



AGENDA
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 – 9:00 AM
ADMINISTRATION CENTER - AUDITORIUM
121 W MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Roll Call
- 2. PROPER NOTICE**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. September 8, 2022
- 5. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE**
 - a. **Management/Financial/Informational Reports**
 1. UW-Madison Division of 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. **Management/Financial/Informational Reports**
 1. SE Area Association Fall Tour October 12, 2022*
 2. Land & Water Management Report*
- 8. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT**
 - a. **Action Items:**
 1. Submittal and Acceptance of a Fund for Lake Michigan Grant for Groundwater Investigation and Stormwater Wetland Improvements at Virmond County Park
 2. Bid and Contract for Boardwalk and Observation Dock and Platform at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve
 3. Bid and Contract for Security Gates in the Ozaukee County Park System
 - b. **Discussion Items:**
 1. Update on Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Pavilion, Covered Bridge County Park Pavilion, HH Peters Youth Camp Building ADA Remodel and Hawthorne Hills County Park Multipurpose Maintenance Building Construction
 2. Hawthorne Hills County Park Drinking Water Well for Multi-Purpose Parks Maintenance Building
 3. Update on Planning and Parks Department Capital Projects and Ecological Division Grant Projects
 4. Update on Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve
 5. 2023 Department Metrics and Grants
 - c. **Management/Financial/Informational Reports**
 1. Planning & Parks Reports
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE**
November 3, 2022
- 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.

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Natural Resources Committee**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA DATE:	October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT:	County Clerk
DIRECTOR:	Julie Winkelhorst
PREPARER:	Lisa Henning

Agenda Summary September 8, 2022

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Natural Resources Committee**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA DATE: October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT: UW Extension
DIRECTOR: Cindy Sarkady
PREPARER: Claudia Breitengross

Agenda Summary UW-Madison Division of Extension Reports

ATTACHMENTS:

- September 2022 Report (PDF)
- UW Financial Report 2022 (PDF)



September 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

- An in-person organizational meeting for a new 4-H club, where 4-H youth, family, and adult leaders learned expectations, selected leaders, voted on by-laws and agreed on a meeting day and time. This effort was designed to support the new club by providing a time to ask questions and be part of the decisions necessary in starting the club.
- An in-person Shooting Sports organizational meeting, where 4-H youth and families met the leaders and learned about the project's plans and expectations. This supported the 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders by providing time for members to ask questions and to enter the 2022-2023 4-H year prepared.
- Two in-person 4-H Open Houses for Ozaukee County youth and their parents/guardians, where participants learn about 4-H Thriving Model, 4-H Projects, Clubs, activities, and how to enroll in the Ozaukee County 4-H Program. This effort is designed to raise awareness of the 4-H program and of the important role 4-H plays in youth discovering their sparks, which are an essential ingredient of thriving.



September 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
 - A Soil Health Field Day where farmers, industry agronomists and agency personnel learned about planting green into rye, the benefits of low disturbance manure applications, and water mold root disease management of soybean. The goal is to help farmers and the industry agronomists explore and implement cropping strategies that improve soil and crop health.
 - One-on-one consultations with farmers from Sheboygan, Fond Du Lac, Washington and Ozaukee Counties where farmers learned about weed control in soybeans and winter wheat, prairie establishment, organic farming and certification, rye cover crop establishment and termination, land rental prices within the region, seed germination testing and soil carbon crediting. Better understanding of these agronomic topics result in greater farm profits and enhanced environmental stewardship.
 - Participated in a soybean phytophthora root rot population survey across the region to help assess for the occurrences of new races of the water mold diseases in soybean. Significant rainfall events in recent years may have resulted in soybean varieties that are no longer resistant to root diseases, and results from this study will help plant breeders develop improved soybean varieties with greater resistance to soybean root disease.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Agent
 - Planning for a bilingual dairy workers newsletter for on-farm dairy employees in collaboration with Language Access and Office of Access, Inclusion, and Compliance. The goal of this effort is to provide a dairy resource to an underserved audience in order for them to gain new knowledge and best management practices to incorporate on the farm to help maintain and grow economic viability.
 - Planning for bi-annual Midwest Manure Summit for farmers, managers, agronomists, engineers, nutrient management consultants, manure haulers, consultants, and other agri-business professionals. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals the latest, unbiased, university-based research on manure handling technologies, so that they can improve environmental sustainability and increase farm business viability.



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September 2022 Report

What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **October 6, 2022**
 - Extension/4-H Youth Advisory Council meeting, Ozaukee County Admin Building, 6:00 pm.
 - [What's Covering Your Soil This Winter?](#), Karrels Farm Shop, Port Washington, 10:00 am.
- **October 11 & 25, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **October 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, 2022**
 - 4-H The Haunt, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, evenings
- **October 12, 2022**
 - [Badger Crop Connect](#), Virtual session, 12:30 pm., Topic: Meet the New Extension Specialists
- **October 20, 2022**
 - 4-H Visual Arts Festival Planning Committee meeting, Virtual, 4:30 pm.
 - 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington, 6:00 pm.
- **October 22-23, 2022**
 - [4-H State Art Camp](#), Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- **October 26, 2022**
 - [Badger Crop Connect](#), Virtual session, 12:30 pm., Topic: Grain Marketing Outlook
- **October 27, 2022**
 - 4-H Club/Group Officer Leadership Training, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington, 6:00 pm.

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Ozaukee County Committee Report

General Fund University of Wisconsin Extension

For the Eight Months Ending Wednesday, August 31, 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	\$210	\$7,180	\$7,980	\$800	89.97%
Total Revenues	\$210	\$7,180	\$11,870	\$4,690	60.49%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$4,806	\$37,080	\$67,293	\$30,213	55.10%
Fringe Benefits	\$572	\$4,474	\$9,522	\$5,048	46.99%
Travel/Training	-	\$3,415	\$14,788	\$11,373	23.09%
Supplies	\$1,656	\$4,942	\$17,940	\$12,998	27.55%
Purchased Services	\$77	\$52,256	\$117,499	\$65,243	44.47%
Interdepartment Charges	\$1,599	\$13,168	\$22,260	\$9,092	59.16%
Other Expenses	\$9	\$249	\$743	\$494	33.51%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$8,719	\$115,584	\$250,045	\$134,461	46.23%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$8,719	\$115,584	\$250,045	\$134,461	46.23%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$8,509)	(\$108,404)	(\$238,175)	(\$129,771)	45.51%

Equity:

Natural Resources Committee**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA DATE:	October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT:	Register of Deeds
DIRECTOR:	Ron Voigt
PREPARER:	Ron Voigt

Agenda Summary Register of Deeds Reports

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2022 October Department Report (PDF)
- GIS Update Oct 2022 (PDF)
- ROD General (PDF)
- Land Info (PDF)



Register of Deeds Land Information

October 2022 Department Report

Register of Deeds Office: We recorded 1173 documents in August, compared to 1763 the year before. We have recorded 9,979 documents so far this year compared to 15,237 for the time period last year. 75.37% of the documents this month were recorded as a digital record. We made a profit of \$61,501 last month and for the first eight months a profit of \$542,749 or 93.44% of the budget.

Land Information Office: This office made a profit of \$5,415 for this month and \$91,263 for the year. We are down one staff for this year and this is an enterprise fund so this year we are generating revenue for future projects. See attached report for more detail.

GIS Update

Ozaukee County Land Information Office – Sept. 2022

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

NextGen 9-1-1 GIS Grant program FY2023

The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) is overseeing the implementation of the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) system.

In April 2022, a Grant Program was established to aid in enabling NENA i3 call routing on the NG911 system statewide.

Allowable expenses would include data preparation, consulting services, supplemental staffing & training.

Applications for the competitive grant are due Oct. 25 with award notices in December. The DMA anticipates the grant program to be ongoing with multiple opportunities.

To be eligible, a PSAP must be in the process of implementing an emergency services IP-based network (ESInet).

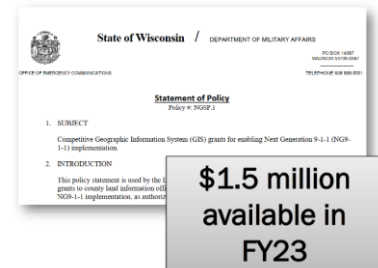
A representative from the Sheriff's Dept. is pursuing the potential grant funding.



GIS Grant Program Overview



- In April 2022, a competitive GIS grant program for NG9-1-1 was established by Wis. Stat.
 - See § 256.35 (3s) (br), Wis. Stats.
- Statute required DMA to publish agency policy with appropriate grant purposes and eligibility criteria recommended by the 911 Subcommittee
- DMA anticipates the grant program to be ongoing with multiple grant opportunities



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.

Ozaukee County Committee Report
General Fund Register of Deeds

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	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Public Charges for Services	\$93,287	\$767,512	\$970,000	\$202,488	79.12%
Total Revenues	\$93,287	\$767,512	\$970,000	\$202,488	79.12%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$16,909	\$133,722	\$205,004	\$71,282	65.23%
Fringe Benefits	\$7,610	\$61,312	\$77,430	\$16,118	79.18%
Travel/Training	\$1,063	\$1,894	\$2,400	\$506	78.92%
Supplies	\$277	\$757	\$1,125	\$368	67.29%
Purchased Services	\$3,318	\$39,228	\$103,200	\$63,972	38.01%
Interdepartment Charges	\$2,609	\$23,448	\$38,092	\$14,644	61.56%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$31,786	\$260,361	\$427,251	\$166,890	60.94%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$31,786	\$260,361	\$427,251	\$166,890	60.94%
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$61,501	\$507,151	\$542,749	\$35,598	93.44%

Equity:

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

Ozaukee County Committee Report

Special Revenue Fund Land Information

For the Eight Months Ending Wednesday, August 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	\$2,394	\$19,148	\$28,722	\$9,574	66.67%
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	\$1,000	\$52,200	\$51,200	1.92%
Public Charges for Services	\$9,360	\$165,524	\$140,000	(\$25,524)	118.23%
Total Revenues	\$11,754	\$185,672	\$220,922	\$35,250	84.04%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$4,406	\$36,757	\$120,225	\$83,468	30.57%
Fringe Benefits	\$1,507	\$14,759	\$45,828	\$31,069	32.21%
Travel/Training	-	\$774	\$9,000	\$8,226	8.60%
Supplies	-	\$11,000	\$15,400	\$4,400	71.43%
Purchased Services	\$40	\$27,495	\$25,000	(\$2,495)	109.98%
Interdepartment Charges	\$386	\$3,087	\$4,931	\$1,844	62.60%
Other Expenses	-	\$537	\$537	-	100.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$6,339	\$94,409	\$220,921	\$126,512	42.73%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$6,339	\$94,409	\$220,921	\$126,512	42.73%
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Net Increase (Decrease)	\$5,415	\$91,263	\$1	(\$91,262)	.00%
<i>Equity:</i>					
Governmental Fund Balance	-	\$75,223	-	(\$75,223)	0.00%

Natural Resources Committee**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA DATE:	October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT:	Land and Water Management
DIRECTOR:	Geoff Schramm
PREPARER:	Lisa Henning

Agenda Summary Land & Water Management Report*

ATTACHMENTS:

- September 2022 news (PDF)
- LWM Financials (PDF)



LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

CURRENT PROJECTS AND REPORT UPDATES

-SEPTEMBER 2022 -



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Land and Water Management Department

Andy Holschbach, Previous Director
Geoff Schramm, Land & Water Coordinator
Ed Pfister, Sanitation & Zoning Coordinator
Chase Brouillette, Soil & Water Conservationist
Barry Sullivan, Sanitation & Zoning Specialist
Katie Vogeler, Conservation Planner
Tony Austin, Technical Support Specialist

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Attachment: September 2022 news (LWM Report)



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. Geoff and Katie have met with 3 growers with NMP's and 2 had runoff issues that are now being fixed with harvestable grassed waterways.

♦ Best Management Practices Design and Certification

- In 2022 Gasser Farms Waste Storage (313) and Waste Transfer (634) project, this is a TRM Project working on design and layout. Met with Luke Gasser, DATCP & NRCS at farm to coordinate planning, design and construction. Being reviewed by DATCP
- Risch Farm Leachate runoff project, Rob and Lori Wagner Rip Rap Installed, William Stadler waterway design completed, Neal Jacoby waterway completed. Dan Large waterway project started
- Have 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, plan to provide subscriptions to No-Till Farmer and provide manure analysis at a Fall popup field event. Katie is working on plans to use it again in 2023 for a group NMP Farmer Education day along with manure sample kits.

Environmental Education

- NACD has released that the theme this year is water.

♦ NR151 Compliance Tracking

- No activity

♦ Manure Storage Ordinance

- No activity

♦ Stormwater Management & Construction Site Erosion Control-WPDES Permit

- Stantec is finalizing the SLAMM modeling to evaluate nonpoint source pollutant loadings on county property in the MS4 area for compliance with the DNR stormwater permit. A commitment letter was sent to WI DNR.

♦ Buffer Initiative—Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

♦ Wildlife Damage and Abatement

Deer donation program is underway, only one butcher participating. Goose damage claim for Century Acres has been started for soybean field in town of Grafton.

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

- Ordered trees and shrubs from the nurseries for the 2022/23 program

♦ Invasive Species

- No activity

♦ Miscellaneous

- Working on further development of the Ozaukee County Grazing Network.
- Began work on the 2023 Department Budget.
- Updating signage at the Clean Farm Families Soil Health Demonstration site

- Katie Vogeler - Corn silage is starting to be chopped sporadically, the end of September will be go time. Katie will be pulling forage and biomass samples of corn with co-silage cover crops interseeded to test its feed value. The Interseeder drill will be back in action as corn comes off to plant those fall overwintering cover crops.
- Awaiting arrival and our first research plot with the new airseeder
- 2023 Grant writing is underway
- Fall Field Events: we are still trying to plan a fall Pasture Walk, and a Farm Transition Meeting that would end with beer, a fish fry and Royal Boehlke for some entertainment after a rather deep presentation.

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Sanitation Program

♦ Sanitation Ordinance

- Two sanitation ordinance violations
- Maintenance: 456 notices were sent in September; the Office of Corporation Counsel continues action with non-compliant owners; 9,903 reports filed to date in 2022

♦ POWTS Plan Reviews, Permits, and Final Inspections

- Five plan reviews; twelve sanitary permits; nine final inspection reports, zero abandonment permits filed and finalized

♦ 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 activity

♦ Permits

- Three shoreland zoning permit for September

♦ National Flood Insurance/Community Rating System (CRS)

- Provided floodplain information to numerous landowners, completed NFIP information to lenders and realtors
- Preparing for 5 year CRS audit in October

♦ Technical Advisory—SEWRPC Regional Plans

- SEWRPC developing "Regional Food System Plan"

♦ Non-metallic Mining Reclamation

- No reports for September

♦ Miscellaneous

- 1930 & 1936 Edgewater: Wells abandoned, electric & gas abandoned, septic tanks emptied

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Ozaukee County Committee Report

General Fund Land & Water Management

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Revenues					
Taxes	-	-	\$1	\$1	0.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$15,036	(\$111,294)	\$1,322,464	\$1,433,758	-8.42%
Public Charges for Services	\$3,433	\$88,593	\$127,360	\$38,767	69.56%
Licenses & Permits	\$7,619	\$67,769	\$101,000	\$33,231	67.10%
Other Revenue	\$10,000	\$45,913	\$50,200	\$4,287	91.46%
Total Revenues	\$36,088	\$90,981	\$1,601,025	\$1,510,044	5.68%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$43,643	\$347,243	\$550,004	\$202,761	63.13%
Fringe Benefits	\$16,453	\$122,307	\$186,361	\$64,054	65.63%
Travel/Training	\$240	\$4,085	\$14,425	\$10,340	28.32%
Supplies	\$2,236	\$13,431	\$24,778	\$11,347	54.21%
Purchased Services	\$33,808	\$319,250	\$462,871	\$143,621	68.97%
Interdepartment Charges	\$2,920	\$31,846	\$42,603	\$10,757	74.75%
Grants	\$1,290	\$24,602	\$584,563	\$559,961	4.21%
Other Expenses	-	\$69,180	\$83,103	\$13,923	83.25%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$100,590	\$931,944	\$1,948,708	\$1,016,764	47.82%
Capital Outlay					
Buildings & Land	-	\$241,000	\$219,000	(\$22,000)	110.05%
Total Capital Outlay	-	\$241,000	\$219,000	(\$22,000)	110.05%
Total Expenditures	\$100,590	\$1,172,944	\$2,167,708	\$994,764	54.11%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$64,502)	(\$1,081,963)	(\$566,683)	\$515,280	190.93%

Equity:

Attachment: LWM Financials (LWM Report)

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Matt Aho

Agenda Summary Submittal and Acceptance of a Fund for Lake Michigan Grant for Groundwater Investigation and Stormwater Wetland Improvements at Virmond County Park

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County - Planning and Parks Department (Department) was invited to submit a grant application to the Fund For Lake Michigan (FFLM) grant program to fund County activities to investigate groundwater and improve stormwater/wetland drainage through a stormwater wetland construction and restoration at Virmond County Park. A Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) Coastal Resiliency grant was awarded in 2020 to support development of a Master Plan for Virmond County Park, and a subsequent WCMP Coastal Resiliency grant was awarded in 2021 to complete a stormwater/surface water and groundwater study for Virmond County Park as part of the Master Plan, which considers the relationship between wetlands, drainage patterns, stormwater, existing and planned infrastructure (parking lot areas) and other facilities (public access stairway to Lake Michigan). The Master Plan and stormwater and groundwater analysis study, completed in coordination with a private consultant and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), includes a summary of current conditions and proposed recommendations for improving surface water and stormwater drainage. Historically, drainage (of wetlands) within the northeast section of the park discharged to the north and to a ravine down the bluff to Lake Michigan. Neighboring residential properties to the north have prevented the continued discharge of surface water from these wetlands and has caused ponding on park property. In the 2000s, drainage improvements (directional bore pipe installation and sump crock) were constructed to aid in the discharge of the ponding water to the toe of the bluff; however, over the years, the construction and pipe has failed (due to shifts/erosion in the bluff) and the system is no longer functioning. Neighbors to the north have expressed concern about this ponded water and potential impacts to their home and structures. Proposed solutions as included in the stormwater and groundwater study include capturing drainage (from existing wetlands) and stormwater within this area and discharging it to the west in an expanded wetland. The expanded wetland would provide additional storage prior to discharging off-site to the north, away from the affected neighboring properties and consistent with the original drainage, and would fit the aesthetics of the site and overall restoration goals for the park. FFLM and matching funding (including a tentative award from WCMP) would support design, engineering, and construction and restoration activities for this expanded wetland area. Additional project activities would also include completion of additional wetland delineations and installation of a groundwater monitoring well. This project is supported by the following plans: the County [Park and Open Space Plan <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/645/Park-Open-Space>](https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/645/Park-Open-Space) [<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/729/Park-and-Open-Space-Plan-for-Ozaukee-County-3rd-Edition?bidId=>](https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/729/Park-and-Open-Space-Plan-for-Ozaukee-County-3rd-Edition?bidId=>) related to the importance of wetlands and restoration projects at the park(p. 18, 96, 98), the [Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035](#)

<http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-285-comp-plan-for-ozaukee-co.pdf> related to stormwater management, wetlands and surface water quality (pages 176, 277, 279-282, 452, 456), the County Strategic Plan 2020-2024 <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/14493/Ozaukee-County-Strategic-Plan-2020-24> (page 13) related to the enhance quality of life assets strategic goal, the draft Land and Water Resource Management Plan for Ozaukee County 2021-2030 <https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Environment/LandWaterResourceManagementPla/capr-338-OZ-County-Land-and-Water-Resource-Management-Draft.pdf> (pages 11, 103, 143, 195), to promote and implement wetland preservation and restoration and stormwater management practices and the final draft of the Virmond County Park Master Plan.

ANALYSIS: The FFLM grant request is \$134,000. No formal match is required, though the Department is providing a secured Brookby Foundation grant (\$3,000), an awarded WCMP grant (\$96,000), a pending Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) County Conservation Aids (CCA) grant (\$2,500), a pending Wisconsin Energies Foundation (WEF) grant (\$5,000), the 2023 proposed Parks Department Virmond Park contractual budget (\$9,000) and in-kind County staff time, travel and supplies (\$500) for a total project cost of approximately \$250,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Balance Current Year: NONE

Next Year's Estimated Cost: \$9,500 (Additional Program Revenue \$134,000)

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy: X

Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: FFLM, Brookby Foundation, WCMP, WDNR CCA and WEF grants and in-kind Parks contractual budget and in-kind County staff time, travel and supplies

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve the submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Fund for Lake Michigan for groundwater investigation and stormwater wetland improvements at Virmond County Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Grant Application Summary_10042022
FFLM_VirmondDrainage_ATSEdits092622_Final(PDF)
- P&P_Dept_FFLM_Info (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_Virmond_ProposedWetlandExpansionMap (PDF)

GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project Name: Groundwater Investigation & Stormwater Wetland at Virmond County Park
Grant Name/Agency: Fund For Lake Michigan **CFDA/State ID:**
Department: Planning & Parks
Total Project Amount: \$250,000 **Grant Match Required:** 0%

Exp Acct.
Rev Acct.

Preparer: Matt Aho
Approver: Andrew Struck

Strategy: (Linkages to other planning efforts)

- Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (P. 176, 277, 279-282, 452, 456)
- Ozaukee County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (P. 49, 89)
- Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County (P. 18, 96, 98)
- Ozaukee County Strategic Plan 2020-2024 (P. 11)

Project Scope and Expectations

- Stormwater management, wetland and green infrastructure at Virmond County Park
- Creation of a stormwater wetland
- Wetland delineations
- Groundwater well installation

Other Grants Supporting Project

	Status	Amount
• WCMP	Awarded	\$96,000
• WEF	Pending	\$5,000
• Brookby Fnd	Pending	\$3,000
• WDNR CCA	Pending	\$2,500

Project Partners:

- FFLM
- WCMP, WDNR, WEF, Brookby Fnd
- SEWRPC
- Private Landowners

Project Landowner Upon Completion:

- Ozaukee County

GRANT EXPENSE	
Operational Expense	\$
Salaries & Benefits	\$30,002
Contractual (E&D)	\$15,000
Contractual (HWY)	\$68,400
Supplies, Other	\$20,000
Travel	\$598
Capital Expense	\$
TOTAL	\$134,000
% PROJECT	54%

GRANT/PROJECT MATCH	
Operational Match	\$
2023 Park Division Budget	\$9,000
Supplies	\$500
Other Grants	\$
WCMP	\$96,000
WEF	\$5,000
Brookby Fnd	\$3,000
WDNR CCA	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$116,000
% MATCH	46%

GRANT SUPPORTED STAFF	
Positon	\$
Director	
Program Manager	
Planning & GIS Specialist	
Conservation Biologist	
Program Assistant II	
TOTAL	\$30,002

DEPARTMENT REVENUES	
Department	\$
Salaries & Benefits	\$30,002
Contractual (HWY)	\$68,400
TOTAL	\$98,402

Project Risks:

- Weather/site conditions
- Contractor (HWY) availability
- Timelines
- Pending grant match funding
- Landowner coordination

Comments

- Overall estimated costs without final E&D
- Serve as match for other grants
- Overall project costs ~ \$250,000

Major Milestones

Major Milestones		Date
Award Notification		Jan-23
Engineering and Design Plans		Sep-23
Construction and Restoration		Jun-24
Duration:	24 months	Extension: NA



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Clearly making a deep impact.

Our Purpose

The Fund for Lake Michigan is focused on making a profound impact on the health of Lake Michigan and its communities. We are here to help ensure the Lake continues to be both an economic powerhouse and an environmental treasure to the citizens of Wisconsin and the Midwest. We do this by investing in projects that benefit local communities and the environment; by embracing a high standard of openness about what we support and the criteria that drives our decision-making; and by rigorously evaluating results. We aim to leverage the investments of other key Lake Michigan donors, pursue partnerships and use the Fund's power as a convener to promote collaboration. Our grants focus on projects that achieve tangible near-term and long-term results such as protecting critical natural habitats and making water resources more swimmable, fishable and drinkable. Our Oversight Committee of Trustees manages the Fund, establishes grant making priorities and guidelines, and makes funding decisions. Trustees include representatives from We Energies, Madison Gas and Electric, Wisconsin Public Power, Inc., Clean Wisconsin, the Sierra Club, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. We invite you to learn more about grants, partnerships and how the Fund for Lake Michigan is *clearly making a deep impact*.

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The mission of the Fund for Lake Michigan is to support efforts, and in particular those in southeastern Wisconsin, that enhance the health of Lake Michigan and its shoreline and tributary river systems for the benefit of the people, plants and animals that depend upon the system for water, recreation and commerce. Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes are among North America's greatest natural resources, providing the Midwest with drinking water and food, as well as wonderful opportunities for recreation and commerce. The lakes are both an economic powerhouse and an invaluable environmental treasure to the citizens of Wisconsin and the Midwest. The resources of the Fund have the potential to make a profound impact on the health of Lake Michigan. To fulfill our vital mission and seize the positive opportunities before us, the Fund and its Trustees are guided by core values and principles.

Accountability & Transparency

The Fund for Lake Michigan seeks input from a range of stakeholders to obtain community buy-in and ensure funds are invested in nonprofit and government organizations that are doing work strongly supported by the community. We establish a high standard of openness concerning what the Fund supports, and the criteria that drive decision-making. Furthermore, we rigorously evaluate the results achieved through the Fund's resources and investments.

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The Fund for Lake Michigan recognizes the opportunity to leverage the significant public and private investments of other key Lake Michigan donors, including the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). We pursue partnerships and employ the Fund's power as a convener to promote collaboration among the many players in southeastern Wisconsin and the Lake Michigan basin.

Impact & Results

The Fund for Lake Michigan invests in strategies and projects that have the potential for demonstrable near-term and long-term impact. Our grants focus on projects that achieve tangible results including protecting critical natural habitats and making water resources more swimmable, fishable and drinkable.

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Matt Aho

Agenda Summary Bid and Contract for Boardwalk and Observation Dock and Platform at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Planning and Parks Department (Department) published a Class II public notice and advertisement for bids on August 11, 2022 and August 18, 2022 for constructing an ADA compliant boardwalk and observation dock and platform at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve County Park. One bid was received, and the Natural Resources Committee rejected the bid at its September 8, 2022 meeting in the best interest of the County as the bid exceeded the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and secured Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance grant award amount (Ayes: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow). This CIP project was approved by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2021 by Resolution 20-91 (Ayes - 23, Nays - 1, Absent - 2).

ANALYSIS: Department staff contacted vendors from the bidding planholders list, and received four proposals ranging from \$62,905 to \$144,727 (see attached proposal summary). Staff recommends awarding a contract to Badger Docks and Lifts based on a review of qualifications, reference checks and prior work (e.g., multiple sites in the Village of Grafton), product style and cost. The Badger Docks and Lifts proposal cost is \$75,332 which includes installation, and staff recommends a 5% contingency (\$3,767) to cover any change orders for a total not to exceed sum of \$79,099. The project cost is within the CIP project amount and secured WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance grant amount.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Balance Current Year: \$79,099 Next Year's Estimated Cost: None

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy: X

Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: Capital Improvement Project Fund and WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Accept the proposal from Badger Docks and Lifts and approve a contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with Badger Docks and Lifts for a not to exceed sum of \$79,099, which includes a 5% contingency to cover any potential change

orders, for the boardwalk and observation dock and platform at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_LDGNP_Observation Dock and Platform Proposal Summary (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_EZDockProduct Info (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_LDGNP Observation Dock and Platform Map (PDF)

Boardwalk and Observation Dock and Platform at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve - Proposal Summary 9/26/2022						
Vendor	Manufacturer	Floating System?	Material Costs	Labor Costs	Comments	Proposal Amount
Mod-U-Dock	Mod-U-Dock	Yes	\$62,905	Owner Installation	Vendor Does Not Install Product, Year Round Use	\$62,905
Badger Docks and Lifts*	EZ Dock	Yes	\$75,332	Included	Year Round Use	\$75,332
Pier & Waterfront Solutions LLC	PWS	No	\$90,843	Included	Recommended Annual Removal, Fixed Structure	\$90,843
Lake Country Barge	Floe	Yes	\$92,427	\$52,300	Year Round Use	\$144,727

*Staff Recommendation

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	DOCK SECTIONS	SIZE (W x L x H)	AREA	WEIGHT	FLOTATION CAPACITY	PART #
1.	40" x 5' Dock	40" x 60" x 15" 1 m x 1.5 m x 38 cm	16 sq ft 1.5 m ²	88 lbs 39.9 kg	1,000 lbs 453.6 kg	204060
2.	40" Dock	40" x 120" x 15" 1 m x 3 m x 38 cm	32 sq ft 3 m ²	167 lbs 75.7 kg	2,000 lbs 907.2 kg	204010
3.	60" Dock	60" x 120" x 15" 1.5 m x 3 m x 38 cm	49 sq ft 4.5 m ²	257 lbs 116.5 kg	3,000 lbs 1,360.8 kg	206010
4.	80" Dock	80" x 120" x 15" 2 m x 3 m x 38 cm	64 sq ft 6 m ²	338 lbs 153.3 kg	4,000 lbs 1,814.4 kg	208010
5.	100" Dock	100" x 80" x 15" 2.3 m x 2 m x 38 cm	49 sq ft 4.6 m ²	287 lbs 130.1 kg	3,100 lbs 1,406 kg	208008
6.	Half Hex Dock	60" x 120" x 15" 1.5 m x 3 m x 38 cm	49 sq ft 4.5 m ²	189 lbs 85.7 kg	2,000 lbs 907.2 kg	260120
7.	Corner Gusset	34" x 34" x 47" 86 cm x 86 cm x 119 cm	31 sq ft 2.8 m ²	22 lbs 9.9 kg	N/A	300501
8.	TriDock	58-1/8" x 58-1/8" x 14-5/8" 1.47 m x 1.47 m x 37.14 cm	59 sq ft 10.7 m ²	70 lbs 31.7 kg	750 lbs 340.1 kg	300503

***NOTE:** TriDock not shown above.

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300600

3. EZ STOW Storage Box

300750

4. Corner Storage Box

300760

5. EZ Float Step Ladder

300270

6. Polyethylene Bench Kit

300970 or 300965 (without arms)

7. Tie-Up Cleat

300100

8. 10" Tie-Up Cleat

300110

9. Corner Gusset

300501

10. Dock Edging

400117

11. Dock Bumper

300180

12. Dock Wheels

900050

13. Hardware Connector Male

201040SS

**14. Hardware
Connector Female**

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15. In-Water Installation Tool

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	Brown
	Royal Blue
	Sand
	Raw Aluminum (standard)
	Stainless Steel

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100910AL or 105910

2. Style 911

100911AL or 105911

3. Style 912

100912AL or 105912

4. Style 915

100915AL or 105915

5. Style 916*

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6. Style 917

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7. Style 918

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8. Style 919

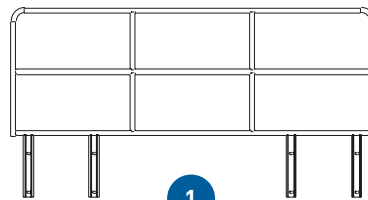
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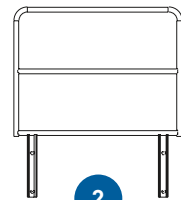
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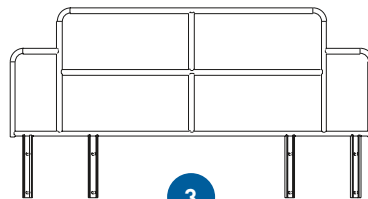
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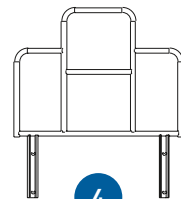
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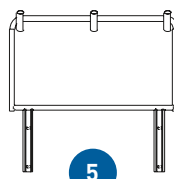
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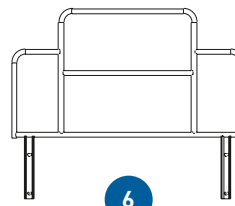
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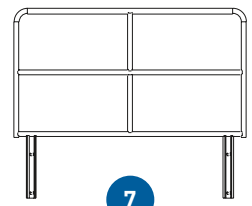
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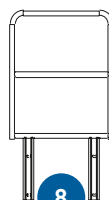
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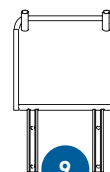
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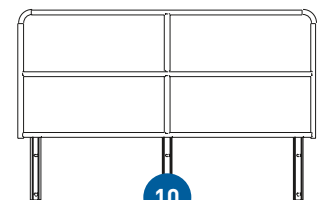
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* Equipped with fishing rod holders

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2. Gangway (Polyethylene)

400406 (6' section)

Shown with two 6' sections installed with the 12' Aluminum Tube Support Kit (401412) and optional 12' Hand Rail (400912). Also available in 10' section (404010).

3. Gangway Roller Kit

300300, 300400

Gangway Roller Kit allows end of gangway to adjust to changing water levels. PVC and galvanized steel roller available for 3' and 5' widths.

4. Transition Plate

G200350 or G200550

Gangway transition plate with ThruFlow decking creates a sturdy transition between shore grade and aluminum gangway, or gangway to dock.

5. Hinge-To-Float

G200360, G200460, G200560

Hinged bracket with hardware attaches gangway to dock.

6. Transition Kit (Polyethylene)

100717 (15") or 100718 (30")

Hinged polyethylene plate creates a smooth transition between EZ Dock or EZ Port and another floating dock.

7. Gangplank Mounting Kit

100240, 100340 or 100600

Galvanized steel hinge bracket and hardware for wood walkways 24", 34", or 60" wide. Lumber not included.

8. Plank Gangway (Polyethylene)

200200

Hinged polyethylene panel creates a smooth transition between shore grade and deck surface.

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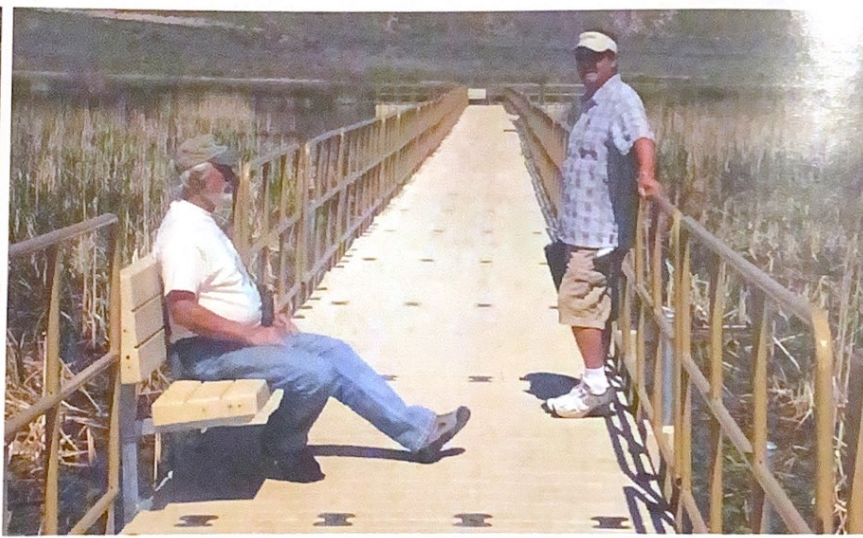
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Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve - Proposed Boardwalk/Overlook Location

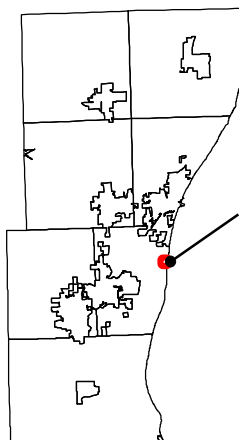


Legend

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

Proposed

- Boardwalk (Approx. 80 Feet)
- Overlook (Approx. 20 x 25 Feet)
- Trail (Approx. 260 Feet)



Lion's Den Gorge
Nature Preserve, Town
of Grafton
Ozaukee County



Ozaukee County
August, 2022

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Matt Aho

Agenda Summary Bid and Contract for Security Gates in the Ozaukee County Park System

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Planning and Parks Department (Department) published a Class II public notice and advertisement for bids on May 5, 2022 and May 12, 2022 for providing and installing security gates in the Ozaukee County Park System, including at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Virmond County Park and Tendick Nature Park (base bid) and at multiple additional locations (alternates). Bids were due on May 23, 2022, and no bids were received. The Department published an additional Class II public notice and advertisement for bids, which included provision of electric service to the security gate and security camera locations, on June 2, 2022 and June 9, 2022. One bid was received, and the Natural Resources Committee rejected the bid at its August 4, 2022 meeting in the best interest of the County as the bid exceeded the American Recovery Act Plan (ARPA) award amount (Ayes: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow). This ARPA project was approved by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors on April 6, 2022 by Resolution 21-70 (Ayes - 24, Nays - 0, Absent - 1).

ANALYSIS: Department staff contacted vendors from the bidding planholders list, and received three proposals (see attached proposal summary) for the base bid sites ranging from \$78,000 to \$81,990 for a dual swing gate configuration at each project location. Staff recommends awarding a contract to Power Gate Openers based on a review of qualifications, reference checks and prior work (Jefferson County Park System), gate style and cost. The Power Gate Openers proposal cost is \$81,444 and staff recommends a 7% contingency (\$5,701) to cover any change orders for a total not to exceed sum of \$87,145. The security gate cost is within the ARPA award amount.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

Balance Current Year: \$43,572

Next Year's Estimated Cost: \$43,573

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy:

Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: 2022 ARPA fund

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Accept the proposal from Power Gate Systems and approve a contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with Power Gate Systems for a not to

exceed sum of \$87,145, which includes a 7% contingency to cover any potential change orders, for the security gates in the Ozaukee County Park System project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_PowerGates Brochure (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_Security Gates Proposal Summary (PDF)

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Consistent Dusk-to-Dawn Operation

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Free Exit After Hours

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Key Override for Emergency Situations



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Security Gates - Ozaukee County Park System - Proposal Summary 9/26/2022		
Contractor	Gate Type	Base Bid Amount (Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Virmond County Park, Tendick Nature Park)
Entrance Systems	Dual Swing, Decorative Wrought Iron	\$78,000
Power Gate Openers*	Dual Swing, Rustic Wood Timber	\$81,444
Century Fence Company	Dual Swing, Barrier Pipe	\$81,990

*Staff Recommendation

Natural Resources Committee**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA DATE:	October 4, 2022
DEPARTMENT:	Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR:	Andrew Struck
PREPARER:	Matt Aho

Agenda Summary Planning & Parks Reports

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&PDEPT_MgmtReport_NRC08042022_June2022_FINAL_ATS (PDF)
- CommRpt2022 (PDF)
- Summary of Parks Revenue, August 2022 (PDF)
- Golf Courses Daily Revenue 2022_August (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_CBCGNP Press Articles (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_2022.9.12_Bird City High Flyer Status(PDF)



GOLF COURSES



GOLF COURSES — MEE-KWON PARK AND HAWTHORNE HILLS

- June (thru June 23rd) revenue and rounds: \$353,072 and 10,122 rounds (2022) and \$351,535 and 10,755 rounds (2021) for both MKGC & HHGC. 2022 total revenue (to date) \$803,288 and 22,321 rounds (\$35.99/person). 2021 total revenue (to date) \$938,993 and 26,992 rounds (\$34.78/person). Another record revenue month for both facilities in June 2022.
- Completion of the new cart staging area at MKGC will secure the safety of our property at night and provide the staff with a more efficient way to clean and manage the fleet during the day. All carts at both facilities will have secured their assets.
- Course conditions are once again receiving rave reviews from loyal customers and first time players.
- Concessionaire has significantly improved service and the new manager has started off with great enthusiasm although some times are still not covered during the dawn to dusk operations.
- 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. GC Maintenance Seasonal Staff wage range has been increased.



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/monitoring.

FISH PASSAGE PROGRAM

Aquatic Connectivity Projects: Coordination with landowners, local municipalities, County Highway Dept, and contractors (youth conservation corps) for completion of 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 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 & engineering, permitting and project planning for Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington. Significant completion of construction activities at the Mequon-Thiensville Dam nature-like fishway w/ HWY and Village of Thiensville w/ final restoration & grand opening celebration planned for Summer 2022. Significant completion of the culvert replacement project on Mole Creek in the Town of Saukville with the Highway Department.

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, City of Port Washington, and landowner coordination for restoration work on Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington. Project planning and landowner coordination for restoration work on Tendick Creek. Project planning for habitat restoration in conjunction with the CTH W rehabilitation project in the Village of Saukville. 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. Water quality sampling for LMR/LMC (6/16-6/17) and Ulao & Mole Creeks (6/23-6/24). 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), SEWISC & FFLM. Submitted multiple grant applications. QAPP & NEPA submittals and approvals for federally-funded projects. Coordinated w/ the AmeriCorps NCCC, WisCorps, MCSC & GLCCC on 2022 work, including managing the AmeriCorps NCCC (6/3-6/21). Coordinated w/ GLE regarding the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat Tool contracts. Coordinated w/ partners (MMSD, Riverkeeper, SEWRPC) on water quality monitoring. Coordinated w/ WGLBBO, LNRP, City of Port Washington (6/21), We-Energies, HWY & WDNR regarding stream restoration on Mineral Springs Creek. Coordination w/ WDNR Milwaukee River AOC & WDNR Lamp Coordinators. 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 (), Project Managers (). Coordination w/ Hwy & Consultant on CTH W Project. SWWT Finance and Board Mtgs (6/13, 6/21). Coordinate w/ DU/USFWS on EAGL NAWCA grant. Coordinated w/ raSmith & Fish Creek Restoration consultants on various FP projects. Coordinated/Mtg w/ the OCWC on Sucker Brook (). Coordinated w/ WDNR Fisheries on grant funding for current and future projects/grants (). Mtg. w/M2 and WDNR on MK stormwater wetland (6/14). Hosted Fish Passage (6/3) and Ecological/Birding kayak/canoe (6/10) NRF field trips. The Dept. received a 2022 National Association of Counties (NACo) award for the Little Menomonee River Fish & Wildlife Restoration. Present to the City of Port Washington Public Works Committee on MSC (6/21). LMS Champions Selection Cmte. (6/22). Interviews with AmeriCorps NCCC Surveyors (6/14).

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 planning for ROW Invasive Species Treatment and coordinated w/ HWY on implementation. Coordinated on 2 USFS grants w/ Partners (HH Park & Coastal Parks Project Areas) for tree planting / bidding.

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

- Attended NRC (6/2-in person), County Board (6/1-in person), and ARPA Strategic Planning Session (6/15). HR Trainings.
- Managing staff teleworking/remote working, parks and golf course operations, and day-to-day operations w/ COVID-19.
- Worked on Dept. position descriptions. The Park Caretaker—Virmond and Parks Maint. Worker—Virmond have resigned.
- Coordinate trade vehicles for new vehicle lease program—two Department lease vehicles have arrived to date.

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PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT

CURRENT PROJECTS & REPORT UPDATES

JUNE 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.

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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/ Town of Saukville (consultant) and Town & Village of Belgium on amending their local comprehensive plan, planned land use map and County Comprehensive Plan. Explored 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, Fredonia & Cedarburg. Generated GIS maps including shoreland zoning, land use, soils, floodplain, wetlands, etc.
- Provided review for proposed projects under the County-owned lands zoning ordinance including Mee-Kwon Park—communications tower, 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 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 (6/28), WDNR (), MMSD, OWLT (6/7), OCWC, WAC, BCW, LNRP, UCP) to discuss natural area preservation/restoration and WDNR/WCMP/USFWS/USFS/USEPA grants (Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve (CBCGNP) (6/7, 6/13)).
- 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 WCMP Coastal Resiliency Grants. Updating Park Master Plan (GIS) maps for all the other current County Parks.
- Presentation at the League of Women Voters on CBCGNP, particularly the history and timeline for acquisition (6/14).

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 12/4/13. Coordinated (with SWWT and MMSD) on 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. Worked with consultant on SLCI output reports.
- Prepared several GIS databases and maps for the Planning, 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, restorations (e.g. prairies), park parking spaces 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. Center Rd Mole Creek Culvert, MSC), Parks (e.g. Virmond staircase, MK Park stormwater wetland, HH Park Multipurpose Maintenance Building) & Ozaukee Interurban Trail projects with USACOE, WDNR, LWMD, consultants, & municipalities (e.g. Town of Saukville).
- Coordinated w/ WCMP State Coastal Hazards WG regarding Virmond Park, LDGNP and other research projects. 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 WCMP Coastal Resiliency Project (e.g. predicting bluff erosion and water study—Virmond Park, Master Plans—CBCGNP, Virmond, LDGNP) and followed up on the WCMP/Sea Grant CALM SC Mtg.

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 TAP grant for OIT repaving.
- Continued to report on the Department goals, objectives, metrics for the County Strategic Plan including evaluation of goals and reporting to NRC & CB. Provided NRC board members w/ Dept summary data.

Non-metallic Mining Planning

- Coordinated w/ the Highway Dept on the implementation of the restoration plan (e.g. tree establishment, 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 w/ multi-Department staff for future land use at these properties. Coordinated w/ WDNR & SEWRPC.

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

- Coordinated w/ 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 ().

PARKS, RECREATION, NATURAL AREAS AND CULTURE DIVISION

Parks, Natural Areas, Recreation and Culture Implementation

- Implementation of 2022 park projects (e.g. Waubedonia campsites) & 2022 approved Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for the County parks (e.g., Pavilions & Maintenance Building, LDGNP Parking & Boardwalk, etc.) Coordinated w/ Highway Dept on other Park (e.g. culverts, grading), Fish Passage (Mole Cr., MSC, LMRFW and Ozaukee Interurban Trail (e.g., mowing) projects and CTH, STH, and Federal ROW Invasives Project. Working w/ Highway Dept Re: 2022 Projects (Park, FP, etc.) and CTH W reconstruction, restoration and funding.
- Coordinated with several Eagle Scouts for current and future service projects at various County Parks and the Interurban Trail (e.g. Wood storage—HH Peters, Wood duck nest boxes—HH Park, HH Peters, & LMRFWP, Donation Box—Tendick Nature Park, Trail Construction/Bike Rack—Mee-Kwon County Park, etc.).
- Coordinated/continued intensive invasive species removal (e.g. herbaceous & woody shrubs), ash tree removal and 2022 tree plantings at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Virmond, Mee-Kwon, Hawthorne Hills, LMRFW Waubedonia and Tendick Nature Parks, Coastal & HH Park Project Areas (USFS grants), both Golf Courses: under private foundation, USFS GLRI, NFWF SOGL Invasive and WDNR grants (UF). Continued inventory 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 and to with Eddee Daniel for Wealth of Nature (6/15). Working on signage/maps for the pedestrian trail 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 removal, etc.).
- Coordinated w/ Ozaukee Treasures Network (OTN) Steering Cmte., a collaboration of organizations working the implementation of the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*. Coordinated w/ Ozaukee County Watershed Coalition (OCWC) regarding Sauk, Sucker & Ulao Creeks. Coordinated for Treasures of Oz on .
- Seeding additional prairie restoration areas at Tendick Nature Park, LMRFWP, Covered Bridge and Virmond County Parks. Coordinated grant reporting: WDNR CCA, We Energies, DU NAWCA and Brookby Foundation.
- 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 the WDNR USEPA GLRI grant (\$450,000). Continued discussions w/ the seller and other partners (OWLT, WDNR, WCMP, USFS & USFW).
- Coordinated w/ the WCMP Coastal Hazards Work Group, WDNR Stewardship, engineer, contractor, City and WDOA WCMP 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, gates, ash trees, with the departure/resignation of the Park Caretaker-Virmond (5/6) and seasonal employee at Virmond (4/25).
- Coordinated w/ Architect (Kueny) and Contractors for Covered Bridge & LDGNP Park bathroom pavilions, Hawthorne Hills Maintenance Bldg. ADA modifications for HH Peters Youth Camp Bldg. ().
- Coordinated w/ Highway and Grafton & Mequon FDS regarding access/parking at LDGNP and Virmond Park.
- Coordinated w/ Highway Re: Historic Covered Bridge Closure and Repairs and Contracts.

Coordination with Cultural, Tourism & Recreation Groups

- Attended Ozaukee County Tourism Council (OCTC) Board Mtg. (6/6). Continued work on Tourism & Trail w/ sites & events (20th Anniversary). Continued to assist w/ OCTC Treasurer duties Re: 2022 budget. Coordination w/ OCHS Re: OCHS Caretaker septic, lease agreement, tree planting, Wifi & 2022 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, trees, John Ward recognition, maintenance items the Trail (e.g. cutting, paving), RTC grant-Port Washington Trail Improvement Project—design & engineering. Hosted and Presented at the Route of the Badger (ROTB) Regional Quarterly Mtg. (6/29), coordination w/ cities (Mequon, Cedarburg, Port Washington) & professionals (SEWRPC) on OIT crossings. Development of gateway signage. Coordinated w/ SEWRPC on regional grant for Trail planning & projects (RAISE Grant) 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, trees) and safety improvements & cu
- Continued to conduct Trail user counts and analyze correlations with other survey data. Maintained the cou
- Coordinated with the Ozaukee Snowmobile Clubs on the existing and new (2023) Trail Maintenance and Tr 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 trailside facilities, safety and trail connections for the OIT. Coordinated w/ Milwaukee County Re: OIT connections.
- Coordinated w/ Washington County and ROTB regarding planning for trail connection
- Trail and criteria for regional trail network. Coordinated w/ the Town of Grafton on O
- Follow-up Re: Trail paving of county-managed portion of OIT and WisDOT TAP & Infrastructure grants.



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Ozaukee County Committee Report
General Fund Park Commission

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For the Eight Months Ending Wednesday, August 31, 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	-	-	\$33,600	\$33,600	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$6,783	\$39,910	\$46,925	\$7,015	85.05%
Licenses & Permits	-	\$55	-	(\$55)	0.00%
Interest Revenue	\$5	\$11	-	(\$11)	0.00%
Other Revenue	\$330	\$14,565	\$26,500	\$11,935	54.96%
Total Revenues	\$7,118	\$54,541	\$107,025	\$52,484	50.96%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$42,139	\$313,041	\$504,191	\$191,150	62.09%
Fringe Benefits	\$12,103	\$91,718	\$133,320	\$41,602	68.80%
Travel/Training	\$74	\$3,094	\$7,450	\$4,356	41.53%
Supplies	\$6,920	\$64,558	\$105,635	\$41,077	61.11%
Purchased Services	\$11,997	\$101,788	\$244,650	\$142,862	41.61%
Interdepartment Charges	\$3,562	\$56,071	\$169,285	\$113,214	33.12%
Other Expenses	\$409	\$17,306	\$18,642	\$1,336	92.83%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$77,204	\$647,576	\$1,183,173	\$535,597	54.73%
Capital Outlay					
Buildings & Land	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$229,000	\$29,000	87.34%
Total Capital Outlay	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$229,000	\$29,000	87.34%
Total Expenditures	\$277,204	\$847,576	\$1,412,173	\$564,597	60.02%
Other Finance (Sources)	-	(\$80,000)	(\$80,000)	-	100.00%
Net Other Financing Sources/Uses	-	(\$80,000)	(\$80,000)	-	100.00%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$270,086)	(\$713,035)	(\$1,225,148)	(\$512,113)	58.20%

Equity:

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
Special Revenue Fund Parks Projects

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For the Eight Months Ending Wednesday, August 31, 2022
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$1,411,000	\$1,411,051	\$551,870	(\$859,181)	255.69%
Other Revenue	\$2,271	\$29,731	\$11,000	(\$18,731)	270.28%
Total Revenues	\$1,413,271	\$1,440,782	\$562,870	(\$877,912)	255.97%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$5,810	\$43,593	\$65,116	\$21,523	66.95%
Fringe Benefits	\$86	\$11,257	\$16,396	\$5,139	68.66%
Travel/Training	\$129	\$681	\$165	(\$516)	412.73%
Supplies	\$640	\$34,122	\$11,969	(\$22,153)	285.09%
Purchased Services	\$6,467	\$61,248	\$19,300	(\$41,948)	317.35%
Interdepartment Charges	-	\$7,067	-	(\$7,067)	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$13,132	\$157,968	\$112,946	(\$45,022)	139.86%
Capital Outlay					
Buildings & Land	\$1,411,000	\$1,411,000	\$450,000	(\$961,000)	313.56%
Total Capital Outlay	\$1,411,000	\$1,411,000	\$450,000	(\$961,000)	313.56%
Total Expenditures	\$1,424,132	\$1,568,968	\$562,946	(\$1,006,022)	278.71%
Net Increase (Decrease)	(\$10,861)	(\$128,186)	(\$76)	\$128,110	168665.79%
Equity:					
Governmental Fund Balance	-	(\$125,342)	-	\$125,342	0.00%

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
Special Revenue Fund Ozaukee Water Projects
For the Eight Months Ending Wednesday, August 31, 2022
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

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	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$33,240	\$46,607	\$414,500	\$367,893	11.24%
Other Revenue	-	\$2,500	\$345,307	\$342,807	0.72%
Total Revenues	\$33,240	\$49,107	\$759,807	\$710,700	6.46%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$10,451	\$79,654	\$380,996	\$301,342	20.91%
Fringe Benefits	\$4,327	\$36,302	\$85,595	\$49,293	42.41%
Travel/Training	\$9	\$93	-	(\$93)	0.00%
Supplies	\$248	\$19,128	\$14,640	(\$4,488)	130.66%
Purchased Services	\$5,488	\$46,336	\$78,500	\$32,164	59.03%
Interdepartment Charges	-	\$36,242	\$200,000	\$163,758	18.12%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$20,523	\$217,755	\$759,731	\$541,976	28.66%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	\$20,523	\$217,755	\$759,731	\$541,976	28.66%
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$12,717	(\$168,648)	\$76	\$168,724	-221905.26%
Equity:					
Governmental Fund Balance	-	(\$183,269)	-	\$183,269	0.00%

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For the Eight Months Ending Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Amended Budget Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	\$1,733	-	(\$1,733)	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$448,510	\$1,836,124	\$1,915,193	\$79,069	95.87%
Other Revenue	\$6,291	\$18,690	\$15,000	(\$3,690)	124.60%
Total Revenues	\$454,801	\$1,856,547	\$1,930,193	\$73,646	96.18%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$78,486	\$442,006	\$719,936	\$277,930	61.40%
Fringe Benefits	\$17,914	\$146,406	\$244,145	\$97,739	59.97%
Travel/Training	\$918	\$6,237	\$11,650	\$5,413	53.54%
Supplies	\$30,024	\$233,660	\$300,780	\$67,120	77.68%
Purchased Services	\$21,526	\$132,721	\$142,400	\$9,679	93.20%
Interdepartment Charges	\$3,577	\$49,728	\$55,143	\$5,415	90.18%
Depreciation	-	\$99,787	\$305,350	\$205,563	32.68%
Other Expenses	\$12,572	\$27,511	\$70,789	\$43,278	38.86%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$165,017	\$1,138,056	\$1,850,193	\$712,137	61.51%
Capital Outlay					
Equipment & Furniture	-	\$186,588	\$197,000	\$10,412	94.71%
Buildings & Land	-	-	\$24,000	\$24,000	0.00%
Contra	-	-	(\$221,000)	(\$221,000)	0.00%
Total Capital Outlay	-	\$186,588	-	(\$186,588)	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$165,017	\$1,324,644	\$1,850,193	\$525,549	71.59%
Other Finance Uses	-	\$80,000	\$80,000	-	100.00%
Net Other Financing Sources/Uses	-	\$80,000	\$80,000	-	100.00%
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$289,784	\$451,903	-	(\$451,903)	0.00%
Equity:					
Retained Earnings	-	(\$1,355,091)	-	\$1,355,091	0.00%



OZAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS

Parks Division

Summary of Parks Revenue

August 2022

Location	Fees for Events in August 2022		Revenue Collected During August 2022	
	Cur Mo	YTD	Cur Mo	YTD
Covered Bridge	165.05	1,032.34	241.78	1,399.78
Ehlers	-	156.40	-	156.41
Hawthorne Hills	-	-	-	-
HH Peters Youth Camp	265.40	3,374.40	851.47	2,840.30
Ozaukee I.U. Trail	-	156.40	-	201.20
Lions Den Gorge	185.00	341.40	75.00	369.97
Mee-Kwon	-	-	-	-
Tendick Nature	1,216.08	6,559.08	1,292.76	7,950.77
Virmond	1,393.22	4,827.01	504.99	4,713.34
Waubedonia	5,258.27	20,624.78	3,816.54	21,728.01
Totals:	8,483.02	37,071.81	6,782.54	39,359.78

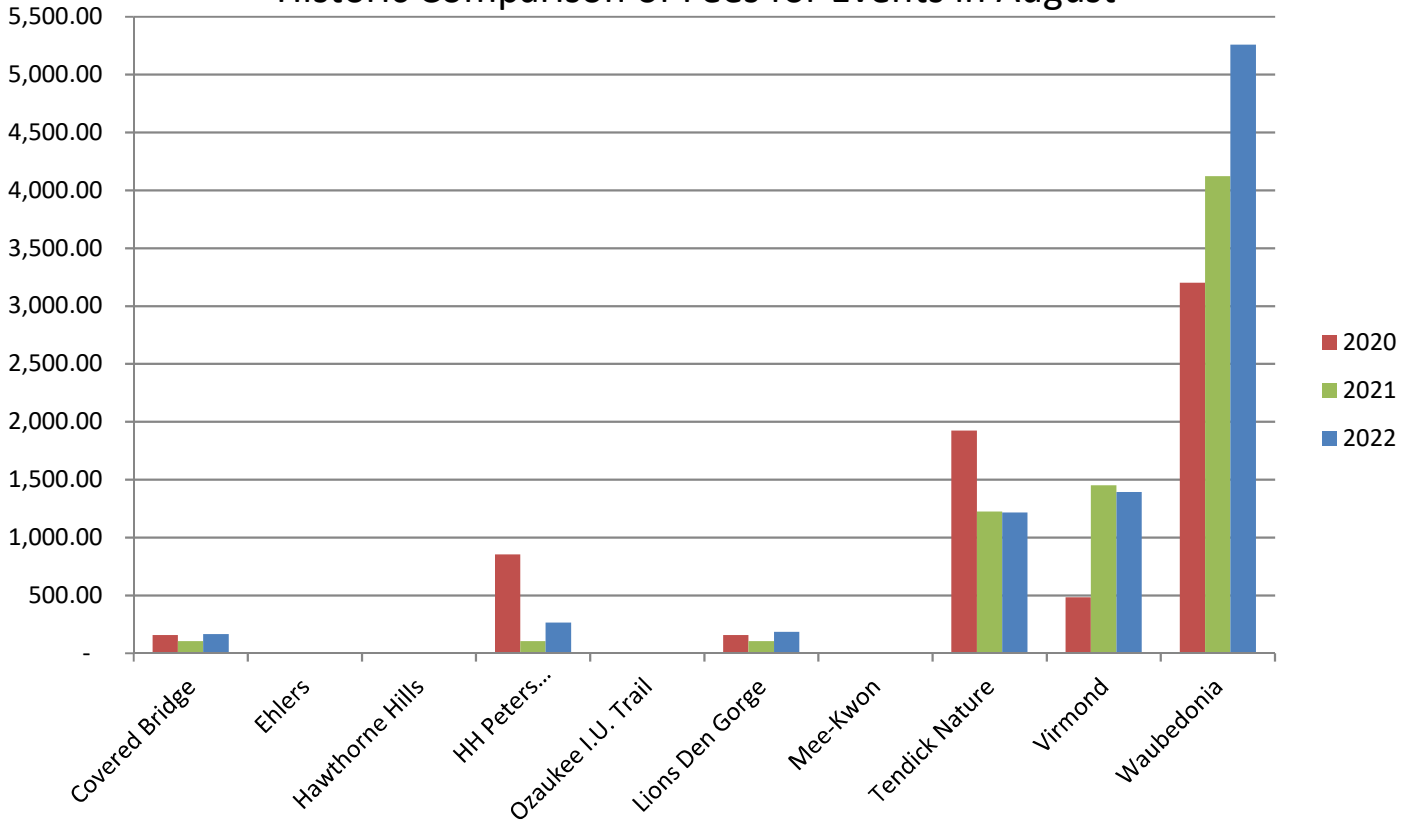
Historic Comparison

Location	Fees for Events in August			Fees for Events in August YTD		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Covered Bridge	156.30	104.27	165.05	279.40	459.73	1,032.34
Ehlers	-	-	-	-	-	156.40
Hawthorne Hills	-	-	-	-	-	-
HH Peters Youth Camp	852.47	104.27	265.40	2,206.63	2,354.87	3,374.40
Ozaukee I.U. Trail	-	-	-	-	52.13	156.40
Lions Den Gorge	156.35	104.27	185.00	417.16	260.67	341.40
Mee-Kwon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tendick Nature	1,924.17	1,223.70	1,216.08	11,203.03	7,537.21	6,559.08
Virmond	483.35	1,450.24	1,393.22	1,080.19	4,015.17	4,827.01
Waubedonia	3,201.90	4,122.27	5,258.27	10,079.45	14,034.59	20,624.78
Total:	6,774.54	7,109.02	8,483.02	25,265.86	28,714.37	37,071.81

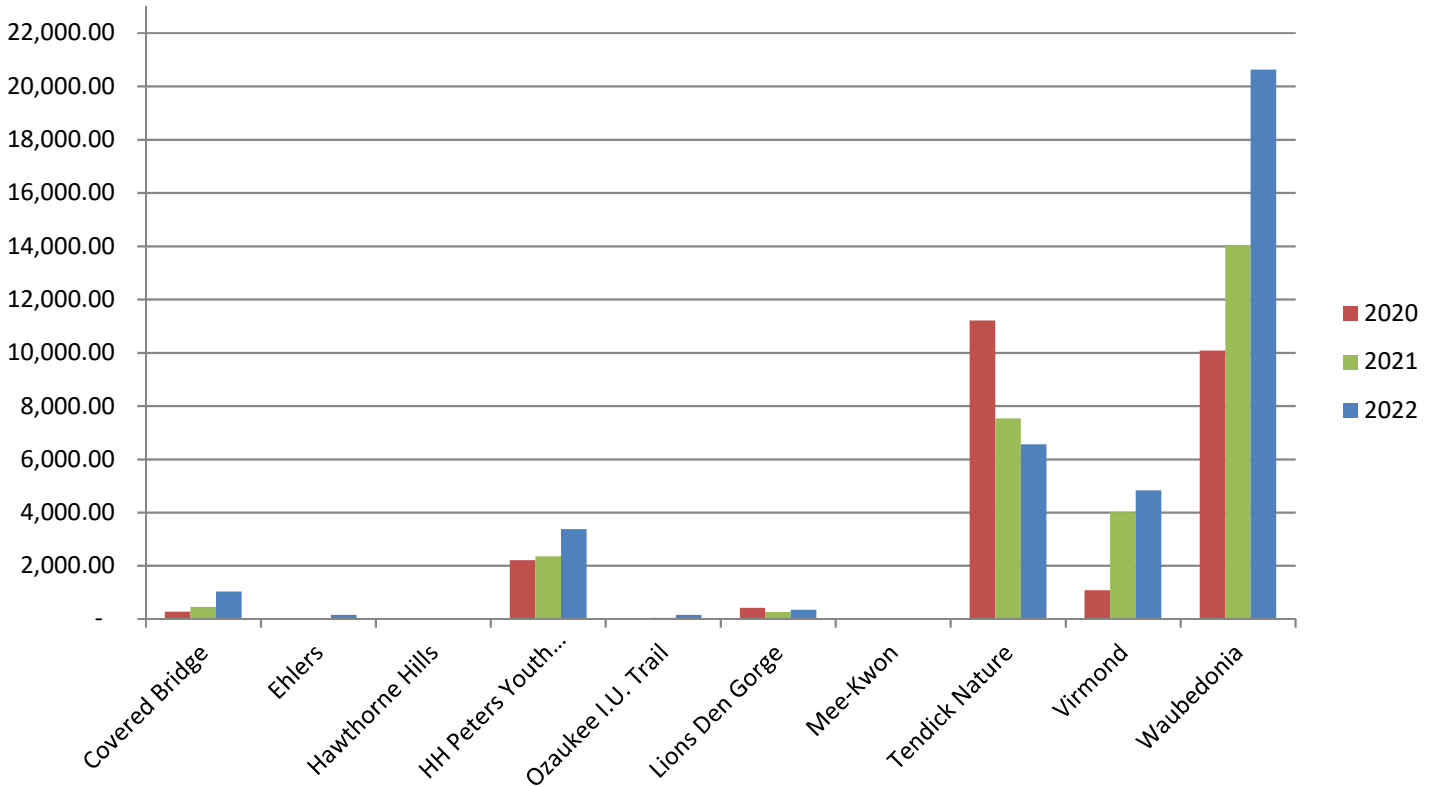
Fee Type	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Park Fees	2,079.75	2,360.19	2,296.96	4,779.40	9,123.57	12,296.24
Disc Golf Fees	1,720.38	1,062.56	1,073.90	10,947.11	6,850.01	5,606.17
Camping Fees	2,667.30	3,488.51	4,627.96	8,771.02	11,753.02	16,982.21
Firewood	307.11	197.74	484.22	768.36	987.73	2,187.20
Total:	6,774.54	7,109.00	8,483.04	25,265.89	28,714.33	37,071.82

Attachment: Summary of Parks Revenue, August 2022 (Planning & Parks Reports)

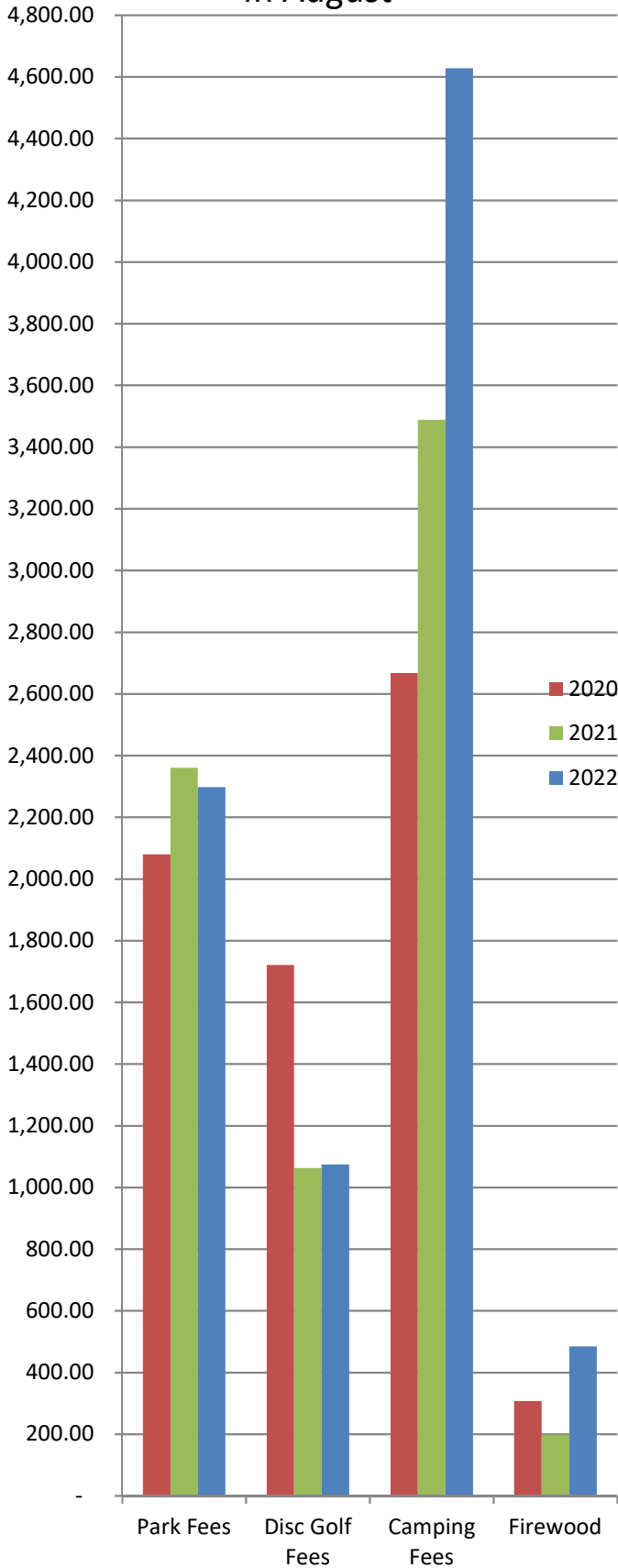
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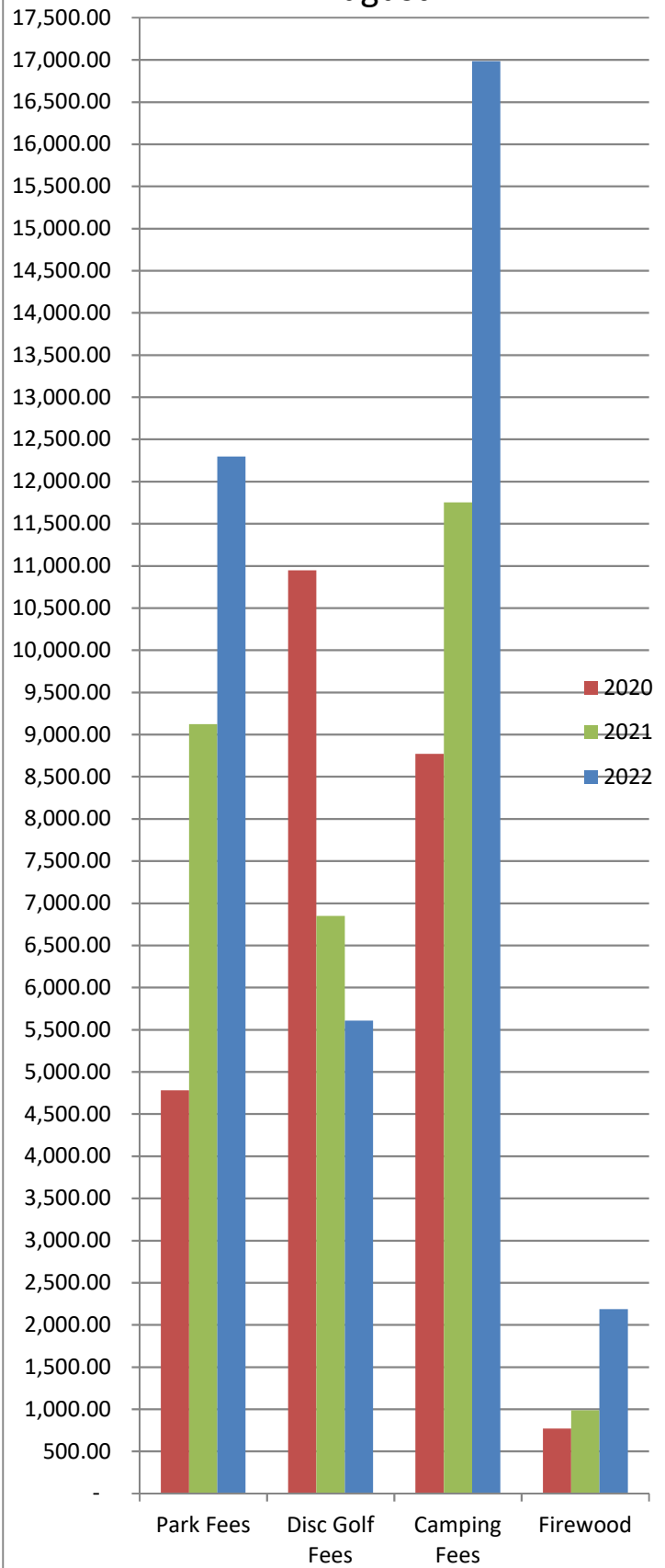
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OZAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS SUMMARY OF GOLF COURSE RECEIPTS GOLF COURSE DIVISION AUGUST 2022

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Mee-Kwon opened

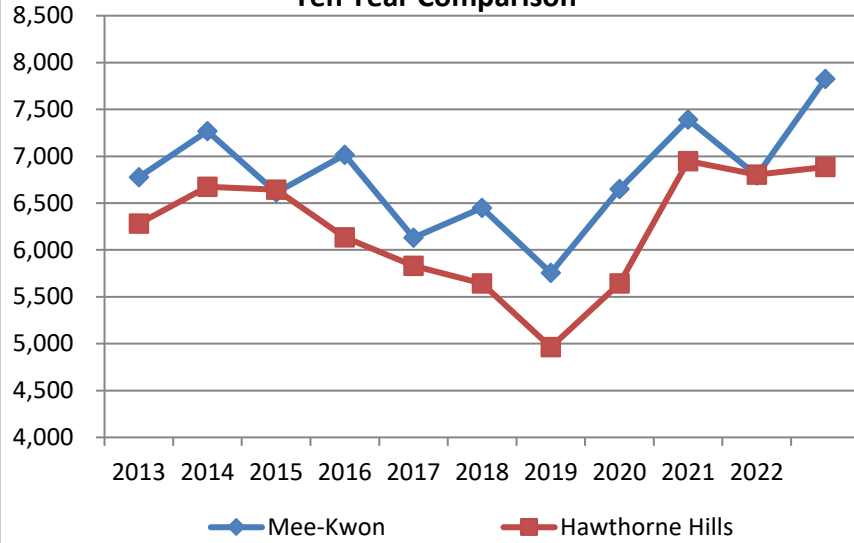
This year	Last year
3/29/2022	3/30/2021
3/16/2022	3/13/2021

	Current Month				Year to Date			
	AUGUST 2022		AUGUST 2021		AUGUST 2022		AUGUST 2021	
	Golfers	Receipts	Golfers	Receipts	Golfers	Receipts	Golfers	Receipts
Hawthorne Hills	6,886	\$ 142,260	6,803	\$ 135,804	27,277	\$ 561,552	28,633	\$ 566,178
Mee-Kwon	7,825	\$ 159,698	6,795	\$ 134,019	30,772	\$ 638,820	31,200	\$ 601,401
	14,711	\$ 301,958	13,598	\$ 269,822	58,049	\$ 1,200,372	59,833	\$ 1,167,578

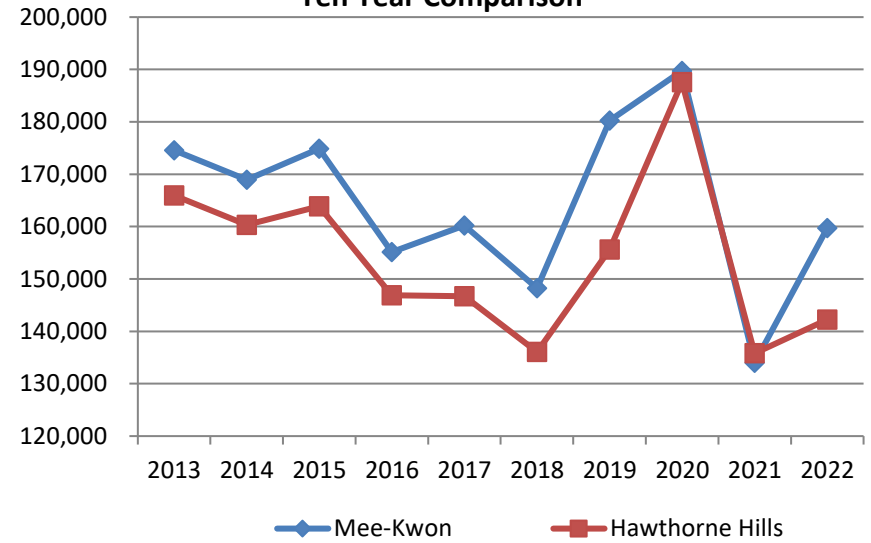
	Current Month			Year to Date	
Hawthorne Hills	83	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers	(1,356)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers - Year to Date	
	\$ 6,456	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts	\$ (4,625)	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts - Year to Date	
Mee-Kwon	1,030	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers	(428)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers - Year to Date	
	\$ 25,679	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts	\$ 37,420	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts - Year to Date	
Total	1,113	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers	(1,784)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers - Year to Date	
	\$ 32,136	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts	\$ 32,794	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts - Year to Date	



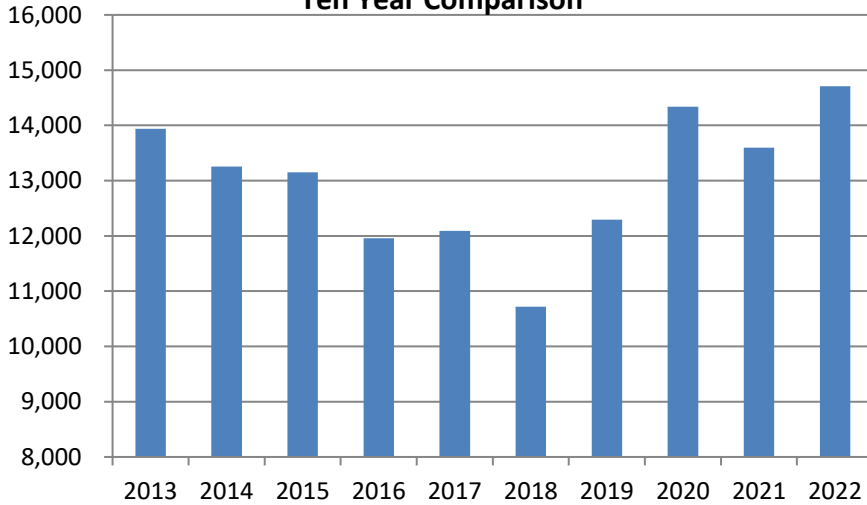
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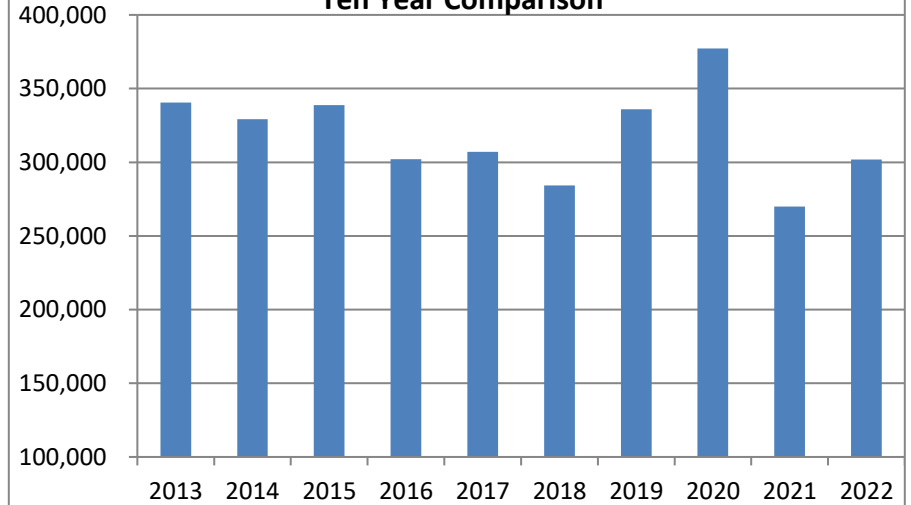
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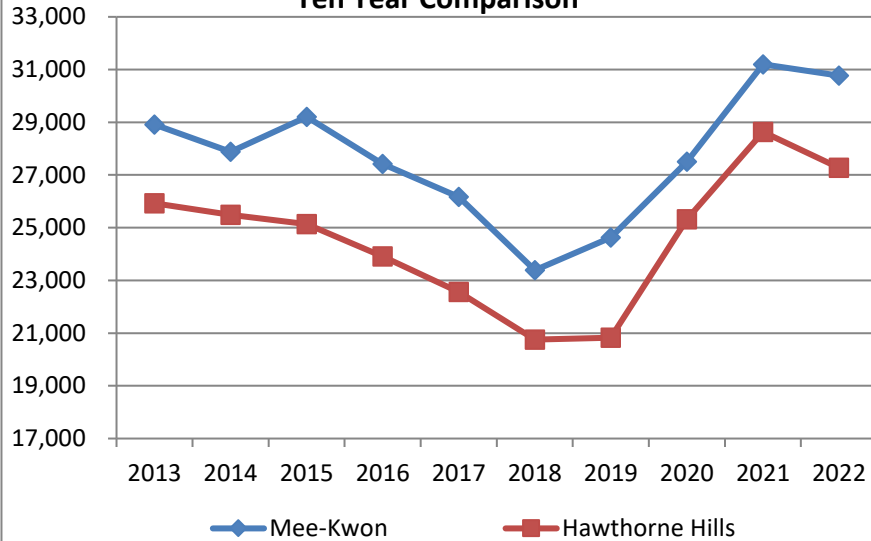
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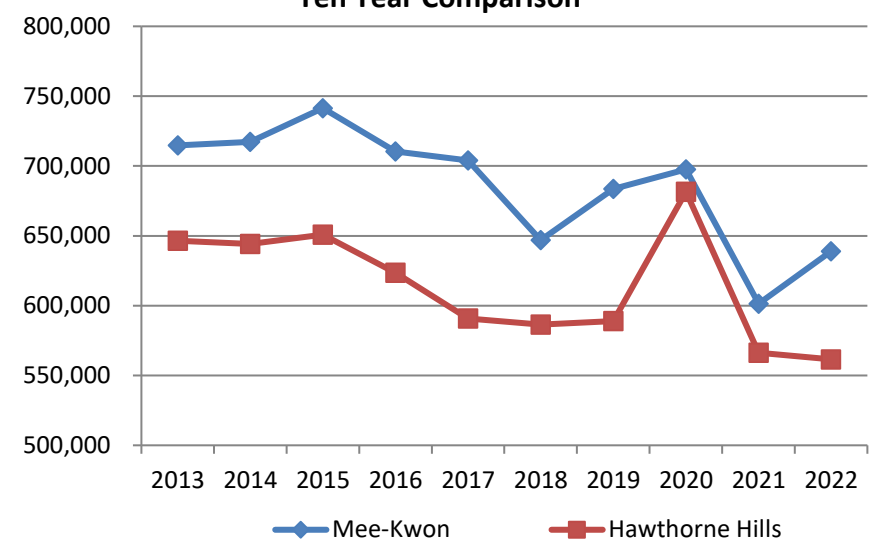
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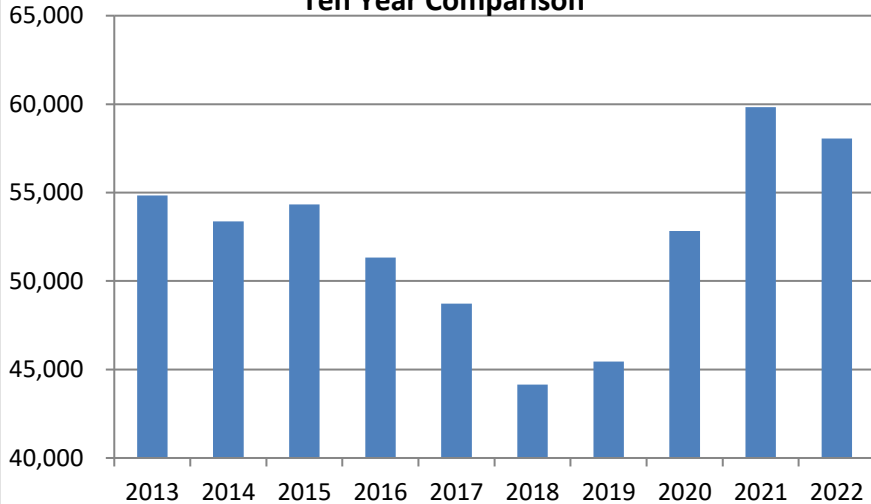
**Number of Golfers per Course March - August
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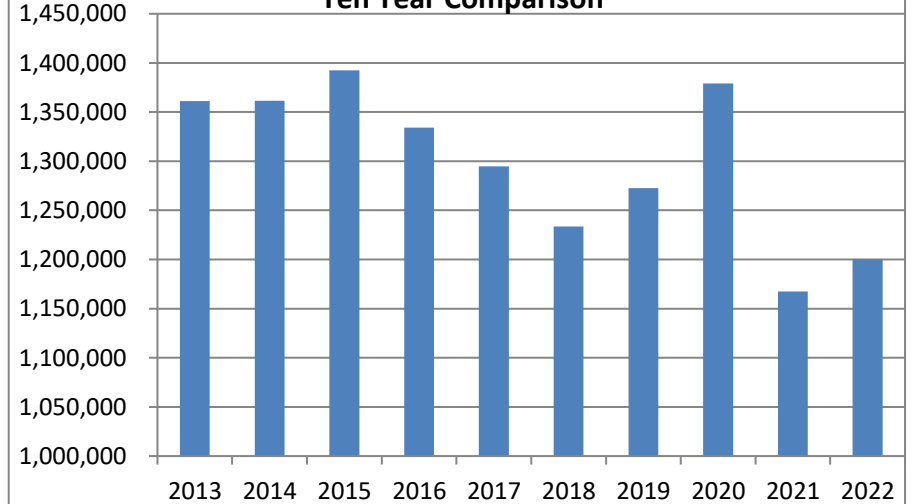
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**Total Receipts March - August
Ten Year Comparison**



Greenbacks for land

\$4.5M to go toward conservation projects, including Cedar Gorge

GRAFTON - Five conservation projects previously rejected for funding by the Wisconsin Legislature received a combined \$4.5 million in funding, under a move by Gov. Tony Evers to use COVID-relief money.

The funding will allow five projects to move forward: the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs preserve outside Port Washington, Mil-

waukee Public Schools Outdoor Spaces, Caroline Lake Preserve in Ashland County, Sand Creek in Bayfield County and land in Forest County.

Department of Natural Resources Secretary Preston Cole announced the funding at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, a short distance from the Cedar Gorge site along Lake Michigan. He highlighted the importance of saving land along the Great Lakes and in other areas for current and future generations.

"Today's investments will support con-

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A sign marks the spot where Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs in Ozaukee County will be. Funding will allow the Ozaukee-Washington Land Trust to continue with this conservation project. EBONY COX/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

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tinued sustainable forest management, wildlife management, habitat protection, and of course, increase outdoor public recreation," he said. "Today, everybody across Wisconsin is a winner."

Under provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act, passed last year, Evers has wide latitude in how the state's COVID-19 relief money is spent. He does not need the approval of the Republican-controlled Legislature.

Calls to members of the Legislature's Joint Finance

Committee for comment were not returned.

Other Republicans expressed outrage on social media over spending the federal money on the programs.

"These federal dollars were intended for COVID relief, now it's going towards land acquisition," read a tweet from the Wisconsin Assembly Republicans. "Joe Biden handing out billions to each state is the reason we have high inflation. Governor Evers is reckless with spending and Wisconsinites are paying the price."

Adam Gibbs, spokesperson for Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, called the efforts that were funded "pet projects" in a series of tweets.

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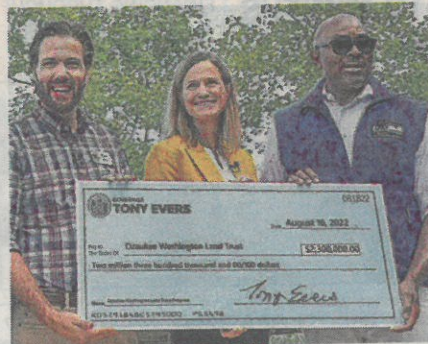
'This is really important'

Of the funding, the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve will receive \$2.3 million, which will allow the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust to move forward with a project that has been in the works for nearly 10 years.

The amount is what the project was originally approved for through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, but the grant was rejected by an anonymous member of the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature last year, leaving the Land Trust scrambling for funding.

State Rep. Deb Andraca, D-Whitefish Bay, said the funding will help to preserve important pieces of land, despite the fact that members of the Legislature tried to halt the project.

"I hope going forward, that the Joint Finance Committee will stop hiding behind anonymous objections and return to Wisconsin's proud tradition of open, honest



From left, Tom Stolp, executive director of Ozaukee-Washington Land Trust, State Rep. Deb Andraca and DNR Secretary Preston Cole hold a check for \$2.3 million after a DNR news conference recently at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve in Grafton.

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and transparent government," she said. "Because whether it's in life, or in government, it's never too late to plant a tree or save a park or make a choice to do the right thing by the people of Wisconsin."

The Cedar Gorge property is 131 acres of

largely undisturbed waterfront property on the south end of Port Washington, including a steep gorge dotted with old cedar trees and pristine clay bluffs dropping down to a thin strip of shoreline. It is near the popular Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve.

The Land Trust has been working for years to raise the \$5 million needed to purchase the property for the restoration of native plants and preservation of a rare land feature.

Since the funding was rejected by the Legislature, the Land Trust has been looking for ways to persuade lawmakers to release the money before the contract with the current owner, Waukesha State Bank, expires in September. But lawmakers have remained silent about Cedar Gorge, pointing to an anonymous interested private buyer and the fact that the funding has already been rejected.

The anonymous buyer came forward in April with plans to develop the property, and alleging that by turning it into a park, the Land Trust would just be causing the county to lose money on potential property taxes. Those involved with park planning said that having public land on Lake

Michigan would bring in tourism spending and other revenue for the areas near both Cedar Gorge and Lion's Den.

Tom Stolp, executive director of the Land Trust, said the funding for the park was "nothing short of heroic."

"Here in southeast Wisconsin, where millions of people live, over a quarter of our state's population is within about a half-hour drive of this nature preserve," Stolp said. "Obviously this is really important, access to the outdoors for all Wisconsin residents."

Four other projects will move forward

The four other projects also all originally sought funding from the Knowles-Nelson program. The DNR withdrew those requests Thursday, shortly after Evers announcement. Here is a closer look at those projects:

- Milwaukee Public Schools Outdoor Spaces: \$773,910 for new playground equipment, playfield renovations, and other updates. Funding was requested for

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the project in February 2020.

- Caroline Lake Preserve, Ashland County: \$28,868, to match a donation from The Nature Conservancy for 34.5 acres. The property will allow for public access to the Caroline Lake State Natural Area, conserve wetland habitat and expand recreation opportunities in the area. Funding for the project was requested in April 2021.

- Forest County: \$133,800 for land acquisition in the Town of Nashville to continue forest management in the area, enhance public access and safeguard watershed and wildlife access. Funding for



State Rep. Deb Andraca speaks at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve during the announcement that the nearby Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs and other conservation projects received a combined \$4.5 million in funding, under a move by Gov. Tony Evers to use COVID-relief money. EBONY COX/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

the project was requested in May 2021.

- Sand Creek, Bayfield County: \$1.25 million for the acquisition of property in the towns of Bayfield and Bell for forest management, public access for rec-

reation and to protect Lake Superior watersheds on 1,999 acres of land adjacent to over 75,000 acres of Bayfield County Forest lands. Funding for the project was requested in May 2022.



A BANNER proclaiming the fact that the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve will be "forever conserved" was placed at the 131-acre property on Port Washington's far southeast side last week by (from left) Ozaukee Washington Land Trust Executive Director Tom Stolp, Land Trust Operations Manager Marilyn Schlotfeldt, Lisa Leick, a member of the Land Trust's Development and Communications Committee, and Development Director Leona Knobloch.

Photo by Sam Arendt

Cedar Gorge Preserve a done deal

■ A week after Evers earmarks state funds for preservation effort, Land Trust buys 131 acres on Port's southeast side, transfers it to county to add to park system

By KRISTYN HALBIG ZIEHM
Ozaukee Press staff

Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve is officially Ozaukee County's newest park.

The 131-acre tract on Port Washington's far southeast side was purchased by the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust last Friday for \$5 million, then transferred to Ozaukee County.

"It belongs to the people of Ozaukee County and will be preserved forever," Land Trust Executive Director Tom Stolp said Friday afternoon. "Congratulations to us all — it's great for the community."

The Land Trust bought the property, which includes three-quarters of a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline and bluffs, from Waukesha State Bank, ending years of work to preserve the land.

The purchase came a week after Gov. Tony Evers announced he was award-

ing the project \$2.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding — putting the Land Trust over its fundraising goal.

The quick turnaround was possible because the county and Land Trust had been doing preparatory work for the closing over the past months, Stolp said.

"We were confident we would reach our goal," he said — something he said was evident to him when schoolchildren were hosting lemonade stands to raise money for the preserve.

"I knew when we got to that point it wasn't a question of if, it was a question of how and when we would have the money in hand," he said.

It was important to both the Land Trust and county to buy the property quickly, Stolp added.

"This project has been unnecessarily delayed for a year," he said. "Now we can begin the work of restoration."

It's too soon to say if any of the funds raised for the project can be used for the restoration, Stolp added, noting they are working with federal and state agencies to determine if that is a proper use and checking with donors as well.

Just because the Land Trust has turned the property over to Ozaukee County doesn't mean it has washed its hands of the preserve, Stolp said.

"We will stay involved with Cedar Gorge," he said.

The Land Trust will place a conservation easement over the entire property to add one more level of protection for the land, he said, a process that could take a couple months.

And it will work with the county to develop a management plan that will cover the next 10 years or so, he said.

"Cedar Gorge is in good hands with the

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Preserve: Years of work leads to purchase

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county," Stolp said.

The land purchase was the culmination of more than a decade of work on the part of the Land Trust and Ozaukee County, who have worked to put in place a plan to preserve the environmentally sensitive area and ensure public access to it.

The effort took numerous twists and turns, with development efforts proposed that included the nature preserve that never came to fruition. Ultimately, the Land Trust reached an agreement with the bank to buy the land, spurring a years-long fundraising effort.

They were approaching their fundraising goal with a combination of grants and private donations when the Department of Natural Resources awarded the project \$2.3 million from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, with the project receiving one of the highest scores ever. But when the grant went to the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee for approval, an anonymous legislator objected to it, effectively stymieing the award.

A compromise award of \$1.6 million was proposed, but an anonymous buyer stepped forward to say he would buy the parcel and develop it while preserving the important areas of the property, effectively killing the grant proposal.

That spurred an increased fundraising effort, which culminated on Aug. 18 with Evers' announcement.



OZAUKEE WASHINGTON Land Trust Executive Director Tom Stolp (left) and Ozaukee County Director of Parks and Planning Andrew Struck stood with the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve in Port Washington spread out behind them.

Photo by Sam Arendt

Stolp said that the Land Trust will now have more time to devote to its other projects, including working with private landowners to obtain conservation easements on natural areas and working lands, particularly those in the Milwaukee River watershed.

"People know us for our nature preserves, but more of the land we protect is conservation easement on private lands," Stolp said.

The Land Trust is planning to expand its

Youth Conservation Corps and is completing a year-long evaluation of its preserves, looking at climate resiliency, he added.

And as the Land Trust celebrates its 30th anniversary, it is also continuing work to improve many of its preserves, Stolp said.

That includes improvements to the parking lot, upgrading the historic pool house, removing invasive species and planting at Donges Bay Gorge in Mequon and doing restoration work at Forest Beach Migratory Preserve in the Town of Belgium.

‘It officially belongs to the county’

OWLT closes on Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs property

By Christina Luick
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PORT WASHINGTON — The Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs property along the shoreline of Lake Michigan will be forever preserved and accessible to the community of Ozaukee County for generations.

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust closed on the 131-acre site from Waukesha State Bank on Aug. 26 for \$5 million and transferred the property into the ownership of Ozaukee County.

“It officially belongs to the county ... It’s conserved by the Land Trust and will forever belong to the people of Ozaukee County and be in the public trust as a nature preserve. Now the hard work begins,” said OWLT Executive Director Tom Stolp.

The OWLT greatly surpassed its fundraising goal to acquire the property when Gov. Tony Evers announced last month that he would be investing \$2.3 million to the project using state American Rescue Act Plan funds.

The \$2.3 million that Gov. Evers granted is the same amount as a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant that was

Property

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approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, but rejected by a member of the state Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance. The OWLT was waiting to see if the Joint Committee on Finance would discuss a reduced amount of \$1.6 million at a future meeting, but that never happened.

The OWLT will continue to work with the county on the restoration of the property, said Stolp.

He said the OWLT is developing a conservation easement plan for the entire property, which is in its final form, that will be an additional insurance policy for the preservation of it. The OWLT will also work with the county on its 10-year management plan for the property.

Restoration of the property will commence as soon as possible, said Stolp, adding they will want to establish parking and trails as soon as possible given the high level of interest in the property.

Stolp mentioned the OWLT might have special tours of the property in the near future.

But as far as public access, it could take 12 to 18 months before people can fully enjoy the Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs.



Submitted photo

The Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs property includes nearly three-quarters of a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline.

"There's a lot of infrastructure that needs to go in to make the park accessible and safe for the public," Stolp said.

One feeling Stolp used to describe closing on the property was gratitude. He said he felt gratitude for the community, the OWLT supporters, conservation agencies and elected leaders who helped in the project.

"I think it's that gratitude that will carry forward to future generations

who won't know our names, who won't know exactly how it all transpired," Stolp said. "They'll be grateful that in 2022 people made sure to protect this special stretch of Lake Michigan."

With the remaining extra funds the OWLT has received for the project, Stolp said they are speaking with donors about how they could possibly be used for future restoration or acquisition projects.



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September 12, 2022

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Dear Tina:

Congratulations! I'm happy to let you know that Ozaukee County has achieved **High Flyer** status in the Bird City Wisconsin program in 2022.

Thank you for renewing your community's status. Ozaukee County joins more than 100 Bird City communities at the forefront of efforts to forge a statewide coalition of citizens and public officials who recognize that birds are much more than just beautiful — that they are valuable indicators of our impact on our world, for good and bad.

Bird City communities go above and beyond in their efforts to educate their residents and protect birds and preserve the habitat they need to thrive. We appreciate not only all that you do to green your community but also your efforts to demonstrate your community's actions to us during the renewal process. We especially appreciate that you did so after spending another year in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for not losing sight of birds despite the challenges we know you faced.

And thank you, too, for helping the statewide **Great Wisconsin Birdathon** once again raise a record-breaking amount for our state's highest-priority bird conservation projects.

I encourage you to share news of your renewal with local media. To make this task a little easier, I'm copying on the opposite side of this sheet a few paragraphs of general information about the program. Please feel free to share it, and please feel free to use our logo in your messaging, too. Don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to receive the logo electronically; I'd be happy to email the image.

Don't forget: You can find Bird City flags, street signs, mini-signs, hats, and t-shirts for sale on our website (<https://birdcitywisconsin.org/about-us/store>). They're perfect for showing off your pride in your community's accomplishments.

And while you're on the site, **I encourage you to sign up to receive our free monthly newsletter**, if you haven't done so already. (And please encourage other members of your team to sign up, too). You can sign up at the bottom of every page; click "Newsletter Signup."

As always, feel free to contact me with questions or for more information. And congratulations!

Sincerely,

Charles Hagner
Director
director@birdcitywisconsin.org

p.s. One of the best ways you can help Wisconsin's birds and Bird City Wisconsin right now is by making sure your community's contact information is up to date. It's easy to do: Simply send an email containing the name, job title, phone number, and email address of your representative (or representatives). Doing this is critically important whenever a rep retires, takes a new position, or moves away, but we'd enjoy hearing from you even if your contact details don't change.

About Bird City Wisconsin

Bird City Wisconsin was created in 2009 and began recognizing communities the following year. The program recognizes municipalities for the conservation and education activities that they undertake to make their communities healthy for birds... and people.

To be recognized as a Bird City, a community must meet criteria spread across six categories: habitat creation and protection, community forest management, limiting threats to birds, public education, energy and sustainability, and the official recognition and celebration of World Migratory Bird Day.

Bird City Wisconsin also offers High Flyer recognition for those communities that go above and beyond in their conservation and education programs. To become a High Flyer, a community must meet additional, and more involved, criteria.

The Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in Port Washington, assumed fiscal sponsorship of Bird City Wisconsin in October 2018. It took over from the Milwaukee Audubon Society, which served as Bird City's fiscal sponsor since 2009, when the society was awarded the TogetherGreen planning grant that launched the successful program.

For more information, visit www.BirdCityWisconsin.org or contact director@birdcitywisconsin.org