



You View: Restore protection to area rivers, wetlands

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A recent article in The Free Press about Lina Wang, a Loyola High School senior, prompted me to comment on her work with water quality.

It's great young people are concerned and interested in supporting clean lakes and rivers; we need them to be involved. I support this effort and the clean water act that was passed many years ago.

Due to this act, two-thirds of our lakes and rivers are safe for recreation, fishing and wildlife, compared to about 36 percent before the law was passed.

We need to protect our wetlands and streams to insure our children can enjoy these great resources.

A friend of mine volunteers to do citizen stream monitoring. He has shown me some of his readings on the Cobb, Blue Earth and Le Sueur rivers and the results suggest the need is great and water quality needs much improvement.

The full Senate and House of Representatives need to act on a new compromise version of the Clean Water Restoration Act. Please ask Representative Tim Walz and Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken to support this act in order to restore protections for streams, lakes and wetlands in our area.