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Mr. Reid Wronski
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Dear Mr. Wronski:

I want to begin by thanking you for your work to help restore and protect the Lower St. Croix watershed, and by acknowledging the City of River Falls's nomination to be designated a Targeted Watershed under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Targeted Watershed Grants. I regret to inform you that your project proposal was not recommended for funding this year. I understand how important the Lower St. Croix is to your organization and the surrounding communities, and value your diligent efforts to address the challenging water quality issues in your watershed.

This year's Targeted Watershed Grants Program has sparked a continued interest in implementing needed on-the-ground efforts to produce real environmental change. This national competition generated an outpouring of outstanding proposals. Watershed proposals were received from virtually every state and numerous tribes. Each nomination had the enthusiastic support of their respective governor or tribal leader—so the competition was fierce and the decisions difficult. The Agency was extremely impressed with the array of worthy proposals, but unfortunately, the limited availability of funding prohibited us from selecting more than but a few. Of the 132 nominated proposals, only 16 were invited to submit a formal application for funding.

For more details regarding the basis for our decision, you may send a request for a debriefing to Paul Thomas at thomas.paul@epa.gov within 15 calendar days of the date you receive this letter. Paul Thomas will then contact you to schedule a debriefing.

I would like to bring your attention to other federal opportunities for financial assistance offered through the Office of Water. The Agency's *Catalog of Funding Sources for Watershed Protection* is located on the web. I invite you to visit this searchable web page at <http://www.epa.gov/watershedfunding> where we have listed the many avenues to federal funding opportunities for watershed projects. I hope you will take advantage of this new resource.

Again, I would like to thank you and your organization's efforts to improve our nation's water resources. I appreciate the amount of work that went into the preparation of your proposal and again invite you to participate in future EPA programs and activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Thomas. See our Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/regions.html> for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Lewis".

for

Craig Hooks, Director
Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds

cc: Jim Doyle, Governor