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Dear Iowa Great Lakes Association:

The Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District was having issues working with Iowa DNR in Des Moines on priorities for future waste water projects to protect and improve water quality and it was resolved by the efforts of the Iowa Great Lakes Association.

The water quality focus from Des Moines was on Milford Creek to attempt to fix a perceived water quality issue in the creek. Local focus has been on improving water quality conditions for Center Lake. The Iowa Great Lakes Association has worked with the Iowa Legislature to provide over a \$1,000,000 of additional funds that have helped improve Center Lake. The extension of public sewer to the south end of Center Lake is one of the last steps of this plan. The Iowa Great Lakes Association stepped in and helped bridge the issues between the Sanitary District and the Iowa DNR. The Iowa DNR is currently amending the Sanitary District permit to allow the District to stay focused on the local issues of water quality while being fiscally responsible to the District customers.

Although not thought of as a key water quality component of the Iowa Great Lakes, the Sanitary District keeps on average over 2,000,000 gallons of waste water a day from getting to the lakes. The extension of sewer to Center Lake will reduce waste water from septic tanks from impacting Center Lake. The extension of the public sewer to Center Lake will not only benefit the residents in this area, but all the visitors of the Iowa Great Lakes Area that is estimated to be over a 1,000,000 people annually.

The District would like to thank the Iowa Great Lakes Association for your work to resolve this impasse which will lead to additional improvements to water quality and protection of public health for the Iowa Great Lakes.

Sincerely,



Steve Anderson
District Superintendent
Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District