

SF 1247_Kirsten Uhlenberg from Creekside UCC_Protect Wild Rice

As a member of Creekside UCC and person of faith, I support Senate File 1247 in its provisions to protect wild rice and the waters in which it grows from pollutants, pesticides, and fertilizers. With the cultural, economic, and spiritual importance that wild rice holds, we must protect it so that it thrives in abundance. It must have clean water free of pollutants and agricultural run-off to do that. Those of us who are not Native must learn from our Native neighbors how to care for the land in the ways that they do if we are going to have a healthy ecosystem. We all must recognize that humans—and our own health—are directly affected by the ecosystem and not separate from it. Water is life!