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I strongly agree with the findings of the Updated Nutrient Reduction Strategies that align with the recommendations from the Southeastern Minnesota Nitrate Strategies Work Group to accelerate a transition to perennial crops, pasture, small grains and harvested cover crops on millions of acres.

I strongly agree that social factors are important to achieving wide-scale adoption of practices.

Unpublished results from the Minnesota Office of Soil Health survey lifted up the key role of other farmers in the adoption process. Other farmers were top-ranked as the group with the most influence when farmers want to learn more about a new soil management practice.

Expanded and increased investment in Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) as a trusted local partner and effective delivery mechanism for these nutrient reduction strategies.

Sincerely, C Dolan