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**Subject:** City of Melrose's LCCMR proposal 2022-142 RDB

Colleen,

Thank you for taking time to visit about the Stearns County SWCD concerns about the City of Melrose's LCCMR proposal 2022-142 "RDB". As we discussed the Stearns County SWCD would like to be removed as a non-funded partner from the grant application. There are elements of the proposal that are more road and bridge realignment focused than natural resource protection. Some of concerns include:

- Claim of realignment of the channel to reduce erosion when it is more making the existing dam and new bridge/road realignment work.
- Claim of the south bank having severe sloughing when the bank was already stabilized from a previous project with the Sauk River Watershed District and the SWCD.
- Claim of additional habitat when it is already in the existing channel and the restoration work is only needed because new bridge/road realignment.

We are hopeful we can work on future projects that better align with our mission and natural resource conservation and protection goals.

Sincerely,

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