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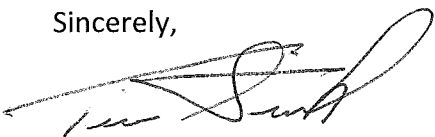
Dear Ms. Day:

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has completed a prospectus for the Minnesota In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program. As you are aware, BWSR intends for the ILF to eventually provide credits statewide for both the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program (LGRWRP) and for the general public. Attached to this letter is a copy of the ILF Program Prospectus and a Compensation Planning Framework (CPF) for the St. Croix River Watershed, also referred to as Bank Service Area 6 (BSA 6).

An electronic copy of each document has also been saved to the RIBITS cyber repository for the Minnesota ILF program. These updated versions supersede previous submittals provided by BWSR in 2013. The ILF Program document addresses all of the requirements in the Federal Mitigation Rule with the exception of the CPF which is provided as a separate document because of its size and more narrowly focused subject matter. Consistent with our previous coordination, the CPF does not carry the site prioritization process through to completion but does include a general framework for how BWSR intends to complete this watershed based analysis. Once we have received comments on the Prospectus documents we will adjust our process, as necessary, and move forward with preparing a draft program instrument and complete CPF for BSA 6.

BWSR appreciates that ILF program documents require a more involved and comprehensive review than mitigation banks consistent with the Federal Mitigation Rule. If there is anything that we could provide to assist you or members of the Interagency Review Team with the review of our proposal please contact me. We are open to the idea of providing an overview presentation to the IRT or being available to answer questions during the review period.

Sincerely,



Tim Smith
Wetland Banking Coordinator

Enclosures:

Minnesota In-Lieu Fee Program Prospectus
Band Service Area 6 Compensation Planning Framework