

May 23, 2016

Susan Thornton, Executive Director  
Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 65  
State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Repayment of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund from Carver County

Dear Ms. Thornton,

The purpose of this letter is to formally report repayment of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$347,620, for the sale of 5.05 acres of land from Carver County to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This land was originally paid for in part by a grant from the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources to Carver County, ML 2011, Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 2, subdivision 4(c).

Carver County has been working in partnership with DNR on the acquisition, development, and maintenance of this boat access site on Lake Waconia since 2004. The two entities determined that DNR administration of the boat access was better for the public because DNR was in a position to develop and manage it more quickly. When the land for the boat access became available from a private seller, DNR was not in a position to purchase it. As such, Carver County acquired the land, under the agreement that when DNR was in a position to acquire it from Carver County, they would do so.

DNR secured a federal grant in mid-2015 to purchase this property from Carver County. In order to comply with M.S. section 116P.15, Carver County requested approval from LCCMR on December 2, 2015, prior to the sale of land to DNR. The Commission reviewed it at this hearing and approved it. This request was also reviewed and approved by the Metropolitan Council on October 28, 2015, prior to taking it to LCCMR (Business Item 2015-246).

This new boat access site will remain within the boundary of the Lake Waconia Regional Park, and will be managed jointly through a cooperative agreement between Carver County and DNR. This development is consistent with the Metropolitan Council-approved Lake Waconia Regional Park Master Plan, as well as the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan.

Thank you for your patience and guidance throughout this process. Carver County, DNR, and Metropolitan Council staff wish to express our appreciation for your assistance throughout this effort.

If you have any questions about this letter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Emmett Mullin  
Parks and Natural Resources Manager