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: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010



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The Honorable Jim Holperin, Chair
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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 (NBOA) Is Prohibited.* This report covers the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010.

During the 2 years covered by this report, total acres acquired for public recreation and habitat preservation through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and acres with NBOA prohibitions are as follows:

Property Acquired by Local Governments and Nonprofit Conservation Organizations	Total Projects	Projects with Prohibitions	Percentage
Number of Projects	148.00	45.00	30.40
Stewardship Program Costs	$40,865,392.33 *	$9,954,733.60 *	24.36
Acres from Projects	13,160.64	1,103.78	8.39

* = reflects grant cost-share only

Property Acquired by the DNR	Total Projects	Projects with Prohibitions	Percentage
Number of Projects	276.00	1.00	0.36
Stewardship Program Costs	$48,141,764.37	$54,000.00	0.11
Acres from Projects	36,012.00	1.00	0.00

Where prohibitions have occurred, public safety is the predominant reason. Fifty-five percent of the grant projects with prohibitions were 5 acres in size or less. The Appendix at the end of this report provides additional detail for each NBOA prohibition. Additional details about any project may be obtained from the Department.

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) reauthorized the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for a third decade – until June 30, 2020.

This report satisfies the reporting requirement stated in s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats. This provision requires that the DNR 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 (NBOA) as "… hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, and any other nature-based activity designated by rule by the department …" No additional NBOA were added by rule (ch. NR 52). 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 15.

Over the past 2 fiscal years, the Department and its conservation partners have acquired a total of 49,172.64 acres for public recreation and habitat preservation through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. During this same timeframe, 1,104.78 acres acquired have prohibitions of one or more of the five NBOA. Where prohibitions have occurred, public safety is the predominant reason. The Appendix at the back of this report provides additional detail for each project with an NBOA prohibition. Additional details about any project may be requested from the Department.

FINDINGS

Tables A and B on the following pages summarize land purchases occurring during the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010, 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 DNR Stewardship Land Acquisitions Subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., and Occurring between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2010 -- Sorted by County and listed in alphabetical order

County	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Amount	Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibition		
						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A,B,C)
Crawford	Administrative Site	DNR	$54,000	0	1	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	A

Table B. Details of Stewardship Grant Transactions Subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., and Occurring between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2010 -- Sorted by County and listed in alphabetical order

County	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Grant Amount	Sponsor Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibition		
						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A,B,C)
Brown	Baird Creek Greenway	Green Bay, City of	$306,495.60	$306,495.60	5.78	5.78	1	A
Brown	Suamico Shore	Suamico, Village of	$123,750.00	$123,750.00	0.25	0.25	1,3	A
Chippewa	Riverfront Park	Chippewa Falls, City of	$105,650.00	$433,100.00	3.82	3.82	1	A
Columbia	Kimball-Kingsley Bend Mound Group	Natural Heritage Land Trust	$19,000.00	$19,000.00	2.75	2.75	1,3	A
Dane	Military Ridge Trail Expansion	Madison, City of	$1,200,000.00	$1,200,000.00	47.30	47.30	1,3	A
Dane	Starkweather Creek – Blettner parcel	Madison, City of	$127,000.00	$127,000.00	3.15	3.15	1,3	A
Dane	Cherokee Park -- Filut parcel	Madison, City of	$46,290.00	$46,290.00	1.00	1.00	1,3	A
Dane	McCarthy Park	Dane County	$139,500.00	$139,500.00	40.00	40.00	1,3	A & C
Dane	North Mendota Watershed Legacy	Dane County	$573,844.00	$573,844.56	80.00	80.00	1,3	A
Dane	Cherokee Marsh, Fifth Addition Phase 2	Natural Heritage Land Trust	$823,662.50	$823,662.50	23.10	23.10	1,3	A
Dane	Yngsdahl parcel	Windsor, Town of	$65,988.00	$65,988.45	17.26	17.26	1,3	A
Dane	Yahara River Conservancy Place parcel	Deforest, Village of	$255,600.00	$255,600.00	142.00	142.00	1,3	A

Table B. Details of Stewardship Grant Transactions Subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., and Occurring between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2010 -- Sorted by County and listed in alphabetical order

County	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Grant Amount	Sponsor Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibition		
						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A,B,C)
Door	Bayshore Blufflands – Dyer parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$43,000.00	$43,000.00	4.56	4.56	1,3	A & B
Door	Keller parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$98,000.00	$98,000.00	1.38	1.38	1,3	A & B
Door	Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$898,000.00	$898,000.00	332.00	332.00	1,3	A
Door	McNeil parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$60,800.00	$56,150.00	40.00	40.00	1	A & B
Door	Bayshore Blufflands – DiMaso parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	2.70	2.70	3	A & B
Door	Bayshore Blufflands – Lautenbach parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$34,000.00	$34,000.00	2.00	2.00	3	A & B
Door	North Bay SNA	The Nature Conservancy	$174,800.00	$91,450.00	40.73	40.73	3	B & C
Door	Pluff parcel	The Nature Conservancy	$71,600.00	$71,600.00	27.70	27.70	3	B & C
Door	RBH Excavators parcel	The Nature Conservancy	$121,862.00	$3,038.00	17.00	17.00	3	B & C
Door	Four Seasons parcel	Sister Bay, Village of	$551,197.00	$3,448,803.00	1.31	1.31	1,3	A
Jefferson	Riverwalk	Watertown, City of	$108,013.00	$108,013.00	0.76	0.76	1,3	A & C
Kenosha	Strawberry Creek Park	Kenosha, City of	$331,994.00	$372,554.00	29.00	29.00	1,3	A
Kenosha	Lake Michigan Access	Pleasant Prairie, Village	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	0.19	0.19	1	A
Kenosha	Chiwaukee Prairie SNA – Milas parcel (Village of Pleasant Prairie)	The Nature Conservancy	$26,650.00	$26,650.00	0.21	0.21	1,3	A & C
Kenosha	Chiwaukee Prairie SNA – Ozga parcel (Village of Pleasant Prairie)	The Nature Conservancy	$5,950.00	$5,950.00	0.21	0.21	1,3	A & C

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County	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Grant Amount	Sponsor Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibition		
						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A,B,C)
Kenosha	Chiwaukee Prairie SNA – Woytonik parcel (Village of Pleasant Prairie)	The Nature Conservancy	$71,000.00	$71,000.00	0.89	0.89	1,3	A & C
Milwaukee	Chowanec parcel	River Revitalization Foundation	$702,025.00	$702,025.00	4.30	4.30	1,3	A
Ozaukee	Wallner parcel	Riveredge Nature Center, Inc.	$79,545.50	$79,545.50	14.00	14.00	1,3	A
Ozaukee, Washington	Kratzsch parcel	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	$781,300.00	$781,300.00	72.50	72.50	1,3	A
Polk	Ladd Memorial Park parcel and Development 2009-10	Osceola, Village of	$53,008.00	$53,008.00	0.68	0.68	1	A
Racine	Pike River Corridor Expansion	Mt. Pleasant Stormwater Utility Dist.	$62,037.00	$62,037.00	11.54	11.54	1,3	A
Rock	Riverside Park Ace Hardware parcel	Beloit, City of	$192,500.00	$192,500.00	0.98	0.98	1,3	A
Rock	Traxler Park	Janesville, City of	$47,500.00	$47,500.00	1.15	1.15	1,3	A
Sauk	Wisconsin River Park & Boat Launch	Lake Delton, Village of	$770,000.00	$834,000.00	4.50	4.50	1,3	A
Shawano	Lake Park parcel	Shawano County	$91,400.00	$91,400.00	0.35	0.35	1,3	A
Shawano	Wolf River Sturgeon Trail & Park	Shawano, City of	$35,700.00	$35,700.00	0.66	0.66	1,3	A
St. Croix	Prospect Park	Hudson, City of	$53,579.00	$626,420.46	5.33	5.33	1,3	A
Vilas	Border Lakes State Natural Area, Shibilski/Bayba parcels	The Nature Conservancy	$256,925.00	$256,925.00	62.00	62.00	3	B & C
Walworth	Clay Street Nature Park Expansion	Whitewater, City of	$38,443.00	$38,443.00	0.79	0.79	1	A
Waukesha	Monches Park Expansion -- Hartman parcel	Waukesha County Dept of Parks & Land Use	$130,000.00	$130,000.00	4.00	4.00	1,3	A
Waukesha	Isaak Walton parcel	Waukesha County Land Conservancy	$55,800.00	$55,800.00	40.00	40.00	3	C
Waupaca	Local park	Marion, City of	$21,375.00	$21,375.00	0.95	0.95	1	A

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						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A,B,C)
Winnebago	Stroebe Island	Wild Ones	$164,950.00	$164,950.00	13.00	13.00	1	A
		TOTALS:	$9,954,733.60	$13,650,368.07	1,103.78	1,103.78		

Details by Project: Stewardship Projects with NBOA Prohibitions
(listed in alphabetical order, by county)

I. DEPARTMENT LANDS WITH PROHIBITIONS

Crawford County – City of Prairie du Chien, Administrative Site
The Department purchased a 1.0 acre site in the City of Prairie du Chien for administrative use by fisheries and law enforcement staff. The cost of the land was $54,000. There will be no public use of this site. The property will be used to store equipment used by law enforcement and fisheries staff during the regular course of their duties.

II. NON-DEPARTMENT LANDS (GRANTS) WITH PROHIBITIONS

Brown County - City of Green Bay

Baird Creek Greenway
The City of Green Bay was awarded Stewardship funds from the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire 5.78 acres in the Baird Creek Greenway.

Brown County - Village of Suamico

Shoreland
The Village of Suamico was awarded Stewardship funds from the Urban Green Space subprogram to acquire two parcels totaling 0.25 acres along Sunset Beach Lane, providing public access to the bay of Green Bay.

Chippewa County – City of Chippewa Falls

Riverfront Park
The City of Chippewa Falls was awarded Stewardship funds from the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire 3.82 acres for public outdoor recreation purposes.

Columbia County - Natural Heritage Land Trust

Kimball- Kingsley Bend Mound Group
Natural Heritage Land Trust partnered with the Ho-Chunk Nation to acquire 2.75 acres in the Town of Newport, Columbia County, with a Stewardship grant. This acquisition will protect a cultural site at the Kinglsey Bend Mound Group. The property was transferred to the Ho-Chunk Nation. The property is a former wayside, currently restored to oak savanna.

Dane County - City of Madison

Military Ridge Trail Expansion
The City of Madison, in cooperation with the City of Fitchburg, was awarded Stewardship funds to acquire four miles of abandoned railroad corridor. This proposed acquisition makes it possible to extend the Military Ridge State Trail into the City of Madison.

Starkweather Creek – Blettner parcel
The City of Madison was awarded Stewardship funds to acquire 3.15 acres to add to Starkweather Creek Park..

Cherokee Park -- Filut parcel
The City of Madison was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire a 1-acre inholding in Cherokee Park (Filut parcel). The purchase will improve recreational access, provide land for a link in the city/regional bike trail, and eliminate an incompatible use within the park boundary.

Dane County – County of Dane

McCarthy Park
Dane County was awarded a Stewardship grant to pay part of the cost of purchasing 40 acres plus a 66-foot-wide corridor adjacent to McCarthy Park, Town of Sun Prairie. The land will be managed as woodland and restored prairie.

North Mendota Watershed Legacy
Dane County was awarded a Stewardship grant to reimburse part of the cost of acquiring 80-acres in the Town of Westport (Wolff parcel).

Dane County - Natural Heritage Land Trust (NHLT)

Cherokee Marsh, Fifth Addition, Phase 2
NHLT was awarded a Stewardship grant to add 23 acres to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park in the City of Madison. NHLT assigned the property to the City of Madison at closing.

Dane County - Town of Windsor

Yngsdahl parcel
The Town of Windsor was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban River subprogram to pay for part of the cost of acquiring the 17-acre Yngsdahl parcel on Token Creek. The property, primarily wetland, includes nearly 500 feet of frontage on Token Creek. It is adjacent to and connects three other publicly-held properties (Big Hill Nature Reserve, Token Creek Town Park, and the Culver Conservancy). Public ownership of this land preserves streambank along Token Creek, protects green space near an urbanizing area, protects water quality, and provides low-impact, nature-based recreational opportunities. The Town plans to establish a pedestrian trail on the property connecting Big Hill and the Town Park.

Dane County - Village of Deforest

Yahara River -- Conservancy Place parcel
Village of DeForest was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 142 acres along the Yahara River Corridor within the Yahara River Conservancy Place.

Door County - Door County Land Trust, Inc.

Bayshore Blufflands – Dyer parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 4.56 acres (Dyer property) for conservancy purposes in Bayshore Blufflands State Natural Area.

Keller parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 1.38 acres (Keller tract) for conservancy purposes. DCLT also used $10,000 in Federal Coastal Wetland Grant funds and $130,000 of Natural Resource Damage Assessment money as match fund in this projects.

Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 332 acres from Sturgeon Bay Utilities located in the Cave Point to Clay Banks State Natural Area. DCLT also used $800,000 in Federal Coastal Wetlands funds for this project.

McNeil parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 40 acres (McNeil property) for conservancy purposes.

Bayshore Blufflands – DiMaso parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 2.7 acres (DiMaso parcel) for conservancy purposes in the Bayshore Blufflands State Natural Area.

Bayshore Blufflands - Lautenbach parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 2 acres (Lautenbach property) for conservancy purposes within the Bayshore Blufflands State Natural Area.

Door County - The Nature Conservancy

North Bay SNA
The Nature Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 40.73 acres (Mukaurat/Haskings parcel) to add to North Bay State Natural Area. The property is 95% wetlands and has 1320 feet of frontage on Hwy 57.

Pluff Parcel
The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 27.7 acres (Pluff parcel) for conservancy purposes. TNC also used $70,000 in Federal Coastal Wetlands grant funds for this project.

RBH Excavators parcel
The Nature Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 17 acres (RBH Excavator parcel) for conservancy purposes. This tract will be part of the Mink River Estuary Preserve.

Door County - Village of Sister Bay

Four Seasons parcel
The Village of Sister Bay was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 1.31 acres for the expansion of the Sister Bay Waterfront Park.

Jefferson County – City of Watertown

Watertown Riverwalk
The City of Watertown was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 0.74 acres on the west shore of the Rock River in downtown Watertown between Main Street and Milwaukee Street. The site will be used for a pedestrian and bicycle trail and a public plaza.

Kenosha County – City of Kenosha

Strawberry Creek Park
The City of Kenosha was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire a 29-acre subset of the Albert Locante parcel for passive recreation activities. The total park area was named Strawberry Creek Community Park.

Kenosha County – Village of Pleasant Prairie

Lake Michigan Access
The Village of Pleasant Prairie was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 0.19 acres located at the mouth of Tobin Creek, within the Chiwaukee Prairie/Carol Beach area. The parcel will expand Village-owned parkland located on Lake Michigan and improve public access to the Lake and help preserve the coastal ecosystem.

Kenosha County - The Nature Conservancy

Chiwaukee Prairie SNA -- Milas parcel
The Nature Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 0.21 acres in the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area for natural resource preservation.

Chiwaukee Prairie SNA-- Ozga parcel
The Nature Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 0.21 acres in the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area for preservation.

Chiwaukee Prairie SNA -- Woytonik parcel
The Nature Conservancy will acquire 0.89 acres in the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area for preservation.

Milwaukee County - River Revitalization Foundation

Chowanec parcel
The River Revitalization Foundation was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 1.5 acres in the City of Milwaukee and along the Milwaukee River for preservation, restoration, and outdoor recreation.

Ozaukee County - Riveredge Nature Center, Inc.

Wallner parcel
Riveredge Nature Center was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 14 acres of land in the Town of Saukville for protection of Milwaukee River water quality, outdoor recreation opportunities, and environmental education. The 14 acres became a part of the larger sanctuary.

Ozaukee & Washington County - Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

Kratzsch parcel

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 72.5 acres along the Milwaukee River in the Town of Trenton, Washington County.

Polk County - Village of Osceola

Ladd Memorial Park Acquisition and Development 2009-10

The Village was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 0.68 acres for the development of Ladd Memorial Park. The project will involve the property acquisition and park development. The park development will consist of a trail system, with benches, information kiosk, and overlook of the St Croix River.

Racine County - Mount Pleasant Stormwater Utility District

Pike River Corridor Expansion

The Village of Mount Pleasant was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 11.54 acres (Oakes parcel) to expand the Pike River Corridor for outdoor recreation benefits and future extension of the Pike River Recreation Trail.

Rock County - City of Beloit

Riverside Park Ace Hardware parcel

The City of Beloit was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 0.983 acres adjacent to Beloit's Riverside Park. The land will be managed to allow the public to bicycle, picnic, and view the river.

Rock County – City of Janesville

Traxler Park

The City of Janesville was awarded a Stewardship grant to reimburse part of the cost of acquiring 1.15 acres on the Rock River. This purchase includes 3 small contiguous parcels. The acquisition will be added to Traxler Community Park.

Sauk County – Village of Lake Delton

Wisconsin River Park & Boat Launch

The Village of Lake Delton was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 4.5 acres at Dell Creek on the Wisconsin River to provide for a boat launch and day use park.

Shawano County – County of Shawano

Lake Park Property parcel

Shawano County was awarded a Stewardship grant under the Urban Greenspace subprogram to assist in the purchase of a 0.35 acre addition to the Shawano County Lake Park. The subject property is located on the shore of Shawano Lake, along the western park boundary.

Shawano County – City of Shawano

Wolf River Sturgeon Trail & Park
The City of Shawano was awarded a Stewardship grant under the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire 0.66 acres along the Wolf River.

St. Croix County – City of Hudson

Prospect Park
The City of Hudson was awarded a Stewardship grant under the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 5.33 acres (Old Hospital Site) for public outdoor recreation.

Vilas County - The Nature Conservancy

Border Lakes State Natural Area, Shibilski/Bayba
The Nature Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 62 acres of land (Shibilski/Bayba tract) to expand the Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area within Border Lakes State Natural Area, Vilas County, for conservancy purposes.

Walworth County - City of Whitewater

Clay Street Nature Park Expansion
The City of Whitewater was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 0.79 acres (Schilt parcel) to expand the existing Clay Street Nature Park.

Waukesha County - Waukesha County Dept of Parks & Land Use

Monches Park Expansion
Waukesha County was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 3.8 acre (Hartman parcel) to expand the existing Monches County Park. Monches Park is located on the Oconomowoc River, Town of Merton.

Waukesha County - Waukesha County Land Conservancy

Isaak Walton parcel
The Waukesha County Land Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant to acquire 40 acres in the Town of Ottawa, Waukesha County, to expand the Ottawa Wildlife refuge.

Waupaca County – City of Marion

Local park
The City of Marion was awarded a Stewardship grant under the Urban Rivers subprogram to purchase 0.95 acres (Mielke parcel) in the City of Marion on the Mill Pond.

Winnebago County - Wild Ones

Stroebe Island
Wild Ones was awarded a Stewardship grant under the Urban Rivers subprogram to purchase 13 acres known as the Stroebe Island Marsh.

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