



AGENDA
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 – 9:00 AM
ADMINISTRATION CENTER - AUDITORIUM
121 W MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

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[Natural Resources Committee Live Stream](#)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. PROPER NOTICE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 3, 2022

5. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. UW Extension Reports

6. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Register of Deeds Reports

7. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2023*
2. Grant Contract Between WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Ozaukee County Land & Water Management Department for the Harvestable Buffer Clean Water Initiative*
3. 2023 DATCP Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant*

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Land & Water Management Reports*

8. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

a. Action Items:

1. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant for Native Tree Planting and Inventory, Emerald Ash Borer Management and Education/Outreach Activities in the Ozaukee County Coastal Parks Project Area
2. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Natural Resources Foundation Quiet Trails Grant for Public Access Improvements at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve
3. Contract Addendum for Professional Services for Permitting Support and Construction Management for Mineral Springs Creek Resiliency and Habitat Restoration

4. Bid and Contract for Construction Related Services for a Holding Tank System at the new Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Bathroom Pavilion
5. Bid and Contract for Construction Related Services for the new Hawthorne Hills County Park – Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility

b. Discussion Items:

1. Update on Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Pavilion Construction Change Orders
2. Update on Planning and Parks Department Capital Projects and Ecological Division Projects
3. Update on Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve Acquisition

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Planning & Parks Reports

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 5, 2022 (New Committee)

10. ADJOURNMENT

* FSA Committee Member Items

A quorum of members of committees or the full County Board of Ozaukee County may be in attendance at this meeting for purposes related to committee or board duties, however, no formal action will be taken by these committees or the board at this meeting.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Clerk's Office at 262-284-8110, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

Natural Resources Committee**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA DATE:	April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT:	County Clerk
DIRECTOR:	Julie Winkelhorst
PREPARER:	Julie Winkelhorst

Agenda Summary March 3, 2022

[<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/ 03032022-3043>](https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/03032022-3043)



March 2022 Report

4-H Youth Development

Jayna Hintz, 4-H Program Educator



Positive Youth Development prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like teens in governance build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help both sides grow. 4-H clubs, camps and after-school programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

4-H Program Highlights

- A collaborative summer camp planning session for adult volunteers and high school camp counselors to engage in team-building activities learned about the essential learning elements, and develop camp activities in order to be prepared to hold our June 2022 4-H Summer Camp successfully.
- A training for adults who are interested in becoming 4-H volunteers, where adults learned what Extension is, how volunteers contribute to Extension programs, volunteer roles and responsibilities, what makes a quality youth development program, and what resources are available to 4-H volunteers. This effort is intended to prepare all future 4-H volunteers.
- Development of a multi-lesson curriculum for youth camp counselors, where they learn and gain awareness of the dynamics of group interaction, being sensitive to others, developmental appropriate abilities and skills, and general well-being. The goal of this effort is to prepare youth for their role and responsibilities as camp counselors.
- Ongoing support for youth interested in the visual arts, where they create and critique their own and others' artwork, investigate the arts in their community and explore future career paths within the visual arts.
- Planning and implementing the 2022 Tri-County Visual Arts Festival where youth explore and learn more about art and their choice of medium for self-expression. The goal of this effort is to provide youth the opportunity to explore art and receive feedback.



March 2022 Report

Agriculture

Regional Agriculture Educators



If it happens on a farm or in a field, the Extension Institute of Agriculture works with you to achieve better results. Our innovative dairy management programs range from genetics to farm and business management. Extension researchers work hand-in-hand with row crop, forage and fresh produce growers to provide best practices for every aspect of the growing phase. We also advise communities on using sustainable practices to create inviting spaces free from invasive species

Agriculture Highlights

- **Crops and Soils:** Mike Ballweg, Area Crops and Soils Agent
 - Farmer and industry participation were excellent for the 2022 Agronomy Day with nearly 140 in attendance. This Extension Educational program was held in Random Lake with farmer participate from 7 area counties. The majority coming from Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington and Fond du Lac counties. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of those completing the survey rated the 2022 Agronomy Day program as either Excellent or Good. One hundred percent (100%) said they would like another Agronomy Day Program in 2023. When asked, “how much did you learn”, Ninety percent (90%) indicated a high level of learning rating their knowledge increase either a “5” or “4” based on a Likert scale of 5 – 1 with 5 being “Yes/High”. When asked, “was the information relevant and will I use it”, Eighty four percent (84%) indicated a high level of relevance rating the intent to use the information either a “5” or “4” based on a Likert scale of 5 -1 with 5 being “Yes/will use the information.”
- **Farm Management:** Stephanie Plaster, Farm Management Educator
 - A consultation with a livestock farmer, where opportunities for a new value-added enterprise were discussed. This effort was designed to help individuals make a decision about a business opportunity or new enterprise.
 - A series of activities for farmers and agriculture professionals, where participants developed a vision and strategy for their business by analyzing their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This effort was designed to help participants assess their skills, assets, personalities, and/or networks to help make a decision about a business opportunity or new enterprise.
- **Dairy & Livestock:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
 - A presentation for elected government officials and extension administrators, where they learned about local agriculture extension programming impacts to better understand Extension's regional staffing model and its benefits for the agricultural sector.
 - A virtual conference for dairy farmers, managers, workers, and allied service professionals, where they learned management practices for heat stress, calf disbudding, transportation of cattle, FARM Version 4.0 non-compliance, genetic selection, and calving pen assistance and newborn processing. The goal is to improve on-farm animal welfare, wellbeing, and productivity.
 - An on-farm consultation with a dairy farm family, where opportunities for funding and business planning for a value-added enterprise were discussed. This effort was designed to help the farm family make an informed decision based on how the current farm operation and production would fit with a value-added enterprise.



March 2022 Report

Community Development

Karina Ward, Community Development Educator



Community Development provides educational programming to assist leaders, communities, and organizations realize their fullest potential. We work with communities to build the vitality that enhances their quality of life and enriches the lives of their residents. IN short, the Community Development Institute plants and cultivates the seeds for thriving communities and organizations.

Community Development Highlights

- A coaching session for local non-profit leader where they learned about different types of succession planning. This effort is designed to identify key leaders and balance the workload.
- Planning for a community survey to accompany a strategic planning process with the board of directors and staff of a local nonprofit cultural organization (Cedarburg Cultural Center). The purpose of this effort is to seek input on local cultural needs from both members and the greater community to help the organization identify a strategic direction.
- Planning for a strategic thinking process with a local youth-focused organization during which organizational needs are diagnosed and a planning process is designed. The purpose of this effort is to help the organization identify a purpose statement in order to more effectively use its resources to support local youth.



March 2022 Report

What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **April 1, 2022**
 - Office Closed, Staff In-service
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual 11:00 am., Topic: Develop Your Farm Business Idea Using Lean Start-up and Business Model Canvas
- **April 1-2, 2022**
 - 4-H Tri-County Tournament: Shooting Sports, West Bend
- **April 4, 2022**
 - [FEED Workshop Series](#), Virtual, 10:00 am.
- **April 8, 2022**
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual 11:00 am., Topic: Strategic Thinking for the Farm Business: Putting Your Farm Values to Work
 - [Tri-County Visual Arts Festival - People's Choice Voting](#) Closes
- **April 12, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger](#) newsletter published
- **April 14, 2022**
 - [WI Youth Livestock Program](#): Session 4, Virtual, 7:00 pm.
- **April 21, 2022**
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 6:00 pm.
 - 4-H Annual Leaders Training Make-up Session, Virtual, 6:30 pm
- **April 22, 2022**
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual 11:00 am., Topic: Cultivating Personal Strength and Resilience: We-COPE for Farmers and Agriculture
- **April 23, 2022**
 - 4-H Volleyball Tournament, 9:00 am.
- **April 27, 2022**
 - The Haunt Informational Night, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds Pavilion, 6:00 pm.
- **April 30, 2022**
 - [4-H Summer Camp Registration Closes](#) (as capacity allows), Youth grades 3-9



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OZAUKEE COUNTY

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March 2022 Report

In Other News

- **Farm Management Fridays – April 2022:** Join University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension's Farm Management Fridays webinars to learn about tools and strategies to build your farm business, and how to develop skills that cultivate a sense of peace and well-being.

Farm Management Fridays webinars are a part of Extension's [Farm Ready Research](https://go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch) winter programming for farmers and ag professionals to improve business profitability and lifestyles through informed decision-making. There is no charge to participate in the sessions, but pre-registration is required to allow access to the session. Register online at go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch.

"Do you find yourself wondering how to take your big picture idea and translate it into an actionable plan?" asks Stephanie Plaster, Extension Regional Farm Management Educator. "Join us in April for our Farm Management Fridays where we'll be walking through proactive management tools you can use to envision and design your farm business's path forward."

- April topics include:
 - April 1, 2022: Develop your Farm Business Idea Using Lean Start-Up and Business Model Canvas.
 - April 8, 2022: Strategic Thinking for the Farm Business: Putting your Farm Values to Work.
 - April 22, 2022: Cultivating Personal Strength and Resilience: We-COPE for Farmers and Agriculture.

We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

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Steph Plaster
Farm Management
Educator



Attachment: March 2022 Report revised (University of Wisconsin Madison- Division of Extension Ozaukee County Written & Financial Reports)

Ozaukee County Committee Report

General Fund University of Wisconsin Extension

For the Two Months Ending Monday, February 28, 2022

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	\$3,890	\$3,890	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$550	\$550	\$7,980	\$7,430	6.89%
Total Revenues	\$550	\$550	\$11,870	\$11,320	4.63%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$4,267	\$5,841	\$67,293	\$61,452	8.68%
Fringe Benefits	\$531	\$754	\$9,522	\$8,768	7.92%
Travel/Training	\$125	\$125	\$14,788	\$14,663	0.85%
Supplies	\$394	\$1,359	\$17,940	\$16,581	7.58%
Purchased Services	\$14	\$113	\$117,499	\$117,386	0.10%
Interdepartment Charges	\$1,464	\$2,993	\$22,260	\$19,267	13.45%
Other Expenses	-	-	\$743	\$743	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$6,795	\$11,185	\$250,045	\$238,860	4.47%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$6,795	\$11,185	\$250,045	\$238,860	4.47%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$6,245)	(\$10,635)	(\$238,175)	(\$227,540)	4.47%

Equity:



Register of Deeds Land Information

April 2022 Department Report

Register of Deeds Office: We recorded 1205 documents in February as compared to 1871 the year before. Last year 72.74% of the documents were recorded as a digital record. For the month of February we made a profit of \$50,981 and for the first two months a profit of \$161,862 or 29.82% of the budget.

Land Information Office: Attached is the monthly GIS Update.

Ozaukee County Committee Report
General Fund Register of Deeds

For the Two Months Ending Monday, February 28, 2022
 Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Public Charges for Services	\$75,068	\$207,207	\$970,000	\$762,793	21.36%
Total Revenues	\$75,068	\$207,207	\$970,000	\$762,793	21.36%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$16,287	\$24,241	\$205,004	\$180,763	11.82%
Fringe Benefits	\$6,601	\$16,338	\$77,430	\$61,092	21.10%
Travel/Training	-	\$92	\$2,400	\$2,308	3.83%
Supplies	-	\$125	\$1,125	\$1,000	11.11%
Purchased Services	\$1,199	\$1,512	\$103,200	\$101,688	1.47%
Interdepartment Charges	-	\$3,037	\$38,092	\$35,055	7.97%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$24,087	\$45,345	\$427,251	\$381,906	10.61%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$24,087	\$45,345	\$427,251	\$381,906	10.61%
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$50,981	\$161,862	\$542,749	\$380,887	29.82%

Equity:

Attachment: ROD General (Register of Deeds/Land Info Monthly Department Report)

Ozaukee County Committee Report

Special Revenue Fund Land Information

For the Two Months Ending Monday, February 28, 2022

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Taxes	-	\$2,394	\$28,722	\$26,328	8.34%
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	\$52,200	\$52,200	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$10,515	\$22,480	\$140,000	\$117,520	16.06%
Total Revenues	\$10,515	\$24,874	\$220,922	\$196,048	11.26%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$4,586	\$8,116	\$120,225	\$112,109	6.75%
Fringe Benefits	\$1,485	\$5,405	\$45,828	\$40,423	11.79%
Travel/Training	-	\$397	\$9,000	\$8,603	4.41%
Supplies	\$600	\$600	\$15,400	\$14,800	3.90%
Purchased Services	\$23	\$67	\$25,000	\$24,933	0.27%
Interdepartment Charges	-	\$386	\$4,931	\$4,545	7.83%
Other Expenses	-	-	\$537	\$537	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$6,694	\$14,971	\$220,921	\$205,950	6.78%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$6,694	\$14,971	\$220,921	\$205,950	6.78%
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Net Increase (Decrease)	\$3,821	\$9,903	\$1	(\$9,902)	00%

Equity:

Attachment: Land Info (Register of Deeds/Land Info Monthly Department Report)

GIS Update

Ozaukee County Land Information Office – March 2022

The Land Information Office continues to provide accurate and up-to-date geospatial data and land records for Ozaukee County.

Shoreland Zoning Application

The Land & Water Dept. requested some modifications be made to the Shoreland Zoning app. Symbiont added the hydro polygons & polylines, along with an updated soils layer that was available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Shoreland Zoning App can be viewed on our geo-HUB page.



SEWETUG Meeting

The Southeastern Wisconsin ESRI Technical Users Group (SEWETUG) held a meeting on March 17th at Waukesha City Hall. This group that uses the ESRI (Environmental Systems and Research Institute) mapping software meets twice a year to discuss their experiences with the software. It's also a

good chance to compare what projects the counties and municipalities are working on.

Some of the topics discussed were: the organizing & back-up of data strategies, web-app builders, ESRI software tips, tricks & bugs.

A presentation was given by the city of Wauwatosa on an application they created for tracking their garbage trucks. The app has a dashboard that monitors the location of the trucks on their routes, along with other pertinent information.

Ozaukee County geo-HUB



Check back often for new information and updates!

The site offers easy access to the county's parcel map and its many data layers, shoreland zoning, real estate & property tax records, zoning maps, supervisory district maps, ward maps and much more.

Visit our geoHUB at:

<https://ocgeohub-ozaukee.hub.arcgis.com/>

The Land Information office is always available to assist municipalities, other county departments and the public with maps, special applications and datasets as requested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 262-284-8167.

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Land and Water Management
DIRECTOR: Andy Holschbach
PREPARER: Andy Holschbach

Agenda Summary Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2023*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (WDATCP) provides funds annually to the county for staff support and cost-sharing of conservation practices.

The 2023 Staffing request is \$239,609 and the total cost-sharing request for conservation practices is \$175,000, an optional Innovation Grant request is \$50,000 for a pilot harvestable buffer program. Total request is \$464,609

ANALYSIS: Under Section 92.14 Wisconsin Statutes the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection is to provide basic allocations to counties to help counties fund their land and water conservation activities through an annual grant award. To be eligible for the grant, the county must have a Land & Water Resource Management Plan approved by the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board. The *Ozaukee Land and Water Resource Management Plan* is approved through 2030.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$464,609

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy: \$0

Non-County Levy: \$464,609 Indicate source: WDATCP

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve submittal of Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2023

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2023 DATCP SWRM Grant Application (PDF)

JOINT DATCP/DNR NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

1. Read the instructions before completing this application.
2. Complete all yellow-highlighted items in the combined application and Table 1.
3. Sign the completed application electronically
4. Submit the signed Excel spreadsheet to: datcpswrn@wisconsin.gov
5. **April 15, 2022** is the deadline for submission of this grant application.

Ozaukee	county, through its authorized representative, is applying for annual grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) awarded under Sec. 92.14, Stats., and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded under Secs. 281.65 and 281.66, Stats. By signing and dating a completed application, the authorized representative certifies that (i) the Land Conservation Committee or other committee designated under Sec. 92.06(1), Stat., has authorized the representative to submit this application; (ii) the county has submitted an Annual Report and Annual Work Plan, and has complied with other grant requirements including Sec. ATCP 50.20, Wis. Admin. Code; and (iii) the information provided in this application (including Table 1) is true, complete and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge.

54 **SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE** **LCC CHAIR OR OTHER TITLE** **DATE**

The authorized representative may sign this application electronically by typing his or her name in the space provided for a signature, and inserting the person's title and the date. An electronic signature has the same force and effect, pursuant to chapter 137 of the Wisconsin statutes, as a non-electronic signature.

NOTICE: This application does not represent a commitment by DATCP or DNR to provide funding for any grant category at any specific level. If grant funds are awarded, the county must agree to comply with any resulting terms including those specified in a grant contract.

SECTION I. STAFFING/PLANNING GRANTS			Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
1	Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Tier 1 A. Base Funding \$75,000 is automatically entered.		\$ 75,000.00	
2	SWRM Tier 2 A. Funding for three positions Automatically enters amounts from Table 1, column F, for first three positions Amount from Table 1, column F			
	i. First (100%) position	\$106,356	\$ 106,356.00	
	ii. Second (70%) position	\$101,003	\$ 70,702.00	
	iii. Third (50%) position	\$90,627	\$ 45,314.00	
	B. Funding for subsequent positions Automatically enters amount from Table 1, column G			
	iv. Fourth & more (50%) positions	\$34,473	\$ 17,237.00	
	Urban NPS & Storm Water Management - Planning Projects			
3	(Complete separate application available on DNR website)			
TOTAL STAFFING REQUESTS ►			\$ 239,609.00	

SECTION II. COST-SHARING GRANTS			Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
1	Land and Water Resource Mgmt. (LWRM) Plan Implementation: Bond Funds		\$ 150,000.00	
2	LWRM Plan Implementation: SEG Funds		\$ 25,000.00	
	Nutrient Management Programming in County (see Tab)		5	
3	Targeted Runoff Management Projects			
	(Complete separate application available on DNR website)			
4	Urban NPS & Storm Water Management - Construction Projects			
	(Complete separate application on DNR website)			

TOTAL COST-SHARING REQUESTS ►	\$	175,000.00
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Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Land and Water Management
DIRECTOR: Andy Holschbach
PREPARER: Andy Holschbach

Agenda Summary Grant Contract Between WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Ozaukee County Land & Water Management Department for the Harvestable Buffer Clean Water Initiative*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2022 DATCP had \$250,000 available to counties as part of a competitive allocation for Innovation Grants. The *Ozaukee County Harvestable Buffer Clean Water Initiative* was selected and awarded \$25,000.

ANALYSIS: Funds will be utilized in priority areas to install harvestable buffers. Buffers are to be installed and maintained for 10 years. Landowner will receive an up-front one-time incentive payment of \$1,250/acre.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$25,000

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy: \$0 Non-County Levy: \$25,000

RECOMMENDED MOTION: To approve Grant Contract Between WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Ozaukee County Land & Water Management Department for the Harvestable Buffer Clean Water Initiative

ATTACHMENTS:

- DATCP Innovation Grant (PDF)

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Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Securing Signatures on Agency Documents

Role	Date
Division Submitter	
Legal Counsel	

Attachment: DATCP Innovation Grant (DATCP Innovation Grant Contract - LWM)



State of Wisconsin
Governor Tony Evers

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Secretary Randy Romanski

**GRANT CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
AND
OZAUKEE COUNTY LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
FOR THE
OZAUKEE COUNTY HARVESTABLE BUFFER CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE**

THIS GRANT CONTRACT is made and entered into for the period **01/01/2022** through **12/31/2022** (“Performance Period”) by and between the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (“Department” or “State”), whose principal business address is 2811 Agriculture Dr., P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911 and **Ozaukee County Land and Water Management Department** (“Grantee”), whose service address is 121 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 994, Port Washington, WI 53074.

WHEREAS, the Department has authority to award a grant identified in the annual allocation to any person for services and activities including information, education, and training pursuant to Wis. Admin Code s. ATCP 50.35 (“Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Department has used a competitive review process utilizing a request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, the State has approved an award to the Grantee in the amount of **\$25,000** for eligible activities herein described (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Department and Grantee agree that Grantee possesses the personnel and capabilities necessary to administer the Project in a manner consistent with state and federal laws, including Wis. Stat s. 92.14 (10) and Wis Admin Code s. ATCP 50.35; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions herein shall continue in full force and effect until the Grantee has completed and is in compliance with all the requirements of this Contract; and

WHEREAS, this Contract is mutually exclusive and is distinguished from all previous Contracts between the Grantee and the Department and contains the entire understanding between the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and dependent documents, the parties hereto agree as set forth in Articles 1 – 38 and Attachments A – F which are annexed and made a part hereof. In the event of a conflict between any provision contained in the Attachments and any

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Attachment: DATCP Innovation Grant (DATCP Innovation Grant Contract - LWM)

INNOVATION 22-08

other provision of this Contract, the Attachment provision shall prevail over the conflicting provision in this Contract.

Attachment A – Contract Administrators

Attachment B – Program Rules

Attachment C – Scope of Work

Attachment D – Budget

Attachment E – Method of Payment

Attachment F – Reporting Requirements

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Department and Grantee have executed this Contract as of the date this Contract is signed by the Department.

Each undersigned representative of the Department and the Contractor certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms of this Contract on behalf of the entity they represent and to execute and legally bind such party to this Contract.

OZAUKEE COUNTY LAND & WATER
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

BY:

Andy Holschbach

BY:

Eric K. Ebersberger

TITLE: Ozaaukee County Conservationist

DATE:

TITLE: Assistant Deputy Secretary

DATE:

Attachment: DATCP Innovation Grant (DATCP Innovation Grant Contract - LWM)

INNOVATION 22-08

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**ARTICLE 1. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

The Department employee responsible for the administration of this Contract is identified as the Department Contract Administrator in Attachment A, or their designee, who shall represent the Department's interest in review of quality, quantity, rate of progress, timeliness of services, and related considerations as outlined in this Contract.

The Grantee's employee responsible for the administration of this Contract is identified as the Grantee Contract Administrator in Attachment A, who shall represent the Grantee's interest regarding Contract performance, financial records, and related considerations. The Department shall be immediately notified of any change of this designee.

ARTICLE 2. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

This Project shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, the laws of the United States, all rules and regulations, and all laws, rules, and regulations specifically applicable to the Program including but not limited to those identified in Attachment B.

ARTICLE 3. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Termination of this Contract in whole or part for lack of appropriations shall be without penalty.

ARTICLE 4. SCOPE OF WORK

The eligible activities under this Contract are summarized in the Attachment C.

The Grantee shall supply or provide for all the necessary personnel, equipment, and materials (except as may be otherwise provided herein) to accomplish the tasks set forth on the attached Scope of Work and Budget (Attachment D). Changes to the Scope of Work shall be by written agreement of both the Department and the Grantee.

ARTICLE 5. SUBLET OR ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

No right or duty in whole or in part of the contractor under this contract may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of the Department.

ARTICLE 6. DISCLOSURE: STATE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

If a state public official (s. 19.42, Wis. Stats.), a member of a state public official's immediate family, or any organization in which a state public official or a member of the official's immediate family owns or controls a ten percent (10%) interest, is a party to this agreement, and if this agreement involves payment of more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) within a twelve (12) month period, this contract is voidable by the state unless appropriate disclosure is made according to s. 19.45(6), Wis. Stats., before signing the contract. Disclosure must be made to the State of Wisconsin Ethics Board, 44 East Mifflin Street, Suite 601, Madison, Wisconsin 53703 (Telephone 608-266-8123).

State classified and former employees and certain University of Wisconsin faculty/staff are subject to separate disclosure requirements, s. 16.417, Wis. Stats.

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The Grantee shall not engage the services of any person or persons now employed by the State, including any department, commission or board thereof, to provide services relating to this Contract without the prior written consent of the Department and the employer of such person or persons.

The Grantee, its agents and employees shall observe all relevant provisions of the Ethics Code for Public Officials under Wis. Stat. Secs. 19.41 et seq. and 19.59 et seq.

ARTICLE 7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No person who is an employee, agent, consultant, or officer of the Grantee, or an elected or appointed official, and who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to activities supported by and described in this Contract, or who is in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a personal or financial interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any agreement, subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto or the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure. Receipt of earnings from the Grantee by employees of the Grantee shall not be considered a conflict of interest, but otherwise employees of the Grantee shall be fully bound by the requirements of this Article. Upon request, the Department can make exceptions to this requirement after full disclosure and where the Department determines that such exception is in the best interests of the State and is not contrary to state or federal laws.

Private and non-profit corporations are bound by ss. 180.0831, 180.1911(1), and 181.0831 Wis. Stats., regarding conflicts of interests by directors in the conduct of state contracts.

ARTICLE 8. DUAL EMPLOYMENT

Section 16.417, Wis. Stats., prohibits an individual who is a State of Wisconsin employee or who is retained as a contractor full-time by a State of Wisconsin agency from being retained as a contractor by the same or another State of Wisconsin agency where the individual receives more than \$12,000 as compensation for the same year. This prohibition does not apply to individuals who have full-time appointments for less than twelve (12) months during any period of time that is not included in the appointment. It does not include corporations or partnerships.

ARTICLE 9. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF CONTRACTOR

The parties hereto agree that the Grantee, its officers, agents, and employees, in the performance of this Contract shall act in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the state. The Grantee agrees to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that each subcontractor of the Grantee will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venturer, or partner of the state.

ARTICLE 10. HOLD HARMLESS

The Grantee will indemnify and save harmless the State of Wisconsin and all of its officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received by any persons or property resulting from the operations of the Grantee, or of any of its contractors, in prosecuting work under this Contract.

ARTICLE 11. FOREIGN CORPORATION

A foreign corporation (any corporation other than a Wisconsin corporation) which becomes a party to this Contract is required to conform to all the requirements of Chapter 180, Wis. Stats., relating to a foreign corporation and must possess a certificate of authority from the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, unless the corporation is transacting business in interstate commerce or is otherwise exempt from the requirement of obtaining a certificate of authority. Any foreign corporation which desires to apply for a certificate of authority should contact the Department

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of Financial Institutions, Division of Corporations, P. O. Box 7846, Madison, WI 53707-7846; telephone (608) 261-7577.

ARTICLE 12. ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT

The Grantee and the State of Wisconsin recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the State of Wisconsin (purchaser). Therefore, the Grantee hereby assigns to the State of Wisconsin any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with this Contract.

ARTICLE 13. NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

In connection with the performance of work under this Contract, the Grantee agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01(5), Wis. Stats., sexual orientation as defined in s. 111.32(13m), Wis. Stats., or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Except with respect to sexual orientation, the Grantee further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities.

- 13.1** Contracts estimated to be over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) require the submission of a written affirmative action plan by the Grantee. An exemption occurs from this requirement if the Grantee has a workforce of less than fifty (50) employees. Within fifteen (15) working days after the Contract is awarded, the Grantee must submit the plan to the Department for approval. Instructions on preparing the plan and technical assistance regarding this clause are available from the Department.
- 13.2** The Grantee agrees to post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, a notice to be provided by the contracting state agency that sets forth the provisions of the State of Wisconsin's nondiscrimination law.
- 13.3** Failure to comply with the conditions of this clause may result in the Grantee becoming declared an "ineligible" contractor, termination of the Contract, or withholding of payment.
- 13.4** Pursuant to s. 16.75(10p), Wis. Stats., Grantee agrees it is not, and will not for the duration of the Contract, engage in a prohibited boycott of the State of Israel as defined in s. 20.931(1)(b). State agencies and authorities may not execute a contract and reserve the right to terminate an existing contract with a company that is not compliant with this provision. This provision applies to contracts valued \$100,000 or over.
- 13.5** Pursuant to 2019 Wisconsin Executive Order 1, Grantee agrees it will hire only on the basis of merit and will not discriminate against any persons performing a contract, subcontract or grant because of military or veteran status, gender identity or expression, marital or familial status, genetic information or political affiliation.

ARTICLE 14. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The Department reserves the right to terminate this Contract in whole or in part without penalty to the Department effective upon mailing of notice of cancellation for failure of the Grantee to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

Notwithstanding and in addition to the right to terminate the Contract for cause described above, the Department may terminate this Contract at any time with or without cause by delivering written notice to the Grantee by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, not less than 30 days prior to the effective date of termination. Date of receipt as indicated on the Return Receipt shall be the effective date of notice of termination. Upon termination, the

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Department's liability shall be limited to the actual costs incurred in carrying out the Project as of the date of termination plus any termination expenses having prior written approval of the Department.

The Grantee may terminate this Contract with or without cause by delivering written notice to the Department by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, not less than 30 days prior to effective date of termination. Date of receipt, as indicated on the Return Receipt, shall be the effective date of notice of termination. Upon receipt of termination notice, the Grantee shall make available to the Department program records, equipment, and any other programmatic materials. In the event the Contract is terminated by either party, for any reason whatsoever, the Grantee shall refund upon written demand to the Grantee any payment made by the Department to the Grantee that exceeds actual approved costs incurred in carrying out the Project as of the date of termination.

ARTICLE 15. FAILURE TO PERFORM

The Department reserves the right to suspend payment of funds if required reports are not provided to the Department on a timely basis, or if performance of contracted activities is not evidenced. The Department further reserves the right to suspend payment of funds under this Contract if there are deficiencies related to the required reports or if performance of contracted activities is not evidenced on other agreements between the Department and the Grantee in whole or in part.

The Grantee's management and financial capability including, but not limited to, audit results and performance may be taken into consideration in any or all future determinations by the Department and may be a factor in a decision to withhold payment and may be cause for termination of this Contract.

ARTICLE 16. AMENDMENT

This Contract may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Amendments shall be documented by written, signed and dated addenda.

ARTICLE 17. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract shall be adjudged to be unlawful, then that provision shall be deemed null and void and severable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of this Contract.

ARTICLE 18. WAIVER

Failure or delay on the part of either party to exercise any right, power, privilege, or remedy hereunder shall not constitute a waiver thereof. A waiver of any default shall not operate as a waiver of any other default or of the same type of default on a future occasion.

ARTICLE 19. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this Contract in accordance with reasonable control and without fault or negligence on their part. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of nature or the public enemy, acts of the government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform such must be beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the party.

ARTICLE 20. CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE

In the event of a dispute, this Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The venue for any dispute shall be Dane County, Wisconsin.

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ARTICLE 21. STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

The Grantee shall perform the Project and activities as described herein in accordance with those standards established by statute, administrative rule, the Department, and any applicable professional standards.

ARTICLE 22. SURVIVAL OF REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Department, the terms and conditions of this Contract shall survive the performance period and shall continue in full force and effect until the Grantee has completed and is in compliance with all the requirements of this Contract.

ARTICLE 23. MULTIPLE ORIGINALS; ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

This Contract may be executed in multiple originals, which together shall constitute a single contract. The parties agree to accept a handwritten signature or an electronic signature that complies with Wis. Stat. ch. 137 to execute this Contract.

FISCAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**ARTICLE 24. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The method of payment is set forth in Attachment E.

The Grantee shall establish and maintain in a state or federally insured financial institution an account for the purpose of receiving and disbursing all funds pertaining to this Contract.

ARTICLE 25. REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The Grantee shall return to the Department or other appropriate governmental agency or entity any funds paid to the Grantee in excess of the allowable costs provided for under this Contract. If the Grantee fails to return excess funds, the Department may deduct the appropriate amount from subsequent payments due to the Grantee from the Department. The Department also reserves the right to recover such funds by any other legal means including litigation if necessary.

The Grantee shall be responsible for reimbursement to the Department for any disbursed funds the Department determines have been misused or misappropriated. The Department may also require reimbursement of funds if the Department determines that any provision of this Contract has been violated. Any reimbursement of funds required by the Department, with or without termination, shall be due upon written demand to the Grantee.

ARTICLE 26. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Grantee shall maintain a financial management system that complies with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Program funding source described in the Attachments and with standards established by the Department to assure funds are spent in accordance with law and to assure that accounting records for funds received under this Contract are sufficiently segregated from other agreements, programs, and/or projects.

The Grantee shall maintain a uniform double entry, full accounting system and a financial management information system in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Grantee's chart of accounts and accounting system shall permit timely preparation of expenditure reports required by the Division.

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Records shall be maintained after final audit of the Contract for a period of not less than five (5) years unless the program requirements are longer.

ARTICLE 27. LIMITATION ON COSTS

The Department's contribution to the total cost, both direct and indirect, of performing the tasks under this Contract shall not exceed the total amount for eligible costs, as identified in the Attachment. Changes to this Contract that do not affect the total amount for eligible costs may be made by written agreement of both the Department and the Grantee.

ARTICLE 28. ELIGIBLE COSTS

28.1 No eligible costs subject to reimbursement by this Contract may be incurred prior to the execution of this Contract unless previously approved in writing by the Department.

28.2 Costs only as identified in the Attachments are allowed.

ARTICLE 29. VENDOR TAX DELINQUENCY

Grantees who have a delinquent Wisconsin tax liability may have their payments offset by the State of Wisconsin.

ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**ARTICLE 30. SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENT**

The Grantee shall have a certified annual audit performed utilizing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

Governmental and Non-profit Grantees, or their assignees, which **received** state funds during their fiscal year, shall comply with the requirements set forth in the State Single Audit Guidelines issued by the Department of Administration. Audit reports are due to the Department within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s), or nine months after the end of the audit period.

Please review the Department of Administration's Single Audit Compliance Supplement for details on submission of the reporting package.

<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateFinances/State-Single-Audit-Guidelines.aspx>

ARTICLE 31. BONDING AND INSURANCE

Unless authorized otherwise by the Department, the Grantee shall provide either insurance, fidelity, or surety bonds in amounts sufficient, in the opinion of the Department, to safeguard Contract funds and activities undertaken with Contract funds and program income expended under this Contract.

ARTICLE 32. RECORDS AND REPORTS

All records pertaining to this contract shall be retained by the Grantee for at least five (5) years following the end of the contract term. The Grantee shall maintain reasonable segregation of project accounts and records to enable

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the Department to track expenditures made with funds provided under this contract. Upon receipt of notice from the State of Wisconsin of a public records request for records produced or collected under this Contract, the Grantee shall provide the requested records to the Department.

The Grantee shall submit all required reports to the Department in a complete and timely manner per the schedule set forth in the Attachments and comply with all other applicable regulations.

ARTICLE 33. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

The Department, any of its authorized representatives shall have access to and the right at any time to examine, audit, excerpt, transcribe, and copy on the Grantee's premises any directly pertinent records and computer files of the Grantee involving transactions relating to this Contract. Similarly, the Department shall have access at any time to examine, audit, test, and analyze any and all physical projects subject to this Contract. If the material is held in an automated format, the Grantee shall provide copies of these materials in the automated format or such computer file as may be requested by the Department. Such material shall be retained until such time as the Department notifies otherwise.

This provision shall also apply in the event of cancellation or termination of this Contract. The Grantee shall notify the Department in writing of any planned conversion or destruction of these materials at least 90 days prior to such action. Any charges for copies provided by the Grantee of books, documents, papers, records, computer files or computer printouts shall not exceed the actual cost thereof to the Grantee and shall be reimbursed by the Department.

ARTICLE 34. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Department may review the Grantee's performance under this contract. The Department may conduct reasonable inspections to determine performance under this contract. The Department may examine records related to personnel time charged to the contract funding, as well as documentation of all costs for equipment, supplies, and other expenses charged to the contract funding. The Department reserves the right to conduct a follow-up survey of the project in order to determine long-term impacts of funding received by the Grantee under this contract from grant funds.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**ARTICLE 35. CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY, AND PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**

The Grantee shall not use Confidential, Proprietary, or Personally Identifiable Information ("Confidential Information") for any purpose other than the limited purposes set forth in this Contract, and all related and necessary actions taken in fulfillment of the obligations there under. The Grantee shall hold all Confidential Information in confidence and shall not disclose such Confidential Information to any persons other than those directors, officers, employees, and agents who have a business-related need to have access to such Information in furtherance of the limited purposes of this Contract and who have been apprised of, and agree to maintain, the confidential nature of such information in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Grantee shall require all such Representatives to read and sign a non-disclosure statement and shall be responsible for the breach of this Contract by any said Representatives.

Grantee shall institute and maintain such security procedures as are commercially reasonable to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information while in its possession or control including transportation, whether physically or electronically.

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Definitions

“Confidential Information” means all tangible and intangible information and materials, including all proprietary and Personally Identifiable Information, being disclosed in connection with this Contract, in any form or medium (and without regard to whether the information is owned by the State or by a third party), that satisfy at least one of the following criteria: (i) Personally Identifiable Information; (ii) non-public information related to the State’s employees, customers, technology (including data bases, data processing and communications networking systems), schematics, specifications, and all information or materials derived there from or based thereon; or (iii) information expressly designated as confidential in writing by the State.

“Personally Identifiable Information” means an individual’s last name and the individual’s first name or first initial, in combination with and linked to any of the following elements, if the element is not publicly available information and is not encrypted, redacted, or altered in any manner that renders the element unreadable: (a) the individual’s Social Security number; (b) the individual’s driver’s license number or state identification number; (c) the number of the individual’s financial account, including a credit or debit card account number, or any security code, access code, or password that would permit access to the individual’s financial account; (d) the individual’s DNA profile; or (e) the individual’s unique biometric data, including fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or any other unique physical representation, and any other information protected by state or federal law.

ARTICLE 36. LOBBYING

Money paid under this Contract by the Department to the Grantee shall not be used by the Grantee in any fashion either directly or indirectly for lobbying activities of any kind. The Grantee shall not use money received under this Contract for any illegal activities.

ARTICLE 37. PUBLICATIONS, INVENTIONS, AND TRADEMARKS

37.1 All materials and products produced under this Contract become the property of the Grantee. The Grantee may publish and copyright materials or trademark products and services produced under this contract subject to the following conditions: The Department receives a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, or authorize others to use, publish, or post on the internet non-trade-secret and non-confidential or nonproprietary financial information regarding the project for governmental purposes, and as promotional materials for purposes of publicity about the funding program.

37.2 The Grantee may not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

37.3 The Grantee shall acknowledge Department support on any publications written or published or any audiovisual produced with Department financial support that publicizes, announces, or promotes the projects, activities, and events resulting from this contract. Funding credit including Department logo must appear in all programs, publicity, and promotional materials. The following wording and Department logo should be used:

Funding for this was made possible, in part, by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The views expressed in written materials, publications, speakers, and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of DATCP; nor does any mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organization imply endorsement by the State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE 38. DEBARMENT

Federal Executive Order 12549, titled “Debarment”, requires that all Contractors receiving individual awards, using federal funds, and all subrecipients certify that the organization and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government. Information on debarment is available at the following websites: www.epls.gov and www.arnet.gov/far/. In the event the Grantee is debarred, the Department reserves the right to cancel the Contract upon notice.

ATTACHMENT A
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATORS

Department Contract Administrator

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Division of Agriculture Resource Management
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
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2811 Agriculture Dr.
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Attachment: DATCP Innovation Grant (DATCP Innovation Grant Contract - LWM)

ATTACHMENT B**PROGRAM RULES**

The Grantee shall comply with the Program Rules as follows:

The Grantee may be subject to and liable for repayment if, as determined by the Division, the Grantee is found to be out of compliance with program laws, policies, regulations, rules, or guidance.

- A. Perform the following during the work period with a start date of January 1, 2022 and an end date of December 31, 2022:
 - Provide incentives to support a harvestable buffers pilot program with 150 feet of any ditch, stream, lake, or wetland in Ozaukee County.
- B. By February 15, 2023, provide the DEPARTMENT a report on work activities performed and deliverables provided during the grant period. See attachment F for report template. The DEPARTMENT may request additional information or reports before making any reimbursements or for any other purposes consistent with this agreement.
- C. Perform all work to the satisfaction of the DEPARTMENT under this Agreement as more fully specified in the APPENDICES. The GRANTEE agrees not to seek reimbursement from more than one funding source for the same expense incurred in performance of this agreement.
- D. Seek reimbursement for costs not to exceed **\$25,000** for allowable costs specified below.

The GRANTEE may request up to **\$25,000** for:

- Provide incentives to establish harvestable buffers ideally to remain for 10 years to improve water quality.

The following expenses are ineligible for reimbursement:

1. Indirect costs or fees.
 2. The lease, purchase or other acquisition of an interest in a vehicle or real property.
 3. Project activities and project development costs incurred prior to the start date of this AGREEMENT, or after the end date of this AGREEMENT.
 4. Funds under this AGREEMENT may not be used, directly or indirectly, for lobbying purposes.
 5. Salaries and fringe benefits of the county land conservation personnel of the GRANTEE (per s. 20.115(7)(qf), Wis. Stats.).
- E. Submit separate reimbursement requests, on a DEPARTMENT-approved form, documenting eligible costs incurred in performance of this AGREEMENT, with the final request for reimbursement submitted no later than February 15, 2023. The GRANTEE shall provide an itemized breakdown of costs by these categories: (1) Support costs incurred by GRANTEE in the performance of obligations under this Agreement and (2) incentive payments for applicants of farmland preservation agreements.
 - F. The GRANTEE will keep records of the GRANTEE's activities under this agreement, including records of all funds received and spent, and records to support the GRANTEE's reimbursement requests under this agreement. The GRANTEE will keep financial records according to generally accepted accounting principles and practices.

G. AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Unspent funds allocated to the GRANTEE in 2022 may be extended until December 31, 2023, if the GRANTEE files a written request by December 31, 2022, identifying funds it does not anticipate spending,

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and further provides the DEPARTMENT, by no later than February 15, 2023, documentation identifying all work under the 2022 AGREEMENT remaining to be completed and a workplan for utilizing these funds in 2023.

Attachment: DATCP Innovation Grant (DATCP Innovation Grant Contract - LWM)

ATTACHMENT C**SCOPE OF WORK**

In the event of conflict between the application and/or other supporting documents previously submitted to the Department by the Grantee, provisions of the Contract shall take precedence.

The Grantee shall do the following under this Contract.

Activity Plan

- Activity 1:** Establish priority sites
- Activity 2:** Internally work with Corp Counsel to develop contract
- Activity 2:** Reach out to priority landowners
- Activity 3:** Finalize contracts with landowners
- Activity 4:** Provide buffer standard information and offer technical support to contracted landowners

ATTACHMENT D**PROJECT BUDGET**

In the event of conflict between the application and/or other supporting documents previously submitted to the Department by the Grantee, provisions of the Contract, shall take precedence.

OZAUKEE COUNTY LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Budget Form			
Project Expenditures (Required)	Practices (if applicable)	Number (if applicable)	Budgeted amount (required)
Incentive Payments	Establish Harvestable Buffers to ideally remain beyond 10 years to improve water quality and other site benefits	20 acres of Harvestable Buffers	\$25,000
Total			\$ 25,000.00

Expenditures may not exceed the amount of the funds authorized for this Contract.

Innovation grant funds cannot be used for:

- Support of conservation staff salaries or benefits (prohibited under s. 20.115(7)(qf)).
- Additional Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants (prohibited under s. 20.115(7)(qf)).
- Real estate purchases.
- Repayment of loans or mortgages.
- Equipment purchases, construction or capital expenses (bond projects)
- Lobbying, fundraising, or other political activity

ATTACHMENT E**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Following the execution of this Contract, payment shall be made in conformance with the following:

1. The Department shall not provide reimbursement if the maximum amount of the Contract has been paid to the Grantee.
2. The Department reserves the right to reduce the award if the Grantee has not spent nor allocated funds.

All requests for payment must be completed within forty-five days of the expiration date of the Performance Period (February 15, 2023). Payments that exceed allowable costs incurred and paid by the Grantee pursuant to the terms of this Contract, if outstanding at the expiration of this Contract, shall be repaid to the Department within forty five (45) days of the expiration date of the Performance Period. The Division, in accordance with State procedures, shall reconcile payments and report expenses.

The final payment of 25% (**\$6,250**) of the total grant award shall be withheld pending Department receipt of both the final reimbursement request and the final report from the Grantee.

Payments shall be used only for expenses incurred during the Performance Period.

The Grantee shall request funds through the Department. All Requests for Payments (invoices) must be submitted via email to DATCPSWRM@wisconsin.gov.

ATTACHMENT F

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. Report

The Grantee shall comply with the fiscal and Program reporting requirements of the Division as presented in the report template which shall be provided in the fall of 2022.

Submit reports to the Division by February 15, 2023 and use the form that will be provided. The Department reserves the right to amend and require additional information or reports as needed.

B. Program-Specific Reporting Requirements

SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENT

The Grantee shall have a certified annual audit performed utilizing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

Governmental and Non-profit Grantees, or their assignees, which **received** state funds during their fiscal year, shall comply with the requirements set forth in the State Single Audit Guidelines issued by the Department of Administration. Audit reports are due to the Department within the earlier of thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s), or nine (9) months after the end of the audit period.

Please review the Department of Administration's Single Audit Compliance Supplement for details on submission of the reporting package.

<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateFinances/State-Single-Audit-Guidelines.aspx>

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Land and Water Management
DIRECTOR: Andy Holschbach
PREPARER: Andy Holschbach

Agenda Summary 2023 DATCP Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant Program funded by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) provides support for educational materials and workshops to promote nutrient management and soil health. Maximum grant award is \$2,500.

ANALYSIS: Grant will lend support for educational programs and materials to provide farmers with a greater understanding of the values of nutrient management planning and soil health.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$2,500

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy: \$0

Non-County Levy: \$2,500 Indicate source: DATCP

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approval to apply for DATCP Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant Program funds for calendar year 2023.



LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

CURRENT PROJECTS AND REPORT UPDATES

-MARCH 2022 -



MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources,
local ecology, and the quality of life

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Attachment: March 2022 news (Reports - LWM)



Land & Water Resource Management

◆ Conservation Planning/Farmland Preservation (FPP)

- 94 farms currently participating in Farmland Preservation Program; status reviews to be completed on about 25% of the farms in 2022 to ensure compliance with the FPP soil and water performance standards.

◆ Best Management Practices Design and Certification

- In 2022 will finish up with 313 manure Storage or simply another 634 Waste Transfer on Peter Eskra farm. Watching for how the heavily bedded steer manure acts to rain and snow runoff conditions in the spring. This site has a TRM Grant in 2022
- Jeremy Risch: Designed feed storage drainage containment practice; installation proposed for 2022
- Got approximately 15 small projects lined up for in 2022 for SWRM Grant funds.

◆ Administration of Cost-Share Agreements (grants)

- 2022 SWRM bonded grant – \$49,500; SWRM SEG grant – \$25,000. CIG grant \$25,000.
- Ozaukee County awarded 2022 TRM grant funds for Gasser, Hamm, and Eskra
- Contact flyer sent to RCPP landowners in Milwaukee River area

◆ Nutrient Management

- Awarded \$2,500 DATCP Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant in the **Environmental Education**
- 2 schools participated in LWMD Poster Contest entering 30 posters, In Grades 2 through 3: Ozaukee County's April Chang took first place in the SE Area Poster Contest Posters and trophies were delivered to schools

◆ NR151 Compliance Tracking

- No activity

◆ Manure Storage Ordinance

- No activity

◆ Stormwater Management & Construction Site Erosion Control-WPDES Permit

- Stantec is completing the SLAMM modeling o evaluate nonpoint source pollutant loadings on county property in the MS4 area for compliance with the DNR storm-water permit. LWM mapping potential bacteria sources in MS4 area. Completed Annual Report.

◆ Buffer Initiative—Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- 9 contacts to make for expiring CREP contracts

◆ Wildlife Damage and Abatement

- Landowner contact for fencing for deer damage. Contacted by landowner in regards to ACT 82 shooting tags

◆ Tree, Shrub, Prairie Grass & Wildflower Seed Program/Pollinator Plant & Grass Sale

- Orders are done being accepted, sold approximately 30000 trees/shrubs. 294 people preordered from sale Native plant sale orders accepted until April 1st

◆ Invasive Species

- No activity

◆ Miscellaneous

- DNR has approved harvestable buffer plan for MDV (Multi-discharger Phosphorus Variance) funds buffers along Sucker Brook. 1 proposal sent out to landowner. Received \$1,445.37 in MDV funds in 2022.
- Geoff Schramm promoted to Land & Water Coordinator, position vacated by Jeff Bell retirement, vacant Soil and Water Conservationist posted.

- Katie Werner– Scheduling the interseeder for use in 2022. 628 acres tent lined up to rent. We will be collecting crop history data and maps and will start to track cover crop practices and will create a map summary. June 24 will be our Hwy 57 Cover Crop Plot Day. Also working to re-introduce our DIRT Newslette
- Clean Farm Families awarded \$33, 600 from DATCP Producer-led Watershed Protection Grant for 2022. Fund For Lake Michigan awarded \$50,000, which is \$20,000 more than the pre-proposal request to support the Clean Farm Families. Dave Brandt, nationally recognized soil health farmer from Ohio is scheduled to present at the Clean Farm Families Soil Health Workshop, February 9, 2023.
- Participated in mtgs: Clean Farm Families, Ozaukee Demo Farms, Ozaukee Treasures Network.
- Matt Winker & Andy H presented on soil health at the Fox River Summit in Burlington.

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Sanitation Program

◆ Sanitation Ordinance

- No sanitation ordinance violations
- Maintenance: No notices were sent in March ; the Office of Corporation Counsel continues action with non-compliant owners; 2,371 reports filed to date in 2022

◆ POWTS Plan Reviews, Permits, and Final Inspections

- Six plan reviews; eight sanitary permits; five final inspection reports

◆ Wisconsin Fund

- One qualified applicant for fiscal year 2022. Grant amount of \$7,000 requested for said applicant

◆ Miscellaneous

- Working on electronic sanitation permitting system along with LIO.



Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning

◆ Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning Ordinance

- No zoning ordinance violations

◆ Permits

- Eight shoreland zoning permits

◆ National Flood Insurance/Community Rating System (CRS)

- Provided floodplain information to numerous landowners, completed NFIP information to lenders and realtors
- Completed Annual CRS Report

◆ Technical Advisory—SEWRPC Regional Plans

- SEWRPC developing "Regional Food System Plan"

◆ Non-metallic Mining Reclamation

- No reports for March

◆ Miscellaneous

- 1930 & 1936 Edgewater Dr. Offers to Purchase have been prep

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Ozaukee County Committee Report

General Fund Land & Water Management

For the Three Months Ending Thursday, March 31, 2022

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Taxes	-	-	\$1	\$1	0.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$3,099	(\$433,592)	\$1,322,464	\$1,756,056	-32.79%
Public Charges for Services	\$16,861	\$55,768	\$127,360	\$71,592	43.79%
Licenses & Permits	\$11,037	\$22,417	\$101,000	\$78,583	22.20%
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Other Revenue	-	(\$10,000)	\$200	\$10,200	%
Total Revenues	\$30,997	(\$365,407)	\$1,551,025	\$1,916,432	-23.56%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$77,513	\$130,696	\$550,004	\$419,308	23.76%
Fringe Benefits	\$13,797	\$45,963	\$186,361	\$140,398	24.66%
Travel/Training	\$290	\$1,587	\$14,425	\$12,838	11.00%
Supplies	\$3,699	\$7,030	\$24,778	\$17,748	28.37%
Purchased Services	-	\$724	\$462,871	\$462,147	0.16%
Interdepartment Charges	-	\$11,505	\$42,603	\$31,098	27.01%
Grants	\$3,480	\$6,384	\$534,563	\$528,179	1.19%
Other Expenses	\$2,369	\$16,442	\$83,103	\$66,661	19.79%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$101,148	\$220,331	\$1,898,708	\$1,678,377	11.60%
Capital Outlay					
Buildings & Land	-	-	\$219,000	\$219,000	0.00%
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	\$219,000	\$219,000	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$101,148	\$220,331	\$2,117,708	\$1,897,377	10.40%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$70,151)	(\$585,738)	(\$566,683)	\$19,055	103.36%

Equity:

Attachment: March 2022 Financials (Reports - LWM)

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant for Native Tree Planting and Inventory, Emerald Ash Borer Management and Education/Outreach Activities in the Ozaukee County Coastal Parks Project Area

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Planning and Parks Department was awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Regular Urban Forestry (UF) Grant program to support forestry and ecological projects in the Ozaukee County Park System. This grant will fund improvements to the local ecology, aesthetics and native vegetation in the Ozaukee County Coastal Parks Project Area in the Town of Grafton and Cities of Port Washington and Mequon, which includes Virmond County Park, Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve by removing ash trees impacted by emerald ash borer (EAB), planting and inventorying native trees, and conducting education and outreach efforts to Ozaukee County residents to encourage native tree planting on private property. Specifically, this grant will provide funding for Department staff operations, contracting with conservation corps (e.g., AmeriCorps NCCC, Milwaukee Community Service Corps, Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps, Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps) for assistance, purchase of native tree stock and education/outreach events and materials.

ANALYSIS: The total grant award is \$14,844. The Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved the submittal and acceptance of this grant application at its August 5, 2021 meeting (Ayes: Korinek, Jobs, Holyoke, Minkel-Dumit, Ross) and the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 21-25 at its September 1, 2021 meeting (Ayes - 23, Nays - 0, Absent - 3) for the submittal and acceptance of the WDNR UF grant. The grant requires a 50% local match, which will be provided by a Brookby Foundation Grant, in-kind County staff time, mileage, supplies, equipment and contractual (supported by vandalism restitution funds) and volunteer time for a total project cost of \$29,688. The award amount of \$14,844 is \$10,156 less (\$25,000 initial request) than originally requested and the project has been scaled in scope accordingly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Balance Current Year: NONE (Additional Program Revenue of \$4,844)

Next Year's Estimated Cost: NONE (Additional Revenue of \$10,000)

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy:

Non-County Levy: X

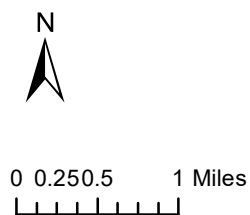
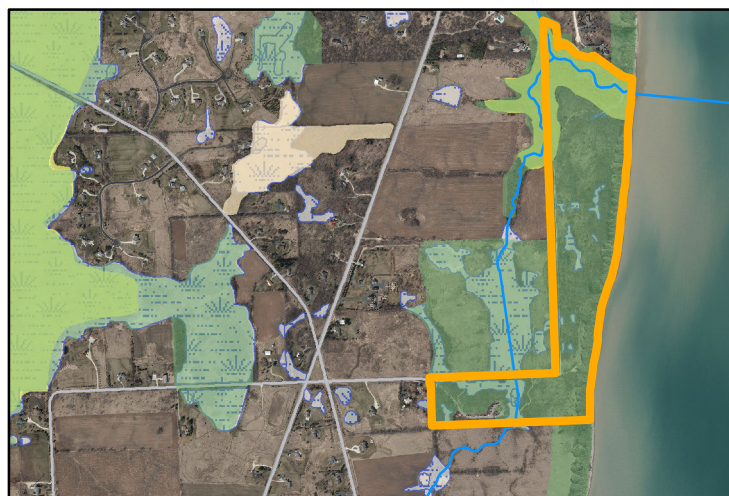
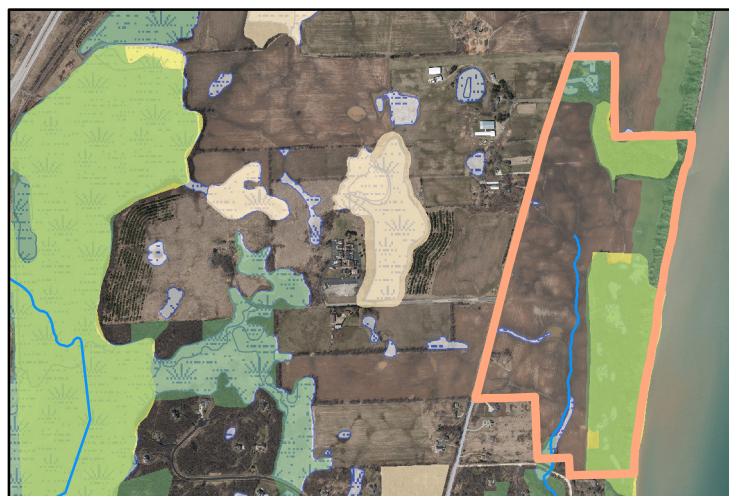
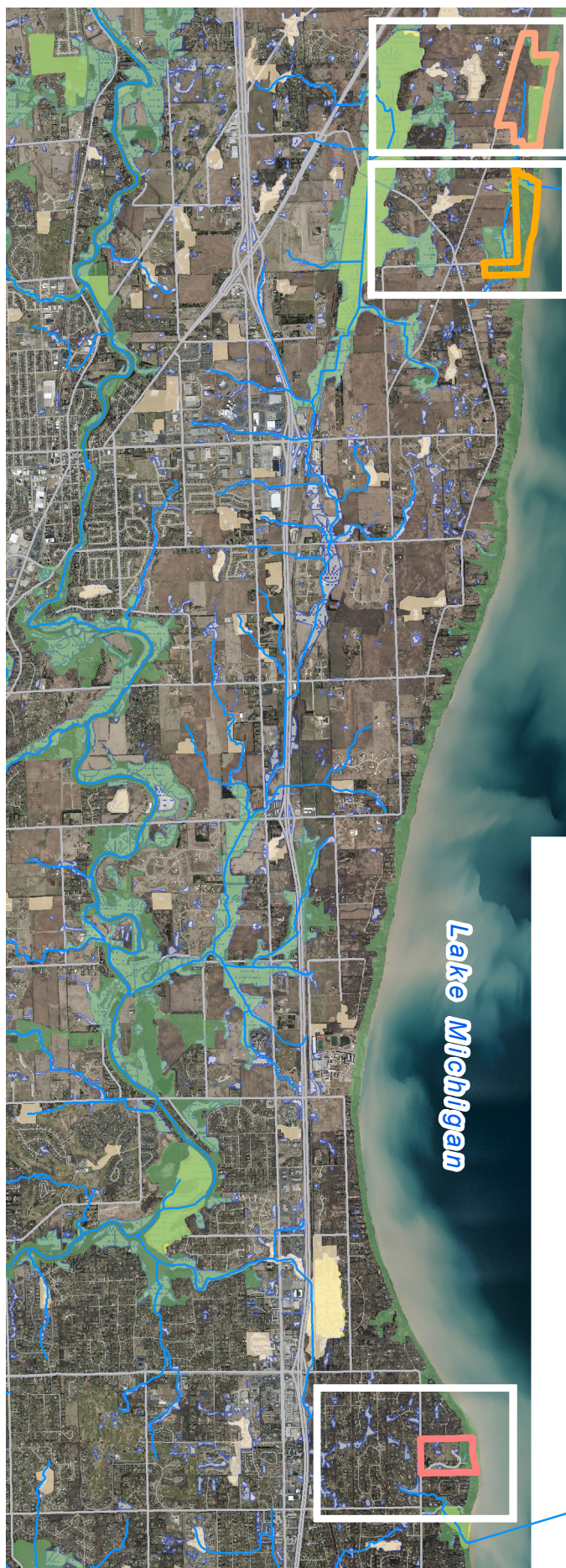
Indicate source: WDNR UF grant, Brookby Foundation grant, and in-kind County staff time, supplies, equipment and contractual (supported by restitution funds) and volunteer time

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the budget amendment for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant program grant for Tree Planting and Inventory Activities, Emerald Ash Borer Management and Education/Outreach in the Ozaukee County Coastal Parks Project Area.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_2021_WDNR UF_Coastal Parks_Map (PDF)
- BA_2022_NRC04072022_WDNR_UFCoastalParks_BA_ATSFinal033022 (PDF)

Ozaukee County Coastal Parks Project Area



Legend

- Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve
- Virmond Park
- Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve
- Isolated Natural Resource Area
- Primary Environmental Corridor
- Natural Areas
- Hydroline
- Wetlands



Budget Amendment Request Committee Approval Form

8.a.1.b

TO: **Finance Committee**FROM: **Planning & Parks**

Department Name

Date of Request: **3/16/2022**

Resolution No: _____

Period Transfer Recorded: _____

Type of Budget Amendment (check one)

Increase of Revenue: **X**

Fund Transfer: _____

Supplemental Appropriations: _____

Debit / Expense**Credit / Revenue**Acct # **221-1-01-51101-000** \$ **9,410***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*Cost Ctr & A/C Desc **Regular Salaries and Wages**Acct # **221-1-01-53601-000** \$ **134***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*Cost Ctr & A/C Desc **Other Material Supplies**Acct # **221-01-01-54310-000** \$ **2,300***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*Cost Ctr & A/C Desc **Equipment Leases and Rentals**Acct # **221-01-01-54533-000** \$ **3,000***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*Cost Ctr & A/C Desc **Contracted Outside Employment**Acct # \$ **-***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*

Cost Ctr & A/C Desc

Acct # \$ **-***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*

Cost Ctr & A/C Desc

Total Debits: **14,844**A/C # **221-01-01-42310-000** \$ **14,844***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*Cost Ctr & A/C Desc **State Aid - WDNR UF 2022 - Coastal Parks**A/C # \$ **-***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*

Cost Ctr & A/C Desc

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Cost Ctr & A/C Desc

Total Credits: **14,844****Reason for Request (Be Specific).** Also fill out Support Document for County Board.

This is an increase in revenue for a grant received from the WDNR Regular Urban Forestry Grant program for native tree planting and inventory, Emerald Ash Borer management and education/outreach activities in the Ozaukee County Coastal Parks project area (project account P221-0003-00015). This increase in revenue is for: 1) Regular Salaries and Wages; 2) Other Material Supplies; 3) Equipment Leases and Rentals; and 4) Contracted Outside Employment (Conservation Corps and Private Contractor for native tree planting).

Barbara Jobs

Department Head Signature

TYPE IN Oversight Committee Chairperson's Name

Oversight Committee Members**Finance Committee Members**

Date of Meeting

Date of Meeting

Date Amended: _____

Budget Amended By: _____

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Natural Resources Foundation Quiet Trails Grant for Public Access Improvements at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Planning and Parks Department was awarded a grant from the Natural Resources Foundation (NRF) Quiet Trails grant program to fund County activities to construct a new ADA accessible walking/hiking trail (with culvert) that will lead to a new boardwalk and observation deck at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve (LDGNP). The original, 14-year old boardwalk and observation deck was disassembled by a WisCorps conservation corps team in fall 2021, after it was showing signs of deterioration in the beams/joists due to the higher water levels, and was no longer ADA accessible due to the sinking and shifting of the piers. The Department will hire a conservation corps team (e.g. Milwaukee Community Service Corps, WisCorps, AmeriCorps NCCC or GLCCC) to construct a new ADA accessible walking/hiking trail leading to the new floating boardwalk and observation deck that will be completed by the Highway Department/Private Contractor in 2022 (funding through a WDNR Stewardship Grant and Ozaukee County Capital Project Grant). The Highway Department will also install a culvert for drainage under the trail at this location as part of the project.

ANALYSIS: The total grant award is \$1,000. The Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved the submittal and acceptance of this grant application at its February 3, 2022 meeting (Ayes: Jobs, Holyoke, Minkel-Dumit, Ross). No formal match is required, but the grant will leverage a pending US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) cooperative grant, a portion of an Ozaukee County Capital Project grant and in-kind County staff (Planning and Parks Department) time, equipment use and supplies for a total project cost of \$15,000 for the trail portion of the project. There have been no changes to the project scope or budget since grant application submittal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Balance Current Year: NONE (Additional Program Revenue - \$1,000)

Next Year's Estimated Cost: NONE

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy:

Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: NRF Quiet Trails Fund grant, a USFWS cooperative grant (pending), a portion of an Ozaukee County Capital Project Grant and in-kind County staff (Planning and Parks Department) time, equipment use and supplies.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the budget amendment for the Natural Resources Foundation Quiet Trails grant to support construction of an ADA accessible trail (including culvert installation) leading to the new boardwalk and overlook at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_LDGNP_Trail and Boardwalk_Map (PDF)
- BA_2022_04072022_NRFQuietTrails_LDGNP_ATSFinal033022 (PDF)

Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve - Proposed Boardwalk/Overlook Location



Legend

- Trail Field GPS Points
- Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve
- WI Wetland Inventory (2019)
- Elevation Line

Proposed

- Boardwalk (Approx. 80 Feet)
- Overlook (Approx. 15 x 25 Feet)
- Trail (Approx. 260 Feet)

0 100 200 400 Feet





Budget Amendment Request Committee Approval Form

8.a.2.b

TO: **Finance Committee**FROM: **Planning and Parks Department**

Department Name

Date of Request: **3/17/2022**

Resolution No: _____

Period Transfer Recorded: _____

Type of Budget Amendment (check one)

Increase of Revenue: **X**

Fund Transfer: _____

Supplemental Appropriations: _____

Debit / Expense**Credit / Revenue**Acct # **221-01-01-54533-000** \$ **1,000***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*Cost Ctr & A/C Desc **Contracted Outside Employment**

Acct # \$ -

Pre-request Account's Budget | *Changed To*

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Acct # \$ -

Pre-request Account's Budget | *Changed To*

Cost Ctr & A/C Desc

Total Debits: **1,000**A/C # **221-01-01-49501-000** \$ **1,000***Pre-request Account's Budget* | *Changed To*Cost Ctr & A/C Desc **Private Foundations - NRF Quiet Trails LDGPNP**

A/C # \$ -

Pre-request Account's Budget | *Changed To*

Cost Ctr & A/C Desc

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Pre-request Account's Budget | *Changed To*

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Total Credits: **1,000****Reason for Request (Be Specific).** Also fill out Support Document for County Board.

This is an increase in revenue for a grant recieved from the Natural Resources Foundation Quiet Trails grant program to improve public access at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve (project account P221-0003-00025). This increase in revenue is for: 1) Contracted Outside Employment (Conservation Corps).

Barbara Jobs

Department Head Signature

TYPE IN Oversight Committee Chairperson's Name

Oversight Committee Members**Finance Committee Members**

Date of Meeting

Date of Meeting

Date Amended: _____

Budget Amended By: _____

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Contract Addendum for Professional Services for Permitting Support and Construction Management for Mineral Springs Creek Resiliency and Habitat Restoration

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department is working on the design and engineering for several fish passage and habitat improvement projects on multiple direct Lake Michigan tributary streams under an existing professional services contract with raSmith and its subcontractor, Fish Creek Restoration LLC. Additional permitting and construction management support is needed for the Mineral Springs Creek (Lake Michigan tributary stream) Resiliency and Habitat Restoration project. Specifically, secured National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Office of Great Waters (OGW), and Fund for Lake Michigan (FFLM) grants are supporting Department activities to improve resiliency, corridor habitat restoration, fish passage and in-stream habitat on Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington. Between 2013 and 2017, the Department, City of Port Washington (City), and We Energies worked on several fish passage projects to improve aquatic connectivity on Mineral Springs Creek. In late August, 2018, the Mineral Springs Creek watershed experienced an intense rainstorm that dropped over 9 inches of rain in portions of the watershed in less than 24 hours, which exceeded the estimated “500-year storm event”, and resulted in a formal disaster declaration from FEMA. The resulting high flow rates in the creek scoured the stream bed causing the bed elevation to drop 2-3 feet downstream of the Ravine Street. This downcutting exposed a sanitary sewer line upstream of Ravine Street. In response, the City installed emergency protection of the utility corridor that consists of sheet pile and concrete that effectively created a dam with more than 2.5 feet vertical drop from the top of the concrete to the downstream water surface during typical flow conditions. This new structure creates a major barrier for fish passage and undermines much of the work that was completed to restore fish passage, particularly upstream. Additionally, erosion from that event caused loss of vegetation and bank stability. To address these problems, the Department is proposing to re-grade and conduct vegetation restoration of the steep ravine slopes, conduct native vegetation restoration in the MSC stream corridor and to reconstruct the stream with stone that can resist movement and improve resiliency during extreme events in a configuration that will allow fish passage past the utility protection structure. The Department has finalized project plans (e.g., Civil Engineer) and WDNR and US Army Corps of Engineers permitting are ongoing. Construction activities to be completed by local force account support (Ozaukee County Highway Department) are planned for spring / summer 2022. Professional services are required for final permitting and for construction management related services for implementation of project plans.

ANALYSIS: The NFWF, WDNR OGW, and FFLM grants have tight timelines to meet critical goals and deadlines. The Planning and Parks Department has received a contract addendum

proposal from Fish Creek Restoration LLC. Fish Creek Restoration LLC is working with the Department and raSmith on several other fish passage and habitat restoration projects in Ozaukee County on several other Lake Michigan tributaries as well as with the Highway Department, including the County Trunk Highway W reconstruction and restoration project. The Fish Creek Restoration LLC addendum is based on a time and materials basis with a not-to-exceed amount of \$13,820. Project costs are within budget and will be provided for from the existing NFWF NCRF, WDNR OGW, and FFLM grants. Staff recommends adding a 15% contingency (\$2,073) to the addendum price to cover optional items as needed for a total not to exceed sum of \$15,893.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Balance Current Year: \$15,893

Next Year's Estimated Cost: NONE

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy:

Non-County Levy: X

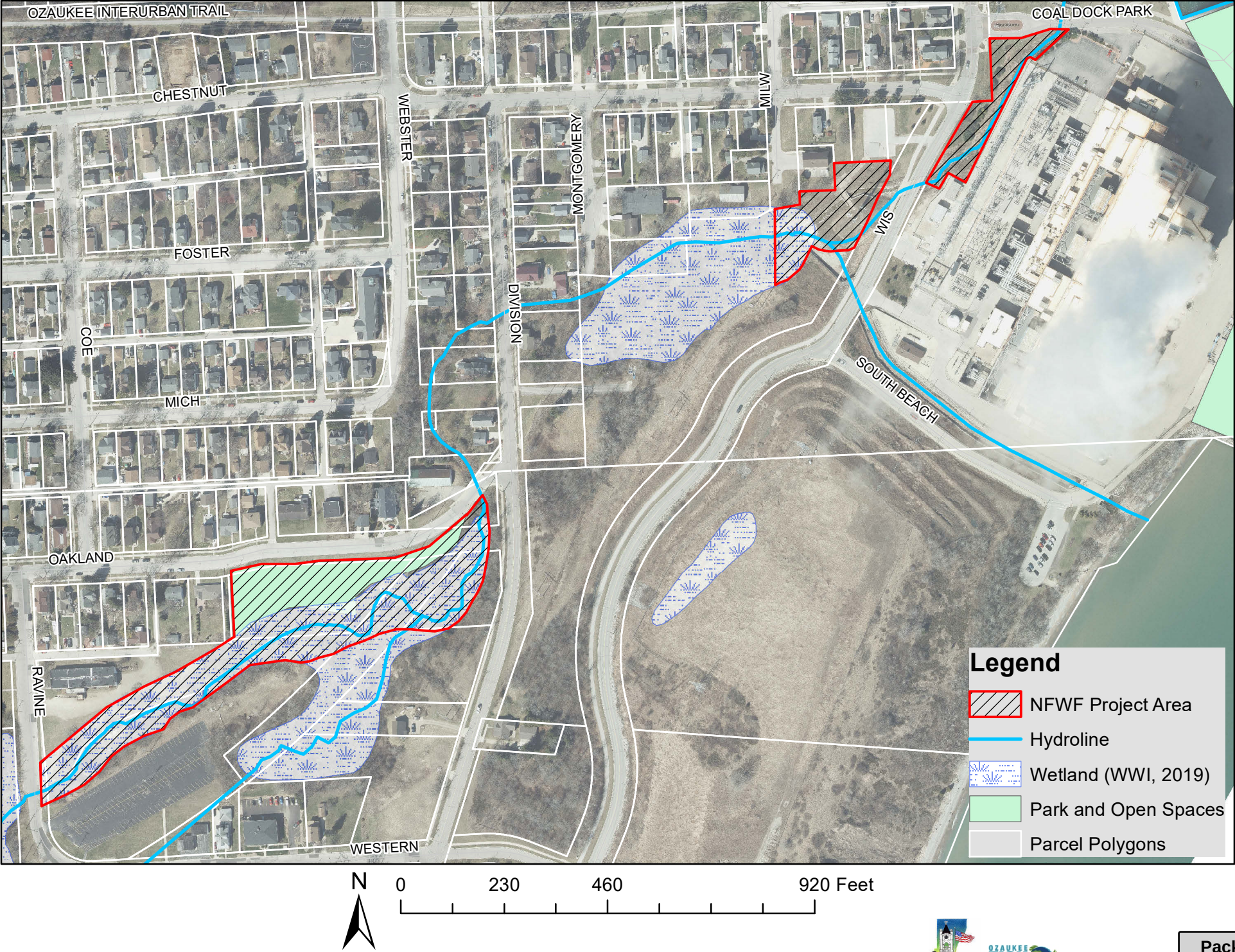
Indicate source: NFWF, WDNR OGW & FFLM grants

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve negotiation and signing of a professional services contract addendum by the Planning and Parks Department with Fish Creek Restoration LLC for a not to exceed sum of \$15,893 for permitting support and construction management services for the Mineral Springs Creek Resiliency and Habitat Restoration project. This contract addendum is contingent upon negotiation of professional services contract terms satisfactory to the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department and Corporation Counsel.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P Dept_MSC Project Map (PDF)

Mineral Springs Creek Corridor Resiliency Project Area



Attachment: P&P Dept_MSC Project Map

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Bid and Contract for Construction Related Services for a Holding Tank System at the new Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Bathroom Pavilion

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department has completed the design, engineering, and public bidding for the construction of a holding tank system at the new Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve bathroom pavilion. This Capital Improvement Project was approved by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2021 by Resolution 20-84 (Ayes - 20, Nays - 3, Abstain - 1, Absent - 2) and on April 7, 2021 by Resolution 20-88 (Ayes - 20, Nays - 4, Absent - 2).

ANALYSIS: An advertisement for bids was published on February 17 and 24, 2022 and the bid documents were located on the Ozaukee County bid posting webpage: <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/Bids.aspx>. Three bids were publicly opened and read aloud on March 10, 2022. Base bid prices ranged from \$29,850 to \$47,000 (see attached bid tab). Staff recommends awarding the construction bid to WM Hilgart & Sons, LLC, based on a review of qualifications, prior work, complete bid submittal, and price (lowest responsible and responsive bidder). The WM Hilgart & Sons, LLC base bid is \$29,850. Staff recommends a 15% contingency (\$4,478) to cover any potential change orders and associated expenses for a not to exceed sum of \$34,328. This amount is within the overall approved Capital Improvement Project budget. The contract for this project is a standard Ozaukee County contract for public bidding.

FISCAL IMPACT: Balance Current Year: \$34,328 Next Year's Estimated Cost: NONE

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy: X

Non-County Levy: Indicate source: Capital Improvement Project Budget (Capital Bonding)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Accept the bid from WM Hilgart & Sons, LLC, and approve a contractual services contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with WM Hilgart & Sons, LLC for a not to exceed sum of \$34,328, which includes a 15% contingency to cover any potential change orders and associated expenses, for a holding tank system at the new Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve bathroom pavilion.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_LDGNP_HoldingTankSystem_PlanholdersList 3.14.22 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_Ozaukee County - Lions Den Holding Tank Bid Tab (PDF)

Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Holding Tank System - Planholders List			
Company Name	Contact Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Mile Rock Site Solutions	Abby Donohue	2623555074	abby@milerockss.com
BXWI	Ann Taylor	1920687870	editor@bxwi.com
La crosse builders exchange	Tina E	6087811819	planroom@laxbx.com
IMS	Bid Research	8584908800	IMS_bids@construction.com
North America Procurement Council Inc., PBC	Eric JOhnson	970-237-4411	bids@napc.me
North America Procurement Council, Inc. PBC	Eric Johnson	866-347-9657	eric@bidocean.com
Dodge	Data	877-784-9556	dodge.docs@construction.com
Dodge Data & Analytics	Dodge Dodge	8777849556	dodge.docs@construction.com
Entram Corp	Jen Barnes	888-888-0900	contact@envirobidnet.com
Dodge	Data	9585839424	dodge.docs@construction.com
SCHWARTZ SEPTIC SERVICE INC	Howard Mitchell	9209949686	schwartzsepticseviceinc@gmail.com
Dirkse & Huibregtse, LLC	Linda	9209803604	dhseptic@wi.rr.com
Mile Rock Site Solutions	jason m donohue	2624831900	jason@milerockss.com
Lindner Bros	Sam Lindner	2625472245	samlindner@aol.com
The La Crosse Builders Exchange	Mia	6087811819	planroom@laxbx.com
DIRKSE \$ HUIBREGTSE LLC	Linda	9205643322	dhseptic@wi.twcbc.com
Wm. Hilgart & Sons Inc	ROBERT Scott HILGART	262-853-4220	BOBHILGART@outlook.com
North America Procurement Council, Inc. PBC	Palash Roy	302-450-1923	bids@napc.me

Bid Date - March 10, 2022 @ 3:00	
Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Holding Tank	
General Contractor	Base Bid
WM Hilgart & Sons, LLC*	\$29,850
Mile Rock Site Solutions	\$36,444
Dirske & Huibregtse, LLC	\$47,000

*Staff Recommendation

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Bid and Contract for Construction Related Services for the new Hawthorne Hills County Park – Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department and its consultant (Kueny Architects LLC) has completed the design, engineering, and public bidding for the construction of the Hawthorne Hills County Park Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility. This Capital Improvement Project was approved by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2021 by Resolution 20-84 (Ayes - 20, Nays - 3, Abstain - 1, Absent - 2) and on April 7, 2021 by Resolution 20-88 (Ayes - 20, Nays - 4, Absent - 2).

ANALYSIS: An advertisement for bids was published March 10 and March 17, 2022 and the bid documents were located on the Ozaukee County bid posting webpage: <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/Bids.aspx>. Three bids were publicly opened and read aloud on March 29, 2022. Base bid prices ranged from \$1,144,000 to \$1,366,510 (see attached bid tab). Staff and Kueny Architects LLC (see attached recommendation letter) recommend awarding the base construction bid and Alternate #5 to Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc., based on a review of qualifications, prior work, complete bid submittal, and price (lowest responsible and responsive bidder). The Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc. base bid is \$1,144,000 and Alternate #5 for a metal roof was \$55,000. Staff recommends an approximate 10% contingency (\$126,000) to cover any potential change orders and associated expenses such permit and utility fees and soil testing/geotechnical, for a not to exceed sum of \$1,325,000. The approved Capital Improvement Project budget is \$800,000. There was also an identified, approved \$235,000 project contingency for the four approved bonded Capital Improvement Projects, of which three are Parks Division projects (e.g., Lion’s Den Gorge Nature Preserve Bathroom Pavilion, Covered Bridge Bathroom Pavilion, and Hawthorne Hills County Park - Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility). Additional revenue includes a \$60,000 balance from the Lion’s Den Gorge Nature Preserve Bathroom Pavilion and Covered Bridge Bathroom Pavilion projects and \$230,000 from the Golf Course Enterprise Fund (end of 2021 Golf Course Enterprise Fund revenue balance was approximately \$1,230,000), which still leaves approximately \$1,000,000 in Golf Course Enterprise Fund revenue balance. Thus, total project revenue is \$1,325,000. Awarding the base bid and Alternate #5 does not complete the upper level public bathroom/showers, kitchen/lunchroom and common area (Alternates 1-3), for which a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant has been applied for (NRC approval on March 2, 2022). The contract for this project is a standard Ozaukee County contract for public bidding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Balance Current Year: \$662,500

Next Year's Estimated Cost: \$662,500

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy: X

Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: Capital Improvement Project Fund (Capital Bonding) and Golf Course Enterprise Fund

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Accept the bid from Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc, and approve contractual services contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with Absolute Construction Enterprises, Inc. for a not to exceed sum of \$1,325,000, which includes an approximate 10% contingency to cover any potential change orders and associated expenses for the new Hawthorne Hills County Park Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_Hawthorne Hills Building Planholders List 3.29.22 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_Hawthorne Hills Building Bid Results_3.29.22 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_Hawthorne Hills Building Kueny Recommendation (PDF)

Hawthorne Hills County Park - Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility - Planholders List 3.29.22			
Company Name (optional)	Contact Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Henneman Engineering, Inc.	Jean Bower	6088337000	jbower@henneman.com
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Construction Journal	Breanna	7727812144	bcasanova@constructionjournal.com
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Dodge	Dodge Anderson	352 589 4652	jayalakshmil@construction.com
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Construction Journal	Pamela Exton	7727812144	bids@constructionjournal.com
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Dodge Data & Analytics	Dodge Dodge	8777849556	dodge.bidding@construction.com
B V Tetzlaff, Inc.	Jamie Keuper	2627835688	jamie@bvtetzlaff.com
Zien Service Inc	Mick Heberling	4143518700	mickh@zienmechanical.com
frank armstrong paving	scott greenlees	2623954050	sales@armstrongpaving.com
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CornerStone One	Scott Christman	414-788-8199	scott.christman@cstoneone.com
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Construction Journal	Pamela Exton	772 781 2144	bids@constructionjournal.com
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	Samantha Keiser	4149181430	samantha.keiser@zastudios.com
	Andrew	262-825-2877	propertiesolutionscontracting@gmail.com
Dodge Data & Analytics	jaya lakshmil	4133767032	jayalakshmil@construction.com

Hawthorne Hills County Park - Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility																
General Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate #1 -upper-level rooms 204, 205, 206, 207, 208 and 209.	Alternate #2 - upper-level rooms 200, 201 and 202.	Alternate #3 - finish work of room 203.	Alternate #4 - south parking lot and access drive asphalt paving noted on site plan A101	Alternate #5 - metal standing steamed roof in leu of asphalt shingles.	Unit Price 1A - Soil Excavation	Unit Price 1B - Compacted backfill	Unit Price 1 C - Additional Concrete	Bid Bond	# Days	Add. #1	Add. #2	Add. #3	Add. #4	...
JH Hassinger	\$1,366,510	\$158,630	\$97,710	\$100,230	\$35,225	\$64,270	\$35	\$55	\$1,100	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Mike Koenig	\$1,160,700	\$143,280	\$86,915	\$80,300	\$22,800	\$66,070	\$15	\$20	\$1,500	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Absolute Construction	\$1,144,000	\$151,000	\$92,000	\$82,000	\$23,000	\$55,000	\$15	\$22	\$800	V	V	V	V	V	V	V

Dept. Hawthorne Hills Building Bid Results 3.29.22

Attachment: P&P_Dept_Hawthorne Hills Building Bid Results_3.29.22

The logo for Kueny Architects, L.L.C. features a large, horizontal orange rectangle with a gradient. To the left of this rectangle is a purple rectangle. Several thin black lines intersect these rectangles and extend outwards. In the bottom right corner of the orange rectangle, there are three orange triangles of increasing size, pointing towards the top right.

KUENY ARCHITECTS, L.L.C.

Date March 30, 2022

Andrew Struck
Program Manager
Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department
121 West Main Street, P.O. Box 994
Port Washington, WI 53074

Dear Andrew,

After reviewing the (3) bids received for the Ozaukee County - Hawthorne Hills County Park - Multipurpose Parks Maintenance Facility project the low bidder is Absolute Construction comprised of the base bid #1 and Alternate #5 metal roof totaling \$1,199,000.

It's Kueny Architects recommendation that the County awards the contract to Absolute Construction.

If future grant funds become available, we would also recommend alternate #1 and #2 to be considered. Alternate #1 is for upper-level rooms 204, 205, 206, 207, 208 and 209. Alternate #2 is for the finish work for room 203.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this recommendation, please call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jon P. Wallenkamp, AIA

Attachment: P&P_Dept_Hawthorne Hills Building Kueny Recommendation



GOLF COURSES



GOLF COURSES — MEE-KWON PARK AND HAWTHORNE HILLS

- March (thru March 21st) revenue and rounds: \$10,536.60 and 322 rounds (2022) for both MKGC and HHGC. 2022 total revenue (to date) \$10,860.34 and 322 rounds. 2021 total revenue (to date) \$15,085.49 and 377 rounds. MKGC opened March 16th and HHGC will open March 29th unless there is a significant change in the weather forecast.
- The fiber optic lines have been installed and are operational at both golf courses. This will greatly enhance the time it takes to process tee times as well as improve service when customers check-in. This will cost an additional \$13,000/year.
- The GC will be using a new email marketing platform thru Club Caddie. There are over 17,000 names in our database.
- The GCs came through the winter very well. There is no significant damage to the grounds. We have not been able to get equipment on the courses due to the soft conditions. Met with Concessionaire regarding service for 2022 (3/3).
- GC Maintenance staff and contractors have continued work on ash tree/invasive species removals and tree planting under the USFS & NFWF SOGL grants, particularly at HHGC. Roof snow rails were added to the MKGC Maintenance Building.



ECOLOGICAL DIVISION



BIRD CONSERVATION / BIRD CITY WISCONSIN

Received 2021 renewal with High Flyer status. Ozaukee County was awarded "High Flyer" status for its Bird City Wisconsin (BCW) renewal in 2021. The "High Flyer" status is the highest level of achievement under BCW and Ozaukee County was the first County in the State to achieve "High Flyer" status and is one of only 24 communities to accomplish this highest level out of 110 BCW communities in WI. Continued maintenance and monitoring of nest boxes (Kestrel, Bluebird, Wood duck) including 11 new bluebird boxes at Tendick and 9 new bluebird boxes at Virmond. Received additional bluebird boxes from WGLBBO. Finalized application for 2022 BCW recognition status. Coordinated with a UW Madison student on Kestrel Box research.

FISH PASSAGE PROGRAM

Aquatic Connectivity Projects: Coordination with landowners, local municipalities, County Highway Dept, and contractors (youth conservation corps) for completion of all planned construction and site restoration work, including grant-funded materials acquisition. Contract management and site visits for finalizing engineering and design work for culvert replacements or remediation work on Mole Creek and Tendick Creek in the Town of Saukville, Sucker Brook Creek in the Town of Port Washington, and Silver Beach Creek in the Town of Belgium. Continued site surveys, design and engineering and project planning for Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington (90% plans). Significant completion of construction activities at the nature-like fishway at the Mequon-Thiensville Dam with HWY Dept and Village of Thiensville with final site restoration planned for Spring/Summer 2022 as well as a grand opening celebration.

Habitat Improvement Projects: Oversight and coordination of construction and restoration activities at the Little Menomonee River Corridor Ecosystem Restoration project with the County Highway Department. Ongoing project planning and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) development with WDNR and Milwaukee County for aquatic habitat inventories, assessments, and engineering and design for aquatic habitat restoration activities on the Little Menomonee River in Milwaukee County. Project planning, permitting, QAPP development, and HWY Dept and landowner coordination for restoration work on Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington. Project planning for restoration work on Tendick Creek. Ongoing analysis and reporting for the Lake Sturgeon Habitat Assessment in the Milwaukee River.

Environmental Monitoring: Continued analysis and reporting of fish, avian, wildlife, and water quality sampling data per QAPPs. Supplies and materials acquisition and project planning for 2022 monitoring activities. Water quality sampling analysis for the Little Menomonee River / Creek, Ulao and Mole Creeks. Coordination with SEWRPC for monitoring conductivity and chlorides on Ulao Creek. The underwater "fish cam" at MT Fishway has been re-installed following fishway construction. Continued larval fish trapping data analysis and reporting on project streams. New PIT tag reader coordination with WDNR at the MT Fishway.

Education and Outreach Activities: On-going website and social media development and refinement of multiple education/outreach materials and updates on construction and restoration projects. Temporary signage at construction and restoration projects. Development of temporary and permanent education signage for multiple projects including Mineral Springs Creek with We Energies, Lake Michigan public access, wetland restorations, chimney swift tower at Virmond County Park and the Tendick Nature Park wetland and prairie restoration. Research of applicable bluff safety signage, brochures and ordinances.

Reporting and Other Activities: On-going grant (financial & technical) reporting for USFWS, USFS, WCMP, NFWF SOGL, WDNR (Stewardship, RPP, CCA), SEWIS & FFLM. Submitted multiple grant applications. QAPP & NEPA submittals and approvals for federally-funded projects. Coordinated w/ the AmeriCorps NCCC (3/31), WisCorps, MCSC & GLCCC on 2022 work. Coordinated w/ GLE regarding the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat Tool contracts. Coordinated w/ partners (MMSD, Milwaukee Riverkeeper, SEWRPC) on water quality monitoring. Coordinated w/ WGLBBO, LNRP, City of Port Washington, We-Energies, HWY & WDNR regarding stream restoration on Mineral Springs Creek. Coordination w/ WDNR Milwaukee River AOC & WDNR Lamp Coordinators (3/9). Coordinated w/ Finance on project accounting system, grant reporting/reimbursements & annual audit. Completed multiple federal & state grant reimbursement requests. Mtgs. for the AOC MAIT (), Fish & Wildlife Tech Team (3/9, 3/15), Project Managers (3/2). Coordination w/ Hwy & Consultant on CTH W Project. Lake Michigan Stakeholder Champions SC Mtg. (3/16). SWWT Finance Cmte (3/8) and SWWT Board Mtgs (). Coordinate w/ DU/USFWS on EAGL NAWCA grant. Coordinated w/ raSmith & Fish Creek Restoration consultants on various FP projects. Coordinated w/ USFWS staff Re: Coastal Pgm. grant funding for current & future projects. Met w/ the OCWC SC on Sucker Brook (3/2, 3/15). Mtg w/ Contractor and Ch 58—Virmond Stairway (3/8, 3/18). Attended UMSRS Virtual Conference (2/28-3/2). Mtg w/M2 on MK stormwater wetland (3/8). Attended Fox River Summit in Burlington (3/17). Attended LNRP Coastal Resiliency Mtg. in Manitowoc (3/31).

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Continued removal of ash trees, invasive shrubs and herbaceous spp. at County Parks and Restoration Areas including Tendick, Covered Bridge, Lion's Den Gorge, Mee-Kwon, Hawthorne Hills, LMRFWP, River Oaks, Harborview & Virmond County Parks under NFWF SOGL Invasive Grant. Continued work on private foundation grants for invasive species management and native tree planting in the County Park System. Continued ROW Invasive Species Treatment and coordinated w/ HWY on implementation. Coordination on 2 USFS grants w/ Partners (HH Park and Coastal Parks Project Areas) for tree planting / bidding.

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

- Attended NRC (3/3-in person), County Board (3/2-in person, 3/16-in person) and Public Hearing for ADA project (3/22).
- Managing staff teleworking/remote working, parks and golf course operations, and day to day operations with COVID-19.
- Worked on Dept. staff annual reviews, job description questionnaires & position descriptions. Provided JDQs to HR.
- Staff will be moving the sign shop from the Virmond County Park barn to the Mee-Kwon County Park Caretaker outbuilding.



PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT

CURRENT PROJECTS & REPORT UPDATES

MARCH 2022



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities for Ozaukee County residents and visitors of Ozaukee County to appreciate and enjoy the natural and cultural resources, local ecology, recreational experiences, well planned sustainable growth and improved quality of life in Ozaukee County through the preservation, restoration and management of natural resources, increased awareness and education, stewardship, promotion of tourism, comprehensive planning, and the acquisition, development, enhancement and operation of large scale, intergovernmental recreational opportunities including exceptionally well-maintained golf courses, multi-use trails and parks.

<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/540/Planning-Parks>

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Ozaukee County Planning and Parks



PLANNING DIVISION

Comprehensive Planning

- Reviewed local government amendments to County Comprehensive Plan (e.g. Towns of Grafton, Port Washington, Belgium & Saukville, Villages of Grafton, Belgium & Newburg & Cities of Port Washington & Mequon). Coordinated w/ SEWRPC for assistance on County Comp Plan amendment regarding local governments.
- Coordinated w/ Towns of Saukville & Belgium & Village of Belgium on process of amending their local comprehensive plan, planned land use maps & the County Comprehensive Plan. Discussed options w/ SEWRPC.
- Began to review the GIS mapping for the proposed local government amendments to the County Comprehensive Plan (e.g. planned land use map). Coordinated with SEWRPC staff regarding level of effort for updates.

Land Division / Plat Review / Zoning

- Discussed/reviewed preliminary/final land divisions with landowner(s) in the Towns of Grafton, Port Washington, Fredonia & Cedarburg. Generated GIS maps including shoreland zoning, land use, soils, floodplain, etc.
- Provided review for proposed projects under the County-owned lands zoning ordinance including Mee-Kwon Park, Grafton & Port Washington—cell towers, Pinnacle property—communications tower, Highway properties—nonmetallic mining, LMRFPW—public access and Advocates of Ozaukee—building expansion.

Park and Open Space Plan - Park & Natural Areas Preservation/Conservation Planning

- Reviewed prioritization and implementation recommendations in the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (POSP)* as approved by County Board on June 1, 2011. Coordinated with SEWRPC staff regarding the update to the POSP, inventory data, mapping updates and survey data (on-site surveys).
- Discussed recommendations of the POSP with several residents, WDNR, MMSD/Conservation Fund, OWLT, UCP, WWA, ROTB, FOCB and Ozaukee Treasures Network, particularly with regard to identified Natural Areas and proposed County parks and trail systems. Continued discussions with interested citizens regarding developing a mountain bike park and natural area acquisitions (Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge, OIT, Waubedonia)
- Coordinated on several occasions with the Conservation Fund/MMSD on the expanded "Greenseams" Program (CTH W project). Coordinated w/ WDNR, Conservation Fund/MMSD regarding fish passage projects.
- Coordinated/attended meetings with partners (e.g. FOCB, WDNR, MMSD, OWLT, OCWC(), WAC, BCW (3/9), LNRP(), UCP()) to discuss natural area preservation/restoration and WDNR/WCMP/USFWS/USFS grants (Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve (CBCGNP) (3/8, 3/18).
- Completing final drafts of three County Park Master Plans including Virmond, Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve (LDGNP) and the proposed Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve (CBCGNP) as part of WCMF Coastal Resiliency Grants. Updating Park Master Plan (GIS) maps for all the other current County Parks.

Farmland Preservation Plan and Working Lands Initiative

- County Board formally adopted the *Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (FPP)* on July 3, 2013 as a stand alone plan. The County Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2013-02 (incorporation of FPP & POSP) on 12/04/13. Coordinated (with SWWT & MMSD) adoption of the Cedar, Pigeon, Mole and Ulao Watershed 9 Key Element Plan per FPP. Discuss implementing 9 Key Element Plans.
- Coordinated with the Town of Belgium on a revision to the County FPP per a zoning/land use change.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) / Land Information

- Continued development of the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat Model and Ecological Prioritization GIS Tool with partners (Received NACPRO Award 2021). Reviewed Preservation/Restoration output maps with partners and coordinated with staff/partners/consultant on next steps for the GIS Tools. Coordinated follow-up with WDNR AOC Program to demonstrate the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat and Ecological Prioritization Tools. Continued work on Fisheries component of the GIS Tools. Work with consultant on SLCI output reports.
- Prepared several GIS databases and maps for the Planning Division, Parks and Trails Divisions and Ecological Division / Fish Passage Program regarding: land divisions, zoning, tree plantings, natural areas, Trail/ROTB, streams/Impediments, wetland/riparian restorations & stormwater, water quality data, fish & wildlife monitoring, ROW invasive spp., invasive species, other restorations (e.g. prairies) and Master Plans.
- Coordinated w/ LIO on GIS databases (ROW Invasive), JEM Grant (GIS Storybook for OIT) and adding Planning & Parks Dept data to GIS Server. Coordinating on a County Map update with new roads, etc.
- Began coordination w/ SEWRPC on an update to the County Shoreland (& Floodplain) Zoning Maps.

Floodplain, Stormwater Management, Bluff Erosion and Construction Site Erosion Control

- Developed/reviewed erosion control, floodplain and stormwater management plans, permits and implementation for various Fish Passage Program (e.g. MT Fishway, MSC), Parks (e.g. Virmond staircase, MK Park stormwater wetland, Covered Bridge and LDGNP Pavilions) & Ozaukee Interurban Trail projects with USAC-OE, WDNR, LWMD, consultants, & municipalities (e.g. Towns of Cedarburg and Grafton).
- Coordinated w/ WCMF State Coastal Hazards WG regarding Virmond Park and attended the WG Mtg (3/4). Coordinated with UW Sea Grant/WGNHS on outreach for Lake Michigan water levels and bluff erosion/climate change, Virmond public access and a guide to native vegetation for coastal bluffs. Coordinated on WCMF SE Coastal Resiliency Project (e.g. predicting bluff erosion and water study—Virmond Park, Master Plans—CBCGNP, Virmond, LDGNP) and attended the WCMF/Sea Grant CALM Network Mtg. (3/23).

Strategic Planning and Economic Development Planning

- Coordinated w/ Chambers of Commerce and State & County Tourism on another State Tourism Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) grant for promoting the Ozaukee Interurban Trail and a WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for repaving the OIT. Coordinated strategic/safety planning for Trail w/ municipalities.
- Continued to report on the Department goals, objectives, metrics for the County Strategic Plan including evaluation of goals and reporting to NRC and CB. Provided NRC board members with Dept summary data.

Non-metallic Mining Planning

- Coordinated with the Highway Dept on the implementation of the restoration plan (e.g. tree establishment the Hetzel Pit / Bee-Keeper Bog to comply with the WDNR permit. Coordinated with the Highway Dept for restoration / reclamation activities at the Saukville properties (Guenther, Lakeland and Opitz Pits) and coordinated with multi-Department staff for future land use at these properties. Coordinated w/ WDNR & SEWRPC.

Regional Technical Review & Planning Assistance (SEWRPC, MMSD, WisDOT, etc.)

- Follow-up SEWRPC Regional Land Use & Transportation and Natural Areas Advisory Cmte mtgs.
- Coordinated w/ SWWT & MMSD on 9-Key Element Plans-Ulao, Mole, Pigeon, Cedar & Fredonia.
- Coordinated w/ WisDOT & Consultants on CTH I, STH 33 and I-43 reconstruction projects (03/29).

PARKS, RECREATION, NATURAL AREAS AND CULTURE DIVISION

Parks, Natural Areas, Recreation and Culture Implementation

- Implementation of 2022 park projects & 2021-22 approved Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for the County parks (e.g., Pavilion & Maintenance Buildings, LDGNP Parking & Boardwalk, etc.). Coordinated w/ Highway Dept on other Park (e.g. culverts, grading), Fish Passage (LMRFPW, MSC) and Ozaukee Interurban Trail (e.g. shoudering, mowing) projects and CTH, STH, and Federal ROW Invasives Project. Planning w/ Highway Dept: 2022 Projects (Park, FP, etc) and CTH W reconstruction, restoration and funding.
- Coordinated with several potential Eagle Scouts for current and future service projects at various County Parks and the Interurban Trail (e.g. Kiosk - Covered Bridge, Wood duck nest boxes—HH Park, HH Peters, & LMRFPW Donation Box—Tendick Nature Park, Trail Construction/Bike Rack—Mee-Kwon County Park, etc.).
- Coordinated and continued intensive invasive species removal (e.g. herbaceous & woody shrubs), ash tree removals, and 2022 tree plantings at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Virmond, Mee-Kwon, Hawthorne & LMRFPW, Waubedonia and Tendick County Parks, Mee-Kwon & HH Park Project Areas (USFS grants), Mc Creek and both Golf Courses under private foundation, USFS GLRI, NFWF SOGL Invasive and WDNR grant Continued inventory of invasive species, tree plantings and ash trees in the County Parks & restorations.
- Coordinated w/ several recreational organizations regarding the Mee-Kwon County Park master plan. Work on signage/maps for the trail (pedestrian) network.
- Coordinated with the Parks staff on the remodeling and repair of the Shady Lane, Mee-Kwon, Waubedonia & Virmond Park Houses (doors, roofs, floors, paint, bathroom, etc), out buildings and yard (e.g., invasives, tree removals).
- Coordinated w/ the Ozaukee Treasures Network (OTN) Steering Cmte., a collaboration of organizations working on the implementation of the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*. Attended the OTN Conference MNP (3/8). Coordinated w/ Ozaukee County Watershed Coalition (OCWC) SC regarding Sauk, Sucker & U
- Management of additional prairie restoration areas at Tendick Nature Park, LMRFPW, Mee-Kwon and Virmond County Park w/ staff & USFWS. Coordinated grant reporting: WDNR CCA, ATC, We Energies, Brookby Fdn
- Worked on the new Covered Bridge County Park and River Oaks County Park additions regarding surveying restoration, tree removal (e.g. ash), invasive species removals, signage, maintenance and tree plantings.
- Coordinated and held several Zoom meetings/calls/emails with Partners regarding the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve project. Working on finalizing contract documents for a USFWS JV Ph I grant (\$300,000). Continued discussions with the seller (WSB) and other partners (OWLT, PW, WDNR, WCMF, USFS & USF
- Coordinated w/ the WCMF Coastal Hazards Work Group, WDNR Stewardship, engineer, contractor, City and WDOA WCMF staff for the public access to the Lake Michigan shoreline (e.g. staircase) at Virmond County
- Coordinated w/ Parks Division staff on multiple items (e.g. reservations, signage, camping, & ash trees, etc., the hire of a new FT Park Caretaker-Mee-Kwon (Troy Curd).
- Coordinated w/ Architect (Kueny) and Contractors for Covered Bridge & LDGNP Park bathroom/shelters, Hawthorne Hills Maintenance Bldg. designs & ADA modifications for HH Peters Youth Camp Bldg. (3/1, 3/18, 3/2
- Coordinated w/ Highway and Grafton & Mequon FDs regarding access/parking at LDGNP and Virmond Park

Coordination with Cultural, Tourism & Recreation Groups

- Coordinated for Ozaukee County Tourism Council (OCTC) Board Mtg. (3/18, 4/4). Continued work on Tourist Trail websites. Continued to assist w/ OCTC Treasurer duties/reviews Re: 2022 budget. Coordination w/ OCHS Caretaker septic, lease agreement, tree planting, Wifi connect (3/16) & OCHS events.

TRAILS DIVISION

Trails Development & Facilitation—Ozaukee Interurban Trail/Snowmobile Trails

- Coordination w/ the Ozaukee Interurban Trail (OIT) Advisory Council including: safety, user counts, Trail we Trail maintenance/drainage/culverts, bike racks & benches, John Ward recognition, maintenance items for the Trail (e.g. cutting, paving), RTC grant-Port Washington Trail Improvement Project—design & engineering, R of the Badger (ROTB) Regional Mtg (3/9), coordination w/ communities (Mequon, Cedarburg, Port Washington professionals (SEWRPC) on OIT crossings. Development of Trail gateway signage. Coordinated w/ SEWRPC regional grant for Trail planning and projects (RAISE Grant) and a WisDOT TAP grant (repaving OIT).
- Coordinated with We Energies on several occasions on development of trailside facilities in several locations along the Trail (e.g. bike repair stations, signage, bike racks, benches) as well as safety improvements & continued to conduct Trail user counts and analyze correlations with other survey data. Maintained the County
- Coordinated with the Ozaukee Snowmobile Clubs on the existing and new (2023) Trail Maintenance and Trail Bridge Grants under the WDNR Trail Recreational Aids Grants. Coordinated and managed the SNARS data and GIS mapping for snowmobile trail maintenance with the Clubs and sent out payments to Clubs.
- Coordination w/ City of Mequon, City of Port, City of Cedarburg, and Village of Thiensville staff regarding trail facilities, safety and trail connections for the OIT. Mtg w/ Milwaukee County Re: OIT connections (3/16).
- Coordinated w/ Washington County and ROTB regarding planning for trail connections of the OIT to Eisenbahn Trail and criteria for regional trail network. Coordinated w/ the Town of Grafton on OIT connections (3/16).
- Follow-up Re: Trail paving of county-managed portion of OIT and WisDOT CMAQ, T

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
General Fund Park Commission
For the Two Months Ending Monday, February 28, 2022
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

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	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	\$33,600	\$33,600	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$90	\$274	\$46,925	\$46,651	0.58%
Licenses & Permits	-	\$55	-	(\$55)	0.00%
Other Revenue	\$3,167	\$9,567	\$26,500	\$16,933	36.10%
Total Revenues	\$3,257	\$9,896	\$107,025	\$97,129	9.25%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$37,320	\$55,618	\$504,191	\$448,573	11.03%
Fringe Benefits	\$9,984	\$22,319	\$133,320	\$111,001	16.74%
Travel/Training	\$635	\$635	\$7,450	\$6,815	8.52%
Supplies	\$6,247	\$12,196	\$105,635	\$93,439	11.55%
Purchased Services	\$5,923	\$15,133	\$244,650	\$229,517	6.19%
Interdepartment Charges	\$3,554	\$11,942	\$169,285	\$157,343	7.05%
Other Expenses	\$60	\$60	\$18,642	\$18,582	0.32%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$63,723	\$117,903	\$1,183,173	\$1,065,270	9.96%
Capital Outlay					
Buildings & Land	-	-	\$229,000	\$229,000	0.00%
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	\$229,000	\$229,000	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$63,723	\$117,903	\$1,412,173	\$1,294,270	8.35%
Other Finance (Sources)	-	(\$80,000)	(\$80,000)	-	100.00%
Net Other Financing Sources/Uses	-	(\$80,000)	(\$80,000)	-	100.00%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$60,466)	(\$28,007)	(\$1,225,148)	(\$1,197,141)	2.29%

Equity:

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
Special Revenue Fund Parks Projects
For the Two Months Ending Monday, February 28, 2022
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

8.c.1.b

	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	\$87,026	\$87,026	0.00%
Other Revenue	\$12,000	\$12,350	\$10,000	(\$2,350)	123.50%
Total Revenues	\$12,000	\$12,350	\$97,026	\$84,676	12.73%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$3,883	\$5,825	\$55,706	\$49,881	10.46%
Fringe Benefits	\$1,267	\$2,932	\$16,396	\$13,464	17.88%
Travel/Training	-	-	\$165	\$165	0.00%
Supplies	\$13,945	\$13,945	\$11,835	(\$2,110)	117.83%
Purchased Services	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$13,000	\$8,200	36.92%
Interdepartment Charges	-	\$9,546	-	(\$9,546)	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$23,895	\$37,048	\$97,102	\$60,054	38.15%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$23,895	\$37,048	\$97,102	\$60,054	38.15%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$11,895)	(\$24,698)	(\$76)	\$24,622	32497.37%

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
Special Revenue Fund Ozaukee Water Projects
For the Two Months Ending Monday, February 28, 2022
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

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	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$50,116	\$50,116	-	(\$50,116)	0.00%
Other Revenue	-	\$2,500	\$345,307	\$342,807	0.72%
Total Revenues	\$50,116	\$52,616	\$345,307	\$292,691	15.24%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$8,036	\$12,047	\$259,636	\$247,589	4.64%
Fringe Benefits	\$4,060	\$9,699	\$85,595	\$75,896	11.33%
Travel/Training	\$42	\$42	-	(\$42)	0.00%
Purchased Services	\$914	\$7,984	-	(\$7,984)	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$13,052	\$29,772	\$345,231	\$315,459	8.62%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$13,052	\$29,772	\$345,231	\$315,459	8.62%
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$37,064	\$22,844	\$76	(\$22,768)	30057.89%

Equity:

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	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Public Charges for Services	-	-	\$1,915,193	\$1,915,193	0.00%
Other Revenue	-	\$9	\$15,000	\$14,991	0.06%
Total Revenues	-	\$9	\$1,930,193	\$1,930,184	0.00%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$34,803	\$53,867	\$719,936	\$666,069	7.48%
Fringe Benefits	\$15,821	\$38,670	\$244,145	\$205,475	15.84%
Travel/Training	\$619	\$1,165	\$11,650	\$10,485	10.00%
Supplies	\$5,409	\$7,828	\$300,780	\$292,952	2.60%
Purchased Services	\$10,098	\$27,254	\$142,400	\$115,146	19.14%
Interdepartment Charges	\$3,554	\$7,240	\$55,143	\$47,903	13.13%
Depreciation	-	-	\$305,350	\$305,350	0.00%
Other Expenses	-	-	\$70,789	\$70,789	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$70,304	\$136,024	\$1,850,193	\$1,714,169	7.35%
Capital Outlay					
Equipment & Furniture	-	-	\$197,000	\$197,000	0.00%
Buildings & Land	-	-	\$24,000	\$24,000	0.00%
Contra	-	-	(\$221,000)	(\$221,000)	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$70,304	\$136,024	\$1,850,193	\$1,714,169	7.35%
Other Finance Uses	-	\$80,000	\$80,000	-	100.00%
Net Other Financing Sources/Uses	-	\$80,000	\$80,000	-	100.00%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$70,304)	(\$216,015)	-	\$216,015	0.00%

Equity:



OZAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS

Parks Division

Summary of Parks Revenue

February

2022

Location	Fees for Events in February 2022		Revenue Collected During February 2022	
	Cur Mo	YTD	Cur Mo	YTD
Covered Bridge	-	-	-	-
Ehlers	-	-	-	-
Hawthorne Hills	-	-	-	-
HH Peters Youth Camp	364.93	834.12	-	52.13
Ozaukee I.U. Trail	-	-	-	55.00
Lions Den Gorge	-	-	-	-
Mee-Kwon	-	-	-	-
Tendick Nature	85.31	243.60	90.00	167.00
Virmond	-	-	-	-
Waubedonia	-	-	-	-
Totals:	450.24	1,077.72	90.00	274.13

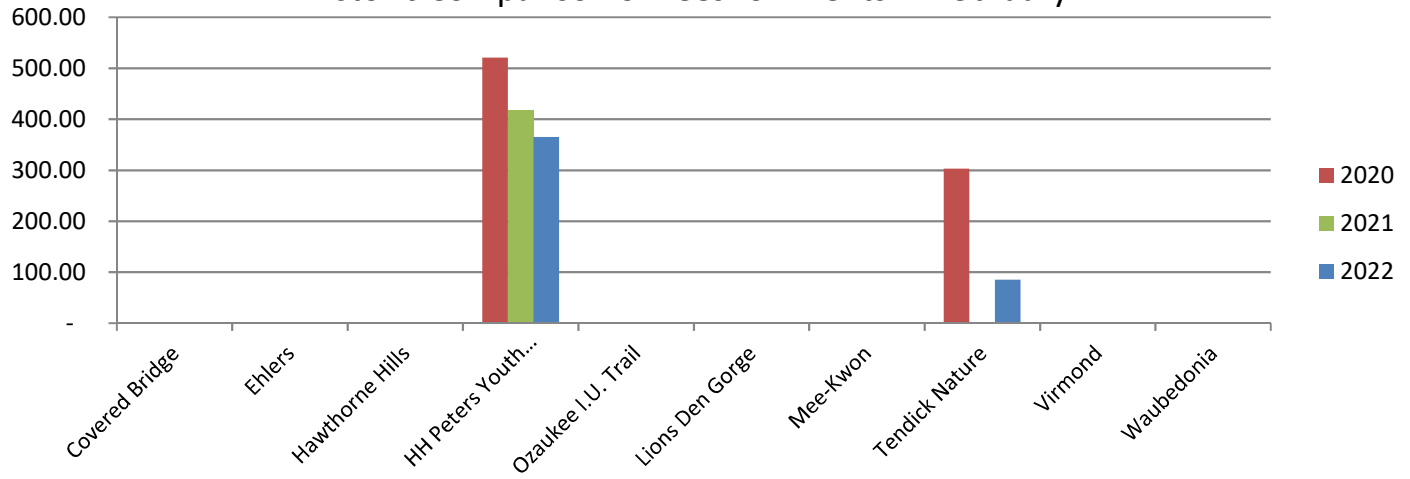
Historic Comparison

Location	Fees for Events in February			Fees for Events in February YTD		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Covered Bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ehlers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawthorne Hills	-	-	-	-	-	-
HH Peters Youth Camp	520.83	416.86	364.93	937.50	885.66	834.12
Ozaukee I.U. Trail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lions Den Gorge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mee-Kwon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tendick Nature	303.03	-	85.31	482.95	-	243.60
Virmond	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waubedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	823.86	416.86	450.24	1,420.45	885.66	1,077.72

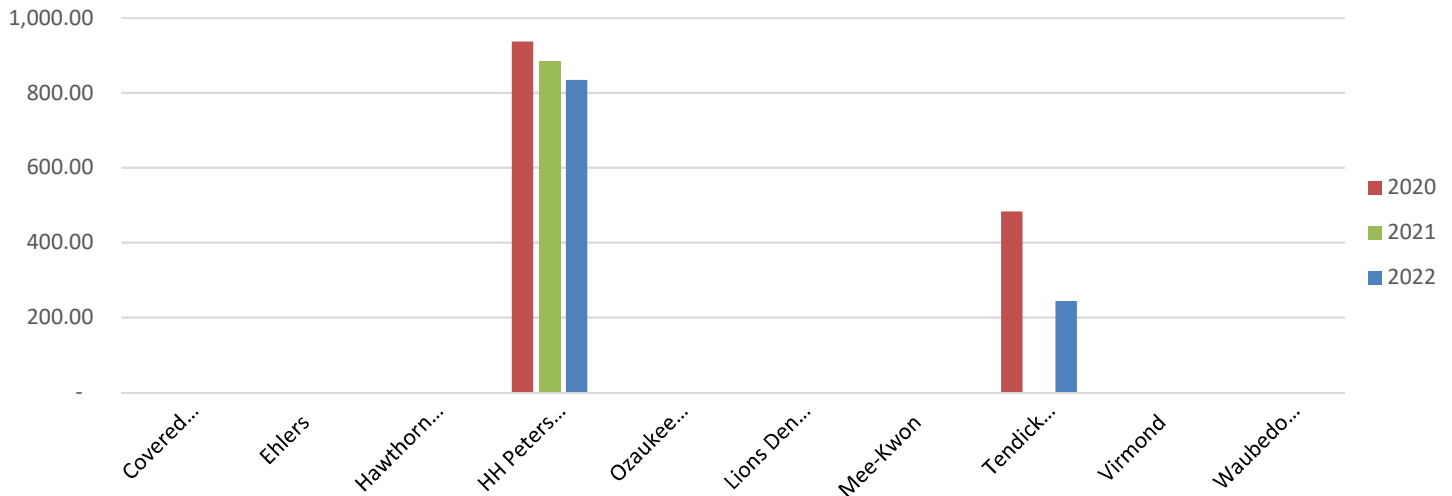
Fee Type	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Park Fees	520.83	416.86	364.93	937.50	885.66	834.12
Disc Golf Fees	303.03	-	85.31	482.95	-	243.60
Camping Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Firewood	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	823.86	416.86	450.24	1,420.45	885.66	1,077.72

Attachment: Summary of Parks Revenue February 2022_NRC (P&PDept_ManagementandFinancialReports)

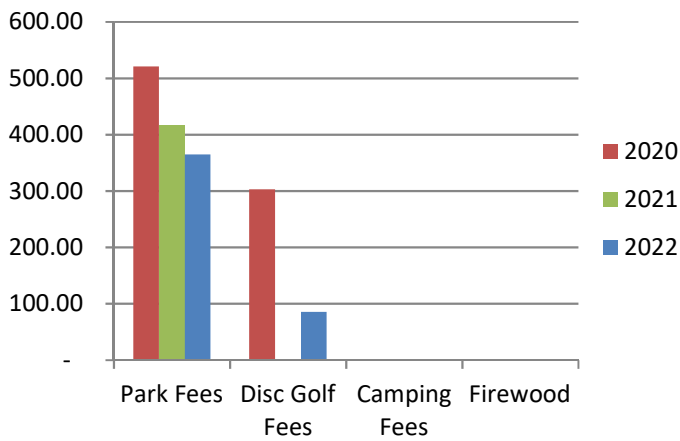
Historic Comparison of Fees for Events in February



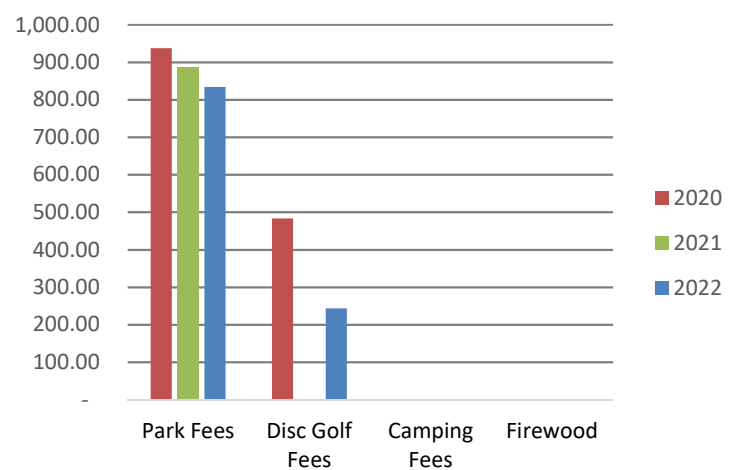
Historic Comparison of Fees for Events YTD February



Historic Comparison for Type of Fees



Historic Comparison for Type of Fees YTD February



State grant for preserve likely dead, Stroebel says

■ *Committee unlikely to act on \$1.6M with other buyer in the picture, but Land Trust says it won't give up*

By KRISTYN HALBIG ZIEHM

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It's unlikely that the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee will take up a \$1.6 million Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant awarded to the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust to help it acquire the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve on Port Washington's far south side, Sen. Duey Stroebel, a member of the committee, said Monday.

"I don't think it's going to happen anymore," Stroebel said.

That's because a private entity is interested in buying the 131-acre parcel, saying they will protect the environmental corridor and provide access to the Lake Michigan bluffs, he said.

"They (some committee members) believe if those things can be achieved without taxpayer money, it will be a public benefit," Stroebel said.

Unless that buyer backs out of the picture, he said, the committee won't take action to approve the Land Trust grant.

That puts the Land Trust in a precarious situation. The nonprofit organization has an agreement with Waukesha State Bank, which owns the land, to buy the property this fall for \$5 million, and not getting the stewardship grant leaves a \$1.6 million hole in its fundraising.

But the Land Trust isn't giving up on the grant without a fight, Executive Director Tom Stolp said.

"Certainly we're not quite ready to let the Joint Finance Committee off the hook," he said.

Making up for the stewardship grant would be a tremendous challenge, Stolp said.

"We're formulating Plan B as we go," he said. "We haven't given up on Plan A yet. We're not going down without a fight."

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Preserve: *Mystery buyer threatens grant*

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They're not alone in their fight for the grant, however. Rep. Deb Andraca sent a letter to Sen. Howard Marklein and Rep. Mark Born, chairmen of the Joint Finance Committee, asking that the committee hold a hearing and approve the Land Trust grant.

Neither has responded to her letter, she said.

"I am doing everything I can to try and move this project along," she said. "The Joint Finance Committee can meet any time it pleases. This can be taken up and approved at any time, even if the Legislature isn't in session."

The Land Trust has been working for years to obtain the property for the preserve — initially as part of the proposed Cedar Vineyard subdivision and later on its own.

Its efforts were bolstered in June when the Department of Natural Resources announced last June that it had approved a \$2.3 million stewardship grant for the purchase.

But the grant requires approval from the Joint Finance Committee, and when a legislator anonymously objected to the grant, the matter was put on hold.

Eventually, Stroebe said, the committee members agreed to a \$1.6 million grant. It was on the table for three months while the Land Trust debated whether to accept the reduced amount, and during that time the private buyer emerged.

A number of the committee members are no longer willing to provide a grant for the property because the private entity would preserve the environmental corridor and there would be public access to the bluffs, Stroebe said.

Stolp said the Land Trust didn't immediately accept the reduced grant because it needed to ensure it could raise enough money to make up the \$700,000 shortfall.

"It may not sound like a lot to the committee, but to an organization like ours, it's almost a year's operating budget. We needed to determine if we could still do this project," he said.

There was no deadline given to accept the reduced grant, Stolp added.

"We had no idea it was a last and best offer from the committee," he said.

Stolp said the Land Trust is weighing its options. Among those options is taking out a loan to cover the \$1.6 million shortfall.

"We would only undertake a loan as a last resort," he said, adding the Land Trust would need a plan to aggressively repay the loan through fundraising. "That is definitely an option on the table."

Ozaukee County Administrator Jason Dzwinel said there was some informal discussion at the last Natural Resources Committee about using county funding to help make up the shortfall, but there hasn't

been any formal discussions.

The Joint Finance Committee's actions raise a red flag, Andraca said, adding she fears they are part of an effort to weaken the stewardship program.

The fact that the committee's actions began with an anonymous objection troubles her, she added.

"Of all the committees, it should be the most transparent," she said. "This sort of anonymous objection flies in the face of transparency."

"This is everything people don't like about government. This is why people get frustrated with government."

Andraca said she's also concerned that the private buyer may be using the Land Trust's deal with Waukesha State Bank to try and negotiate a lower selling price in the end.

Stolp said he, too, wonders if this is a way to weaken the stewardship program, noting the Joint Finance Committee didn't use the real estate valuations from the DNR in reducing the grant but instead set an arbitrary amount.

It's important to call attention to the situation, he added.

"Our grant is being withheld to run out the clock on our real estate contract so a special interest can be served," he said. "Joint Finance Committee's message is clear, when we give you our best offer, you better take it or we'll take bids from private interests."

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Conservationists hoped to protect Cedar Gorge on Lake Michigan, but an anonymous legislator objected to block funding

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PORT WASHINGTON – A dream of conservationists that seemed within grasp — preserving for the public a pristine piece of Lake Michigan property 30 miles from Milwaukee — is now hanging on by a thread, dealt an 11th-hour setback by an anonymous legislator acting in secret.

The property with its undisturbed clay bluffs and an increasingly rare steep gorge leading down to the lakeshore, dotted with old cedar trees and green moss, was in the sights of Ozaukee County land preservationists.

Once envisioned as a place for luxury homes surrounding a vineyard and winery, preservationists embarked on creating a new plan for the 131 acres of farmland and undisturbed shoreline — turning it into the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Area.

The final piece of 10 years of fundraising was set to fall into place this spring — a grant from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program. The funding would bring to fruition a natural area roughly twice the size of Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, only a mile from the popular recreation spot.

Until the 11th hour, when an anonymous objector and unwritten rules of the state Joint Committee on Finance combined to throw a wrench into the plans for the preserve.

This final hurdle might be too much for the nonprofit Ozaukee Washington Land Trust to overcome, its leaders say.

“The main reason we’re doing this is because people are clamoring for more access to this habitat, to Lake Michigan,” said Tom Stolp, the group’s executive

director. “To have this much unspoiled Lake Michigan shoreline is pretty magical.”

The late detour to opening the vanishing habitat to the public has the group searching for answers and contemplating how it could possibly raise the nearly \$2 million needed to fill the gaps left by the committee turning down the grant funding.

“We are extraordinarily concerned,” Stolp said. “We’re way behind now, and I think that puts us at an incredible disadvantage.”

Now, with confirmation from one of the committee members that the funding is unlikely to get a second look for approval, Stolp said organizers are left confused and frustrated with a process that seems set up to keep nonprofits like his from accessing funding for projects like his.

"There's no fight here. There's no controversy. It's a good project," he said. "And so the objection of an anonymous lawmaker, it's all very unseemly and it's detracting from the fact that we're just trying to make a park where people can take their families."

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'This is a really special place'

On an overcast March afternoon, from the road the property, near Stonecroft Drive and Highway C, doesn't look like much more than a farm field, lined on three sides by trees and brush. The ground is muddy, making traversing the land difficult.

But on the other side of the trees on the far side of the property lie stunning views of a Lake Michigan so still it appears like an extension of the sky. The turquoise waters lapped at the beach below the clay bluffs towering over 100 feet above the shoreline.

Just north of the bluffs is a gorge deep in the earth — dubbed Cedar Gorge for the cedar trees shading it from view.

Both features are what make the property so exceptional, an asset to protect from development and to preserve for generations to come, so they are also able to enjoy an uninhibited view of the natural landscape that once occurred all around Lake Michigan, said Andrew Struck, director of planning and parks for Ozaukee County.

"What's special about these gorges is that there aren't very many left on Lake Michigan," Struck said. "This is kind of the furthest extent of these natural gorges, and we've lost a lot down in Milwaukee and elsewhere south of here, so this is a really special place."

The clay seepage bluffs are also an important part of the property to protect. Not only does the clay help to filter groundwater in the area, but the native vegetation is also helping to protect the bluffs from erosion, which has become a large issue for properties along the lake as the water levels rise.

"Not having rapid development that changes the hydrology of the land is one of the best defenses," said Stolp.

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The property has also been highlighted by state as an important area to preserve, Struck said.

"It's actually in the state's land legacy report as one of the natural communities to preserve because it doesn't exist in very many areas," he said.

The property, in addition to Lion's Den, is also a stopover location for migrating birds each year during the spring and fall, and is also native habitat for the short-eared owl, a species of concern in the state.

"These properties all work in harmony to provide different resting and refueling stops for birds along the flyways," Stolp said.

Stolp and Struck said that eventually, a pedestrian trail would likely be developed, linking the new preserve to Lion's Den, and eventually to downtown Port Washington. The Land Trust would also work with the other property

holders along the lake to secure easements that would allow for visitors to either Lion's Den or Cedar Gorge to walk down the beach between the two.

If Cedar Gorge preserve were to be built, it would also help alleviate the growing number of people visiting Lion's Den each year. The small park, which only has about two miles of hiking trails and is made up of less than 100 acres, is seeing about 300,000 visitors a year. Having the new preserve would spread people out over two areas and give them the option to visit both.

But most importantly, Stolp said, conserving the property will mean that changing politics or circumstances won't see the land sold off for high-priced condos or another project of the like.

"We'll be able to say no, it was the intention of our donors to conserve a property that is to forever be habitat," Stolp said.

Developers had been looking to create high-end housing on the property, with one development proposed to include a vineyard and winery. Those plans fell through, and eventually, Waukesha State Bank acquired the land through a foreclosure suit against Brookfield-based VK Development Corp.

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An anonymous objection to funding

The organizers hoping to preserve the Cedar Gorge property are now staring down a quickly approaching deadline to either buy the land from the current owner — Waukesha State Bank — or potentially have it purchased by a private entity. The trust has until the early fall to secure the full \$5 million for the purchase or the deal expires with the bank.

The land trust has raised money from local governments and community members and has secured grants from the federal government, but is waiting on the final word from the Joint Finance Committee about the stewardship money.

The Land Trust applied to the DNR and went through a months-long review process in 2021 to access funding from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program. Employees at the agency approved the application for about \$2.3

Supporters acknowledge the price tag for the property is steep, and that grants from the stewardship fund of more than \$1 million are rare. But preserving a large piece of land near more populated areas of the state — Cedar Gorge is estimated to be 30 minutes from about a quarter of Wisconsin's population — is important because more people will have access.

"We want to see more land conserved in the populated centers in southeast Wisconsin because it gives more impact for taxpayers," Stolp said.

From there, the Joint Finance Committee members had two weeks to review the process, and within that time period, one member objected to the project receiving the funds. The name of that lawmaker has not been released, leading supporters of the nature preserve to question how the committee can make million-dollar decisions without public disclosure.

After the money was denied, supporters of the preserve and organizations such as Gathering Waters, which advocates for land trusts, continued to have conversations with lawmakers on the committee.

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Months later, the Land Trust was informally offered a lower grant amount of about \$1.6 million, which required the organization to go back to donors to ensure they could still bring in enough funding to purchase the property. But after what Stolp said was months of due diligence to raise additional dollars, the group was told the committee had seen the lack of acceptance of the funding as a refusal.

He and the other collaborators working to establish the preserve were shocked.

"We're not having open, transparent to the community conversations," Stolp said. "We're being forced in these back channels, behind closed doors to take this lowered grant amount because it's the best offer."

According to Sen. Duey Stroebel's office, a private buyer has emerged, but the person or business name has not been released to the Land Trust or the public. A staffer for Stroebel, who represents parts of Ozaukee County in the Senate, also said the funding is not likely to be approved because the Land Trust declined it.

But Stolp objects to that claim, and said it never communicated with the committee to turn down the offer formally.

Stroebe declined to comment.

The co-chairs of the committee — Rep. Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam, and Sen. Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green — did not respond to questions from a Journal Sentinel reporter about why the funding for the nature preserve is being held up, or if the committee has plans to take up the funding in an upcoming meeting.

When email records were requested, Joe Malkasian, the committee clerk, said because the committee reviewed the Land Trust's application for the stewardship fund last summer, emailed records were already deleted. He also noted that conversations surrounding the anonymous objection were likely had in person, so records wouldn't have existed.

'You shouldn't be able to do some things anonymously'

The Legislature is exempted from record-keeping requirements, said Bill Leuders, the president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council, meaning that there is no requirement for the clerks to keep the emails once they have been disseminated.

Leuders said there have been concerns raised over the years in regards to the Joint Finance Committee members' ability to object in secret.

"You know, you shouldn't be able to do some things anonymously, like ... block funding for a worthy project," he said.

Malkasian said during a phone conversation that the committee allows the anonymous objection after a lawmaker received blowback on a decision to object years ago, and the practice has been upheld, though it is not codified in Wisconsin state law.

"It's a problem," Leuders said. "Particularly when the issue is the allocation of taxpayer dollars. There shouldn't be a way that you can determine those decisions anonymously, not if you're an elected member of the Legislature. That's crazy."

Next steps uncertain

The Land Trust and others trying to make Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve a reality say they aren't sure what comes next.

They're hoping the Joint Finance Committee decides to hold a hearing about the stewardship money so that there is a public conversation on record about what's happening with the money. But there hasn't been any sort of indication that will happen, said committee member Rep. Evan Goyke, D-Milwaukee.

Though the park lies just outside of his district, Goyke said his office has been flooded by calls and emails asking him to support the park if the committee decides to take up its funding during an upcoming meeting. But he hasn't heard anything from leadership, worrying him that the Cedar Gorge preserve project may die without the public ever finding out who objected to it and why.

"It is extremely frustrating and frankly unfair that this is the process that exists for the Knowles Nelson Stewardship program," Goyke said. "I don't know who objected to Cedar Gorge. I don't know why they objected. There is absolutely no transparency in this process."

He said the committee should look at changing the rules surrounding objections, bringing more sunshine into the process and allowing the public to see who objects to projects receiving money and why.

With the Legislative session coming to an end, the Joint Finance Committee will meet much less frequently for the rest of the year, leaving fewer opportunities for the members to take up and vote on the Cedar Gorge before September.

"What happens to the projects? They die at a certain point, and the practical implication is at a certain point, the landowner is going to look for other buyers," Goyke said.

The newly interested buyer for the Cedar Gore property has not been identified. It could be a private developer or someone who plans to conserve the property, but no more information is available.

Struck still hopes to see the purchase of the property go through, in order to provide access to such a unique area in the state to more people eager to enjoy the outdoors.

"To have this kind of continuous public access along Lake Michigan is unique," he said. "It doesn't sound like a lot but when you're out here to experience it, it's pretty unique."

To learn more about the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve fundraising effort, visit owl.org.

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'We will prevail'

OWLT will keep going despite setback on a grant

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GRAFTON — It is unlikely that the state Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance will take action on a reduced Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant request for the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust at a future meeting, according to a statement from the office of State Sen. Dwey Stroebel, R-Saukville,

Wednesday.

"In light of the \$1.6 million compromise having fallen through — which Sen. Stroebel believes was due in large part to approximately three months of inaction by the Ozaukee-Washington Land Trust — Sen. Stroebel thinks it is unlikely that the Joint Finance Committee will take up the Cedar Gorge-Clay Bluffs stewardship grant request at a future meeting," the statement reads.

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust's efforts to obtain the 131-acre property has faced a setback after the Joint Committee on Finance, which Stroebel is a member of, rejected a \$2.3 million Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant that was approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The Land Trust has been waiting to see if the committee would discuss a reduced amount of \$1.6 million at a meet-

ing. In addition, a private buyer has recently shown interest in the property.

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust has been eyeing the parcels on Highway C and Stonecroft Road along Lake Michigan as a preserve that could be considered a second Lion's Den Gorge. Once the Land Trust completed its project, the preserve would be turned over to Ozaukee County, which will make improvements and bring public

attention to the preserve. The Land Trust had negotiated with the property owner, Waukesha State Bank, to purchase the property for \$5 million.

Sen. Stroebel's office stated previously that Stroebel worked with 11 colleagues on the committee to garner support for the reduced amount of \$1.6 million for the project.

Tom Stolp, executive director

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the Land Trust, said this recent statement from Stroebel's office to the News Graphic is the first time he has heard from any member of the committee that a decision on the grant would be unlikely.

"It's pretty terrible news," Stolp said. "I think it's really galling that the committee is deferring to an anonymous lawmaker whose advocating the wishes of a secretive private interest who has promised many things to legislators but hasn't told our community what they would like to do with this property."

It has been said that it was one legislator on the committee that objected to the \$2.3 million grant.

Stolp said the Land Trust had to chase down senators to try to determine the nature of the objection of the original grant amount.

"And because of the anonymous nature of the objection, every bit of feedback was very diffused and unclear because you don't receive written comments from legislators," Stolp said.

He stated that the reduced \$1.6 million offer was informally given to the Land Trust from legislative offices, not a formal offer from the committee as a whole.

Stolp said the idea that there was inaction from the Land Trust regarding the \$1.6 million offer was a "gross mischaracterization" of what happened. He added that it was never portrayed to them that there was a timeline for this reduced offer or that this was the best offer they would get.

Stolp stated the Land Trust had to speak to its funders and Ozaukee County officials about the new amount to see if the project could still get done.

"We were about the farthest thing from inaction. We were feverishly working to try to make this project financially viable in the face of arbitrary and massive cuts to the Knowles-Nelson program (grant)," he said.

Despite all of this, Stolp said, "We will prevail. I am confident in that."

He said the Land Trust has a strong bipartisan coalition of support and support from many individuals in the community.

Stolp said Waukesha State Bank is firm on upholding its option to purchase agreement with the Land Trust, which expires this September.

"The bank has been very cooperative and just a very generous partner in this relationship," he said.

The Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee had an informal discussion regarding the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs last week.

Andrew Struck, director of Planning & Parks in the county, said that \$2.6 million in federal grants have been obtained through the county for this project in addition to the Land Trust fundraising \$1 million.

Struck said they could run into problems with federal grants they received expiring.

County Administrator Jason Dzwiniel said last week that there has been some informal discussion about using Ozaukee County American Rescue Plan Act funds to fill in funding gaps, but there hasn't been a formal proposal.

"The county will need to make sure that the use of ARPA funds will be a legal use of the funds under the US Treasury rules and under the grant contracts from the Federal agencies that have awarded grants to the county for this project," he said.

For more information about the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and to donate to the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs project, visit www.owlf.org.

Registration now open for Rotary Ride

CEDARBURG — Registration is now open for the second annual Rotary Ride, a bicycling event hosted by the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary on Saturday, May 21. The ride will start and finish at Cedar Creek Park in Cedarburg.

There will be four in-person routes offered for individuals and families of all abilities as well as a virtual option. A 10-mile family friendly route will head out on the relatively flat Ozaukee Interurban Trail. Longer routes of 25, 45 and 65 miles will traverse the scenic roads of Ozaukee County. There will be rest stops with refreshments on each route and local bike shops will provide mechanical support.

Early-bird registration fees are available through March 31 at Rotary-Ride.com. The fee includes a T-shirt and goody bag. After the ride, cyclists will be invited to meet in the park



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Riders take off at the start of the 2021 Rotary Ride. Registration is now underway for the second annual event at Rotary-Ride.com.

for a celebration that will include food, beverages, music and a raffle. Each rider will be provided lunch and two beverage tickets. The event is open to the pub-

lic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the Rotary Ride will be used to fund the club's technical scholarship program and support hometown charities.

The lead sponsor of the Rotary Ride is Ozaukee Bank's Gift to the Future.

To register or for more information, visit Rotary-Ride.com.

OZAUKEE COUNTY TOURISM

Spring breaking in Ozaukee County

Spring Break is just around the corner, so we thought that you might enjoy some "staycation" advice from some of our local Tourism experts, members of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council's Board of Directors.

We asked the question, "What would you like to do over spring break or on a staycation in Ozaukee County?" Here's what they said!

Pam King, executive director, Grafton Chamber of Commerce and president, Ozaukee County Tourism Council

"As a grandmother of a soon to be 3-year-old and 10-month-old who will be visiting for spring break, our daytime adventures will depend upon the weather. If it is still cold, we will try some sledding at Lime Kiln Park and some ice skating at Veteran's Memorial Park or Lion's Park, all part of the Village of Grafton's Parks system.

If we have some great spring weather, we will visit All My Friends Playground at Centennial Park. Our adult kids love visiting local breweries, so no matter the weather, we will definitely visit Sahale Ale Works and order pizza from John's Pizzeria. We may even stay at the Hampton Inn and Suites for a night or two so the kids can swim, and we'll all feel like we are on vacation!"

Sean Dineen, Bar manager and brewer, Inventor's Brewpub

"As someone in the service industry I prefer venturing to places I am not as likely to be recognized, simply to better relax. However, this runs in direct contrast with my goal of researching new products and ideas (aka, trying a lot of new beers and spirits) — I tend to end up in a lot of our local breweries and distilleries.

We're lucky to have a great selection within a short drive. I am a big fan of Sahale in Grafton, and both Rebellion Brewing and the



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Buechler Farm in Belgium doesn't just offer a petting zoo, food, music and the occasional circus, but it also hosts rodeos.

Fermentorium in Cedarburg. And it's great to be able to get award-winning local wines and spirits at places like Handen Distillery and Cedar Creek Winery.

When deciding to take a break from video games and actually dine out, you'll most likely find me at a place with a signature bar as well, like Fork & Tap in Port Washington, or the Union House or Stilt House in Cedarburg. I generally limit my time off to about three or four days so as not to miss too much work (or have my family put out an all-points bulletin)."

Maggie Dobson, Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce executive director

"Ozaukee County staycations are so unique and it's easy to find something fun to do in your local community. There is no better time than spring to explore something new in your backyard.

My choice? You don't need to actually leave town to feel like you're away on a special vacation. Have you spent a night or weekend in one of our area's beautiful, unique bed & breakfasts, inns, or Airbnbs? Pamper yourself with a stay at the historic Washington House Inn, or enjoy a room, live music and the 520 Social Stop guest pub at Stagecoach Inn. The Shinery Airbnb offers your own personal downtown Cedarburg apartment, or get a room at the Lily Pad, a quaint guest house with lovely amenities and a beautiful backyard bursting with blooms come spring.

All are in downtown Cedarburg and within walking distance of stores with carefully-selected, unique merchandise, wonderful restaurants, art galleries, museums, and more. Cedarburg is the perfect hometown getaway!"

Chamber executive director

"No matter the weather, we love getting out of the house for some fresh air at Harrington Beach State Park. My kids love hiking around Quarry Lake, exploring the woods, climbing around downed trees and exploring the historical remnants of the mining town, Stonehaven. Even if the beach is not as warm as some spring break destinations, our kids are more than happy to horse around along Harrington's mile of Lake Michigan beach front.

My daughter and I always love treating ourselves to an afternoon at glaze in Thiensville. There's nothing more relaxing than painting to our heart's content. I usually sip on chai tea and she loves their gourmet toast and ice cream. For adult relaxation, my husband and I will likely hit up some trivia at Inventors Brewpub (every other Wednesday) or Kvote's Bar & Grill

Tina Schwantes, Mequon-Thiensville Chamber executive director

"Ozaukee County offers so many options for fun and relaxing activities to enjoy on "staycation" days. One of the ways to enjoy a day is visiting art galleries and museums in the area. Viewing the Cedarburg Artists Guild's "Main Street Gallery" at the Cedarburg Cultural Center and then moving on to see an exhibit at the nearby Cedarburg Art Museum or Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber would be a wonderful way to start the day.

Afterward, the exploration can continue by venturing north or south to experience some of the other interesting museums. In Port Washington this could include going to the Port Explorium, an interactive history and maritime museum offering views overlooking Lake Michigan or the Judge Eghart House, an 1872 Victorian home, museum and art center celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

In Belgium visit the Luxembourg American Cultural Center's Roots and Leaves Museum, housed in a rebuilt stone barn originally built in 1872. In Mequon, there is an opportunity to tour the Jonathan Clark House Museum, a unique architectural stone house built in 1848 or the Isham Day House, built in 1839 which now houses the Mequon Postal River Museum."

Kathy Tank, executive director, Port Washington Tourism Council

"For us, a fun thing to do on vacation, or staycation, is explore. Often times that means finding a new place to get out and do a bit of hiking, and maybe birdwatching too. There are so many parks, preserves, and trails here in Ozaukee County! (Sherper's in Port Washington can supply any gear you need.) Then follow that by a stop for a bite and a beverage, at a place we haven't been to yet, such as The

local breweries and distilleries.

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Cori Rice, owner, White Rice Advertising

"As parents of two teenage boys, we're short on time but big on fun. When we get an afternoon free we love to see something we don't get to see every day ... a unique festival like Port Washington's Fish Day, a rodeo — yes, a rodeo, they have them at Buechler Farms! Or a Chi-nooks baseball game.

I'm also a sucker for a Ladies Night Out — several of our towns offer them, and the food, shopping and adult beverage sampling is amazing! A big part of going out is eating out ... so when we're home for spring break or enjoying a staycation, we love trying out new restaurants!

Some of our favorites include Beanies Mexican Restaurant & Cantina in Port Washington, Ferrante's in Mequon and the Lake Church Inn in Belgium and this spring we're excited to try a few places we haven't been, like Café Corazon in the Mequon Public Market and Daily Taco in Thiensville."

Tara Williams, Belgium

ly sip on chai tea and she loves their gourmet toast and ice cream. For adult relaxation, my husband and I will likely hit up some trivia at Inventors Brewpub (every other Wednesday) or Kyote's Bar & Grill (Saturdays)."

Marji Tomter, Treasures of Oz

"Most of my staycation will be spent wandering through all of the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust's fourteen preserves in Oz. Eleven are exclusively OWLT preserves. Highland Woods, Mequon Nature Preserve and Lion's Den Gorge are under OWLT easement but their ownership falls to the city of Mequon or Ozaukee County. I might need a second week to have the time to walk all of these. With good fortune and right action in Madison, Cedar Gorge will be added soon.

I will take a day to explore some of the hidden might-be Treasures of Oz, places that I just rarely or never go to, least of all actually stop at ... places like Waubeka, Holy Cross and Hamilton. I actually live in the ghost town of Port Ulao, but that should be high on others' lists. I will stop in at the Historical Society up in Port to get some background before I start driving, so I know what to look for."

too. There are so many parks, preserves, and trails here in Ozaukee County! (Sherper's in Port Washington can supply any gear you need.) Then follow that by a stop for a bite and a beverage, at a place we haven't been to yet, such as The Steerage Dining Saloon in Port. Sounds like our kind of a fun day!"

Melissa Wraalstad, executive director, Wisconsin Museum of Quilt & Fiber Arts

"I love that Ozaukee County has a mix of things to do. I'd spend a little time shopping at the Olive Sprig (love their olive oils!) and the Pagoda Fine Jewelry with a stop for lunch at Out & Out. And since I love history, I'd check out some of the programs at the Jonathan Clark House. They have regular, family-friendly events. And of course, I'd spend some time on the Interurban Trail. I love it for my dog walks!"

Take it from these experts, instead of staying inside and watching movies, explore your great county! With active downtowns, endless ways to enjoy nature, a variety of places to shop and hidden gems, don't escape from Ozaukee County during school breaks, stay and play the Ozaukee way!



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Enjoying some family time at glaze in Thiensville is the Schuckit family, from left, Benjamin, mom Jaclyn, Eli and Evelyn.

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DAY OUT

See ice-canos, ice shelves and more winter landscapes on these Wisconsin beaches



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Drone view of Lake Michigan shoreline from Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve

Ice and snow blanket the bluffs and beach at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve in Grafton on March 1, 2019. *Mike De Sisti and Chelsey Lewis, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

I've got beaches on my mind.

Maybe it's because the second half of this winter has been especially harsh. Or because I just planned an impromptu trip to Florida to escape it.

Planning that trip got me thinking we have beaches in Wisconsin, too, and they aren't just for the summer.

Last winter, I camped with friends at Point Beach State Forest, and we walked a couple miles along the Lake Michigan shore as the sun set to the west and painted the horizon to the east in a rainbow of colors above the soft, crashing waves of the lake. We had the stretch of sand to ourselves — something unlikely to happen on a summer weekend — and we didn't have to worry about sunburn or bugs.

Lake Michigan beaches are great to visit in winter not just for the solitude but also the unique Hoth-like landscape that some transform into. Ice shelves, ice-canos and other formations build along the shore, with icebergs and pancake ice floating in picturesque puzzles offshore.

Here are some Lake Michigan beaches to check out in the winter, as much for their winter views as the other hiking opportunities nearby.

Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Grafton



See Wisconsin beaches and lakefront parks covered in snow and ice in winter

Ice and snow transform lakefront parks into winter wonderlands.

For a closer look at those ice formations, stairs at the north end of the park lead to a beach at the base of the bluff. Hike with caution: The stairs are in good shape, but they can be dangerous in winter when they're covered in ice and snow.

During winter shelf ice forms on the rocky beach along the base of the bluff. You can hike along the snow-covered beach, but stay close to the bluffs — the shelf ice can be unstable and dangerous, especially near its edge.

Lion's Den Gorge is free to visit. Leashed pets are allowed, but they might have trouble navigating the many stairs to the beach in the winter.



Ice canos and other formations form along the shore at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Bayside. *Schlitz Audubon Nature Center*

Sometimes the best outdoor spots are the ones closest to home — especially when winter weather makes driving dangerous.

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Milwaukee County is one of those spots.

The 185-acre nature center has 6 miles of trails, including a 0.8-mile trail along the lake that provides access to the nature center's beach.

During cold weather spells, that beach can feature large ice formations including ice-canos. The volcano-like formations develop when waves bash the shore and freeze quickly. The craters are sometimes big enough for a person to stand inside.

Schlitz Audubon is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 3-17, \$5 for active-duty military and veterans, and free for members. Dogs are not allowed at the nature center. Lakefront trails may be closed if they are too icy; call the nature center for conditions before heading out (414-352-2880).

The park is just north of Doctors Park, another lakefront spot where ice builds up in winter.



Ice builds up along the beach at Doctors Park in Bayside on March 1, 2019. *Chelsey Lewis/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

The Main Trail, accessible on the north end of the park, is the best way to access the beach in winter. A central staircase also travels down the bluff from the parking lot, but the staircase is a treacherous mix of snow, ice, stone stairs and deteriorating wooden hand rails.

The Main Trail is a more gradual descent down the wooded bluff to the beach. There, you can walk a short stretch of beach north and south, including to the decommissioned WPA-era bathhouse.

Leashed dogs are allowed on the trails at Doctors Park but not at the beach.

Point Beach State Forest, Two Rivers

This state forest sits along six miles of sandy Lake Michigan shoreline.

Access the beach from the north end of the park near the nature center, and follow the shoreline south to the Rawley Point Lighthouse. It's still a working lighthouse, so you can't go inside, but you can snap photos from the snowy beach, then continue south.

Dogs are allowed on the beach south of the lighthouse, so start here if you brought your best friend. Continue south and look for a small campsite sign in the dunes above the beach. The sign marks kayak campsites that are part of the Lake Michigan Water Trail.



The moon rises over Lake Michigan at Point Beach State Forest in Two Rivers on Jan. 27, 2018. *Chelsey Lewis/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Hike up to the sites to pick up the Ice Age Trail. A 5-mile segment of the trail travels the length of the 3,000-acre forest. Follow the trail back north through sandy swales and wooded ridges of white pine, hemlock, white cedar, maple and birch. You might need snowshoes or cleats for this wooded stretch.

Point Beach requires a state parks admission sticker.

More: [Point Beach State Forest is a great getaway any time of year](#)

Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan



Patches of snow dot the dunes along Lake Michigan at Kohler-Andrae State Park in Sheboygan on March 10, 2018.
Chelsey Lewis/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Like Point Beach, Kohler-Andrae's beach is smaller these days due to higher lake levels. But this park is worth visiting in the winter as much for the sand along the lake as the sand inland.

Kohler Park Dunes State Natural Area protects one mile of sand dunes along the Lake Michigan shore. A two-mile cordwalk traverses those scenic dunes, where sand and snow mix with golden grasses and sedges in winter.

The cordwalk includes a few overlooks for taking in the dunes, the Lake Michigan shore and deer that like to frequent the area.

Stay on the cordwalk and designated trails when you're hiking — don't follow others' footsteps up the dunes, which can destabilize the fragile ecosystem. Pets are allowed on designated sections of the cordwalk as well as the beach north of the nature center.

Kohler-Andrae requires a state parks admission sticker.

Crescent Beach, Algoma



Mounds of snow look like waves off Crescoent Beach in Algoma following the Jan. 14-15, 2018 snowstorm that dropped 9 inches of it on the city. *John Walsh/Submitted*

This sand beach includes an accessible boardwalk that stretches for half a mile along Lake Michigan. In winter, ice shelves build up along the shore. Leashed dogs are allowed on the boardwalk year-round and on the beach October through April.

To the north, the picturesque Algoma Pierhead Light stands ready for photographs, framed by ice that builds on the breakwater. Look for bald eagles as well, which like to nest and feed along the Ahnapee River where it meets the lake.

The beach is walking distance from Algoma's quaint downtown area, which includes spots like Skaliwags, with the tagline "Food That's 5 Star in a Crazy Little Dive Bar"; Ahnapee Brewery, serving a variety of brews in a converted garage; and von Stiehl, Wisconsin's oldest licensed winery.

Crescent Beach is free to visit.

More: [Sip on Door County's quieter side at von Stiehl Winery](#)

Cave Point County Park, Sturgeon Bay



Cave Point County Park takes on a coat of ice in winter. *Jon Jarosh/DCVE*

Cave Point has a beach of the white-stone instead of white-sand variety.

But the park's cliffs are the real showstopper, especially in winter when waves bashing against the shore create a curtain of ice framed by the aquamarine water below and evergreens above.

Trails wind through those evergreens on the cliffs. Be careful here: Large waves can coat the top of the cliffs in ice, and there are no guardrails. In February, a Neenah man was taking photos along the cliffs before he was reported missing; authorities are still searching for him.

South of Cave Point, [Whitefish Dunes State Park](#) used to have one of the best beaches in the state. But high Lake Michigan water levels have decreased the size of the sandy beach, so much so that it is no longer accessible from the north end near the park office.

Cave Point is free to visit; Whitefish Dunes requires a state parks admission sticker.



Photos: Unique ice formations around Wisconsin

Winter hiking tips

- Pair wool socks with waterproof boots to keep your feet warm and dry. Bring extra socks in case your feet get wet.
- Bring traction devices like microspikes or crampons to put over your boots in case of icy trails. Trekking poles can help provide more stability.
- Carry water in an insulated thermos to prevent it from freezing.
- Keep electronics like cellphones in interior jacket pockets — batteries drain more quickly in cold temperatures.
- Bring a paper map in case your electronic version dies.
- Do not hike or climb on ice formations along shore. There's the obvious risk of slipping and falling into open water, but ice shelves also can contain hidden crevices and weak spots that might not hold your weight.

More: [Wisconsin winter for beginners: What to wear, do and not do](#)

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A drone provides an aerial view of Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve in Grafton on March 1, 2019.

Mike De Sisti and Chelsey Lewis/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

















AN INJURED BALD EAGLE found alongside Highway I near Hawthorne Hills Golf Course on March 10 was captured by Kristen Bustamante, hospital manager for Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, and taken to the center for treatment. The 4-year-old male raptor, which was spotted in the ditch by a passing We Energies lineman, was likely struck by a passing vehicle and suffered a dislocated shoulder.

Photo by Mike Baierl



Eagle eye saves majestic bird

■ We Energies employee on way to job spies bald eagle on side of rural Fredonia highway, gets help for seriously injured raptor with 6-foot wingspan

By KRISTYN HALBIG ZIEHM

Ozaukee Press staff

Mike Baierl, a lineman for We Energies, was driving on his way to a job site last Thursday when he thought he saw a black garbage bag alongside Highway I just north of Hawthorne Hills Golf Course.

When he got a little closer, the Saukville resident saw a little white.

"The first thought that popped in my head was 'eagle?'" Baierl said.

And as he drove over to the black object, he got the shock of his life.

"The eagle raised its big white head," he said. "It was crazy."

He pulled over and saw the bird had an injured wing, so he called the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office for help.

By the time Deputy Mike Zilke arrived, Baierl said, the eagle hadn't moved in a while and he wasn't sure it was still alive.

Zilke said that when he walked toward the raptor, it started to run away from him so he called Jean Lord, executive director of Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center for advice.

"She told me to just put a blanket over it and throw it in the back of my car" to transport it to the Town of Fredonia center, he said.

But the bird wasn't having any of it, so he called Lord back and told her, "I need help." A short time later, Kristin Bustamante, Pine View's hospital manager, arrived.

It was apparent the bird was injured, Bustamante said, noting the bird was laying on its chest with its wing at an odd angle, feathers sticking up.

After donning leather gloves, she tried to grab the bird, which ran into the nearby field — unusual behavior for any bird, she said.

The trio followed the bird, forming a triangle around it in the process.

While the men distracted the bird, Bustamante said, she grabbed him from behind and scooped him up.

"I couldn't believe it. It was very cool," Baierl said. "It was so big."

"Working in Ozaukee County, we see them every now and then flying around, but never that close. You don't realize just how big they are until you're close to it."

Zilke concurred, saying, "It's uncommon to see them flying, but even then it's cool. Seeing it up close, it was incredible."

Surprisingly, Baierl said, the bird didn't put up a fight when Bustamante grabbed it.

"They're not the most aggressive birds we deal with," Bustamante said, noting hawks and falcons are typically more tenacious.

The eagle, she said, is a "robust" 4-year-old male that weighs 10 pounds and has a wingspan of about 6 feet.

"Their wingspan is more than I am tall," Bustamante noted.

The eagle was likely exhausted, she said, and could have been in shock.

The bird was taken to Pine View's facility and later to Little Animal Hospital in Port Washington twice for radiographs, or X-rays, that revealed no obvious fractures or open wounds, Bustamante said.

They also consulted veterinarian Scott Ford, an eagle expert from Milwaukee.

The eagle has a dislocated shoulder, Bustamante said, but treating it isn't as simple as it is in a human.

That's because birds don't have a ball-and-socket joint, and there's no easy, effective way to treat a shoulder dislocation.

"It's usually a death sentence," Bustamante said. "There's no surgery to be able to repair the dislocation. Time will tell."

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Eagle: Prognosis of injured bird 'isn't good'

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"The prognosis isn't good, but we don't know 100% what the outcome will be."

For now, she said, the eagle is "very calm, very relaxed. Everything's going well so far. He's eating well, being a good patient. We're managing the pain."

In a couple days, she said, they will make a decision about the bird's future.

Bustamante said the eagle was likely hit by a vehicle, perhaps while eating on or near the road. It was likely a glancing blow that popped the shoulder out of place.

"That, to me, is what makes sense," she said, noting that if the raptor was hit head-on, there would be other injuries.

He could have flown too close to something and struck it, she added, but

that's not likely since birds are extremely aware of their body position.

Bustamante said it's likely that whoever struck the bird did so unintentionally, since an intentional strike would probably have caused more damage.

And, she said, the driver likely didn't stop because many people are under the impression that if they hit a bird of prey they will get into trouble, even if it was not intentional.

"That's not the case," she said. "And it's always better to call and let us know what happened."

Pine View Executive Director Jean Lord said drivers need to be on the lookout for eagles, which are establishing territories and nests right now.

"They're now more abundant in the area,"

she said. "Just be aware and slow down."

Bald eagles, she said, aren't as quick as smaller birds to get off the ground.

Lord praised Baierl's actions in calling for help.

"He's our hero," she said. "The expediency with which he acted decreased the fear of the bird and we were able to get him quickly, minimizing the trauma."

The incident left an indelible mark on Zilke and Baierl as well.

"This was definitely the last thing I expected," Zilke said. Apparently, it was the last thing other officers around the county expected too.

"All the other officers in the county working were calling me. They wanted to make sure it was really an eagle," he said. "It was wild, that's for sure."

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Clever solution: Engineer designs 'floating staircase' over eroding Lake Michigan bluff

By: [Mike Curkov](#) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

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NEXT: Local Big Wigs raise money for Susan G. Komen Foundation

MEQUON, Wis. (CBS 58) – The Lake Michigan shoreline is one of the natural wonders of Wisconsin. The waterfront features vibrant beaches but also majestic bluffs. But erosion on those bluffs makes it hard to get down to the water and there haven't been many good options.

On CBS 58 Sunday Morning, Mike Curkov shared the story of a simple solution that could be a model for the entire region.

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Who sabotaged Cedar Gorge? Joint finance panel keeps a dirty secret.

By JOHN TORINUS

It's starting to look like the Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee (JFC) of the legislature is the place where conservation projects of high value go to die.

The JFC of 16 legislators (currently 12 Republicans and four Democrats) has the final say over land preservation in the state. The Department of Natural Resources conducts the initial vetting of proposals to make sure that only the best projects get money from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund. Up to one-half of the costs of acquisitions and improvements can be funded from that source.

That process has worked admirably for 33 years since 1989, when Gov. Tommy Thompson and the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to "preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation."

For the most part, the DNR approval process has worked intelligently and productively. Until now. Lately, rigid fiscal ideology during JFC review sabotaged DNR-approved projects across the state.

One of the latest high-profile projects to be undermined by secretive bait-and-switch tactics of Republicans on the committee is the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve south of Port Washington.

The proposed preservation covers 131 acres of bluffs, forests and three-quarters of a

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mile of Lake Michigan shoreline.

The bluffs fall within the district of Sen. Ducey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg). Even though Stroebel is a major JFC voice, the Republicans slashed the DNR recommendation of \$2.3 million for the \$5 million project to \$1.6 million.

Stroebel says he supports the bluffs preservation, as do Ozaukee County, the City of Port Washington, Town of Grafton, and the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust (OWLT), which raised donations from private citizens and provided expertise and leadership.

It gets worse in terms of clandestine government. After a lobbying effort from a secretive private interest, the committee has in effect "pocket vetoed" the whole deal. Their tactic is not moving it forward prior to the legislative recess this spring. That opens the door for the private party who might buy the Cedar Gorge land out from under the community.

Would you believe that a single JFC member can stall a grant request with an anonymous demand for full committee review? I have always thought Wisconsin led the way on open government. How does that secret blackball pass the smell test?

Stroebel is in the cut, cut, cut wing of the GOP. He is consistent in his stance on fiscal conservatism, but sometimes smart politi-

cians have to be pragmatic, listen to their constituents and bring home the bacon to their district. Sometimes they have to invest in the future. This is one of those times. Lip service is not good enough.

In an unusual moment in state history, Wisconsin government is flush with cash. It is sitting on top of a \$2.8 billion surplus. This is not the time for penny-pinching on compelling investments that move the state forward. Private donations have supplied about \$1 million to the Cedar Gorge project. Local government has stepped up for more than \$200,000.

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To Ozaukee Press:

I would like to compliment the Ozaukee Press for its excellent news stories and opinion pieces on the proposed Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs natural area. The

Press' early coverage about the lack of transparency on the objection to this project—and at the Joint Finance Committee in general—has helped to shine a light on the lack of public input into how our tax dollars are being spent.

Last week, I sent a letter to the co-chairs of the Joint Finance Committee urging them to take up the Knowles-Nelson grant for the Cedar Gorge project at an upcoming meeting, a copy of which is available at RepAndraca.com.

I urge readers to also contact members of the committee asking them to hold a public hearing and resolve any objections.

Thank you again to the staff at the Ozaukee Press for reminding us why local journalism is so important.

State Rep. Deb Andraca
Whitefish Bay

The author represents Assembly District 23, which includes the southern half of Ozaukee County

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust raised a significant amount of the money needed for the Cedar Gorge preserve through donations, but needs a Stewardship grant to buy the land along Highway C.

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Letters to the Editor

JFC blocks public preserve to serve secret private interest

To Ozaukee Press:

I am greatly concerned about the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust's ability to purchase the 131 acres of bluffs, forests and three-fourths of a mile of Lake Michigan Shoreline since the Wisconsin Legislature has put many roadblocks in the way of the planned Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve.

If former Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson, a fiscal conservative, and the bipartisan members of the Wisconsin Legislature that created the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund were in power today, I believe things would be different.

The Joint Finance Committee has stalled the grant request because of a secretive private interest who is considering buying the land that OWLT wants to purchase for the nature preserve.

OWLT believes that everyone—local residents and visitors—should be able to enjoy hiking on the Lake Michigan bluffs.

I am asking the JFC to do the right thing: Reconvene and commit the full grant amount approved by the DNR of \$2.3 million for this amazing conservation endeavor.

Barbara Gilmore
Grafton

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Conservationists seeks to protect Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs, north of Lion's Den Gorge

Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Area could help alleviate the growing number of visitors to Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, adding 131 acres of land.

Lou Saldivar Lou Saldivar, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Why did JFC derail the bluffs project?

It's starting to look like the Republican-controlled Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature is the place where conservation projects of high value go to die.

The JFC of 16 legislators (currently 12 Republicans and four Democrats) has the final say over land and (therefore water) preservation in the state.

The Department of Natural Resources conducts the initial vetting of proposals across the state to make sure that only the best projects get money from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund.

Up to one-half of the costs of acquisitions and improvements can be funded from that source.

That process has worked admirably for 33 years since 1989 when Gov. Tommy Thompson and the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to "preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation."

Similar processes worked well under the predecessor to Stewardship after 1961 when Govs. Knowles and Nelson collaborated in a highly bipartisan way on the Outdoor Recreation Land Program (ORAP). There was little controversy during most of the six decades under the two programs.

Proposals for funding from the ground level can range from conservation land purchases along river banks, lake fronts, wetlands, forests and recreational assets in municipal and state parks.

For the most part, the DNR-approval process has worked intelligently and productively. Until now. Lately, rigid fiscal ideology during JFC review sabotaged DNR-approved projects across the state.

One of the latest high-profile projects to be undermined by secretive bait-and-switch tactics of Republicans on the committee is the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve south of Port Washington.

The proposed preservation covers 131 acres of bluffs, forests and three-quarters of a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline.

The bluffs fall within the Senate district of Sen. Duey Stroebel, R-Saukville. Even though Senator Stroebel is a major JFC voice, the Republicans slashed the DNR recommendation of \$2.3 million for the \$5 million project to \$1.6 million.

Stroebel says he supports the bluffs preservation as do Ozaukee County, the city of Port Washington, Town of Grafton, and the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust (OWLT) that raised donations from private citizens and provided expertise and leadership.

It gets worse in terms of clandestine government. After a lobbying effort from a secretive private interest, the committee has in effect "pocket vetoed" the whole deal. Their tactic is not moving it forward prior to the legislative recess this spring. That opens the door for the private party who might buy the Cedar Gorge land out from under the community.

Would you believe that a single JFC member can stall a grant request with an anonymous demand for full committee review? (DNR recommendations up to \$250,000 go forward without JFC review.) I have always thought Wisconsin led the way on open government. How does that secret blackball pass the smell test?

Senator Stroebel is in the cut, cut, cut wing of the GOP. He is consistent in his stance on fiscal conservatism, but sometimes smart politicians have to be pragmatic, listen to their constituents and bring home the bacon to their district. Sometimes they have to invest in the future. This is one of those times. Lip service is not good enough.

Former Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson, also a fiscal conservative, used to say about his strategic initiatives, "I am not a spender; I am an investor." (Hope he runs for a fifth term.)

Three more observations:

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(John Torinus is chairman of the board of Serigraph Inc. in West Bend and blogs regularly at www.johntorinus.com.)

Rotary Ride early-bird registration ends Thursday

CEDARBURG — Early-bird registration for the second annual Rotary Ride a bicycling event ends Thursday.

The ride, hosted by the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary, will be held Saturday, May 21. It will start and finish at Cedar Creek Park in Cedarburg.

There will be four in-person routes offered for individuals and families of all abilities as well as a virtual option. A 10-mile family friendly route will head out on the relatively flat Interurban Trail. Longer routes of 25, 45 and 65 miles will traverse the scenic roads of Ozaukee County. There will be rest stops with refreshments on each route and local bike shops will provide mechanical support.

Early bird registration fees are available through Thursday at Rotary-Ride.com. The fee includes a T-shirt and goody bag.

After the ride, cyclists will be invited to meet in the park for a celebration that will include food, beverages, music and a raffle. Each rider will be provided lunch and two beverage tickets. The event is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the Rotary Ride will be used to fund the club's technical scholarship program and support hometown charities.

The lead sponsor of the Rotary Ride is Ozaukee Bank's Gift to the Future.