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To Recipients of this Report:

Enclosed please find a printed Executive Summary, and a data CD containing the complete report entitled:

The Appleton Wetland; It's Decline, Cause and Recommended Action

This report, a culmination of over three years of study, research, observations and actions, was prepared by the Appleton Wetland Research Group of the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists (MVFN).

The initial study of this Provincially Significant Wetland began in 2011, in response to the mass die-off of the trees within the wetland. An expanded Research Group was formed by MVFN in the summer of 2013, commissioned to complete research into the causes of the die-off, and to prepare a report on findings and recommendations for remediation. The intended primary recipients for the report were the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Mississippi River Water Management Plan.

A preliminary verbal report, with accompanying MS PowerPoint presentation, was presented to the above agencies in March of 2014. We have now completed an extensive written report of our research and findings and submit this final report for your consideration. To contact the Research Group for more information or comments please refer to Research Group member Al Seaman at 613-256-1155 or by email at alseaman@astrocom.ca.

Both the preliminary PowerPoint presentation and this final report will be available shortly for the general public on the MVFN website (URL - <http://mvfn.ca>).

Regards,

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