

Appendix F
Watershed District Correspondence



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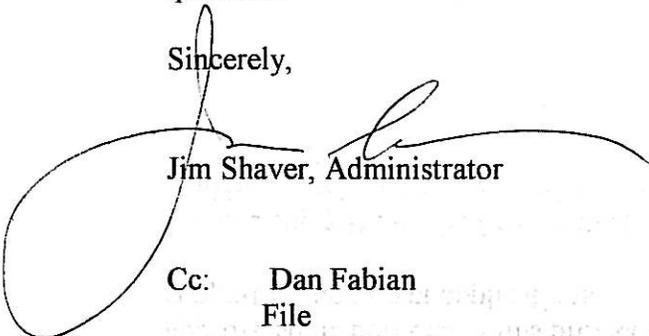
Dear Ms Hurlburt:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the city's preliminary plans for Lilleskogen Park. In general, the District supports the concept of preservation of open space for the public and specifically the interpretive aspects available with this project regarding storm water management and natural resource protection. I am confident that our Board would approve some portions of this project for District cost-sharing and provide letters of support for any grant applications.

I would suggest that the City contact MN DOT regarding the possibility of wetland banking to help defray some of the costs for the re-establishment of wetlands on the project. This strategy was successfully employed in Marine when DNR Parks reconstructed a stream and wetlands complex as part of the Mill Stream watershed several years ago.

I also enclose comments from Dan Fabian, District Engineer, and look forward to working with the City on this project in the future. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,


Jim Shaver, Administrator

Cc: Dan Fabian
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MEMORANDUM



Date: February 25, 2008

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Subject: Review of Preliminary Lilleskogen Park Restoration Plan in City of Scandia

CMSCWD Comment No. C08-0005

Comments:

1. The proposed wetland / upland restoration work and educational components of the proposed park restoration plan are consistent with the goals and policies of the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District (District).
2. Based on the information provided in the plan the wetlands involved appear to be Class 3 wetlands (per District's Comprehensive Wetlands Management Plan). They have a minimum average buffer width of 50-feet. Impervious areas are not allowed within the buffer so the final location of the proposed educational trails may need to be adjusted slightly in some areas to meet this requirement.
3. For the proposed restoration of wetland hydrology, a hydrologic analysis will need to be completed on the proposed outlet structure (ditch block) to demonstrate that project will not cause increased flooding on adjacent properties. Proposed development projects will need to meet District water quality and quantity requirements.
4. Proposed projects will probably require a District permit. Prior to construction, a permit application and supporting documentation should be completed and submitted to District for review and approval.
5. We recommend that the District encourage the City to implement the proposed plan. Further the District may also want to consider partnering with the City in applying for grants and potential District BMP Program projects as they seek to implement their restoration plan.