



Devils Lake Water Improvement District

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Dear Mayor Anderson and City Councilors:

I am writing you to reiterate my support of the formation of a Local Improvement District (LID) for sewer and road improvements on NE Voyage, Lake and 15th Streets. In my previous letter, dated January 20, 2011, I described in greater detail this support which I will seek to highlight at this time.

Key Environmental Points:

- Sewer will reduce the human derived nutrient loading to Devils Lake
- Project ultimately removes 1 in 14 of septic system in the watershed
- Project could be replicated in other hard to serve areas around the lake
- Road improvements are limited to 16' in width, reducing the total area of impervious surfaces created by up to 60% over traditional development and thus limiting stormwater runoff
- Stormwater conveyance is done through natural bioswales which promote nutrient uptake and sediment abatement before reaching the lake

Key Social Issues:

- LID initiated by citizens' petition
- Supported by vast majority of affected property owners

Key Economic Points:

- Alternative, pressurized systems offer significant savings over gravity systems
- Step-wise approach to sewer hook up allows owners of existing, functional systems to benefit from previous investments
- Project is ultimately funded by those benefiting from the improvements

In conclusion, there are many environmental, social, and economic benefits to this project, and I urge the City Council to continue to support and formally adopt the formation of this Local Improvement District. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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