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Senate Capitol Investment Committee:

Rice County is asking for your support to help address impairments on lakes and water bodies in the county. The challenge of managing and reducing eminent run-off, invasive, and other impairments is a costly and on-going effort. More innovative options are needed. That is why Rice County supports SF2423, Senator Jasinski's bill appropriating a two-year \$150,000 grant to Rice County to fund a pilot project to address water quality concerns on French Lake.

French Lake experiences several water quality issues found in many of the lakes in the southern MN region. Excessive phosphorus and episodic algal blooms plague French Lake along with sediment and nutrient loading due to runoff and erosion. Aquatic Invasive Species such as Eurasian Water Milfoil also have a prominent impact on lake quality. Investment in proven technologies to alleviate some of these issues will help move the needle and lead to an overall improvement in water quality in French Lake.

We look forward to seeing water quality improvements as a result of this project and appreciate the State's support in helping facilitate that process by funding these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Folsted".

Sara Folsted

Rice County Administrator