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Clean Water is Critical to our Future!

Clean water is an essential ingredient to having high quality outdoor recreation experiences. Clean water, critical for wildlife and fisheries, and many water based activities like boating and swimming, is also vital for drinking water supplies, irrigation, industrial uses, and economic growth. But land use practices that result in degraded water quality because of excess nutrients, other chemical inputs, or erosion, place our ground water, lakes and rivers at high risk. One only needs to look at the warning for swimmers at some North Dakota lakes because of Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB's) or in Iowa where cities are suing over water degradation, because of excess nutrients, to recognize the importance of abundant clean water for a healthy, sustainable future. Therefore, developing and supporting programs that improve land use practices will ensure sustainable and healthy clean water for all North Dakotans.

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