REPORT TO THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

PROPERTIES PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM ON WHICH ONE OR MORE NATURE-BASED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IS PROHIBITED

Covering the period: October 27, 2007 – June 30, 2008



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The Honorable Mark Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources

The Honorable Scott Gunderson, Chair
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Pursuant to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources submits this *Report to the Wisconsin Legislature: Properties Purchased with Funds from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program on which one or More Nature-Based Outdoor Activities Is Prohibited.*

This report covers the period October 27, 2007 (effective date of 2007-09 Biennial Budget), through June 30, 2008. This is the first time submission of this report is required by Statutes.

Additional copies of this report may be obtained from the DNR by calling 608-266-5782 or may be obtained from the DNR web site at: http://dnr.wi.gov/stewardship/

Sincerely,

Mathew J. Frank
Secretary

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BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Stewardship Program is named for two of Wisconsin's most revered conservation leaders, Warren Knowles (Governor 1965-1971) and Gaylord Nelson (Governor 1959-1963, U.S. Senator 1964-1981).

After 10 successful years, the Wisconsin Legislature reauthorized the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1999 for an additional 10 years.

The 2007-2009 Biennial Budget act (2007 Wis. Act 20; see pp. 280-287 of Act) included the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for an additional 10 years – until June 30, 2020.

This report satisfies a new requirement included in the 2007-2009 Biennial Budget (s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats.) This provision requires that the DNR annually report on all lands purchased in whole or in part with funds from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program during the preceding fiscal year for which public access for any nature-based outdoor activity has been prohibited. Section 23.0916(1)(b), Wis. Stats., defines nature-based outdoor activities as "… hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, and any other nature-based activity designated by rule by the department …" This report must also include reasons for the prohibition.

The DNR is required to submit this report to the Joint Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, and the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources by November 15th each year. This is the first annual report.

FINDINGS

Tables A and B on the following pages summarize land purchases occurring during the period October 27, 2007, thru June 30, 2008, that are subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., where one or more nature-based outdoor recreational activities have been prohibited.

Section 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., allows the prohibition of nature-based outdoor activities only for one or more of the following reasons:

- public safety
- to protect a unique animal or plant community
- to accommodate usership patterns

Table A. Details of Stewardship Grant Transactions Subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., and Occurring between October 27, 2007, and June 30, 2008 -- Sorted by County and listed in alphabetical order

County Name	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Amount	Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibited NBOA Acres	Prohibited NBOA (1-5)	Prohibition Reason (A, B, or C)
Dane	Military Ridge Trail Expansion	City of Madison	$1,200,000.00	$1,200,000.00	47.3	47.3	1, 3	A
Dane	Yngsdahl Property Acquisition	Town of Windsor	$65,988.00	$65,988.00	17.3	17.3	1, 3	A
Door	Kuchar Land Acquisition	The Nature Conservancy	$223,336.00	$113,150.00	403.9	403.9	3	B
Jefferson	Deppe Faville Grove Acquisition	Madison Audubon Society	$189,500.00	$189,500.00	77.0	77.0	3	B, C
Marathon	Dells of Eau Claire Park Acquisition	Marathon County	$152,265.00	$152,265.00	64.3	64.3	1, 3	A
Marathon	Nature Center & Reserve Acquisition	Village of Marathon City	$62,785.00	$62,785.00	52.4	52.4	1, 3	A
Marathon	Sandberg II	Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation	$9,020.00	$9,020.00	7.2	7.2	1, 3	A C
Milwaukee	Abendschein Park Expansion	City of Oak Creek	$200,000.00	$200,000.00	11.2	11.2	1	A
Sauk	Foxglove Savanna	The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc.	$61,000.00	$60,000.00	10.5	10.5	3	B
Washington	Community Park Expansion (Breuer Acquisition)	Village of Slinger	$110,050.00	$110,050.00	10.2	10.2	1,3	A
Washington	Stauss Acquisition	The Conservation Fund	$705,770.00	$705,770.00	167.0	167.0	1,3	A

KEY:

NBOA Prohibited
1 – Hunting
2 – Fishing
3 – Trapping
4 – Hiking
5 – Cross-country skiing

Prohibition Reason
A – Protect Public Safety
B – Protect a unique animal or plan community
C – Accommodate usership patterns

NOTE:

Upon request, the Department will provide details for prohibition reasons.

Table B. Details of DNR Stewardship Land Acquisitions Subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., and Occurring between October 27, 2007, and June 30, 2008 -- Sorted by County and listed in alphabetical order

County Name	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Amount	Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibited NBOA Acres	Prohibited NBOA (1-5)	Prohibition Reason (A, B, or C)
Door	Statewide Motorboat Access	WI DNR	$146,365	Not applicable	6	6	1, 3	C

KEY:

NBOA Prohibited
1 – Hunting
2 – Fishing
3 – Trapping
4 – Hiking
5 – Cross-country skiing

Prohibition Reason
A – Protect Public Safety
B – Protect a unique animal or plan community
C – Accommodate usership patterns

NOTE:
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