

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program



**Public Safety Team Analysis of
Nature Based Outdoor Activities on
Projects Purchased with
Stewardship Grant Funds**

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NOTE TO DNR STAFF: This completed form will be attached to the NBOA notice that the DNR will publish when considering a request for Stewardship grant funding. Do not list location information for the subject property or the seller's name because WI courts have held that this information is confidential until land ownership has changed hands. CF Staff completes the project proposal section prior to submitting to public safety team for review.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Applicant/ Sponsor:
ICE AGE TRAIL ALLIANCE

Year of Application:
2021

Project Name:
KROGWOLD Tract – Portage Co. Ice Age corridor

Primary Purpose:
Ice Age Trail

Project Description: This is a 9.81-acre acquisition in Portage county over which a section of the Ice Age Trail is established. The Ice Age Trail Alliance is purchasing this parcel in fee, purchasing additional easements to replace handshake agreements with permanent interests to secure this trail corridor.

Parcel Size, Shape, and Topography: Property is long north-to-south with a gently-sloped ~ 20-25 foot high ridge running the N-S length. Approximately 70% of the property is 308 feet wide, the northern 30% is 388 feet wide with private agricultural lands on either side. The trail runs below the slight ridge parallel to the western property boundary. The Ice Age Trail Alliance intends to reroute the Trail into the middle of the property in the near future. Property is partially in agricultural use, partially wooded. Private lands surround the parcel on all sides. Narrow trail easements (~30" wide) host the Ice Age Trail both north and south of the subject Property, which is located roughly in the middle of a 5.6 mile segment of trail between parking/trail heads at Iola Winter Sports Club and New Hope Pines Natural Area.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

DNR evaluators, including grant Program Manager, Recreational Safety Warden and the State Trail Director concur that a hunting prohibition on this tract is justified to accommodate usership patterns and protect public safety. The Ice Age Trail Alliance desires to designate a 100 yard buffer along the trail in which no hunting or trapping will be allowed. That is consistent with the Ice Age Trail buffer on State Park properties. A 100 yd. buffer on this parcel will include the majority of the parcel (the entire parcel after the Trail is rerouted), DNR is recommending that a hunting and trapping prohibition be approved.

Regular and increased hiking use is expected here. This is along an established ~5 mile segment of the Ice Age Trail. Trail use increased three-fold last year statewide; the IAT Alliance anticipates user numbers to remain high post-pandemic, including increased hiking use along this segment as indicated by a 68% increase in membership since January 2020 and IAT social media followers.

The subject property is less than 10 acres in size and narrow enough that firearm discharge on the property that would not cross the trail corridor itself or extend onto private lands would be very challenging.

Hunting on this parcel may encourage trespassing. Game not immediately dispatched by firearm or bow is likely to move onto private land.

Neither hikers nor neighbors anticipate public hunting at this location. The Ice Age Trail extends for ~2 miles in each direction routed on 30"-wide trail easements or per hand-shake agreement with landowners, neither of which allow for public hunting.

Proposed NBOA Prohibition or Restrictions

HUNTING			
	Gun Prohibition/Restriction	Archery Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Waterfowl	To be prohibited	To be prohibited	
Small Game	To be prohibited	To be prohibited	
Turkey	To be prohibited	To be prohibited	
Large Game	To be prohibited	To be prohibited	

Public Safety Team Narrative: See findings of fact above

Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply.

- The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary
- Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy
- X Parcel is within 50 feet of the center line of highways & roads
- Parcel is within 1700 feet of school grounds, hospital, or sanatorium
- Ordinance exists –
 - Discharge or carrying a weapon
 - Hunting within a park
 - Throwing or shooting missiles, arrows, spears, etc.
- Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- X Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
- Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
- X Visitor's expectations of safety at the site, which includes user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. Describe: *hiking and other users expect 100 yd or wider buffer along trail in which hunting & trapping are not allowed. The majority of this parcel is ~300 feet wide.*
- Other _____

Prohibition or Restriction Necessary to Protect Public Safety: X Yes No

Prohibition recommended to accommodate Ice Age Trail "usership patterns" X Yes No

TRAPPING		
Location	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	To be prohibited	NA
Water	NA	NA

Public Safety Team Narrative: See findings of fact above

X No Water on Site

Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply.

- The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary.
- Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy and per s. NR 10.13(1)(b)(12)(c), the following traps are prohibited: conibear body gripping traps (with jaws wider than 60 sq. inches) and cable restraints.
- Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping.
- Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- X Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
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- Other _____

Prohibition or Restriction Necessary to Protect Public Safety: X Yes No

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FISHING: this is no water on this parcel		
Method	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	NA	
Boat	NA	
Public Safety Team Narrative:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Water on Site <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance exists – <input type="checkbox"/> _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site, which includes user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Prohibition or Restriction Necessary to Protect Public Safety: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

HIKING		
Location	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	Yes	Year round
Off-Trail	Yes	Year round
Public Safety Team Narrative: No prohibition proposed. Hiking is the primary purpose for this purchase.		
Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site, which includes user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Prohibition or Restriction Necessary to Protect Public Safety: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING		
Type of Trail	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Skiing allowed	Snow cover
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Skiing allowed	Snow cover
On-Trail (groomed)	Grooming not anticipated	NA
Public Safety Team Narrative: Skiing will be allowed on the property		
Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site, which includes user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
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