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We, the undersigned, respectfully ask for your comment(s) regarding an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that is being conducted for the City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota. The EAW covers some extremely environmentally sensitive areas in south central Eden Prairie (East of Dell Road to Flying Cloud Airport south of Riley Creek). Our collective concerns include, but are not limited to, the following issues:

1. This region contains Riley Creek as it meanders and cuts its way through the bluff to the Minnesota River. In much of this area, Riley Creek is spring fed and runs heartily year-round.
2. The area currently supports a rich mix of mature oak and maple trees with embedded prairie grasslands. It is abundant with wildlife acting as a green corridor for deer, coyotes, mink, fishers and many more species of animals that travel from the Minnesota River into central Eden Prairie's lakes and wetlands.
3. This area includes the spring shed for Fredrick Miller Spring. Miller Spring is an artisan spring, permanently set aside for public use, and has been in continuous use prior to Eden Prairie's settlement. It is Eden Prairie's most used water resource.

We believe it is imperative for your organization to review and comment on this EAW. Your review creates an opportunity to reconsider the consequences of the proposed road and its' potential affects on this area and its water resources. Thank you.

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