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# Senate

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State of Minnesota

April 29, 2025

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to express my full support for federal funding for the crucial infrastructure project being undertaken by the City of Montrose and the City of Waverly. This project is a collaboration between the two cities, and the Howard Lake-Maple Lake-Annandale partnership. The initiative to regionalize the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and decommission the current plant in Montrose represents a significant step towards addressing the pressing challenges faced by our communities in wastewater management.

As you are aware, the Montrose WWTP currently operates at a critical 95% capacity, posing a substantial hindrance to the potential growth and the economic viability of our municipalities. The limited capacity not only impacts our ability to welcome new tax bases, whether residential or commercial, but also threatens to burden existing residents with increased taxes and wastewater usage rates.

The proposed \$40 million project, with Montrose and Waverly contributing \$16 million, is essential to restore acceptable capacity levels and facilitate community expansion. Securing federal funding for this endeavor is crucial to alleviate the strain on our wastewater treatment infrastructure and safeguard the economic interests of our residents.

I urge you to lend your support to this project and work towards securing the necessary federal assistance. By doing so, we can ensure a more equitable distribution of financial responsibility, prevent the imposition of increased tax burdens on our residents, and promote sustainable growth for the benefit of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to our continued collaboration in advancing the well-being of Montrose and Waverly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce D. Anderson".

Senator Bruce Anderson

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City of Montrose  
311 Buffalo Avenue South  
Montrose, MN 55363

April 28, 2025

Representative Tom Emmer  
326 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Emmer,

As Mayor of Montrose, I am writing to express my strong support for the Montrose Regional Wastewater Project, a critical infrastructure effort that will benefit the communities of Montrose, Waverly, and the Howard Lake-Maple Lake-Annandale (HLMLA) system.

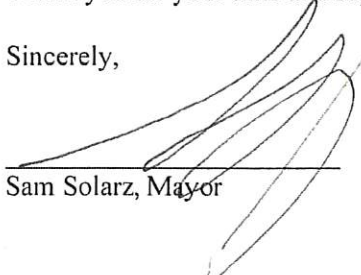
Our current wastewater treatment facility in Montrose is operating at nearly 95% of its design capacity and faces rising costs for maintenance and compliance. Without action, our city — along with our neighboring communities — risks increased costs, environmental harm, and significant barriers to future development. Through regionalization, Montrose and Waverly will connect to the existing HLMLA regional facility, allowing us to meet regulatory requirements, improve water quality, and support sustainable growth.


This project represents a cost-effective solution. Instead of individual cities bearing the full financial burden of upgrading or expanding separate facilities, we are investing together in a shared system that will serve the entire region more efficiently and at a lower long-term cost. This partnership strengthens the future for Montrose, Waverly, and HLMLA communities alike.


I respectfully request full consideration and funding support for this project. Regional solutions like this are exactly what is needed to ensure the health, stability, and prosperity of our cities for generations to come.

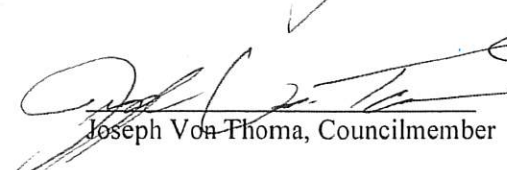
Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

  
Sam Solarz, Mayor

  
Michelle Otto, Councilmember

  
Toby Nelson, Councilmember

  
Joseph Von Thoma, Councilmember

  
Dan Remer, Public Works Director

  
Jessica Bonniwell, City Administrator

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## Senate

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State of Minnesota

March 27, 2024

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to express my full support for federal funding for the crucial infrastructure project being undertaken by the City of Montrose and the City of Waverly. This project is a collaboration between the two cities, and the Howard Lake-Maple Lake-Annandale partnership. The initiative to regionalize the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and decommission the current plant in Montrose represents a significant step towards addressing the pressing challenges faced by our communities in wastewater management.

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Senator Bruce Anderson

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# City of Waverly

April 28, 2025

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Waverly is working closely with our neighbor, the City of Montrose, to regionalize our Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Cities of Annandale, Maple Lake, and Howard Lake. We would like to request Federal funding to help defray the large costs of this project.

Our two cities must expand our Wastewater Capacity to meet demand placed due to new housing and industrial growth. After much study found that the best, most efficient, most environmentally sound, and most cost effective way to do so would be to join our neighboring cities allowing them to expand their own capacity to meet future demand as well.

Regionalization of Wastewater Facilities means that the plant serving five cities will have the least possible impact on land use while allowing modernization of the infrastructure to meet the highest efficiency and environmental standards. Federal funding for the project would assist in alleviating financial burdens on local taxpayers and also ensure that we have the necessary resources to implement state-of-the-art technologies that will safeguard our water and land resources for generations to come.

The residents of both Waverly and Montrose support this initiative as they recognize the many benefits that the project will bring to our cities and surrounding area. In addition to environmental advantages, regionalizing our Wastewater facility will encourage and promote economic growth, create jobs, and support affordable housing in all five cities. We believe that investment in this collaborative effort demonstrates our cities' commitment to responsible stewardship of all our resources and to the well-being of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Connie Holmes  
Mayor, Waverly

Ben Duske  
Council member

Scott Jacobson  
Council member

Jim Kittock  
Council member

Ethan Erhardt  
Council member

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April 29, 2025

**To:** U.S. Representative Tom Emmer  
**From:** Kirby Moynagh, Wright County Commissioner  
**re:** Infrastructure wastewater project in Montrose and Waverly

Dear Representative Emmer,

I am writing to strongly advocate for your support of a vital infrastructure project in the Cities of Montrose and Waverly in collaboration with the Howard Lake-Maple Lake-Annandale wastewater partnership. The goal is to regionalize the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and decommission the current plant in Montrose. This is a significant step to address the daunting wastewater management challenges residents of Montrose and Waverly face. That is why endorsing a proposed \$40 million project with \$16 million in funding coming from Montrose and Waverly is so important to the residents of Wright County's District 5.

The Montrose WWTP is operating at 95 percent capacity – a roadblock that effectively eliminates potential growth and economic viability for these communities. The limited wastewater capacity restricts their ability to bring in significant housing developments or commercial businesses that wish to locate to these communities. The burden for this disability to add residential or commercial property falls on the existing residents of these communities that are forced to struggle with increased taxes and wastewater usage costs.

This critical project is necessary to restore acceptable capacity levels to provide the opportunity for expansion. The futures of Montrose and Waverly hang in the balance if this critical infrastructure project is or isn't included in the spending bill.

I respectfully ask that you support this project and work to get the federal assistance that is essential to this project coming to fruition and helping these two desperate communities to have the ability to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

Kirby Moynagh  
Wright County District 5 Commissioner

**Joe McDonald**  
State Representative  
District 29A  
Wright, Meeker,  
and Hennepin Counties



## Minnesota House of Representatives

April 29, 2025

Congressman Tom Emmer  
6<sup>th</sup> District, Minnesota  
464 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Congressman Tom Emmer,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Montrose's regional wastewater project. This important initiative will decommission Montrose's aging wastewater treatment facility and connect Montrose and Waverly to the existing Howard Lake-Maple Lake-Annandale (HLMLA) regional system.

This project is critical for the long-term health, environmental sustainability, and economic growth of all the communities involved. Montrose's current facility is operating nearly at capacity and faces rising maintenance costs, while Waverly needs additional capacity to continue supporting its residents and businesses. By connecting to the HLMLA system, we are creating a regional solution that will improve surface and groundwater quality, meet state and federal water standards, and reduce the financial burden that each city would otherwise face if forced to upgrade or expand facilities independently.

This collaboration is a smart, cost-effective approach that will strengthen infrastructure across the region, improve compliance with environmental standards, and provide the necessary capacity for sustainable growth. It is an investment that benefits not just Montrose, but also Waverly, Howard Lake, Maple Lake, and Annandale.

I respectfully urge full consideration and funding support for this project. Strengthening regional infrastructure is essential to ensuring the long-term vitality of our communities.  
Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Joe McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Joe McDonald  
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