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Since 1979 I have been a resident in Minnesota, relocating here with my husband and three sons from a five year VISTA project on the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. We soon recognized Minnesota's awareness of and work toward clean, safe waters and land stewardship and attention to the reality of climate change. Now a widow in my 80s, my environmental concerns remain.

I strongly support Land Stewardship Project's input noting where additional efforts are needed to meet nutrient reduction goals:

Strengthen data collection and reporting requirements for fertilizer retailers by MDA and documentation of nitrogen fertilizer application rates by responsible parties (e.g. crop retailers to MDA).

Build a Small Grain Initiative and a safety net for farmers who want to reduce their nitrogen fertilizer application.

Grow farmer power, farmer networks and locally led, flexible and outcome-based approaches like Olmstead County Soil Health Program.

Thank You