



October 27, 2023

Terry Jeffery
District Administrator
Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District
18681 Lake Drive E.
Chanhassen, MN 55317

Greeting Mr. Jeffery,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed plan amendment to Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) watershed management plan.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) commends RPBCWD for their proposed amendment to the watershed management plan, which includes the acquisition of a 28-acre parcel of land in Eden Prairie. It is important to note that this property was officially recognized by the Minnesota DNR as a regionally significant ecological area and considered a site of biodiversity significance. We wish to acknowledge RPBCWD's efforts to align the conservation of this critical land with their watershed management plan goals and habitat-focused water quality strategies.

The Minnesota DNR supports the proposal to proceed with the minor amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Megan JC Moore'.

Megan Moore
District Manager – Ecological and Water Resources

CC: Taylor Huinker, Area Hydrologist
Wes Saunders-Pearce, Area Hydrologist

RE: Notice of Intent - Minor Plan Amendment for RPBCWD 10-Year Plan - Metropolitan Council Review File 21820-4.

Mulcahy, Joe <joe.mulcahy@metc.state.mn.us>

Fri 11/3/2023 9:52 AM

To: Terry Jeffery <tjeffery@rpbcd.org>; Louis Smith <Smith@smithpartners.com>; Amy Bakkum <abakkum@rpbcd.org>
Cc: waterresourcesreviews <waterresourcesreviews@metc.state.mn.us>; ReviewsCoordinator <ReviewsCoordinator@metc.state.mn.us>

Hi Terry,

The Metropolitan Council has no comments on the proposed minor amendment to the District's Management Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on it. It is certainly an interesting project and it seems like a great opportunity for the District. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Thanks.

-jm



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Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 5:10 PM

To: Louis Smith <Smith@smithpartners.com>; Amy Bakkum <abakkum@rpbcd.org>

Subject: Notice of Intent - Minor Plan Amendment for RPBCWD 10-Year Plan

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Please find attached the proposed plan amendment, the signed board resolution authorizing the plan amendment process, and the public notice.

Kind regards,
Terry



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Proposed plan amendment to the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Plan

Berg, Jeffrey (MDA) <jeffrey.berg@state.mn.us>

Wed 11/15/2023 1:37 PM

To: Terry Jeffery <tjeffery@rpbcwd.org>

Cc: Christopher, Steve (BWSR) <steve.christopher@state.mn.us>

Greetings Terry,

I have reviewed the proposed plan amendment. MDA has no comments.

Good luck with the proposed acquisition.

Regards,

Jeff Berg

Water Policy Specialist

[Minnesota Department of Agriculture](#)

651 201 6338



625 Robert Street North

St. Paul, MN 55155

State Agency Reviewers,

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Christopher, Steve (BWSR) <steve.christopher@state.mn.us>

Thu 10/19/2023 3:04 PM

To: Berg, Jeffrey (MDA) <jeffrey.berg@state.mn.us>; Wettlaufer, Mark (MDH) <mark.wettlaufer@state.mn.us>; Moore, Megan (DNR) <megan.moore@state.mn.us>; Swenson, Jason (DOT) <Jason.Swenson@state.mn.us>; waterresourcesreviews@metc.state.mn.us <waterresourcesreviews@metc.state.mn.us>; Risberg, Jeff (MPCA) <jeff.risberg@state.mn.us>
Cc: Wozney, Brad (BWSR) <brad.wozney@state.mn.us>; Westrick, Marcey (BWSR) <marcey.westrick@state.mn.us>; Terry Jeffery <tjeffery@rpbcwd.org>; Louis Smith <Smith@smithpartners.com>

 3 attachments (1 MB)

7j_Res23-064_PlanAmend_Full_2023Oct04.pdf; Resl 23-064_SpringRd_Plan and Improvement PH.pdf; Notice of Public Hearings 10-16-23.pdf;

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November 14, 2023

RPBCWD Board of Managers
c/o Terry Jeffery, Administrator
18681 Lake Drive East
Chanhassen, MN 55317

RE: Intent to Modify 10-Year Plan for Spring Road Preservation Project

Managers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed plan amendment. As evident by our establishment and management of the Prairie Bluff and Riley Creek Conservation Areas, protection of these lands is important to the City of Eden Prairie. The acquisition and restoration of this property will promote this goal. The City fully supports the acquisition of this property by the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed and looks forward to this property serving as an amenity for all in the area to enjoy.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Case
Mayor, City of Eden Prairie



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Dear Managers

Thank you for hearing our voices and voting to buy and preserve the land on Spring Road in Eden Prairie.

I support your decision and think this is a great use of tax dollars.

Sergey Zaytsev
74080 County Hwy 61
Rutledge MN 55795



Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District

18681 Lake Dr E,

Chanhassen, MN 55317

Dear Managers

Conservation of this land has been our concern. It good to see the trees, the eagles and the creek.
Thank you for hearing our voices and voting to buy and preserve the land on Spring Road in Eden Prairie.

I support you decision and think this is a great use of tax dollars.

Violetta Klimok

807 Smetana Road, #5

Hopkins MN 55343

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Chanhassen, MN 55317

Dear Managers

Thank you for hearing our voices and voting to buy and preserve the land on Spring Road in Eden Prairie.

I support you decision and think this is a great use of tax dollars.

Joy & Beely Eden

15588 Belgian Drive Drive

Belle Plaine

Minn, 56011

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Lana Zaytsev
6725 York Ave S, 232
Edina MN 55435

Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District

18681 Lake Dr E,

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Dear Managers

Thank you for voting to buy and preserve the land on Spring Road in Eden Prairie.

I support your decision and think this is a great use of tax dollars.

Meridith Hartley
Meridith Hartley

76477 County Rd 8
Hector, MN 55342

10/15/23

RE: Frederick Miller Spring

Dear Managers,

Conservation and preservation of the Spring has been our great concern. Thank you so much for hearing our voices and voting to buy and preserve this land on Spring Road in Eden Prairie!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Aufderheide

Jeanne Aufderheide

October 15, 2023

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Yours sincerely,
Joy A. Jacobs

Oct 20, 2023

Dear Managers,

I thank you for voting to buy or preserve the land on Spring Road in Eden Prairie. I support your decision and I think it is a great use of tax dollars.

Sincerely

Jim Jacobs

Amy Bakkum

From: Morgan Jacobs <morgan@rivervalleyaquascapes.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 8:40 AM
To: David Ziegler; Tom Duevel; Jill Crafton; Dorothy Pedersen; Terry Jeffery; Amy Bakkum
Subject: Spring Valley Friends President Thanks You

Hellooo, managers and administrators! I sure hope this note finds you well.

I wanted to thank you on behalf of Spring. Valley Friends, as well as the thousands of people who visit the Spring every year, for developing a plan to purchase and preserve this precious bluff land. In light of this decision, we have quickly taken steps to pause our litigation and have vowed to dismiss it once the deal is done and the land is proven safe from further sale and development.

We are also in alignment with what has been shared for future use of the land and will contribute our time and resources to ensure these ideas becomes a reality.

Please feel free to use any of this as a public comment.

-Morgan Jacobs
President, Spring Valley Friends
(952) 456-2786