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15 August 1975

Mr. Jack E. Hemphill
Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the tour and briefing-listening session on the proposed Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Recreation Area. I certainly endorse this great effort and within the GREAT concept, we can effectively balance all interests.

Warm regards,

MAX W. NOAH
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
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Honorable Walter F. Mondale
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August 19, 1975

Ms. Elaine Mellott
and Ms. Marialice Seal
The Lower Minnesota River Valley
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9801 Pillsbury Avenue, South
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Dear Friends:

I was pleased to receive your letter of July 30th in further reference to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

As you know, Senator Humphrey and Senator Mondale have introduced legislation establishing this wildlife and recreation area, and I have pledged my support to co-sponsor a bill that is now being prepared by Congressman Frenzel. I appreciate having the information concerning the items that you suggested be added to the House version, and I will be glad to discuss these changes with Congressman Frenzel as soon as Congress reconvenes in September.

Please know that I am always glad to hear from you and to have your views on these matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,



Tom Hagedorn
Member of Congress

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THE LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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TO:

DATE:

SUBJECT: MAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR RESOLUTION ON CONCEPT APPROVAL OF
THE MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Attached please find the addresses and instructions you will need for the resolution on the National Wildlife-Recreation Area, Minnesota River Valley.

Please send your cover letter and a copy of the Resolution to:

- Senators Humphrey and Mondale
- Congressmen Quie, Frenzel, Karth, Fraser, Oberstar, Hagedorn, Nolan and Bergland
- Governor Anderson

It would be most effective to mail these to Washington with carbon copies to their local address.

Please send copies of the letters and the Resolution to Mr. Jack Hemphill, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to me.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Mellott

Elaine M. Mellott
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Attachment



Mr. President:

I am introducing today environmental legislation that embodies the New Federalism of this Nation in the area of natural resource protection, management, and enjoyment. Several years ago the congressional delegation of Minnesota introduced, both Houses of Congress passed, and the President signed, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act, P.L. 94-466. This Act was the fore-runner of the "creative partnerships" that are needed today to conserve and properly utilize the natural resources of this great nation.

The findings of Congress at the time of the enactment of the Act were very accurately stated; but, as a consequence of the changing times since then, are even more important today. Meandering across metropolitan Minnesota is the marshy, forest-fringed floodplain of a major river. This 18,000-acre green belt sustains rural lifestyles and near-wilderness in an increasingly urban environment. Here, wildlife has had to adapt to the sights and sound of cities, just as people, whose lives have been nurtured by the fertile floodplain ecosystem, have had to adapt to nature. And it appears that the quality of both human and non-human life will be enhanced as a result of this deliberate, systematic quest for harmony.

The lower Minnesota River Valley, which provides habitat for a large number of migratory waterfowl, fish and other wildlife species, is a unique environmental resource located in the heart of the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota metropolitan area; and because of the economic and energy situations of today, is even of greater value than a few years ago as a source of recreational opportunities for hundreds of thousands of urban dwellers who no longer have the financial ability to drive long distances to enjoy the great outdoors. Furthermore, the valley is a great source of opportunity for environmental education opportunities for school systems ^{which} ~~who~~ can no longer afford the long trips to distant environmental education areas.

The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act required the Secretary of the Interior to work cooperatively with the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions to establish a national wildlife refuge and recreation area in the Minnesota River valley. The Act called for an unprecedented multi-agency effort to plan and carry out a coordinated management strategy for the entire lower Minnesota River valley. Implementation would require a serious commitment of thought, time and material resources from not only federal, state, and local units of government, but from private organizations and individuals as well.

While progress has been made in the preservation of the valley's natural resources and the enjoyment of it by the American public, there is considerable area of the valley that is still threatened with spoilation and ecological downgrading, and threatened with permanent removal from the public's enjoyment.

Faced with the financial constraints of today's economic environment, the federal and state agencies responsible for implementing the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act need new tools to accomplish their task--tools that are more flexible and creative, tools that allow the federal and local government to work together in more of a partnership fashion to accomplish the goals set out by this Congress several years ago.

For that reason, I am introducing today a series of minor amendments to P.L. 94-466 that allow the Secretary of the Interior, through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions, the capability to proceed with providing this Nation with a magnificent migratory bird sanctuary as well as a wildlife recreation area in an area where it is available to thousands of people with reduced energy and dollars to spend seeking wholesome outdoor recreational opportunity.

Since the enactment of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, the Secretary of the Interior, through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has worked in close cooperation with the State of Minnesota and the counties and cities along the Minnesota River that have been involved in this project. A comprehensive master plan for the valley has been drafted jointly and will be published in final later this year. This plan has been developed to guide the perpetuation of the Minnesota Valley's natural and cultural heritage. This plan provides for a multi-agency effort at all levels of government. It calls for an intricate mixing of federal, state, and local dollars and manpower with the federal government responsible for the national aspect--the migratory bird habitat--while the state and cities provide the base for much of the outdoor recreation activities. Through the planning process, several unique habitats were discovered and are now provided for. These include an area where cactus can be found in Minnesota and a special hanging bog or fen where orchids thrive.

Another unique feature is the state hiking and biking trail which can also be used for cross-country skiing and horseback riding. It provides a linear link between numerous federal, state, and city-managed areas. The trail, some 72 miles long, is an alternative route and form of transportation throughout much of the metro area traveling the length of this wonderful green belt of open space.

This same joint effort has now protected over half of the 17,000 acres of the project. The marvelous part of this acquisition effort is that more than just the usual federal fee-title land acquisition has been used. Leases, donations, and cooperative agreements are being used by the agencies so that, together, they can accomplish the objectives of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act. Nearly 70% of the original acreage of the wildlife refuge is now under public protection. Even highway rights-of-ways are being utilized as part of the wildlife refuge. There are plans to expand these acquisition alternatives to include land exchanges so that this valuable wildlife habitat can be preserved forever and be used by thousands for their recreational pursuits.

This bill I am introducing today is not a spending bill--though it does mention money as it authorizes new spending levels to keep up with inflation. The most important part of this amendment is the new flexibility it provides for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in working with the State of Minnesota and the local municipalities as well as paving the way for more private involvement in the fulfillment of these worthy plans.

From the start, the Minnesota Valley project has been a grassroots effort, motivated by citizen awareness of the need to protect fragile resources. That community support still exists and is working with government to help accomplish the goals of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act. This amendment will assist these good citizens and the local governments; and by working together in a creative partnership, it can be done.

Harriet Lykken
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handwritten note
sent to R.S.

Sept 29

Dear Kay,

I was really glad to hear at the meeting last Thursday that a special support group for the refuge was being formed.

The main reason I'm writing you is to nitpick a little bit about the organization's new name. It seems to me that there are so many "Friends" groups around right now that any particular "friend" may just get lost in the shuffle. Since this is mainly to be a fund raising organization ~~may~~ I suggest the title "Acres Along the Minnesota." Or perhaps someone else can think of a better name.

Incidentally, did you know that

Love Harriet
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dallen contributed buys $43\frac{1}{2}$ square
feet of wildlife habitat based on \$1000
per acre cost?

I hope you put me on the
mailing list and I'll try to help
out as much as time permits me on
this project.

Regards,
Dick Sanford

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COMMITTEE ON
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 8, 1981

The Honorable James A. McClure
Chairman
Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
1208 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

Funding for the provisions of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act is my highest priority and I urge the Senate Interior Subcommittee to accept the funding level of \$13,450,000 as approved by the House Appropriations Committee. As you know, the House included \$3 million for the State Grant Program and earmarked \$2.5 million for the Resort Buyout provision of P.L. 95-495 in Committee Report language of H.R. 4035, the House Interior Appropriations bill. (For further details see the joint statement Senator Boschwitz and I presented to the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee on May 6, 1981.)

In addition to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act, I am concerned about the designated funding for land acquisition in three major federal programs in Minnesota which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior: the Voyageurs National Park; the Lower Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge and National Recreation Area; and the St. Croix Wild and Scenic River Program.

The House reported bill specifies funding for the National Park Service and Wildlife Refuges in only sixteen states. Almost a third of the \$108 million - \$30 million - is designated for programs in the state of California from the funds appropriated for Department of Interior land acquisition programs.

It would be more equitable in my judgement and serve to further completion of the established system to provide funds for land acquisition on the following basis:

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- First, consideration should be given to to those units where the land acquisition has been underway for some time and the completion of the program is possible in the foreseeable future.

Units such as the Santa Monica Mountains where estimates of total land acquisition costs are close to \$1 billion, should be reviewed and use of new and creative land protection techniques assessed before an aggressive fee title acquisition program is initiated.

- Second, funds should be available where there is a threat of development that jeopardizes the resource.
- Third, funds should be available for acquisition of sites that are considered of major importance for environmental, ecological or scientific reasons.
- Finally, there should be an equitable geographic distribution of the funds.

I feel strongly that the federal government has an obligation to in-holders to acquire their property on a willing seller basis - as near to the time they request acquisition of their holdings as possible. Although this may not always be possible because of funding constraints, it should be the goal of the Congress to provide a fair, equitable, and consistent acquisition program.

Status of the Three Land Acquisition Programs in Minnesota

Voyageurs National Park: for a detailed discussion, please see the statement I presented to the Committee on May 6, 1981.

To summarize, Voyageurs National Park has 4% of the land in the park remaining to be acquired. "Burton Amendment" funds have been used for the past two years to acquire property on a "willing seller" basis. This provides \$2.6 million in funding annually to continue the acquisition program. I request this amount be available to Voyageurs National Park in FY 1982.

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Lower Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and
Recreation Area

The \$1.6 million acquisition money for the Refuge, appropriated in FY 1981 was rescinded. Although the Department of Interior did not earmark the Minnesota Valley Refuge funds for deletion at the \$55 million rescission level and ultimately only \$35 million was rescinded by the Congress, the Refuge lost the funds because the conference committee allowed slightly less than \$800,000 for the total Fish and Wildlife Service acquisition program in FY 1981. Over 90% of the funds were rescinded for the Service.

The Federal Land Acquisition program has been going smoothly in the Refuge because funds have been available for willing sellers and no condemnation has been initiated by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The alternatives of land exchange and zoning have more potential here than at Voyageurs National Park, but still are limited as a means to complete the wildlife refuge.

Thirty percent of the refuge lands remain to be acquired - 2800 acres. There are ten major landowners involved. "Willing Sellers" at this time would require expenditures of the full \$1.6 million rescinded. Some of the property is subject to development - a gravel pit for example - if funds are not available.

Designation of \$1.6 million in FY 1982 is requested to ensure the continuity of the program and honor the obligation to property owners in the Refuge that are interested in selling their holdings. (See attached summary of the Refuge Land Acquisition Program for further details.)

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The St. Croix River Wild and Scenic River Program

The federal portion of the Land Acquisition program is 88% complete. Of the original authorized \$21.769 million, \$14.652 million has been expended.

Carter requested \$1 million in land acquisition funds for FY 1982. The Reagan Administration had a total of \$29 million of unspecified funds for FY 1982 for the Park Service. The House bill includes \$87 million for land acquisition for the Park Service, but includes no funds for the St. Croix program.

The Park Service had projected an estimated 46 parcels for acquisition in FY 1982. The \$1 million figure is justified for inclusion in FY 1982.

The Metropolitan Rivers Corridor Study Committee

P.L. 96-607 was signed into law on December 28, 1980. Title IX of the act which I introduced establishes a 15 member study committee and authorizes a \$300,000 appropriation for a two year study of the three river corridors that transect the metropolitan area of Minneapolis/St. Paul.

It is important that the study be funded at this time to review the several major management issues that affect the three rivers, but are not being systematically addressed at this time.

Major federal holdings on the St. Croix, part of the Wild and Scenic River System, a several thousand acre National Wildlife Refuge and National Recreation Area on the Minnesota River combine with the federal navigation interests on the Mississippi River to indicate the high level of federal involvement in the commercial and recreational aspects of the three river corridors.

There are as well, major local/regional and state parks along the three rivers. The Study Committee is charged to review the management of the three rivers and make recommendations regarding the future direction for planning and compatible multiple use of the river system. Emerging problems indicate that there is an urgent need to get the study underway.

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I request the Committee Report language include the following language which is suggested for your consideration:

"Public Law 96-607 recognizes the importance of encouraging the better use of recreational resources along the Metropolitan River Corridors in authorizing an innovative study in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area of Minnesota and Wisconsin. The purpose of the study is to make recommendations to the President, Congress and appropriate government units regarding the long term recreation management of Metropolitan Rivers in this, a typical urban area.

The Committee recommends that the authorized \$150,000 be appropriated from the River and Trail Study funds of the Department of Interior's Park Service."

This amount was requested by the Administration for FY 1982 and included in the House bill. Congressman Vento has obtained consent from Congressman Yates to conduct a colloquy on the floor directing funding for the Three Rivers study from the River and Trails study money.

Finally, a word about the state portion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund zeroed out in FY 1982 by the Administration and the House. The LWCF is the backbone of the state and federal park program. In the Midwest and the East, State Parks provide many of the recreational services more readily available to the people of the West and Southeast from the National Park budgets. Zeroing out the state LWCF program does not mean the same thing to Minnesota, faced with a \$500 million deficit, as it does in states still running surplus.

A review of the state LWCF program is in order and efforts to keep the program in operation even at a minimal level until these issues can be reviewed is desirable in my judgement. The level of funding certainly is best determined by the Committee.

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In summary, I request your consideration of the following programs for FY 1982 funding:

- . Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act
- . Voyageurs National Park
- . Minnesota River Valley National Wildlife Refuge
- . St. Croix River Wild and Scenic River Program
- . Metropolitan Rivers Corridor Study
- . The State LWCF Grant program

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of my request regarding Land and Water Conservation Fund issues of importance to federal programs in Minnesota, and the evaluation of national public policy regarding federal and state land acquisition.

Sincerely,

Dave Durenberger
United States Senate

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August 20, 1981

Senator Mark Hatfield
Chairman
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Committee
S-128 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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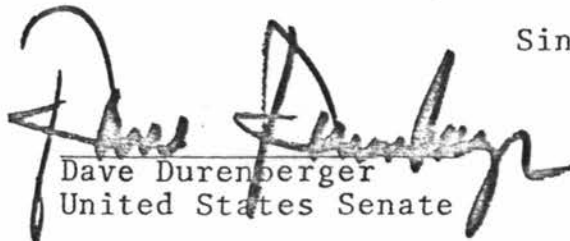
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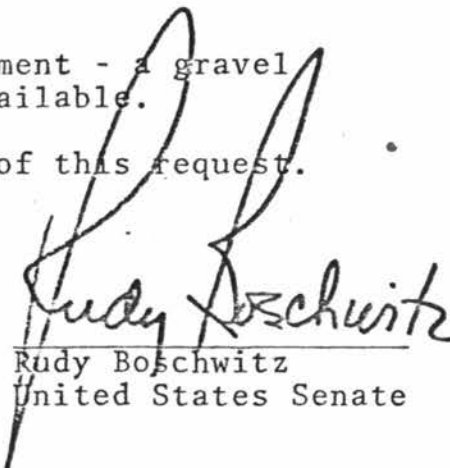
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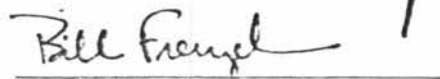
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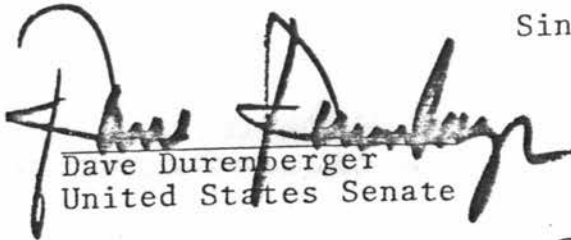
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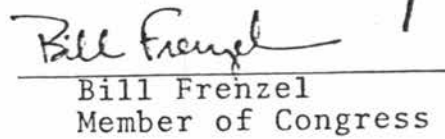
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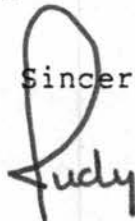
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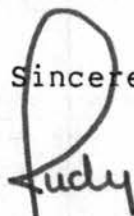
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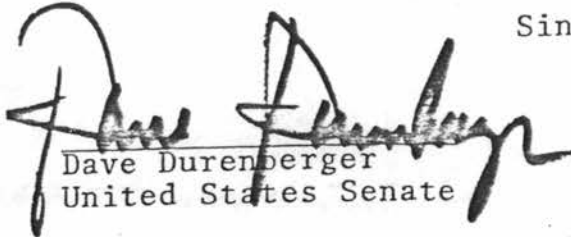
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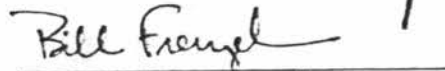
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MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY AUDUBON CLUB
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October 6, 1981

Friends of the Minnesota Valley
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Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Friends:

Since this year has been designated by National Audubon as the "Year of the Refuge", we were especially pleased to hear that you've launched an organization which will provide needed support for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area, and one which will also include other aspects/interests existing in the river valley.

The Minnesota River Valley Audubon Club has had a strong interest in the river valley, and several of our members were among those citizens who initially pursued Federal legislation (which finally resulted in the creation of the Refuge and Recreation Area.) We have a continued interest in the Minnesota River Valley and want to lend our support. I'm sure that many of our members will become members of the Friends as well.

We sincerely hope that our \$100 donation will assist in what we expect will be a very successful venture!

Best regards,

Clarence Swanson, President
Minnesota River Valley Audubon Club



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

4101 East 78th Street

Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

November 10, 1981

Ms. Kay Schwie
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Schwie:

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and, particularly, the staff at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge are pleased to learn about the formation of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. As you know, it is our policy to encourage meaningful public participation in the management of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and your group should be very helpful in the implementation of that policy.

We are particularly encouraged by your concern for the overall welfare of the Minnesota Valley and your balance outlook. The broad general interest of your group in the preservation and wise management of the Valley's resources is a refreshing perspective and one that we appreciate.

By working together, we should be able to improve public understanding of Valley projects and, hopefully, increase our own responsiveness to public concerns and priorities.

We are looking forward to working with you as appropriate in achieving our mutual goals so don't hesitate to contact this office for any assistance we might be able to provide.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Crozier
Refuge Manager

cc: Area Manager (TCAO)
Regional Director, FWS, Twin Cities, MN (ARW)



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
TWIN CITIES

Center for Urban and Regional Affairs
Outreach Office
1927 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454
(612) 376-3684

December 16, 1981

Dear Friend:

The Environmental Conservation Library (ECOL) and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) are jointly preparing a new edition of Minnesota Environmental Organizations, first published in 1978.

Enclosed is a questionnaire, which has been designed to elicit your responses quickly and accurately. Your responses will be the basis for the description of your organization in the directory's new edition. Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope ~~by November 9~~ *AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.*

If you have any questions, please call either Linda Fritschel (612/372-6609) or Penelope Burke (612/373-7796) for further information.

Sincerely,

Linda Fritschel
ECOL Staff

Penelope Burke
CURA Staff

Enclosures (2)

December 18, 1981

Friends of the

**Minnesota
Valley**



Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
55420

Honorable David Durenberger
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Durenberger:

This is just a short note to remind you that many people throughout the State of Minnesota support the completion of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and hope that somehow it can be done within the constrained federal budget. It is our understanding that Land and Water Conservation Funds for acquisition of federal wildlife refuges are still being appropriated but none are being allocated for Minnesota.

Since all of us are cutting back expenditures, it is more important than ever that federal funds be spent wisely where people can receive the most benefit as in Minnesota Valley where wildlife and people live in such close proximity. We ask that you make a new effort to restore funds for land acquisition in the Minnesota Valley.

To support this request, I have enclosed a news article about a local landowner who at the end of the article expresses his support to have his land acquired as part of the refuge. This is not an isolated example as we understand that many people would willingly sell land for the refuge and in some cases are suffering hardships because there are no funds to acquire their lands. Only a few landowners are opposed to the project and alternatives are being sought for handling their concerns.

We have appreciated your support for the Minnesota Valley in the past and now we encourage you to accept the challenge of completing this project within the reality of the present economic situation.

Sincerely,

Same letter sent
to: Boschwitz
Hagedorn
Frenzel
12-18-81

Kay Schwie
Chairperson

Enclosure

Naas fights to keep hunters off property

by Tom Fischer

Dave Naas pointed to a sign that read "Hunting Prohibited by Law" and said, "That doesn't mean anything to these people."

Earlier he had showed a patch of trampled-down snow near a "No Trespassing" sign where a hunter stood to kill a deer on Naas' property.

A short distance away were spots of bright red blood in the snow, leading about 30 feet into the woods.

The spots led to a place where the deer had been gutted. The remains were still evident.

The hunter, as it turns out, had done little that was against the law, but that didn't appease Naas.

"I'm bitter about it," he said. "When I think about the difficulties we've had over a long period of time with hunters, poachers, trespassers and trappers—I don't know what all is going on down there. Just because this is private land they think they can do anything."

The night before, Naas had been driving a snowmobile on his Burnsville property near the Minnesota River and had seen signs of hunting and sled tracks.

He called Burnsville Police and the state conservation officer, and they located the man who had killed the deer.

Naas originally thought the deer had been shot, because his wife heard gunshots earlier that night. That would have been illegal because it is bow and arrow, not gun, season for deer.

He also thought the deer had been shot at night, which is illegal.

Burnsville ordinance, furthermore, requires permission before hunting on private property.

Conservation Officer Wayne Eller said evidence showed the deer was shot



Dave Naas at a beaver stream near his home.

Photo by Tom Fischer

with an arrow, and the hunter had a bow and arrow license. He also said there was no evidence that the deer was shot at night.

And, since Naas' property is not posted for no trespassing according to

state regulations, the hunter did not violate the state trespassing law.

He also didn't violate the Burnsville ordinance, because it does not cover hunting with a bow and arrow, only

The man had not properly tagged the deer, however (tags are required so that hunters do not take more than one deer per season), and he was fined \$50.

While the incident did not turn out to be particularly serious from a law enforcement point of view, it was another in a series of annoyances for Naas, whose property is one of the few remaining in the area that still is farmed.

The day after the deer incident he found a trap in a beaver stream on his land. Earlier that day he had twice asked a cross country skier to leave his property. Naas said the skier threatened him before leaving.

Naas once had a trout pond, but gave that up after the buildings by it were vandalized and "they stole the trout faster than we could fill it."

He said he has often found evidence of hunting, "but frankly, we've never caught a deer hunter before."

The deer population has increased because of the recent mild winters and they're attracted to the corn stalks on the farmed portion of the land, he said.

Keeping no trespassing signs posted according to law is difficult, Naas said, because hunters shoot them and tear them down.

"I don't know why I have to be a cop or an enforcement agent," he said.

Eller, whose conservation district covers northern and western Dakota County, said Naas' problem is not uncommon.

"I consider there to be a significant problem with the unlawful taking and transporting of deer in Dakota County," he said.

"There are more violations than I'm able to get information on. I need some help from the public in order to make

NAAS: to next page

Naas belives in wildlife protection

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arrests."

The Department of Natural Resources' TIP (Turn In Poachers) line received 1,611 calls statewide in the last three months. The calls resulted in 144 arrests and 44 rewards paying a total of \$6,775.

The telephone number is 297-3999. Outstate, the toll-free number is 1-800-652-9093.

Naas, meanwhile, is looking forward to the day when the Minnesota Valley

National Wildlife Refuge is completed—part of his land is scheduled for acquisition, and enforcement of hunting laws is increased.

Until then, "For the 30 years we've lived here we've conserved the game, and we don't intend to let anyone who thinks they've got a license to come in here and take game, get away with it," he said.



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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FILM TAKES TOP FESTIVAL AWARD

The CINE Golden Eagle -- often regarded as the "Oscar" of the documentary motion picture industry -- has been awarded for the film, "Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge." The film was sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Department of the Interior) and produced by Vibrant Films, Inc. of Minneapolis.

The Golden Eagle was awarded last month after the 16-minute, 16mm film was screened by multiple juries in Washington, D.C. as part of the annual nationwide competition held by the Council on International Nontheatrical Events (CINE). The prize represents the judges' decision that the movie is among the best in the country in the environment category, and is suited to be an official U.S. entry in overseas film festivals.

"Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge" chronicles the evolution of the valley and floodplain of the lower Minnesota River from an ignored and abused bottomland to an area recognized for its unique environmental, cultural and recreational values -- a virtual wilderness in an urbanized setting. The film features all-original wildlife photography and illustrates ways in which people can benefit from the refuge.

-FWS-

December 22, 1981

Friends of the

**Minnesota
Valley**



Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
55420

December 31, 1981

Paul Gustafson
Minneapolis Star
425 Portland Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Mn. 55488

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

Following is the purpose statement and a list of objectives for the Friends of the Minnesota Valley:

Purpose Statement:

To preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Minnesota Valley, while providing wildlife oriented education and recreation, and compatible economic opportunity.

Objectives:

- Encourage implementation of the goals of the refuge and recreation area as identified in the Master Plan.
- Promote awareness of the refuge and recreation area.
- Work to maintain a diversity of land use consistent with the purposes of the refuge and recreation area.
- Provide public involvement in management decision-making for the refuge and recreation area.
- Solicit funds for land acquisition.
- Provide volunteers for refuge/recreation area programs.

Thank you again so very much for your continued interest in the Refuge and river valley. Your articles are always beautifully done and certainly provide public awareness (with a wide distribution). We sincerely appreciate your writing an article on our new organization. If readers are interested in receiving more information or participating in the various activities of the organization, they can send their name address and phone number to our box number and we'll contact them. Thanks again, and have a very good New Year!

Sincerely,



Kay Schwie, Chairperson

Working to conserve and manage wisely the cultural and natural resources of the Minnesota Valley.

11-16-82

Sir:

Please mail me more information about
your organization. Thanks.

Howard Ward

12/19/82

MINNEOPA STATE PARK
RT. 9, BOX 143
MANKATO, MINN. 56001

Friends of the Minnesota Valley

Box 20244

Bloomington, Mn 55420

I am most interested
in some information about
your new organization which
I read about in the Minnesota
Volunteer. My address is below.

Thank you,

12/19/82 Nancy Wold
17721 Susan Dr
Minnetonka, Mn
55343

11/20/82

Sir or Madam,

Please send me information about
Friends of the Minnesota Valley. Thank you.

H4

Robin D. Knapp
2584 N. Humboldt Ave
Second Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55411

12/19/82

2504 N. Humboldt
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Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me information on your organization
FRIENDS OF THE MINNESOTA VALLEY and your newsletter
VALLEY VISION.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JOHN KENNEDY

428 Thomas Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55405

12/19/82



Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN.55420

Dear Sir:

I would like further
information regarding the
new organization "Friends of
the Minn. Valley."

Thank You.

Paul J. May
303 Buck
Chaska, Minn. 55318

12/19/82

Dear Friends,

Please send me complete
information on the
organization.

Catherine Reed
916 Marsh St.
Mankato, MN
56001

12/19/82

Please send info about the organization
Friends of Minn. Valley -

Are you aware ^{about} of a man at Jordan
who is trapping sparrow hawks,
educating them to eat "brown house
sparrows" instead of "blue birds"
and then releasing them? I think
his idea is unique and should
appear in write-ups so others can
do likewise.

Also, are you publicizing Richard
Peterson's new design for bluebird
houses? It is quite an improvement
on the old one and a detailed
drawing should appear in the Volunteer
so other people could copy it.
I've seen some saving and more expensive
"sprawlings" but I've found enough
this summer for 25 houses. Now
to get them made and up. Sincerely,
Elaine Bick, 205 Craig Ave.
Tracy, Minn. 56175

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Dec. 21, 1982

Friends of The Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, Minn. 55420

Dear Sir:

The recent issue of the Minnesota
Volunteer had a brief notice of your
organization. Please send me Two or
three copies each of your Newsletter
Valley Vision and any other literature
you may have. I'll be showing it
with others to encourage their member-
ship, too.

Thanks for sending them.

Sincerely yours,

J.R. Welshons
514 W. Oak St.
Stillwater, Minn.
55082

mailed

1/4/83

JOYCE,

HERE IS THE ARTICLE
YOU ASKED FOR. SEE
YOU TUESDAY.

Tim

"November White-tail" by Richard Plasschaert. Print offered by the Minnesota Conservation Federation, an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. (See story below.)



neapolis 55455, will be studying the distribution, numbers, and movements of Minnesota's seven species of bats. The study will focus on the southeastern quarter of the state, but researchers are also interested in bats occurring throughout Minnesota.

Do you see bats in or around your home? Dr. Birney would like to know where you have seen them roost and hibernate.

Write to him at the above address. Tell him the number of bats you have seen, the season of the year in which you saw them, and the presence or absence of young. Other observations will also be helpful.

Dr. Birney's research project is funded by the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program.

Conservation Print/Stamp: First Annual Issue

"NOVEMBER WHITE-TAIL," a 1,500 limited-edition print and stamp by Minnesota artist Richard Plasschaert, is being offered by the Minnesota Conservation Federation.

The print is the first of an annual series to be issued by the 43-year-old, 12,000 member state conservation group. Sales of the print and stamp will sponsor conservation education and resource protection programs in Minnesota.

Plasschaert was winner of the 1980-81 federal Duck Stamp competition.

Prints are \$50 unframed; stamps are \$3 each.

Minnesota Conservation Federation, 1034 S. Cleveland, St. Paul, MN 55116. Phone: (612) 690-3077.

* New Group Works for Minnesota Valley

"PEOPLE CONCERNED about the future of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area now have a voice," states the first issue of *Valley Vision*, newsletter of the recently organized Friends of the Minnesota Valley.

"Friends of the Minnesota Valley was created to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the area while promoting wildlife-oriented education, recreation, and compatible economic opportunity."

Goals include: Developing refuge and recreation areas in the Valley; promoting public awareness of the area; monitoring land uses; involving the public in management decisions; soliciting funds for land acquisition; enlisting volunteers for the association's programs.

For information about the new organization, write: Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Box 20244, Bloomington, MN 55420.

New Book on Minnesota's 81 Species of Mammals

The Mammals of Minnesota, by Evan B. Hazard. University of Minnesota Press, 2037 University Ave., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. 280 pp. Cloth: \$39.50; paper, \$15.95.

Minnesota's 81 species of mammals, reports the UM Press, "include familiar animals like chip-

munks . . . and bats; those we associate with the north woods — white-tail deer, bears, wolves . . . ; those that live in close association with humans — the destructive Norway rat; and those we seldom see or hear about — tiny meadow voles, fishers, and martens.

"*The Mammals of Minnesota* by Evan B. Hazard, professor of biology at Bemidji State University, is a comprehensive handbook of classification, identification, distribution, and ecology of these species.

"Each mammal is described in terms of size, color of fur, social and reproductive behavior, and interaction with people.

"Scratchboard drawings . . . show 40 species in their natural surroundings. The author's anatomical drawings and distribution maps, along with a glossary of technical terms, a list of subspecies, and an extensive [57 page] bibliography make this guide especially valuable for students."

Correction

In the July/August 1982 *Volunteer*, we inadvertently transposed the cutlines for the two pictures of wildflowers on page 14. The flower on the left should have been identified as common plantain; the flower on the right as blue vervain.

Many readers called this error to our attention. We regret the error occurred. —Ed.

No. 10

I would appreciate information about this new organization, per the Nov.-Dec. "Minnesota Volunteer" article.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Swonger
7032 Dawn

Twin Grove, Mn.
55075

Lyn Pent

11/22/82

Jan., 1984

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Dear member of Friends of the Minnesota Valley:

We hope you will renew your membership in the Friends. Last September renewal notices were mailed to the entire membership. The Board of Directors has selected September as the renewal month for the annual membership, regardless of the month in which you originally became a member.

FEB 29 1984

Your support is of utmost importance to an organization such as ours. Without a broad and expanding base of membership support, our influence on the elected officials who will shape the development of the refuge will be considerably lessened. IF YOU HAVE FOUND THE FRIENDS AN ORGANIZATION WORTHY OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, SEND YOUR RENEWAL TO: Friends of the Minnesota Valley/Box 20244, Bloomington, MN 55420. \$10-Student/Senior \$15-General \$25-Supporting \$50Sustaining

Complete this application and join the **FRIENDS** of the Minnesota River Valley

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FRIENDS of Minnesota Valley
Box 20244

☒ \$50.00 Sustaining

Bloomington, MN 55420

Name Wallace C. Dayton

Address 505 Peavey Building

City Mpls. State MN Zip 55402



Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
55420

TIME DATED MATERIAL



Wallace C. Dayton
505 - 730 Building
Minneapolis, MN 55402

November 9, 1982

Dear Sirs:

Your organization was mentioned in the Volunteer. I would like more information about it, with an eye to joining. What are your membership dues?

Besides living in the Minnesota valley, my wife and I have been hiking and picnicking for several years in the Lawrence and Rush River waysides; this fall we have been exploring the Carver Rapids wayside and the adjacent Louisville Swamp area of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Very truly yours,

Roy W. Meyer

Roy W. Meyer

207 Ellis Avenue

Mankato, MN 56001

*Sent
11/22/82*



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"Swamp Fox" Francis Marion, 1782

Friends of the Minnesota Valley

P. O. Box 20244

Bloomington, MN 55420

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR--WILDLIFE RESOURCES

To: Joyce Underkoffler/Treasurer

I applaud the formation of
FRIENDS to represent the
interests of citizens who
care about their Minnesota
valley National Wildlife Refuge.

I wish to make this small
donation & say keep up the
good work.

Bob Pitz



January 28, 1983

Dear Sirs,

Please send me information about, "Friends of the Minnesota Valley". I am a Minnesota resident currently working with the military in Europe.

Sincerely,

Edward Gross

Edward Gross

C.E. DIV. Box 580

APC NY NY 09742



Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Phil Cochran

Laboratory of Limnology
University of Wisconsin
Madison, WI 53706 USA

Cut and use this stub for address

If reprints are available, please
send me a copy of:

*Information about your
organization*

*Re: brochure
4/28/83*

Phil Cochran

Laboratory of Limnology
University of Wisconsin
Madison, WI 53706 USA

Sent to 28 Audubon
members

Friends of the

**Minnesota
Valley**



Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
55420

January 5, 1982

Dear Audubon Member or Friend:

At a recent monthly Audubon meeting featuring the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area, you signed a sheet indicating an interest in receiving information on, or participating in, the new group, Friends of the Minnesota Valley.

We are currently working on the first newsletter and planning the various activities that will be available to members (interesting volunteer projects, fundraising for purchase of refuge land, etc.). We'd love to have you share your thoughts and ideas with us at our next meeting, Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30 PM at the Refuge Headquarters (4101 East 78th Street - 34th Ave. exit off 494, then east on the frontage road that runs along the south side of 494).

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to be notified of our next meeting, please call Kay Schwie at 347-5917 (days) or 866-2644 (evenings).

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Kay Schwie
Chairperson

January 6, 1981

Todd Pennington
229 Walnut Lane
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124

Dear Todd:

We are most grateful for your generous donation of \$200.00 to our new organization. Your contribution is most helpful to us now while we're in the developmental phase of the organization. We sincerely appreciate your interest and concern for the River Valley.

Best wishes for a very good New Year!

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
Chairperson

BILL FRENZEL
THIRD DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1026 LONGWORTH BUILDING
202-225-2871

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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MINNEAPOLIS 55401
612-349-5100
IRIS SAUNDERSON
3601 PARK CENTER BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS PARK 55416
612-925-4540

January 14, 1982

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Ms. Kay Schwie
Chairperson,
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Schwie:

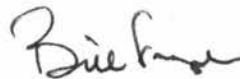
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During the coming months Congress will be establishing the budget targets for the Fiscal Year 1983 Budget. Some difficult decisions will have to be made with regard to funding levels for many programs. Although I am inclined to favor some reductions in the funding for land acquisition, I intend to see that the MVNWR gets any available funds.

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Yours very truly,



Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

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BILL FRENZEL
THIRD DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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202-225-2871

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January 14, 1982

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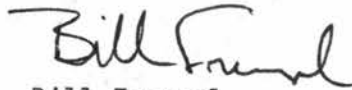
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ROBERT E. LIGHTHIZER, CHIEF COUNSEL
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January 21, 1982

Kathy Schwie
Chairperson
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Kathy:

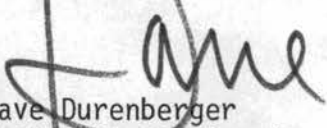
Thank you for your recent letter regarding your concern for land acquisition funds for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

I want to assure you that I will strongly support federal funding in FY'83 for the wildlife refuge. I am also exploring the availability of reprogrammed money in FY'82. As you perhaps know, I have written several times in the past to Chairman McClure of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee urging the highest possible funding levels for land acquisition, and I will not hesitate to continue to do so in the future.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Senator McClure in which I encourage primary consideration be given to those programs which have been underway for some time. Also please find enclosed my letter to Senator Hatfield urging that the Senate Appropriations Committee provide land acquisition funds for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Thanks once again for writing. I hope you'll continue to stay in touch.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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January 28, 1982

ROBERT E. LIGHTHIZER, CHIEF COUNSEL
MICHAEL STERN, MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR

Kathy Schwie
Chairperson
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Kathy:

Thanks for your letter regarding the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

I agree that the proximity of a large metropolitan population makes completion of the Refuge doubly important. It's also true that there are a number of willing sellers whose land would now be a part of the Refuge were it not for the shortage of funds.

As I have said, I will do my best to obtain FY 1983 funds for the Refuge, as well as reprogrammed funds for FY 1982. It's good to have your support, and I know you'll stay in touch on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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Friends of the

**Minnesota
Valley**



Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
55420

January 29, 1982

Mr. Harvey K. Nelson
Regional Director
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building
Fort Snelling
Twin Cities, MN 55111

Dear Mr. Nelson:

In reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, we couldn't help but notice the number of public meetings that have been held since January 1979 in your agency's continuing effort to involve and inform the public.

It appears that over the past three years, meetings have been either hosted or attended by your refuge staff and the planning team at a rate of about 100 per year. This represents a tremendous commitment of time and effort considering the amount of preparation and follow-up that must have been necessary to develop the excellent illustrative materials that were used and to summarize and integrate input from all those diverse groups.

The concern shown by all the professionals involved in this complex planning effort for both the natural environment and the interests of the diverse groups of people affected has been nothing short of exemplary. We think that the quality of this draft document reflects the commitment of the state and federal personnel that have participated in the Minnesota Valley Project.

The process establishing the refuge is a case study in positive citizen involvement that is beautifully documented in your newly released film. I understand that it received the CINE Golden Eagle Award and was chosen among last years twelve best films for showing at the 1981 National Education Association Convention. This and the refuge's other graphic and audio-visual materials, publications, signs and informational releases through the mass media are of consistent excellent quality, always provoking the interest of the audience and inviting individuals to learn more by getting involved in volunteer activities. It is commendable that in this first year of the refuge volunteer program over 60 people have become involved in activities ranging from computer programming to bird censusing.

And above all, I think that the work done by the Minnesota Valley Refuge Staff deserves special recognition. Not only have they seen that the nuts and bolts of refuge establishment have been carried out to create a visual quality and atmosphere of new facilities that makes the visiting public both comfortable and proud to have federal land management institutions, they have also initiated inter-agency projects to accomplish tasks that otherwise wouldn't get done. Recent examples are storm sewer projects in Bloomington that have been modified to minimize damage to wooded bluffs while enhancing wetland wildlife habitat, and the Cedar Avenue Trailhead Project that involved the Watershed District, the DNR and both city and county recreation planners.

By communicating positively and creatively at all levels, the refuge and planning staffs that have contributed to the Minnesota Valley effort have not only promoted good feelings about the work of the Fish and Wildlife Service, they have performed a valuable service to the community and its wildlife.

We are pleased to have an opportunity to work with these federal government employees.

Sincerely,

Kay Schwie
Chairperson

Friends of the

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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January 31, 1982

Mr. Dick Berg
Hennepin County Vocational-
Technical School
9200 Flying Cloud Drive
Eden Prairie, Mn. 55344

Dear Mr. Berg:

I am enclosing the material we discussed in our phone conversation last week regarding the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and the new support group, Friends of the Minnesota Valley. I sincerely appreciate your willingness to advise your students and/or staff of this project. We need artwork assistance in our newsletter design, for pamphlets and brochures we're developing, posters for publicity purposes, etc. Unfortunately, we do not have an adequate enough budget at this time to compensate anyone for other than the materials they would need. All of the organization's work (including the attorney handling the non-profit incorporation) is being done on a volunteer basis. The individual doing artwork would have their samples and hopefully this would be helpful to them.

Perhaps there is a student or staff member who has a real interest in the river valley and would be willing to volunteer some time toward the project. Thank you again so very much for your assistance in circulating this material among potentially interested individuals. Should anyone have any questions regarding this I can be reached at 347-5917 (W) or 866-2644 (H).

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
Chairperson

Friends of the
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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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April 2, 1982

Sen. Dave Durenberger
Butler Square Bldg., Ste. 400
100 N. 6th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Dear Senator Durenberger,

Our organization, the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, is concerned about the impact of government budget cuts on the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge. We are asking that you monitor the fund situation at the refuge.

Since the \$1.2 million land acquisition money has been eliminated, it is more important than ever that the remaining operations dollars stay at a level that maintains some momentum for the valley project. We can understand some reductions in the refuge budget, but ask that you work to keep them within reason. There is considerable work left to do on lands already acquired. It is important that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service demonstrate that they are actively proceeding with project implementation.

We continue to appreciate your interest in the Minnesota Valley and the work you have done to assist in the implementation.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Mellott

Elaine M. Mellott

/sa

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MICHAEL STERN, MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR

April 5, 1982

Elaine Mellott
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
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Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

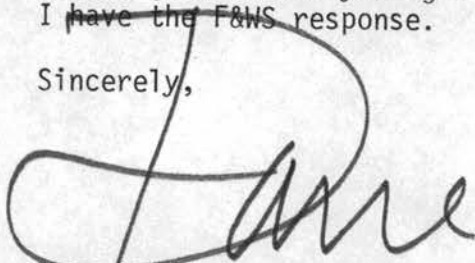
Dear Elaine:

Thanks for your letter outlining your concerns regarding the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge.

Certainly, I agree that the project deserves and must have continued funding support, and I will do everything I can to insure that operations money is sustained at an optimum level. To apprise the Fish and Wildlife Service of your concerns on implementation, I have forwarded your comments to Harvey Nelson, Regional Director of the Service at Fort Snelling.

It was good to see you again today, Elaine. I'll be back in touch when I have the F&WS response.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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DRAFT LETTER TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS--

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The FRIENDS OF THE MINNESOTA VALLEY are seeking to build a coalition of varied interests for the purpose of building and promoting the values of the Minnesota Valley. We are a new non-profit, tax exempt organization that is working to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Minnesota Valley while providing wildlife-oriented education, recreation and compatible economic opportunity. We are not organizing to oppose any special project as we hope to develop a broad-based positive program for the betterment of all who have an interest in the Minnesota Valley. We hope that you will join us in this task.

The first and most urgent task is to begin the implementation of the comprehensive plan recently completed as a joint effort of the Minnesota DNR and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To do this, we need a small amount of working capital to begin a fund drive for a land donation/acquisition project. Please help us by joining the FRIENDS OF THE MINNESOTA VALLEY with a group membership or through a special donation. Your membership will add your members to our newsletter mailing list and give you a special voice in the preservation and management of the Minnesota Valley.

Sincerely,

4-7-82

DRAFT LETTER TO VALLEY CORPORATIONS --

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Minnesota River Valley, with its grand vistas of grain barges ^{following} mending their way on the ~~undulating~~ river through forests and ^{lands} marshes, is an extremely valuable asset enjoyed by many in our valley communities but, unfortunately, taken for granted. We do not believe that such good things are happenstance. Most good things result from hard work. That is what this letter is about-- hard work for the betterment of the Minnesota Valley.

Your company has been identified as having an interest in the welfare of the Minnesota River Valley, whether it is enjoying a view from an office window or a direct financial gain from some type of commercial or recreational activity. If this assumption is correct, then we hope you will consider joining our organization in working to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Minnesota Valley while providing wildlife-oriented education, recreation, and compatible economic opportunity.

Our group, called the FRIENDS OF THE MINNESOTA VALLEY, is a non-profit, tax exempt organization of citizens, organizations and businesses that are interested in seeing that the Minnesota Valley remains a strong benefit for all of us. Our purpose statement and objectives are outlined in the enclosed brochure. As stated, our primary objective is to work for the implementation of the comprehensive plan for the valley as prepared jointly by the state and federal governments with cooperation of the local communities. Unfortunately, recent government budget cuts have reduced the government effort and we hope to take up some of the slack.

Please consider giving us a helping hand by either joining our organization or making a donation of dollars or time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call _____ at _____.

Sincerely,

4-7-82

Friends of the

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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April 8, 1982

Margret A. Kohring
Minnesota Field Office
The Nature Conservancy
328 E. Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Dear Peg:

Thank you very much for taking time from your busy schedule to discuss the services the Nature Conservancy might provide for "Friends." I appreciated your interest and support for the project and found my discussion with you and John Humpke very helpful. I look forward to further contact with you and the Nature Conservancy. I hope you have a good spring. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Timothy J. Kelly".

Timothy J. Kelly



Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
55420

John Humpke
The Nature (C)
328 E. Hennepin
Minneapolis

Dear John:

Thank you for
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your general
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of ideas and experience.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Kelly

Timothy J. Kelly

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Box 20244
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April 8, 1982

John Humpke
The Nature Conservancy
328 E. Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Dear John:

Thank you very much for taking time to discuss options and strategies for piecing together the Minnesota Valley Project. I appreciated your interest and support in the valley project and your generous offer of having TNC handle land transactions for the friends. I hope that we may continue our acquaintance and the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Timothy J. Kelly". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized.

Timothy J. Kelly

The Nature Conservancy

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328 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

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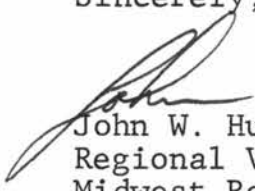
April 13, 1982

Mr. Timothy J. Kelly
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Tim:

Thank you for your letter. I said I would get you the name of the firm in Chicago that conducts canvassing programs. I've not met the people personally, but they have the reputation of being the best in the business. The contact is Marc Anderson, Hudson Bay Company, 1928 West Newport, Chicago, IL 60657. The telephone number is: 312/549-8162 or 312/549-6635. You can feel free to say that I suggested that you contact them.

Sincerely,


John W. Humke
Regional Vice President
Midwest Region

JWH:skm

cc: John Flicker
Peg Kohring

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National Office, 1800 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209

Friends of the

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Box 20244
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April 19, 1982

Mr. Ed Brigham
National Audubon-
Regional Office
Lumber Exchange Bldg., #920
10 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, Mn. 55401

Dear Mr. Brigham:

On behalf of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Elaine Mellott and I would like to invite you and Russell Peterson to meet with us and some members of the Mn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge staff. I believe that Elaine has spoken with you recently regarding your visiting the Refuge, seeing the Bass Ponds environmental education area, the marsh, etc., and viewing a short National award winning film about the Refuge.

We have heard that Mr. Peterson has a speaking engagement at noon on May 13th, and were hoping that some time during this trip to Minneapolis, both of you would have an opportunity to meet with us at the Refuge. Please call either me (347-5917 work) or Elaine Mellott (853-6086 work). We'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Kay L. Schwie
Chairperson



MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY AUDUBON CLUB
Box 20400, Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

April 20, 1982

Ed Bringham
Audubon Regional Office
Suite 920
Lumber Exchange Building
10 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, Mn. 55401

Dear Mr. Bringham:

I understand that Russell Peterson will be visiting this area on May 13. I am sorry that I will be out of town at the time, but I would be very interested in having you and Mr. Peterson meet with Kay Schwie (MRVAC Board member) and Elaine Mellott (a long-time very active MRVAC member), to discuss the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area. MRVAC "adopted" the refuge during the National Audubon "adopt a refuge" campaign. Since this refuge is most unusual (especially in an urban area), we felt that you and Mr. Peterson might enjoy having an opportunity to see the refuge and meet some of the refuge staff.

Elaine and Kay have established a new organization in support of the refuge, entitled the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. We hope that during the time that Mr. ^{Peterson} ~~Russell~~ is in town, you will have an opportunity to get together. You can reach Elaine Mellott at 884-1663 (home) or 853-6086 (work); Kay Schwie at 866-2644 (home) or 347-5917 (work).

Sincerely,

Clarence Swanson
President



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Federal Building, Fort Snelling
Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111

IN REPLY REFER TO:

(ARW-OP)

Honorable Dave Durenberger
United States Senator
Room 550 East
Butler Square Building
100 North 6th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

APR 21 1982

Dear Senator Durenberger:

This responds to your April 5, 1982 inquiry regarding the funding and status of project implementation on Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Budget reductions have impacted all levels of the federal government recently, and Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge is no exception. It, as well as nearly every other national wildlife refuge in the North Central Region, has been affected by funding cuts.

Though the reductions at Minnesota Valley Refuge and others have been substantial, every effort is still being made to accomplish as much of the planned work as possible. Several Minnesota Valley Refuge projects which were previously scheduled to be accomplished by contract will now be completed with refuge manpower and equipment. Other lower priority projects will have to be deferred. Specifically, projects to be completed include clean-up and restoration of the headquarters area, wildlife habitat restoration, and limited work on the Manzomani Trail project.

No one likes to see budget cuts which adversely affect worthwhile projects. However, when reductions are unavoidable, the Fish and Wildlife Service must make decisions on where the cuts will be by evaluating the impacts on both the needs of wildlife and the desires of people. The Service will continue to evaluate its funding distribution based on these criteria and will try to maximize the benefits to wildlife and people within allocated funds. We intend to proceed with the important projects scheduled at Minnesota Valley Refuge as rapidly as funding and regional priorities permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter; and, if you need additional information, please contact us again.

Sincerely yours,

James C. Gritman
James C. Gritman
Acting Regional Director

cc: Your Washington Office

APR 23 1982

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Please review this particularly the yellow

May 6, 1982

Dear Mr. Crozier:

Over the past several months the City of Bloomington has been preparing a comprehensive report and recommendations for zoning code revisions to establish an appropriate regulatory mechanism for the Minnesota River bluff in Bloomington. In the course of this work the City has reviewed documents by other agencies and received comments which have been very useful in formulating a preliminary draft. Enclosed is a copy of the Bluff Report District Plan: Draft April 1982 for your information and review.

On May 3, 1982 the City Council scheduled a public hearing on the Bluff Report District Plan and the following eight implementation recommendations:

- 1) Adopt revised Planned Development regulations (PD) overlay district;
- 2) Adopt reformed Flood Hazard regulations (FH) overlay district;
- 3) Adopt Bluff Protection Overlay District (BP);
- 4) Adopt Transfer of Development Potential Overlay District (TD);
- 5) Adopt steep slope and erosion control bonding regulations;
- 6) Rezone all area of the City below the 722-foot elevation to SC Conservation District;
- 7) Rezone all land along the Minnesota River bluff between 722-foot to 800-foot elevations and all land along the Nine Mile Creek Valley south of 106th Street between the 722-foot to 800-foot elevations to (B) Bluff Protection Overlay District;
- 8) Rezone the land in the Airport South area proposed for CO-1 and RO-50 zoning as proposed in the Airport South District Plan.

This hearing by the Planning Commission will be held June 17, 1982.

Please review this document and feel free to make any comments regarding this proposal. It would be appreciated if written comments could be received by June 11, 1982 so that the Planning Commission may consider these comments.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Rick Geshwiler, Senior Planner, at 887-9636.

Sincerely,

Robert Purcell, Director
Department of Community Development

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

NORTH MIDWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

~~BOX 159 XXX JAMES TOWN MN 58401 XXX 752-8378~~

Suite 920, Lumber Exchange Building
10 South 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55401
(612) 375-9140



May 17, 1982

Ms. Kay L. Schwie, Chairperson
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Kay:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the Minnesota Valley Refuge last week. I am pleased that Russ was able to meet you, Elaine, and Mary, as well as the Refuge staff.

I am very much interested in being of service to you and the Friends group. National Wildlife Refuges are a high personal as well as professional priority of mine.

Thanks for your leadership in protecting the Minnesota Valley.

Sincerely,

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EDWARD M. BRIGHAM, III
Regional Vice President

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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May 18, 1982

Mrs. Gertrude Ulrich
7601 Aldrich Ave. So.
Richfield, Mn. 55423

Dear Gertrude:

On behalf of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley,
I'd like to express our appreciation for the beautiful
editorial you wrote for the May 12 Richfield Sun. It
was very thoughtful, well researched and sensitively
written. I hope that many residents will accept your
invitation to experience the beauty of the river valley.

Thank you again for your interest in the Refuge, and for
your eloquently written editorial.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kay'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name 'Kay Schwie'.

Kay Schwie
Chairperson

Friends of the

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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May 18, 1982

Ms. Shirley Hunt
Office of Senator
David Durenberger
100 North 6th Street
Minneapolis, Mn. 55403

Dear Ms. Hunt:

Per your discussion with Elaine Mellott (Chairperson of our Legislative Committee), we are enclosing a draft for an amendment to P.L. 94-466, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act. Also enclosed are maps of the Refuge and other supplemental material.

We sincerely appreciate your continued interest and concern. Please feel free to contact either Elaine or me should you need any additional information.

Best regards,

Kay Schwie
Chairperson

Copies to Elaine & Ed

*6/1/82 copy to: Vern Genzlinger
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June 22, 1982

Ms. Kay Schwie
Chairperson
Friends of Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Schwie,

Thank you for contacting my Minneapolis office to request
a copy of my January letter to you.

I am sorry to hear that you were mugged. Experiences such
as that can be awful to go through. I hope that you are
feeling better and that life has returned to normal.

Enclosed is a replacement of the letter which I sent to you
on January 14, 1982 regarding the Minnesota Valley Refuge.
If you feel you require further assistance, please let me
know.

Yours very truly,



Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

BF:sr

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June 22, 1982

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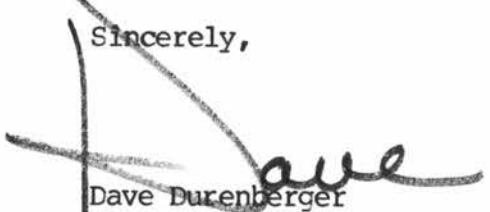
Dear Elaine:

The enclosed response has arrived from the Fish and Wildlife Service in reply to my inquiry on your behalf. I apologize for the delay in forwarding to you the agency's comments.

As you know, Elaine, I share your concerns. You can be assured of my continued efforts on behalf of Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge funding, and it's good to know that I can count on your support.

Again, thanks for writing. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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Enclosure

SUZANNE M. SANDAHL

ATTORNEY AT LAW

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HOME: 861-4789

OF COUNSEL:

STEPHEN C. ALDRICH

TIMOTHY R. ERLANDER

June 25, 1982

Mr. Tex Hawkins
Assistant Manager
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
4101 E. 78th Street
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

This is a belated thank you for taking the time to address the 40th District DFL on May 21st. We really appreciated your excellent presentation.

I know for a fact that at least one of our candidates has since visited the Wildlife Refuge for the first time.

I hope your preservation efforts continue successfully.

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Sandahl

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cc: Kay Schwie ✓
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Kay

July 8, 1982

Mr. Ed Brigham
Regional Director
National Audubon Society
Lumber Exchange Building
10 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Ed,

I thought you might like to know that the Minneapolis Star and Tribune will be doing a special Sunday Picture Magazine on the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area in about three weeks.

In this context I recall that earlier this year you kindly offered to visit with Wallace Dayton and some of your other colleagues about the possibility of chairing or serving on a committee for the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. The primary goal of this committee would be to raise seed money to begin a major fund drive to help with land acquisition and visitor center construction. I hope you will have an opportunity for such conversations in the near future. You will be interested to know that we expect to be eligible for tax deductible status within the next 45 days. This, in addition to the upcoming major local publicity, would seem to introduce a spark of community curiosity and interest related to the refuge.

I would be most appreciative of any help you could offer to initiate such leadership interest. Please call on me if I can be helpful in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine

Elaine Mellott, Board of Directors
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Phone: 853-6068 (work)
884-1663 (home)

Friends of the

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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July 13, 1982

Ms. Alice Pinsley
Director of Capital Giving
The Nature Conservancy
1800 North Kent Street
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Alice:

I'm enclosing a copy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service news release we discussed regarding Secretary Watt's new Wetlands and Duck Resource Protection program. (The Task Force members are listed on page two.)

Thanks again for your willingness to discuss this with Mr. Blair, and if either of you can call me with some additional information on the program, I'd be most appreciative. I can be reached Monday through Thursday at 612-347-5917, and on Fridays at 612-866-2644. Thank you!

Best regards,

Kay Schwie
President

Honorable Martin O. Sabo
House of Representatives
426 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Kay
I see that Sabo is
on the House Appropriations
Comm. so thought it would
be a good time for a request.
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Dear Mr. Sabo:

Although ~~several members of~~ our organization ^{has} ~~have~~ contacted your office regarding a meeting with you to discuss our general concern about the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, we are sending this letter about a special issue.

In Fiscal Year 1981 the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service had available 1.6 million dollars for Minnesota Valley land acquisition which was rescinded by the Reagan Administration and not made available again. Since there are a number of landowners who have or will sell their lands for other purposes if the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service does not acquire the land quickly, it is important that these land acquisition dollars be restored. At the time the funds were rescinded, a number of people were willing to sell and some were older people who need the money so it is important for a number of citizens as well as for wildlife that the land acquisition dollars be made available again. We hope that you, through your position on the House Appropriations Committee, can be of some help in this matter.

Of a lower priority but still important is the funding of the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Interpretive Center which is required by P.L. 94-466, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act. Although not a large federal construction project (approximately 5 million dollars), it could provide some employment for the construction industry in your district if funded.

We will be happy to discuss these subjects with you and still hope to meet with you about our general Minnesota Valley concerns.

Sincerely,

DRAFT:7-19-82

Friends of the

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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July 22, 1982

Honorable James G. Watt
Secretary of the Interior
Chairman, Protect our Wetlands and
Duck Resources (POWDR)
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We were pleased to learn that you have established a task force to assure the preservation of America's wetlands for migratory bird habitat. Obviously, the success of such an undertaking will depend on the cooperative effort of both public and private institutions working in support of your group's mission.

Our local organization, "FRIENDS OF THE MINNESOTA VALLEY", is attempting to preserve the great waterfowl marshes of the Minnesota Valley. As you probably know, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge is not yet completed and there are no land acquisition funds currently available to acquire additional lands, so we are attempting to "build a wildlife refuge" using grass roots support.

We know that we will never be able to accomplish our whole task without additional government funds, particularly in view of growing numbers of local willing sellers who need the money, but we are doing our best to help fill the gap (see enclosed Newsletter). We are making people aware of the benefits of wetlands and refuges. We are enlisting volunteers to work for the refuge to extend staff capabilities. We hope to encourage gifts of land, etc.

One corporation, the Northern States Power Company, recently leased 1,100 acres to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 50 years at \$400 per year. There are many other unexploited possibilities. Of the 2,800 acres of private lands left to be protected in the lower Minnesota River Valley, about 2,200 acres are owned by ten landowners. These include international corporations, large local businesses, duck hunting clubs and wealthy individuals.

We believe that POWDR could be of immeasurable assistance by talking with these ten potential refuge supporters about the merits of wetland giving. Peer contacts could tip the scales here in favor of wetland conservation. If you think your task force could be of assistance, we would be glad to provide more detailed information.

The preservation and public enjoyment of the Minnesota Valley is already a wonderful example of multi-level involvement. Individuals, local communities, county governments, the State of Minnesota, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are all contributing actively to the success of this project. We only need a little more additional support in the right places to complete the project. We hope that you can help--both as Secretary of the Interior and as Chairman of POWDR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'K.S.' with a stylized flourish.

Kay Schwie
President

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Forrest (Fob) James
Governor of Alabama
Co-Chairman, POWDR
State Capitol
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Friends of the

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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July 26, 1982

William Blair, Jr., President
The Nature Conservancy
1800 North Kent Street
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Mr. Blair:

We were pleased to see that you are one of the Task Force members for Secretary Watt's, Protect our Wetlands and Duck Resources (POWDR) program. I am enclosing a copy of our letter to the Secretary, as well as a copy of our newsletter and a feature story/picture essay which appeared in the July 25, 1982 Minneapolis Tribune.

With the work which has already been accomplished here, and the positive climate existing among the landowners, we are hopeful that POWDR will select the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area as a demonstration project. Any assistance you can provide will be most sincerely appreciated. Should you want any additional information, please feel free to contact me. My work number is (612) 347-5197 and my home phone is (612) 866-2644. Thank you!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kay Schwie'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'K'.

Kay Schwie
President

Enclosures

**National
Wildlife Refuge
Association**



P/O/Bx 124
Winona, Minnesota 55987
507/455-5000
16096 Creekwood Road
Prior Lake, MN 55372
July 27, 1982

Ms. Elaine Mellott
9400 Cedar, #101
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Elaine:

It is gratifying to learn from your letter of July 8 that you and the many other supporters of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge have decided to formalize this support through the establishment of a non-profit organization, Friends of the Minnesota Valley. I have also received the first issue of your newsletter, VALLEY VISION, and have read with interest the excellent article about the Refuge and your organization in last Sunday's Minneapolis Star and Tribune.

There is little question but what the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge would not have become a reality had it not been for the enthusiastic support which you and your associates gave this project. Also, we know from experience how difficult it is to engender the financial support needed to get a new organization "off the ground". We realize, too, in looking at the National Wildlife Refuge System from a national perspective, how important it is to an individual refuge to have organized local support.

We are indeed pleased to learn of your plans and, as a more tangible evidence of our support are enclosing our check for \$200 to help you in your first-year start-up expenses. I am also enclosing my personal check for \$10 along with my application for membership as a senior citizen in the Friends of the Minnesota Valley.

You may also be interested in our newsletter, the BLUE GOOSE FLYER, which we publish quarterly. A copy of our July issue is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Forrest A. Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F".

Forrest A. Carpenter
President
National Wildlife Refuge Association

Enclosures.

cc: Refuge Manager Crozier
Donald V. Gray

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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July 28, 1982

Honorable David Durenberger
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durenberger:

We appreciated your being represented by your Minneapolis aides, Jeff Frey and Joan Atwater, at the July 9th NSP - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge lease agreement ceremony held at Blackdog Lake. I'm enclosing a copy of our newsletter which features an article on the new arrangement.

Jeff and Joan have attended several of our Friends planning and development meetings, and we've been really pleased to have their participation. Shirley Hunt has also been working closely with us over an extended period of time, and her input, advice and counsel have been especially valued and appreciated. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, which is additionally reflected in your staff's involvement in the project.

Thanks again for your continued effort in assuring the success of this entire project.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
President

c.c. Shirley Hunt
Jeff Frey
Joan Atwater

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July 28, 1982

Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boschwitz:

I appreciated having an opportunity to meet your assistant, Don Mosher, and visit with him briefly at the July 9th NSP - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge lease agreement ceremony held at Blackdog Lake. I'm enclosing a copy of our newsletter, which features an article on the new arrangement.

As I mentioned in my conversation with Mr. Mosher, the Friends organization will be encouraging leases, donation of property, etc., however, that will only solve a portion of the problem. At the time the 1981 \$1.6 million dollars in Minnesota Valley land acquisition funds were rescinded, some of the willing sellers were older people who were in need of the funds. If acquisition money can not be obtained for these individuals, it is likely that their land will be sold for other purposes (potentially not compatible with wildlife refuge management, thus destroying the continuity of the refuge).

Mr. Mosher mentioned that your office was recently instrumental in acquiring some LAWCON funding for a project in Red Wing, Mn. We are very interested in discussing this further, and hope that you and your staff will be able to assist in restoring the rescinded funds for the refuge. We feel that as private citizens we can accomplish some acquisition/lease arrangements, but we will need a commitment from the Federal Government as well. We appreciate your continued interest in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and hope that you will be able to assist us in this cooperative venture.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
President

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Box 20244
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July 28, 1982

Honorable Bill Frenzel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Frenzel:

I appreciated having an opportunity to meet you and visit with you briefly at the July 9th NSP/Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge lease agreement ceremony held at Blackdog Lake. I'm enclosing a copy of our Newsletter which features an article on the new arrangement.

As I mentioned in our conversation, the Friends organization will be encouraging leases, donation of property, etc., however, that will only solve a portion of the problem. At the time the 1981 \$1.6 million dollars in Minnesota Valley land acquisition funds were rescinded, some of the willing sellers were older people who were in need of the funds. If acquisition money can not be obtained for these individuals, it is likely that their land will be sold for other purposes (potentially not compatible with wildlife refuge management, thus destroying the continuity of the refuge).

It is our understanding that some LAWCON funds were recently allocated for a project in Red Wing, Mn., and the Metropolitan Council will be requesting over \$3 million in LAWCON and LCMR funds for 1983. We would like to ask for your assistance in seeking restoration of the rescinded funds for the refuge. We know that as private citizens we can accomplish some acquisition/lease arrangements, but we will need a commitment from the Federal Government as well. We appreciate your continued interest in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area and hope that you will be able to assist us in this cooperative venture.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
President

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July 28, 1982

William H. Hippee and
Timothy J. Walsh
Dorsey, Windhorst, Hannaford and Halladay
2200 First Bank Place East
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Bill and Tim:

On behalf of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, I'd like to thank both of you for the significant amount of time you spent advising and counseling us as we struggled to emerge as a viable organization. Well, we've made it, thanks to you and your organization for your willingness to participate in community assistance programs, such as the Legal Advice Clinic. You are performing a very worthwhile community service, and we most sincerely appreciated your being there when we needed you.

I'm enclosing a copy of our first newsletter, and we'll continue to send you new issues to keep you informed of our progress. Thank you again so very much for your time and patience in working with us.

Best regards,

Kay Schwie
President

Enclosure

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July 28, 1982

Mr. Harvey K. Nelson
Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building
Fort Snelling
Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I appreciated having an opportunity to meet you at the Blackdog NSP lease ceremony on July 9th. It was a very significant occasion for everyone involved. I am enclosing a copy of the Friends newsletter which features an article on the new agreement. We will be doing everything we can as a support organization to seek funds and other acquisition arrangements for the completion of the Refuge, and sincerely appreciate your continued effort in assuring the success of the project as well.

Thanks again for your ongoing commitment and support.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
President

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Box 20244
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July 29, 1982

Don Mosher
Office of Senator Rudy Boshwitz
210 Bremer Building
419 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Mn. 55101

Dear Don:

I enjoyed having an opportunity to meet you on July 9th, and hope that we can get together to discuss LAWCON funding in the near future. Perhaps we could meet at the refuge headquarters, if this would be convenient for you. Detailed maps of the area, etc. would be available. You could also view the national award winning film on the refuge, which gives a very nice overview of the various components of the refuge.

I can be reached at 347-5917 (W), or 866-2644 (H), or you can call Ed Crozier, Refuge Manager, at 854-5900.

Thanks again for your interest in the refuge.

Sincerely,

Kay Schwie
President

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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July 29, 1982

Clayton K. Larson
President and Chief Operating Officer
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Dear Mr. Larson:

I was pleased to be able to attend the July 9th NSP - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge lease agreement ceremony held at Blackdog Lake, and to have an opportunity to meet several members of NSP management who had been instrumental in effecting the arrangement. I am enclosing a copy of the Friends newsletter, which features an article on the new agreement.

The Minnesota river valley has had a long history of wildlife areas coexisting with economic enterprise. One of the objectives of the Friends organization is to seek a balance and compatibility of both corporate entities and the existing natural resource. The lease arrangement represents a very significant commitment on the part of NSP for long term management of this unique wildlife area.

We sincerely appreciate NSP's leadership role in assuring a compatible coexistence in the river valley, and hope that your example will encourage others to also recognize the unique natural resource at their doorstep.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
President

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Box 20244
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July 29, 1982

Donald R. Dwight, President & Publisher
Minneapolis Star and Tribune
425 Portland Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55488

Dear Mr. Dwight:

On behalf of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, I'd like to thank you for the very significant amount of coverage you've given to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area over an extended period of time. The Sunday, July 25, Picture section done by Mitch Kezar and Kent Kobersteen was simply spectacular! I've received many phone calls and complimentary comments on the article, including one from a New York City friend (formerly from Minneapolis). It was most impressive!

We sincerely appreciate your journalistic excellence, and your continued support and interest in the river valley. I thought you might like to see the first issue of our newsletter; not quite as grand as the Picture section feature, but it is a first step in our becoming a vehicle for communication within the river valley. Thanks again for your leadership role in assuring the success of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
President

c.c. Mitch Kezar
Kent Kobersteen

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RONALD R. DWIGHT
President and Publisher

August 2, 1982

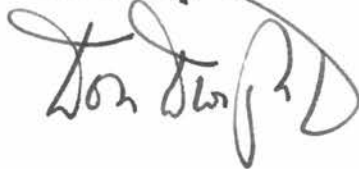
Ms. Kay L. Schwie, President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Schwie

Many thanks for your nice letter about the
July 25 Sunday Picture Magazine.

I agree, it was a handsome and well-done
job, and I am glad that you made the effort
to let Kent Kobersteen and Mitch Kezar
know about it.

Sincerely,

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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

August 12, 1982

Ms. Kay Schwie
President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Ms. Schwie:

Secretary Watt has asked me to respond to your letter of July 22, 1982, in my capacity as his assistant for matters related to Project POWDR.

We thoroughly appreciate your making us aware of the important work your organization is doing in protecting our wetlands. I hope you will take it upon yourself to encourage other groups to apprise us of their similar activities.

During the first Task Force meeting of Project POWDR on July 27, 1982, the members decided to establish four subcommittees to pursue specific actions to promote wetlands objectives. One of the subcommittees will address private sector initiatives in particular. I believe that this subcommittee is best suited to address your organization's immediate interest in protecting the 2,200 acres of the lower Minnesota River Valley. As such, I have forwarded a copy of your letter along with a personal note from me to Mr. Robert Marcotte, Chairman of the Board of Ducks Unlimited, and also chairman of the Private Sector Initiatives Subcommittee of Project POWDR. You may wish to contact Mr. Marcotte directly, and if so, his mailing address is Ducks Unlimited, P.O. Box 66300, Chicago, Illinois 60666. I have also forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. Walter McAllester of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who is also assisting Secretary Watt in this project.

I sincerely appreciate your willingness to take the time and effort to apprise us of your organization's activities. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jack M. Campbell
Special Assistant to the
Assistant Secretary - PBA



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August 18, 1982

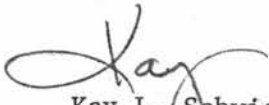
Tim Walsh, Attorney at Law
Dorsey, Windhorst, Hannaford, Whitney & Halladay
220 South 6th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Mr. Walsh:

We have received a request for clarification of our activities from the IRS, and have drafted the enclosed response. I would really appreciate your reviewing the material and advising me whether or not you feel I've adequately responded to their concerns.

Thank you again for your assistance on this. I can be reached at 347-5197 or 866-2644.

Best regards,


Kay L. Schwie
President

Friends of the

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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August 25, 1982

Ms. Marilyn Gaiovnik - EO 7204
Internal Revenue Service Center
Room 338
316 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Mn. 55101

Dear Ms. Gaiovnik:

The following is in response to your inquiry for additional information/clarification regarding the activities of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. I am enclosing a copy of our first newsletter (you received a draft version), and also an article about the Refuge and the Friends organization which appeared in the Sunday Minneapolis Tribune Picture section, July 25, 1982 (see page 10 for specific information about the Friends). Since we are starting with a very limited budget, we have not been able to print any additional literature yet, but will do so as membership and/or grant money becomes available. The article in the Star has generated additional interest and we hope it will also generate memberships.

With regard to question numbers one and two, our involvement with governmental bodies will be primarily with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, specifically the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area (MVNWRRA) in that we will be providing volunteers to supplement their staff and activity programs. We currently have volunteers monitoring wildlife, assisting with trail patrol, doing computer programming, assisting with office work, cataloging library and audiovisual materials, providing expertise in hydrology, etc. Since the Mn. DNR is responsible for the trail system which will traverse the refuge, we would likely be considered as working in conjunction with them also, through trail patrol activities.

Since one of our objectives is to serve as a vehicle for communication among the various entities within the river valley, we will participate in community activities in the river valley, such as encouraging a cooperative effort in implementing the Master Plan for the River Valley, having a booth at community fairs, etc., informing residents of the programs and activities available at the Refuge, and the various volunteer opportunities available to them.

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In addition to volunteer activities, we also plan to have a significant fundraising program aimed at completing the purchase of land designated for inclusion in the Refuge and also for completion of a Refuge visitor center. Any money donated to the Friends of the Minnesota Valley for land acquisition or for a visitor center would be given to the Refuge for those purposes. We have been closely studying the program used by The Nature Conservancy, as we would like to implement a similar type of planned giving program. We have met with a professional fundraiser, attended a Planned Giving Seminar sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, and have also discussed this type of program with an attorney who specializes in this area. (These consultations and the seminar were provided to us free of charge.) We have also been identifying individuals within the community who could be approached regarding a leadership role in a general large-scale fundraising effort. (Money generated through memberships will assist us with fundraising expenses, provide a newsletter for members and printing of brochures, etc.)

Secretary Watt has recently announced the organization of a new group called POWDR, "Protect Our Wetland and Duck Resources", and we have approached that group requesting assistance. (See enclosed letter to Mr. Watt and accompanying material.) There are several individual landowners in the river valley who we feel would potentially benefit (from a tax standpoint) by donating their property for inclusion in the Refuge system, or by making substantial financial contributions for land acquisition purposes.

With regard to question number three, we have not (nor will we be) utilizing money for legislative activities. The time we have (and will be) spending in this area is also limited. No substantial part of our activities will consist of lobbying or similarly attempting to influence legislation, and we will not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Refuge was created by Federal legislation (which is unusual) and has had the continual support of both State and Federal officials. The Federal money which has in the past been used for land acquisition has come from LAWCON (Land and Water Conservation Funds) which are specifically earmarked for these types of acquisitions, but were recently rescinded. Our senators and representatives are aware of the rescission and some have requested restoration, or indicated an interest in doing so as new budgets are prepared. Senator Durenburger has been especially interested in the Refuge and has also authored a bill which would allow for an extension of time (beyond that in the original legislation) for land acquisition activities (see enclosed). The worth of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge speaks for itself. It is highly unique and a real asset to the State and also carries a significant National status. We do not feel that any special legislative activity is required. The Federal Government has placed a significant investment in the Refuge to date, and as LAWCON funds become available I would anticipate that additional funds

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will also be allocated for the Refuge. That would, however, provide only a portion of the needed acquisition, and over a rather extended period of time. We feel that donations by private citizens (of either land or money) will be needed to accomplish the entire project. We are confident that this cooperative effort is feasible and that we as individuals in this organization are willing to invest the time and talent necessary to achieve our objectives.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
President

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Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
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August 23, 1982

Mr. William B. Blair, Jr.
The Nature Conservancy
1800 Kent Street North
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Mr. Blair:

I am enclosing the response we received from the Secretary's office regarding Project POWDR. We are pleased that our material has been forwarded to Mr. Marcotte, and are looking forward to discussing our situation with him.

Thank you again for the interest and assistance you've provided.

Best regards,

Kay L. Schwie
President

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 16, 1982

The Honorable James McClure
Chairman
Interior and Related Agencies
Subcommittee of Appropriations
1208 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

I am writing regarding the FY 1983 Appropriations bill for Interior and Related Agencies. Although it appears that the Senate will not complete action on this appropriations bill before the October recess there are a number of issues I want to bring to your attention that are of concern nationally and of particular interest to the State of Minnesota and federal facilities within the State.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act (P.L. 95-495)

In the testimony I presented to the Committee on April 15 regarding appropriations under the BWCAWA, I referenced two areas for which funding authority exists under the Act, but figures were not available at that time.

Funding for Section (19):

\$200,000 is requested for appropriation under Section (19).

These funds are projected for use in the following areas:

- Completion of a number of projects undertaken by resorters and outfitters with grants awarded in FY'81 and FY'82;
- Administration of projects by communities under grants awarded in FY'82 but not scheduled for completion until well into FY'83.

The program developed under section (19) has proved valuable to the local community and business interests in the adjustment period necessitated by the major land use change caused by passage of the BWCAWA. The continued support of this Committee has been of utmost importance to an area that is hard hit economically, but eager and effective in making the transition required under the Act. As you know, there was a several month delay from the time the BWCAWA became law and the time money was appropriated. Appropriation of \$200,000 will allow the program to conclude in the three-year period envisioned under the Act.

Funding under Section (18):

As I indicated in my earlier statement to the Subcommittee, I am providing further detail regarding funding for a program proposed by the Disabled Veterans Recreation, Inc.

I urge the Subcommittee's favorable consideration of this creative proposal which utilizes two of the resorts purchased under Section 5 of the BWCAWA.

Authority for the proposal is provided under Section 18 of P.L. 95-495:

"The Secretary in cooperation with the State of Minnesota and other appropriate groups, consistent with the purposes of this Act, is authorized and directed to develop a program providing opportunities for a wide range of outdoor experiences for disabled persons."

The program would provide a year-round wilderness recreation experience for disabled veterans in the BWCA. The non-profit organization (based in the community of Ely) proposal utilizes resorts purchased by the Forest Service in the project. The purpose of the program is to facilitate the use of the BWCA by disabled veterans from all parts of the nation.

It is important to note that federal funds requested for this program would be utilized to develop facilities that are already federally owned.

The Disabled Veterans Recreation, Inc. organization has held extensive discussions with the Forest Service regarding the use of the two resorts. Such use would require special use permits from the Forest Service. The Forest Service has indicated its willingness to grant such permits.

The Iron Range Resources Rehabilitation Board, an agency of the State of Minnesota, has provided the organization with a \$25,000 grant for initial planning expenses for the project and is committed to providing additional funds at a level of between \$100,000 and \$200,000, if funds are provided by the federal government. The project has received extensive support from the Minnesota American Legion, the Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Sierra Club, the Friends of the Boundary Waters, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and other governmental groups.

Through determined effort and leadership, the Disabled Veterans Recreation Inc. has made rapid progress in developing and providing the needed support for the program which would provide for utilization of existing resorts benefiting both disabled veterans and the economy of this area of Minnesota.

The project is divided into three phases. Phase I, the pilot project, would utilize one resort, the Sunny Dene Resort. Phase I costs are estimated as follows:

		Phase I
Staff Costs		175,000
Expenses		225,000
Construction		125,000
Contingency		25,000
	TOTALS	550,000
Income		375,000
Difference		175,000

I believe the pilot project should be funded. If the Subcommittee does not believe that it can recommend appropriations for the entire Phase I costs, I ask the Subcommittee to fund $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of the project, approximately \$275,000 in fiscal year 1983.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Land and Water Conservation Funds, Payments In Lieu of Taxes, Urban Park Rehabilitation, Historic Preservation and National Park System Restoration.

I strongly support the \$150,000 million recommended for funding of the LWCF for FY 1983.

The State portion of the program has completed the one-year moratorium agreed upon and should be funded at a \$50 million-\$80 million level to continue an excellent program which is well supported and used in my State of Minnesota. The State program is particularly important for the Midwest, South and Eastern regions of the country.

The federal portion of the program must be expanded by the Congress beyond the administration's request of \$63 million for court awards and deficiency payments to permit completion of the acquisition program in the national park and forestry system to the extent specified for each unit. Certainly the Congress must provide for relief in hardship cases and ensure the continuation of an acquisition program from willing sellers who are limited in the use of their land within the federal system.

The \$150 million recommended in the first budget resolution is not enough to meet the existing needs, but will go far to continue an acquisition program which is equitable and fair to the affected landowners.

I support these levels of funding for the following program:

- . Payments- In-Lieu of Taxes, \$96 million
- . Urban Park Rehabilitation, \$ 8 million
- . Historic Preservation \$25 million
- . National Park Service \$76 million
- Restoration

Funding for the Metropolitan Rivers Corridor Study Committee:

P.L. 96-607 was signed into law on December 28, 1980. Title IX of the act establishes a 15-member Study Committee and authorizes a \$300,000 appropriation for a two-year study of the three river corridors that transect the Metropolitan area of Minneapolis/St. Paul.

It is important that the study be funded to facilitate a review of the several major management issues that affect the three rivers, but are not being systematically addressed at this time.

Major federal holdings on the St. Croix--part of the Wild and Scenic River System--a several thousand acre National Wildlife Refuge and National Recreation Area on the Minnesota River combine with the federal navigation interests on the Mississippi River to represent the high level of federal involvement in the commercial and recreational aspects of the three river corridors.

As well, there are major local/regional and state parks along the three rivers. The Study Committee is charged to review the management of the rivers and make recommendations regarding the future direction for planning and compatible multiple use of the river system. Emerging problems indicate that there is an urgent need to get the study underway.

Congested surface water use of the St. Croix resulting in private, state and federal land use conflicts, public safety concerns for pleasure craft on the Mississippi and compatible development of large local/state parklands located in the corridors are some of the major issues necessitating funding the study now. Recent proposed changes in federal policy also must be assessed at the local/state level to determine the impact on programs predicated on existing policy and to involve the several levels of government and the private sector in creative, positive adjustments.

The study which will be conducted by a committee of representatives of the state, regional and local government of Minnesota, as well as five federal members, will provide a unique opportunity for developing a real federal/state/local partnership in reviewing and making recommendations for the future of this important resource designated national interest and concern for both commercial and recreational interests.

It is not expected that the study will result in any further federal designation or federal land acquisition beyond that already established under existing law. The committee will be out of existence at the end of a two-year period beginning at the time of the first appropriation.

There is a high level of enthusiasm for the study and a fine study committee has been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Last year, I engaged in a colloquy with you regarding funding for the study. However, the Secretary of Interior chose to ignore the colloquy and the study was not funded.

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I urge the Committee to designate a line item under the appropriate account in the Interior budget to provide \$150,000 for the study in FY 1983.

Voyageurs National Park:

I am pleased that S. 625, the Voyageurs Park bill, which provides increased authorization for land acquisition of the 4% of remaining land in private ownership in Voyageurs Park has passed the Senate and been reported out by the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

With the increased authorization assured, I strongly urge the Committee to appropriate \$5.8 million for the land acquisition program at Voyageurs Park. \$3.8 million was identified by the administration for court awards - a legal obligation of the government. An additional \$2 million is needed for the back-log of hardship cases and willing sellers that have indicated a desire to sell their property to the Park.

The passage of the Voyageur bill by the Congress and the continued support by this Committee mean that the great potential of the magnificent Voyageurs National Park can move toward realization. I want you to know how important this Committee and the Energy and Natural Resource Committee actions have been in the resolution of long standing disputes and easing tensions between citizens of the area and the federal government.

Appropriations for FY 1983 and beyond for the Visitor's Center, land acquisition and park development will continue to be of utmost importance.

St Croix Wild and Scenic River:

The Lower St. Croix Scenic and Recreational River on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border was established in 1972. In the last ten years the Park Service land acquisition program has underestimated the just compensation to 465 landowners along the river. I urge the Committee to review the situation to insure that necessary funds needed to rectify the deficiency will be available in FY 1983.

Grand Portage National Monument:

The General Management Plan calls for construction of a visitor contact station, roads, parking, trails and a maintenance facility at the monument.

\$102,000 is needed in FY'83 for advance planning on which all future visitor development depends.

I urge the Committee's favorable consideration of that amount in the FY 1983 appropriations

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Minnesota National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area(PL 94-466):

The master plan for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area received final approval on August 30, 1982. Fiscal year 1983 will be the first complete "official" year for the refuge.

Pending approval of the master plan, appropriation requests for land acquisition and development were not included in the administration's budget request.

With the master plan in place, I request the Committee favorably consider the following additional appropriation for the Refuge in FY 1983.

The Minnesota Valley Refuge Visitor Center:

Authorized in PL 94-466, the Refuge master plan lists as its primary development proposal, the Wildlife Interpretive/Education Center. Schematic designs have been completed for the Center. The estimated construction cost is about \$6 million.

I strongly urge that \$3.3 million be earmarked to initiate construction on the Wildlife Interpretive/Education Center in the FY 1983 appropriation bill.

Land Acquisition:

Of the \$8.5 million authorized by PL 94-466, \$1.6 million is unexpended. This \$1.6 million has been rescinded and authority to appropriate these funds will expire on September 30, 1983.

I request the Committee's consideration of restoration of the \$1.6 million in the FY 1983 appropriation bill.

Iron River National Fish Hatchery, Iron River, Wisconsin:

Extinction of the lake trout stock in Lakes Michigan and Huron and severe reduction of Lake Superior stock in the early 1950's have necessitated a strong federal program under the direction of the Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. Rehabilitation of the Upper Great Lakes Fishery from the devastation caused by sea lamprey depredation is of utmost importance to the sportsmen and economy of Minnesota and the other Great Lakes states.

Basic to the FWS Rehabilitation and restoration program is restocking of the fish population so that sufficient fish density can be achieved and natural reproduction can occur.

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The National Hatcheries at Jordan River, Michigan; Hiawatha Forest/Pendell Creek in the Upper Penninsula; and at Iron River, Wisconsin are necessary to the restocking program.

Although I support maintenance and rehabilitation of existing facilities, it is imperative that the hatchery at Iron River, Wisconsin be funded to permit completion of the construction phase of the project and move the facility into full production.

No construction funds have been requested for the Iron River National Fish Hatchery in FY 1983. Construction funds totaling \$5,150,000 have been appropriated in prior years. An additional \$5,567,000 projected as of April 1983, are required to complete construction at the Iron River National Fish Hatchery.

The Iron River National Fish Hatchery is an essential part of the plan to restore self-sustaining populations of lake trout in the Upper Great Lakes. Until the station is completed, annual production at Iron River National Fish Hatchery will be limited to 500,000 fingerlings raised in the hatchery building tanks. Design capacity of the completed hatchery is 3.5 million fingerlings annually. With full production at Iron River National Fish Hatchery, total FWS production of lake trout for the Upper Great Lakes will be 9.5 million fingerlings annually. Needs are estimated at 10-11 million.

Completion of this facility is supported by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, all the Great Lakes States, and the Canadian Government.

I urgently request the Subcommittee to appropriate \$3.551 million in FY 1982 to complete the Schacte Creek unit.

The funding and output detail are as follows:

Item	\$000	Production (000)	
		Number	Pounds
Complete Schacte Creek Unit	3,551	2,600	130
Broodstock enclosure	(309)		
Production raceways and water control structures	(1,432)		
Equipment, vehicles, and furnishings	(116)		
Service and storage building	(414)		
Paved roads, utilities, domestic sewage, fencing, landscaping, etc	(457)		
Three residences, utilities, and landscaping	(823)		

The Honorable James McClure
September 16, 1982 ..

Summary of
Requests for Funding
under the
Interior and Related Agencies
Fiscal Year 1983
Appropriations Bill
by
Senator Dave Durenberger

- . Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act, PL 95-495 - Programs which funding is requested in addition to the request to the Interior Subcommittee of Appropriations on April 15, 1982.

	Section (19) -	\$200,000
	Section (18) -	<u>\$275,000</u>
Disablied Veterans Facility		
TOTAL	-	<u>\$475,000</u>

- . Metropolitan River Corridor Study, PL 96-607 Sec.IX....\$150,000.
- . Voyageurs National Park, PL 91-661, Land Acquisition...\$5.8 million.
- . St. Croix Wild and Scenic River, PL 90-542, Funds for deficiency payments to landowners as determined by the Subcommittee.
- . Grand Portage National Monument, PL 85-910, Advance planning for future development...\$102,000.
- . Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area, PL 94-466:

Wildlife Interpretive/Education Center....	<u>\$3.3 million</u>
Land Acquisition ...	<u>\$1.6 million</u>
- . Iron River National Fish Hatchery, Iron River Wisconsin,\$3.551 million
- . Raptor Rehabilitation and Recovery Center...\$106,300.

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September 28, 1982

Mr. Robert Marcotte
Chairman, Private Sector Initiatives
Subcommittee (POWDR)
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Dear Mr. Marcotte:

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Several of the marsh areas are owned either by corporations or individuals who we believe could be potential donors, but who need to be convinced by their peers or other people at Secretary Watt's level. Your organization could be very helpful in explaining the values of wetland donations to the landowners.

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Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie, President

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September 28, 1982

Timothy Walsh
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First Bank Place East
220 South 6th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Mr. Walsh:

We received the enclosed letter from the IRS with a "publicly supported organization and provisional foundation" status classification, 509(a)(1) & 170 (b)(1)(A)(vi). We are somewhat confused by this and are wondering whether or not this will affect our ability to occasionally be involved in lobbying (as allowed under 501(c)(3)). It appears (para.4, pg. 2) that donations made to us are tax deductible, regardless.

We have scheduled a board meeting for the evening of October 6, and would appreciate your calling me before that date if at all possible. Again, many thanks for your assistance with this.

Best regards,

Kay Schwie
President

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Harriet

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November 11, 1982

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Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie
Board Member

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 29, 1982

Ms. Kay L. Schwie
President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Ms. Schwie:

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with you this past July at the NSP/Minnesota Valley Natural Wildlife Refuge lease agreement ceremony at Blackdog Lake, and I want to thank you for your efforts to complete acquisition of the MVNWR.

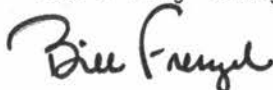
\$8.3 million was appropriated for MVNWR land acquisition in FY 1981. \$6.6 million of that was obligated, and the remaining \$1.6 million was rescinded and not reappropriated. The funding comes from the Fish and Wildlife Service LAWCON budget account.

While LAWCON funding is appropriated through the Park Service, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management, in addition to the Fish and Wildlife Service; all acquisition monies for wildlife refuges are channelled through the FWS. Unfortunately, because of the cutbacks in Federal expenditures, the FWS has requested LAWCON funding for only two LAWCON projects this year. One project is in Florida and the other is in Michigan; both are high priority projects involving endangered species habitats.

As we work to bring the Federal Budget under control, funding for many projects will have to be reduced or put off until a time when we are better able to provide funding. While the MVNWR should bear its share of the budget cutting burden, I have little doubt that it will eventually be completed. There is a slight chance that some funding may be added during consideration of the FY83 Interior Appropriations bill, which may occur next Spring. If the Interior bill is considered, I will at that time express my interest in seeing funding added for the MVNWR.

Again, thank you for your work on behalf of the MVNWR.

Yours very truly,



Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

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October 6, 1982

Mr. Forest Carpenter
National Wildlife Refuge Assoc.
Creekwood, Box 226
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

On behalf of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, I'd like to thank you and the National Wildlife Refuge Assoc. for your generous support of our project. Your assistance has helped significantly in our start-up expenses, and we are especially appreciative of your willingness to assist us during our "developmental phase."

Thank you again so very much for your interest and support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Kay L. Schwie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Kay L. Schwie
President



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 26, 1982

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The Honorable Sidney R. Yates
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior
Appropriations Committee
B308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you mark-up the 1983 Appropriations bill for the Department of Interior and Related Agencies, I urge you to seriously consider funding a few small projects which have a significant impact on my district.

The Metropolitan River Corridors Study authorized by P.L. 96-607 will review several management issues effecting the three river corridors that transect the Metropolitan area of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The Administration has not requested funding for the study but emerging problems in the river corridors indicate a serious need to get the study underway. The authorization provides for a two year study of \$300,000. I urge you to provide the \$150,000 needed to begin this work.

The University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine runs an excellent Raptor Recovery Program. I am told this is the leading Raptor Rehabilitation facility in the country. The people who run this facility have proposed a program to coordinate the efforts of all the active Raptor Rehabilitation programs in the country. This program needs \$106,300 in fiscal year 1983.

In addition to these programs there is a third item of special interest to me. Public Law 94-466 authorized funding for an Interpretive Center in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area. The total cost for constructing the center is estimated at \$6 million. The Administration has not requested funds for this center, however if there are any available funds within your budget limits I would appreciate it if we could get a start on this center this year.

Sincerely,

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

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November 3, 1982

We would sincerely appreciate your including the following information in your next newsletter. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WILDLIFE SETTING

Watch the abundance of Mn. River Valley birds at the feeders and the beautiful deer strolling along the edge of the woods as you answer the phone at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. (You'll likely also see fox, racoon and other small mammals.) The Mn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge is located in Bloomington at 4101 East 78th Street in a beautifully converted former home overlooking the bluffs of the Minnesota River. The view is spectacular, and frequently includes soaring hawks, eagles and pileated woodpeckers.

The Refuge staff is very small right now, and the office coordinator has recently transferred to another position within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A new full-time person will not be available until after the first of the year. Volunteer assistance in answering the phone is especially needed. Any additional office skills (especially typing) would be helpful, but not required. Anyone (male or female) who enjoys wildlife and who would have a few hours during a week available to volunteer should call the Refuge Manager, Ed Crozier, at 854-5900.

Please feel free to edit, if you need to. Thanks again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kay L. Schwie

Kay L. Schwie
Board Member

Sent to:

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November 11, 1982

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December 13, 1982

Ms. Kay L. Schwie
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Dear Ms. Schwie,

Thank you very much for your kind letters of September 28 and November 11. Please accept my sincere apologies for failing to reply to both of these letters. The first because of the fact that the POWDR Committee had only met once and had not really formulated any objective other than our stated purpose. The second because I was out of the country.

Naturally, all members of the POWDR Committee are interested in preserving America's wetlands. It would appear that in the instance of your Minnesota Valley, significant progress has already been made. I understand that the Fish and Wildlife Service has already purchased significant acreage for a wildlife reserve and that the Nature Conservancy, one of our fine sister organizations, is interested in some of the other areas. These two events, coupled with your successful cooperative land management venture and development of resource educational venture with two major corporations, would indicate that you are making great progress. We salute you and commend you for your efforts. It would almost appear as if you should be lending us your expertise rather than the other way around.

The essence of the POWDR Committee is to see the private sector working with the public sector for the preservation of a common resource. It seems to me that you and your group embody the finest principles of this theory and we may in fact at some time wish to call you for some of your experiences you have had in achieving what you have.

Please be assured that all of us on the POWDR Committee, especially in the private sector group, appreciate the fine work you have done and encourage you to keep up the good work.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

R. D. Marcotte
Chairman of the Board

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