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Hello Les Lemm,

I hope any amendments to the State's Wetland Conservation Act are going in the right direction. No more wetlands should be drained or adjusted. Any new land usage requests, if anything, should be required to restore a percentage of wetlands in an area that previously had them.

The value of wetlands for filtering pollution, providing essential wildlife habitat, and creating a more balanced ecosystem overall, are major values that Minnesotans care deeply about. These things are what makes Minnesota a nice place to live, and must be protected and expanded. I have seen homeowner associations in new developments preserve their wetlands and meadows and market them as an amenity. They have great walking paths, and lots of incredible wildlife. This will hopefully become the norm sooner rather than later.

After many decades of loss, wetlands must be preserved and restored everywhere for human health and wellbeing. Ducks and migratory birds need them. Wild Rice areas need them. Many of our threatened plant and animal species need them: wood turtles, fireflies, moose, frogs, etc., etc.

Thank you,

Daniel Schultz