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April 30th, 2024
RE: Permit Application #2024-001101

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to confirm the receipt of your permit application. Upon reviewing your application and conducting an onsite inspection, it was noted that shoreline violations exist on your property. These violations will need to be resolved before any permits will be issued for this property. Due to these violations, your permit application for a 2,718 square foot Residence is being **denied**.

A file review was conducted and no permit of record was found in our office for any of the items mentioned below. If you have permits for any of the following, please provide our office with a copy of the permit and we will update our files.

- Unpermitted Rip-Rap installed on the shoreline. Due to the property not being in an active erosion area, this permit would not have been issued. The rip-rap will need to be removed and the ice ridge rebuilt. The ice ridge that was present on the property was actively protecting the shoreline from erosion and provided necessary aquatic habitat.
- Unpermitted Patio by the shoreline. The artificial turf installed in the 25'x40' clearing is considered a patio and will need to be removed as per Permit #45741. This permit stated that natural vegetation will be planted and maintained in the 25'x40' clearing, but did not permit any excavation, or placement of artificial turf or patios.

Therefore, by **May 15th, 2024**, you must contact our office and provide documentation that permits had been approved for the above mentioned items, or provide an acceptable plan for compliance which will include the following;

1. **Develop an acceptable shoreline restoration plan with a licensed engineer, landscape architect, or Soil & Water Conservation District staff. This will need to be submitted and approved by the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District within 30 days of the date of this letter (May 30th, 2024).**

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- a. **This plan must include rebuilding the historic ice ridge that was excavated, removing the rip-rap that was installed, and reestablishing natural vegetation.**
2. **Once the plan has been submitted and approved, the implementation of the approved plan shall be completed within 30 days, or by June 30th, 2024.**
3. **An After-the-Fact land alteration permit will need to be applied for to restore the natural shoreline. The After-the-Fact fee shall be 5 times the regular permit fee.**

This restoration plan is conditional upon whether permits can be approved for the projects. There is no guarantee the permits will be approved. Please keep in mind that after-the-fact permitting requires the projects to be compliant with all applicable Aitkin County Ordinances. If initial permitting was not obtained, other building violations may arise that will need to be dealt with during the after-the-fact permitting process.

Failure to comply with this letter and update our records will result in our office issuing a citation which will require a mandatory court appearance.

Our office is open 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

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