed projects offer both habitat and water quality benefits. As a State Scenic and Recreational River known as an excellent fishery and drinking water source for the Twin Cities, well-rounded projects like these are strongly supported due to their multiple benefits and impact to so many people. Please consider the City of Ramsey a supporter of this grant application and the invaluable outcomes that will result.

Respectfully,

Kurtis Ulrich
City Administrator

