

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

**SUBJECT:** Donation acceptance – The Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park

The Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park will donate \$90,000 in cash and \$16,500 in kind labor. This donation will be used to improve Lake Michigan water quality, install beach paths and provide sand dune restoration.

**FOR:** May 2015 Board meeting

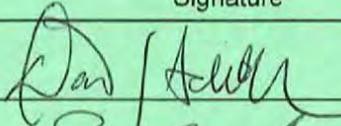
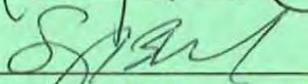
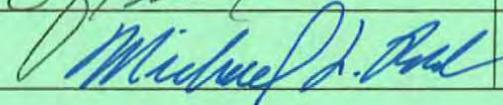
**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Stepp

**SUMMARY:**

The beaches and natural dune areas at Kohler-Andrae State Park make it a popular destination, with over 400,000 visitors annually. Lake Michigan beach water monitoring indicates that the water quality is impaired. Stormwater runoff from the parking area is one contributing factor. The combination of runoff pattern and visitor foot traffic is contributing to significant asphalt undermining, and dune erosion. The project will improve safety, water quality, aesthetics, and allow for sand dune stabilization. The project will involve installing storm water drainage, directing rain water into a native rain garden. Boardwalks will be created to direct visitors along a safe and ethically pleasing path. These new paths will guide foot traffic patterns to achieve a more natural transition from the parking lot into the beach and picnic areas.

The project will be done as a collaborative effort between the Kohler-Andrae Friends Group and Wisconsin DNR. This donation will be made possible by a grant obtained by the Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park. The grant source will be the Fund for Lake Michigan. The project will be done as a collaborative effort between the Kohler-Andrae Friends Group and Wisconsin DNR. The Friends Group will manage the grant and coordinate volunteer activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the generous donation of \$90,000 in cash and \$16,500 in kind labor from The Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park

Approved by	Signature	Date
Dan Schuller Bureau Director		4/15/15
Sanjay Olson Land Division Administrator		4/15/15
Cathy Stepp, Secretary 		4/24/15

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

# **Acknowledgment of Gift**

This is to certify that at its May 2015 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$90,000 in cash and \$16,500 in kind labor from:

## **The Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park**

This donation will be used to improve Lake Michigan water quality, install beach paths and provide sand dune restoration.

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