

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

SUBJECT: Citizen Recognition – addressing site issues at DNR Park on the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds

FOR: June 2014 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

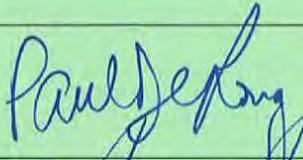
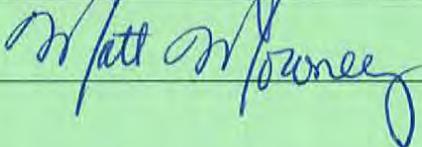
SUMMARY:

DNR staff addressed two issues impacting the DNR Park on the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds - invasive plants and an invasive insect called emerald ash borer (EAB). Visitors to the site during the 2014 state fair will notice a difference after the removal of invasive plants and the removal of nineteen ash trees impacted by EAB. Treatment of the remaining ten ash trees on the site is being donated by ArborJet, the company that produces the chemical. Another partner, the Wisconsin Nursery Association, is assisting with the replanting of the site. Both issues - controlling the invasive plants and keeping the remaining ash trees alive - will require an ongoing investment of resources. DNR is using the issues on this very visible and much-loved site to raise awareness about invasive species.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

- Background memo Type name of attachment or type N/A if not applicable
- Talking points for Secretary Stepp Type name of attachment or type N/A if not applicable

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