

Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association

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*Dedicated to preserving the quality of water  
and the quality of life on Lake Minnewashta*

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Dear Capital Investment Committee,

We are pleased to offer a letter of support for the Camp Fire Minnesota proposal, SF:1605/HF 1796. Camp Fire Minnesota is an inclusive nature-based youth development organization serving a highly diverse population of youth in the Twin Cities metro. Camp Fire offers a welcoming space for all to find their spark in nature through our PreK-12 Environmental Education program, afterschool nature programs, and summer and school break camps. In 2022 we led nature experiences for 7,845 youth.

Included in the legislative request are several critical projects that will have significant positive impact on young people and the environment.

The proposed ask will provide funding for the following projects, among others, to benefit Lake Minnewashta and its users:

- Create new boating area at waterfront to accommodate more young people: \$50,000
- Pave the road and parking area on the property to ensure accessibility of all stakeholders and to minimize water run-off. \$150,000
- Complete erosion control project at waterfront to ensure water quality in Lake Minnewashta. \$50,000

We see great benefits in providing this funding to Camp Fire Minnesota. Reducing nutrient and soil runoff into the lake and installing shoreline buffers will help maintain the water clarity and quality at its high level. Creating a new waterfront boating area will increase the number of citizens enjoying the lake. All of these actions support the mission of the Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association.

Thank for your consideration of SF:1605/HF 1796. We fully support this bill.

Sincerely,



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