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RE: USDA Conservation Programs

Dear Larry:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to assist you and the City of Nortonville in the past. I would enjoy helping again when another opportunity becomes available.

I am writing to let you and Barb Polson know that a meeting of the Jefferson County USDA and the City of Winchester has been scheduled to educate the Winchester staff on the availability of conservation programs that will assist in the protection of groundwater near the City's wells. We will meet on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 9:00 AM, in the John Steuart Curry Community Center, 411 Spruce Street, Winchester, Kansas. I have also invited Jordan Martincich of Pheasants Forever and David Key of the Meadowlark Extension District to attend.

If you have about an hour to learn about the conservation programs that are available, I encourage you or Barb to represent your water system at the meeting. Although we will be discussing the specifics of the City of Winchester's wells, I think you will learn some valuable information that you can also use. You will also have the opportunity to meet the USDA and Extension staff.

I hope either of you can attend. As always, let me know if I can assist you in any way. You can reach me by telephone at 785/640-4701, by e-mail at [dhelmke@krwa.net](mailto:dhelmke@krwa.net) or by writing to 6847 SE 29th Street, Tecumseh, Kansas 66542-9571.

Sincerely,

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