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Greetings,

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants to share information related to an ongoing project near your property. Since 2015, the DNR has been meeting with irrigators and other interested stakeholders to evaluate groundwater use and streamflow conditions in the Little Rock Creek Watershed. In April 2024, the DNR determined that a water use conflict exists due to water use impacts to Little Rock Creek caused by high volume pumping. These impacts are generally occurring in dry years during the summer months, resulting in very low streamflows and loss of fish habitats.

The DNR and consulting engineer Kimley-Horn, LLC, in consultation with water users in the area, are working to evaluate options that would reduce water use impacts to Little Rock Creek. Our goal is to maintain water use for irrigation while also protecting the summertime low flows in Little Rock Creek. This evaluation effort is in the early stages. Some preliminary designs, specific locations and cost estimates have been shared with irrigators; however, no final decisions are made. The evaluation process is expected to continue this summer and fall and to be done around the end of calendar year 2025. Once a preferred option(s) is identified, the final design process can proceed, which will enable the irrigators to submit a plan to the DNR that would resolve the conflict.

As part of these evaluations, you may be contacted by the DNR, Kimley-Horn, or local water users regarding specific water use projects that may involve or impact your property. Your participation and input are crucial in ensuring that the final solutions effectively balance community needs, agricultural sustainability, and the environmental health of Little Rock Creek. Staying informed and involved will help us collectively achieve the best possible outcomes for the creek, the local community, and future generations.

If a specific project idea does not involve your property, this is the only mailing you will receive. However, the DNR would like to keep you updated on ongoing developments. To receive regular project updates, **please subscribe to the Little Rock Creek GovDelivery email list** by scanning the QR code (backside) or by visiting the DNR Little Rock Creek webpage ([mndnr.gov/waters/groundwater\\_section/sustainability/lrc](http://mndnr.gov/waters/groundwater_section/sustainability/lrc)). The Kimley-Horn team will be submitting a progress report in late May. This report and all future reports will be posted on the DNR Little Rock Creek webpage.

Sincerely,

DNR Little Rock Creek Project Team

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