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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

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Environmental Stewardship Division

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The Environmental Stewardship Division provides assistance to local conservation districts, drain commissions, and land users in the conservation and development of soil and water resources. The Division's mission is to provide leadership and promote environmental stewardship for the management of agricultural and other natural resources.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the Division's promotional efforts relative to natural resources conservation within its mandated responsibility and legal authority.

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Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that the Division's promotional efforts relative to natural resources conservation within its mandated responsibility and legal authority were effective. However, we could not determine what effect, if any, the Division's promotional efforts had on the

conservation of natural resources because the Division had not collected outcome data needed to evaluate program effectiveness. We noted a reportable condition related to evaluation of program effectiveness (Finding 1).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report contains 1 finding and 1 corresponding recommendation. The Department's preliminary response indicated that it partially agrees with the recommendation.

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