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, 2009 – June 30, 2011



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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment

The Honorable Jeffrey Mursau, 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 (NBOA) Is Prohibited.* This report covers the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

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	107.00	39.00	36.45
Stewardship Program Costs	$26,249,373.43*	$8,636,537.60*	32.90
Acres from Projects	11,018.15	1,035.04	9.39

* = reflects grant cost-share amount only

Property Acquired by the DNR	Total Projects	Projects with Prohibitions	Percentage
Number of Projects	286.00	1.00	0.35
Stewardship Program Costs	$49,904,261	$465,000.00	0.93
Acres from Projects	65,627	80.00	0.00

Where NBOA prohibitions have been allowed, public safety is the predominant reason. 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,

for Cathy Stepp
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. By November 15, the DNR is required to issue a report on all lands purchased during the preceding biennium in whole or in part with funds from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for which public access for any nature-based outdoor activity (NBOA) 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 ..." 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.

During the past biennium, the Department and its conservation partners have acquired a total of 76,645 acres for public recreation and habitat preservation through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. During this same timeframe, 1,115 acres acquired (1.45% of total) have prohibitions of one or more 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. Further details about any project may be requested from the Department.

FINDINGS

Tables A and B on the following pages summarize land purchases using Stewardship funds where one or more NBOA was prohibited during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

Section 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., allows the Natural Resources Board to approve an NBOA prohibition only for the following reasons (alpha codes appear in Tables A and B):

A. To protect public safety
B. To protect unique animal or plant communities
C. To accommodate usership patterns

In addition, an NBOA may be prohibited without approval of the Natural Resources Board if all conditions of s. NR 52.05(1)(a)(5), Wis. Adm. Code, are met. Those conditions are:

- Parcel is five acres or less in size
- Parcel is located within boundary of a city or village
- Reason for NBOA prohibition is to protect public safety
- Parcel is not adjacent to a public waterway
- Parcel is not adjacent to another parcel where an NBOA prohibition already exists

This option appears as "D" in the "Reason" column in Tables A and B. Chapter NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code, became effective on August 1, 2010, and describes the process by which the Natural Resources Board may approve the use of Stewardship funds when one or more NBOAs are prohibited.

Lastly, Wisconsin Statutes identify other times when an NBOA prohibition is allowed without approval of the Natural Resources Board including: properties acquired by NCOs or governments other than the municipality who passed the public safety ordinance; state trails, and wildlife refuges. This option appears as Option "E" in the "Reason" column in Tables A and B.

[Note: The 2011-2013 Biennial Budget amended the Stewardship statutes by removing "usership patterns" as a reason for an NBOA prohibition, effective July 1, 2011.]

Table A. Details of DNR Stewardship Land Acquisitions Subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., and Occurring between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011

County	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Amount	Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibition		
						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A-E)
Portage	Statewide Wildlife Habitat	DNR	$465,000.00	$0.00	80.00	80.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	C

Table B. Details of Stewardship Grant Transactions Subject to s. 23.0916(6), Wis. Stats., and Occurring between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011 -- Sorted by County and listed in alphabetical order by Project Sponsor Name

County	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Stewardship Grant Amount	Sponsor Match Amount	Total Project Acres	Prohibition		
						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A-E)
Brown	Baird Creek Greenway	City of Green Bay	$306,495.60	$306,495.60	5.78	5.78	1	A
Brown	Suamico Shore	Village of Suamico	$123,750.00	$123,750.00	0.25	0.25	1,3	A
Chippewa	Casper Park parcel	City of Chippewa Falls	$21,850.00	$21,850.00	2.00	2.00	1,3	A & D
Columbia	Kimball-Kingsley Bend Mound Group	Natural Heritage Land Trust	$19,000.00	$19,000.00	2.75	2.75	1,3	A
Dane	Cherokee Park -- Filut parcel	City of Madison	$46,290.00	$46,290.00	1.00	1.00	1,3	A
Dane	Starkweather Creek – Blettner parcel	City of Madison	$127,000.00	$127,000.00	3.15	3.15	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	Yahara River Conservancy Place parcel	Village of Deforest	$255,600.00	$255,600.00	142.00	142.00	1,3	A
Door	Cana Island Park parcel	Door County	$287,967.50	$983,832.50	1.32	1.32	1,3	A
Door	Bayshore Blufflands – DiMaso parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	2.70	2.70	3	B & E
Door	Bayshore Blufflands – Dyer parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$43,000.00	$43,000.00	4.56	4.56	1,3	B & E
Door	Bayshore Blufflands – Lautenbach parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$34,000.00	$34,000.00	2.00	2.00	3	B & E

Prohibited NBOA: 1-Hunting; 2-Fishing; 3-Trapping; 4-Hiking; 5-Cross-country Skiing

Prohibition Reasons: A –Protect Public Safety; B –Unique Plant and Animal Communities; C –Usership Patterns; D –Compliance with s. NR 52.05(1)(a)(5), Wis. Adm. Code; E –Other exceptions allowed by WI Statutes

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						NBOA Acres	NBOA (1-5)	Reason (A-E)
Door	Keller parcel	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$98,000.00	$98,000.00	1.38	1.38	1,3	B & E
Door	Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal	Door County Land Trust, Inc.	$898,000.00	$898,000.00	332.00	332.00	1,3	E
Door	Pluff parcel	The Nature Conservancy	$71,600.00	$71,600.00	27.70	27.70	3	B & C
Door	Four Seasons parcel	Village of Sister Bay	$551,197.00	$3,448,803.00	1.31	1.31	1,3	A
Door	Waterfront Park Johnson parcel	Village of Sister Bay	$1,496,023.00	$1,496,023.00	0.96	0.96	1,3	A
Green Lake	Canal Street Boat Launch Land parcel	City of Green Lake	$31,625.00	$31,625.00	0.69	0.69	1,3	A & D
Jefferson	Dorothy Carnes Co Park/Rose Lake State Natural Area-Kemmeter	Jefferson County	$272,000.00	$272,000.00	120.00	120.00	1,3	A
La Crosse	Onalaska Bluffs - Elmwood with Kings Point Match	Mississippi Valley Conservancy	$269,250.00	$2,189,250.00	30.78	30.78	1,3	A
Milwaukee	Chowanec parcel	River Revitalization Foundation	$149,500.00	$149,500.00	33.00	33.00	1	E
Milwaukee	Olsen (Dumke) parcel	The Conservation Fund	$702,025.00	$702,025.00	4.30	4.30	1,3	E
Outagamie	Kaukauna/Lock #5 parcel	Friends of the Fox	$29,069.00	$29,069.00	0.84	0.84	1	A
Ozaukee	Hammes-MacLaurin parcel	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	$33,385.00	$33,385.00	6.60	6.60	1,3	E
Ozaukee	Wallner parcel	Riveredge Nature Center, Inc.	$79,545.50	$79,545.50	14.00	14.00	1,3	E
Polk	Ladd Memorial Park parcel and Development 2009-10	Village of Osceola	$53,008.00	$53,008.00	0.68	0.68	1	A
Sauk	Honey Creek Park	Village of Plain	$12,348.00	$12,348.00	5.67	5.67	1,3	A
Shawano	Lake Park parcel	Shawano County	$91,400.00	$91,400.00	0.35	0.35	1,3	A

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Prohibition Reasons: A –Protect Public Safety; B –Unique Plant and Animal Communities; C –Usership Patterns; D –Compliance with s. NR 52.05(1)(a)(5), Wis. Adm. Code; E –Other exceptions allowed by WI Statutes

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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-E)
St. Croix	Carpenter Nature Center - in holding	Carpenter St Croix Valley Nature Center	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	10.00	10.00	1,3	C & E
St. Croix	Steven Memorial Park parcel	Village of Woodville	$57,500.00	$57,500.00	0.40	0.40	1,3	A & D
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	City of Whitewater	$38,443.00	$38,443.00	0.79	0.79	1	A
Washington	Lidington parcel	Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation	$182,000.00	$182,000.00	27.90	27.90	1,3	E
Washington	Kratzsch parcel	Ozaukee Washington Land Trust	$781,300.00	$781,300.00	72.50	72.50	1,3	A
Waukesha	Hawks Pointe parcel (Endicott Park Exp.)	City of Brookfield	$12,750.00	$12,750.00	11.46	11.46	1,3	A
Waukesha	Vollmer parcel	The Conservation Fund	$58,600.00	$58,600.00	24.24	24.24	1,3	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
Winnebago	Herziger Conservancy parcel	Town of Neenah	$66,628.50	$66,628.50	10.88	10.88	1	A
		TOTALS:	$8,636,537.60	$14,150,008.60	1035.04	1035.04		

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Prohibition Reasons: A –Protect Public Safety; B –Unique Plant and Animal Communities; C –Usership Patterns; D –Compliance with s. NR 52.05(1)(a)(5), Wis. Adm. Code; E –Other exceptions allowed by WI Statutes

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

I. DEPARTMENT LANDS WITH PROHIBITIONS

Portage County – Statewide Wildlife Habitat
The Department acquired this property then closed it to all public uses -- including hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, and cross-country skiing -- to prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) from the property and to allow for CWD research. Originally known as the Hall Farm, this deer farm was discovered in 2006 to have the highest prevalence of deer testing positive for CWD of any deer farm in North America. All the deer in the operation were destroyed and the operation was required to stand vacant with fences maintained until May 24, 2011, per U.S. Department of Agriculture requirements. However, after May 24, 2011, requirements to maintain the fences to exclude wild deer would have expired if the DNR had not acquired the property.

II. NON-DEPARTMENT LANDS WITH PROHIBITIONS (Grants)

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. Hunting is prohibited by local ordinance. This prohibitions was allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

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. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Chippewa County - City of Chippewa Falls

Casper Park parcel
The City of Chippewa Falls was awarded Stewardship funds from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire approximately 2.0 acres for passive public outdoor recreation purposes at Casper Park. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed because this project met the requirements of s. NR 52.05(1)(a)(5), Wis. Adm. Code.

Columbia County - Natural Heritage Land Trust

Kimball- Kingsley Bend Mound Group
The 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 from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram. This acquisition will protect a tribal cultural site at the Kinglsey Bend Mound Group. The property is a former wayside which has been restored to an oak savanna ecosystem. The property was transferred to the Ho-Chunk Nation. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Dane County - City of Madison

Cherokee Park -- Filut parcel

The City of Madison was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire a 1-acre in-holding in Cherokee Park (Filut parcel). The acquisition will improve recreational access, provide land for a link in the city/regional bike trail, and eliminate an incompatible use within the park boundary. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Starkweather Creek – Blettner parcel

The City of Madison was awarded Stewardship funds from the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire 3.15 acres to add to Starkweather Creek Park. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Dane County - Natural Heritage Land Trust (NHLT)

Cherokee Marsh, Fifth Addition, Phase 2

The Natural Heritage Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Habitat Areas subprogram to acquire 23 acres to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park in the City of Madison. NHLT transferred the property to the City of Madison at closing. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Dane County - Village of Deforest

Yahara River -- Conservancy Place parcel

The Village of DeForest was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 142 acres along the Yahara River Corridor within the Yahara River Conservancy. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Door County - Door County

Cana Island Park parcel

Door County was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 1.32 acres adjacent to the causeway to the Cana Island Lighthouse Park. The acquisition expands the park, providing much needed off-street parking for visitors. Hunting and trapping are prohibited on this parcel per local ordinance. These prohibitions were approved by the Natural Resources Board at their meeting on March 23, 2011.

Door County - Door County Land Trust, Inc.

Bayshore Blufflands – DiMaso parcel

Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Natural Areas subprogram to acquire 2.7 acres (DiMaso parcel) for conservancy purposes in the Bayshore Blufflands State Natural Area. Trapping is prohibited due to unique plant and animal community protection and due to local ordinance. This prohibition was allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Bayshore Blufflands – Dyer parcel

Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Natural Areas subprogram to acquire 4.56 acres (Dyer property) for conservancy purposes in Bayshore Blufflands State Natural Area. Hunting and trapping are prohibited due to unique plant and animal community protection and due to local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Bayshore Blufflands - Lautenbach parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Natural Areas subprogram to acquire 2 acres (Lautenbach property) for conservancy purposes within the Bayshore Blufflands State Natural Area. Trapping is prohibited due to unique plant and animal community protection and due to local ordinance. This prohibition was allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Keller parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Natural Areas subprogram 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 project. Hunting and trapping are prohibited due to unique plant and animal community protection and due to local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal parcel
Door County Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Natural Areas subprogram 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. DCLT is not prohibiting any NBOA on this property. However, hunting and trapping are prohibited by a local ordinance.

Door County - The Nature Conservancy

Pluff Parcel
The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Natural Areas subprogram to acquire 27.7 acres (Pluff parcel) for conservancy purposes. TNC also used $70,000 in Federal Coastal Wetlands grant funds for this project. Trapping is prohibited due to unique plant and animal communities and due to usership patterns. This prohibition was allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Door County - Village of Sister Bay

Four Seasons parcel
The Village of Sister Bay was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Green Space subprogram to acquire 1.31 acres for the expansion of the Sister Bay Waterfront Park. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Waterfront Park Johnson parcel
The Village of Sister Bay was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Green Space subprogram to acquire 0.96 acres along the shore of Lake Michigan in downtown Sister Bay. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. The Natural Resource Board approved these prohibitions at their meeting on March 23, 2011.

Green Lake County - City of Green Lake

Canal Street Boat Launch Land parcel
The City of Green Lake was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Green Space and Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprograms to acquire 30,195 sq. ft. adjacent to the existing public boat launch. The land will be added to the public launch site and improved to provide more parking and additional park land for outdoor recreation. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions are allowed because this project met the requirements of s. NR 52.05(1)(a)(5), Wis. Adm. Code.

Jefferson County - Jefferson County

Dorothy Carnes Co. Park/Rose Lake State Natural Area -Kemmeter

Jefferson County was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Green Space subprogram to acquire 120 acres to expand Dorothy Carnes County Park and Rose Lake State Natural Area. This parcel is the first acquisition in the Glacial Heritage Area. The parcel will be restored to 50-acre recreation area, bike trail head, and 70 acres of oak savanna and prairie habitat. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. The Natural Resource Board approved these prohibitions at their meeting on January 26, 2011.

La Crosse County - Mississippi Valley Conservancy

Onalaska Bluffs - Elmwood parcel with Kings Point match

Mississippi Valley Conservancy (MVC) was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Habitat Areas subprogram to acquire 30.78 acres in the City of Onalaska. The property will be managed to maximize the wildlife habitat. MVC will transfer the property to the City of Onalaska. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. The Natural Resources Board approved these prohibitions at their meeting on December 8, 2010.

As match to this acquisition, MVC donated to the Stewardship program the 1065-acre King's Point property in Vernon County. MVC will manage this property to protect its Natural Area values and to maximize the wildlife habitat. King's Point will be open to the public for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, and cross country skiing. This 320-acre match property will be dedicated as a State Natural Area.

Milwaukee County - The Conservation Fund

Olsen (Dumke) parcel

The Conservation Fund was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Habitat Area subprogram to acquire 33 acres in the City of Franklin for wildlife habitat preservation and flood control. Ownership of the property will be transferred to the DNR to be included in the Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area. The Conservation Fund is not prohibiting any NBOA on this property. However, hunting and trapping are prohibited by a local ordinance.

Milwaukee County - River Revitalization Foundation

Chowanec parcel

The River Revitalization Foundation was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Rivers and Urban Green Space subprograms to acquire 1.5 acres in the City of Milwaukee along the Milwaukee River for preservation, restoration, and outdoor recreation. The River Revitalization Foundation is not prohibiting any NBOA on this property. However, hunting and trapping are prohibited by a local ordinance.

Outagamie County - Friends of the Fox

Kaukauna/Lock #5 parcel

The Friends of the Fox were awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire two parcels totaling 0.84 acres, in the City of Kaukauna. These parcels will be used for passive nature based outdoor recreation. Once acquired, Friends of the Fox will transfer these two parcels to the Fox River Navigation System Authority for long-term ownership, operation, and maintenance. Hunting is prohibited on the property by local ordinance. The Natural Resources Board approved this prohibition at their meeting on February 23, 2011.

Ozaukee County - Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

Hammes-MacLaurin parcel

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Streambank Protection subprogram to acquire 6.6 acres along the Milwaukee River, Town of Fredonia, Ozaukee County. A total of 5.16 acres along a tributary stream to the Milwaukee River, Town of Fredonia, were donated to the Stewardship Program as match to the subject property. Ozaukee Washington Land Trust is not

prohibiting any NBOA on this property. However, hunting and trapping are prohibited by a local ordinance.

Ozaukee County - Riveredge Nature Center, Inc.

Wallner parcel

Riveredge Nature Center was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Streambank Protection subprogram to acquire 14 acres 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 wildlife refuge identified in s. NR 15(13), Wis. Admin. Code. Per s. 23.0916(4), Wis. Stats., this property is not subject to review under ch. NR 52, Wis. Admin. Code, because it is a designated wildlife refuge. Additionally, the prohibition on hunting is supported under the "usership pattern" exception due to high-volume environmental education programming that occurs at the refuge.

Polk County - Village of Osceola

Ladd Memorial Park Acquisition and Development 2009-10

The Village of Osceola was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 0.68 acres for the development of Ladd Memorial Park. The project will involve 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. Hunting is prohibited by local ordinance. This prohibition was allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sauk County - Village of Plain

Honey Creek Park

The Village of Plain was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 5.67 acres on the north side of the Village for public park and green space. The park will have access to a tributary to Honey Creek. Hunting and trapping are prohibited on the property by local ordinance. The Natural Resources Board approved these prohibitions at their meeting on April 27, 2011.

Shawano County – County of Shawano

Lake Park Property parcel

Shawano County was awarded a Stewardship grant under the Urban Green Space subprogram to acquire a 0.35 acre addition to the Shawano County Lake Park. The subject property is located on the shores of Shawano Lake, along the western park boundary. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

St. Croix County - Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center

Carpenter Nature Center - in holding

Carpenter Nature Center (CNC) was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Habitat Area subprogram to acquire a 7.5 acre in-holding farm located within their current property boundary. The CNC will restore 7.5 acres to natural prairie habitat. Another 2.5 acres of the farm will serve as an environmental center but is not covered by the Stewardship grant. Hunting and trapping are prohibited on this property due to usership patterns. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

St. Croix County - Village of Woodville

Steven Memorial Park parcel

The Village of Woodville was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 0.4 acres for the expansion of Steven Memorial Park. Hunting and trapping are prohibited on this property by local ordinance. These prohibitions are allowed because this project met the requirements of s. NR 52.05(1)(a)(5), Wis. Adm. Code

Vilas County - The Nature Conservancy

Border Lakes State Natural Area, Shibilski/Bayba

The Nature Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Natural Areas subprogram to acquire 62 acres to expand the Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area within Border Lakes State Natural Area, Vilas County, for conservancy purposes. Trapping is prohibited due to unique plant and animal community protection and due to usership patterns. This prohibitions is allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Walworth County - City of Whitewater

Clay Street Nature Park Expansion

The City of Whitewater was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 0.79 acres (Schilt parcel) to expand the existing Clay Street Nature Park. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Washington County - Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation

Lidington parcel

The Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation was awarded a Stewardship grant from the State Trails subprogram to acquire 27.9 acres in the Town of Polk, Washington County, to extend the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Hunting and trapping are prohibited on this property by local ordinance. By statute, NBOA prohibitions are allowed on state trails.

Washington County - Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

Kratzsch parcel

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Habitat Areas subprogram to acquire 72.5 acres along the Milwaukee River in the Town of Trenton, Washington County. Ozaukee Washington Land Trust is not prohibiting any NBOA on this property. However, hunting and trapping are prohibited by a local ordinance.

Waukesha County - City of Brookfield

Hawks Pointe parcel (Endicott Park Exp.)

The City of Brookfield was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks subprogram to acquire 11.46 acres for nature-based recreation and to expand Endicott Park. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. The Natural Resources Board approved these prohibitions at their meeting on April 27, 2011.

Waukesha County - The Conservation Fund

Vollmer parcel

The Conservation Fund was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Habitat Areas subprogram to acquire 24 acres in the City of Brookfield, Waukesha County, for wildlife habitat preservation and flood control. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Waukesha County - Waukesha County Dept of Parks & Land Use

Monches Park Expansion

Waukesha County was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire 3.8 acre to expand the existing Monches County Park. Monches Park is located on the Oconomowoc River, Town of Merton. Hunting and trapping are prohibited by local ordinance. These prohibitions were allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Waukesha County - Waukesha County Land Conservancy

Isaak Walton parcel

The Waukesha County Land Conservancy was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Habitat Areas subprogram to acquire 40 acres in the Town of Ottawa, Waukesha County, to expand the Ottawa Wildlife refuge. Trapping is prohibited due to usership patterns. This prohibitions was allowed under the *Interim Protocol*, prior to the effective date of ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code.

Winnebago County - Town of Neenah

Herziger Conservancy parcel

The Town of Neenah was awarded a Stewardship grant from the Urban Rivers subprogram to acquire 10.88 acres for Herziger Conservancy Park. Hunting is prohibited by local ordinance. The Natural Resources Board approved this prohibition at their meeting on March 23, 2011.

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