

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

**SUBJECT:** Donation acceptance – The Friends of Peninsula State Park

The Friends of Peninsula State Park will donate \$18,000.00. This donation will be used to fund a Limited Term Employee Park Naturalist and Invasive Species Coordinator at Peninsula State Park for the 2015 season.

**FOR:** April 2015 Board meeting

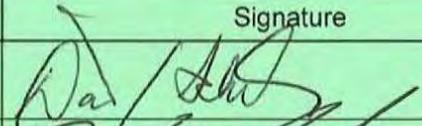
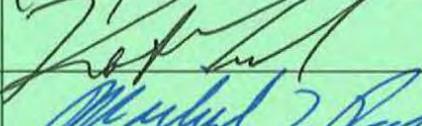
**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Stepp

**SUMMARY:**

The Friends of Peninsula State Park have supported the general wage and fringe for a LTE Naturalist position and LTE Wildlife Technician (Invasive Species Coordinator) through a donation of \$18,000.00 for the 2015 season. The donation will allow the park to provide quality interpretive programs and continued work on invasive species removal and documentation in 2015. The naturalist program and customer demand at Peninsula State Park benefits through this donation by adding staff to provide interpretive and educational programs to over one million visitors. The LTE Invasive Species Coordinator provides labor, planning and review of invasive species management practices and control efforts at Peninsula State Park while acquiring job training skills and professional networking opportunities.

The Friends of Peninsula State Park annual donation to assist with funding the LTE Naturalist and Invasive Species Coordinator position at Peninsula State Park is greatly appreciated and benefits our natural and cultural resources as well as the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the generous donation of \$18,000.00 from The Friends of Peninsula State Park

Approved by	Signature	Date
Dan Schuller Bureau Director		3-16-15
Kurt Thiede Land Division Administrator		3-17-15
Cathy Stepp, Secretary <i>pcv</i>		3-20-15

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8  
Department rule coordinator – LS/8

# **Acknowledgment of Gift**

This is to certify that at its April 2015 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$18,000.00 from:

## **The Friends of Peninsula State Park**

This donation will be used to fund a Limited Term Employee Park Naturalist and Invasive Species Coordinator at Peninsula State Park for the 2015 season.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

Preston D. Cole, Chair