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Dakota County Natural Resources
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Subject: Wiklund Preserve Easement Crossing

Hello Dakota County and City of Rosemount,
As you are aware, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) holds a conservation easement on the City of Rosemount's property - Wiklund Preserve (Parcel 340161015030 in Dakota County). Dakota County has approached DNR about crossing the easement to do restoration work and buckthorn removal on their adjacent property to the north. After meeting on site with the Dakota County and Friends of the Mississippi, we believe that the restoration work they have planned would be beneficial for the Wiklund Preserve too.

As the easement holder, we are ok with Dakota County crossing the easement (if the city also approves) with the following stipulations below:

- Crossing the parcel with any motorized vehicles, especially heavy equipment, must be done during frozen ground conditions to minimize disturbance.
- The access path must follow the edge of the prairie/the path used for prescribed burn field breaks.
- The county should work with Friends of the Mississippi to outline a desired path.
- No trees will be cut down for the access path.
- This will be temporary access lasting until Dec. 31, 2028, or when the initial restoration is completed, whichever comes first.
- If vegetation is damaged, Dakota County will work with DNR and Friends of the Mississippi to replant/reclaim those areas.

We appreciate your cooperation and stewardship. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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