



December 10, 2024

Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Government Center A2400
300 South 6th
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Re: **MNDNR State Trail Inholding Acquisition Notification – Minnesota Valley, Hennepin County**

Dear Commissioners,

Over the past year the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Parks and Trails has been working to acquire an easement approximately 0.34 acres of land within the legislatively authorized Minnesota Valley State Trail. The basic legal description of the subject parcel being proposed for inclusion in the state trail is as follows: T27N, R24W, Section 23. I have enclosed a parcel map for your convenience.

The purchase of this easement will provide a key connection between public lands for development of the Minnesota Valley State Trail Bloomington Segment. This acquisition provides the State a continuous connection between the previously developed trail corridor and trail right of way provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. In total, this brings the total paved portion of the Minnesota Valley State Trail to nearly 3.5 miles. In Hennepin County, we continue to plan and develop trail that will connect the Minnesota River crossing at US 169 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

We are in the final phases of acquiring this property. This letter is for the purpose of County notification that an acquisition within the legislatively authorized boundary is underway. No action is being requested on the part of the Board.

If you have any questions, certainly do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Moe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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