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Les,

The Stearns County SWCD would like to submit the following comments:

Stormwater and hydrology impacts to wetlands has been increasing. Examples:

- Stormwater ponds adjacent to wetlands (33rd avenue south in St. Cloud)
- Stormwater discharge to wetlands (recent Sauk Centre application)
- Changes to watersheds or drainage areas to wetlands (recent Sauk Centre application)

Banking process needs to be simplified, if greater participation is the goal.

I have cc'd Greg and Wayne on this email if have you any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Dennis

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