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**From:** Amanda Brazee  
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**Subject:** FW: Fifth Anniversary Celebration and Forum: Thursday, January 15, 2015 (I-L)  
**Attachments:** Letter to stakeholder groups.T12302014.pdf

**Importance:** High

Dear Council members:

Please find below an invitation to attend the Minnesota's Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment Fifth Anniversary Celebration and Forum. Per our customary procedures regarding the Open Meeting Law, attendance is limited to no more than six Council members of which not more than two may be Executive Committee members.

If you plan to attend, please complete your individual registration and then kindly let me know of your intent for tracking purposes.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Fifth Anniversary Celebration and Forum: Thursday, January 15, 2015 (I-L)  
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## **Minnesota's Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment** *Fifth Anniversary Celebration and Forum*

**Event Description:** The Fifth Anniversary Celebration and Forum will include panel discussions by legislators, conservation leaders and others on the status of projects and programs made possible as the result of Minnesota's Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of panel members and to meet and interact with the key leaders working to shape the amendment's destiny. Participants will explore and share how and where these investments in wildlife habitat, clean water, parks and trails are being made and what the public is getting for their dollars.

At the beginning of the event, Legacy supporters will celebrate five years of projects and programs funded as a result of the amendment.

**Time and Date:**

12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2015

**Schedule:**

12:00 noon - Registration begins

12:30 to 1:00 p.m. - Celebration of 5th anniversary of Legacy Funding

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Legacy Stakeholders' Forum

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Reception

**Location:** [Minneapolis Marriott Northwest](#)

7025 Northland Drive North

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55428

**Directions:** [Click here](#)

**Cost:** Cost is \$10.

**Registration:** To register [click here](#) or visit the Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League's web page at [www.minnesotaiques.org](http://www.minnesotaiques.org) and click on the news tab and then select events. To pay by mail, please send payment by check or money order along with your name(s), organization name(s) email address(s) and phone number(s) to:

Legacy Forum c/o [Minnesota Division IWLA](#)

2233 University Avenue West - Suite 339

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55114

Mail in registrations will be accepted until Wednesday, January 14, 2015. If you require an invoice, please request one via e-mail at [ikes@minnesotaiques.org](mailto:ikes@minnesotaiques.org).

For more information, call 651-221-0215 or e-mail [ikes@minnesotaiques.org](mailto:ikes@minnesotaiques.org)

December 30, 2014

Dear Minnesota Conservation Leader:

We are sending you this invitation as a recognized leader of conservation and a valued partner in promoting natural resource stewardship in Minnesota and your community.

In 2008, Minnesota citizens from around the state worked hard and successfully secured voters' strong approval of the "Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment." However, **that was just the beginning**. The most difficult work began on the day after this historic legislation was passed to ensure that these additional financial resources for our wildlife, water, parks and lands are wisely invested and create an outstanding outdoor legacy for future generations.

Part of the work that continues today to meet this challenge requires periodic monitoring by our state's citizens to make sure these investments are being properly made and live up to the expectations of our citizenry. In short, we must continually examine the central question, ***"Is the Legacy Amendment money going to projects and programs as voters expected?"***

To help answer that question, and to keep legislators, policy-makers and stakeholders informed and communicating, a broad array of conservation groups have periodically held a Legacy Stakeholders' Forum at the beginning of the calendar year.

We are pleased to announce that this year's Minnesota Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Forum will be held from **12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015**, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest, 7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55428.

The Forum will include panel discussions by legislators, conservation leaders and others on the status of Legacy projects, challenges encountered, and prospects for the future. The Forum will also provide participants the opportunity to ask questions of panel members and to meet and interact with the key leaders working to shape the Amendment's destiny. Together, we will explore and share how and where these investments are being made and what the public is getting for their dollars.

Registration is \$10. Refreshments will be provided. To help us better plan for a successful afternoon, we request that you pre-register soon.

**Registration:** To register [click here](#) or visit the Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League's web page at [www.minnesotaikes.org](http://www.minnesotaikes.org) and click on the news tab and then select events.

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**Legacy Slideshow:** To showcase Legacy projects and programs at the January 15 Legacy Celebration and Forum, organizations and governmental entities are encouraged to contribute photos that will be used in a slideshow that will be shown at the event, provided we receive a sufficient number of contributions. To participate, lead grant recipients must provide *ALL of the following to The Nature Conservancy via e-mail to [cpontarelli@tnc.org](mailto:cpontarelli@tnc.org) NO LATER than Wednesday, December 31, 2014:*

- Photo(s) of a project or program. Photos should be at least 1 MB and no larger than 8 MB and saves as a JPEG. The optimum size for a photo is 8 x 10 inches at 96 dpi.
- Logo and name of the lead grant recipient.
- Photo credit (typically name of the photographer).
- Identify the specific Legacy fund source as Outdoor Heritage, Clean Water or Parks and Trails.
- Short description of project or program – **15 words is the maximum. Copy must be edited and should be considered final. We do not plan to make any changes to the copy.**
- Contact information – name, phone # and e-mail address – so we can seek answers if we have any questions about photo or copy.

This event is open to the public, so we ask that you please forward this invitation to others who may be interested.

The Legacy dollars amounts to the greatest conservation investment our state has ever made. Thank you for your interest and active participation in leaving a natural resource legacy to future generations that will make us all proud!

Sincerely,

*Forum Host Committee*

Anglers for Habitat  
Audubon Minnesota  
The Conservation Fund  
Ducks Unlimited  
Freshwater Society  
Minneapolis Parks  
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
Minnesota Conservation Federation  
Minnesota Deer Hunters Association  
Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League

Minnesota Environmental Partnership  
Minnesota Land Trust  
Minnesota Valley Trust  
Minnesota Waterfowl Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
The Nature Conservancy  
Parks and Trail Council of Minnesota  
Pheasants Forever  
Trout Unlimited  
The Trust for Public Land