

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

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – Friends of Badger State Trail, the City of Monroe, and Colony Brands

Friends of Badger State Trail, the City of Monroe, and Colony Brands will donate approximately \$200,000 in materials & labor for construction of a shelter and restroom building on the Badger State Trail in Monroe. This donation will be used to provide a shelter, a picnic area, restrooms, potable water, and parking to serve approximately 150,000 trail users per year.

FOR: September 2013 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

SUMMARY:

The Friends of Badger State Trail, working with numerous community leaders and the City of Monroe, have proposed to fund the design and construction of a shelter and restroom facility and parking lot along the Badger State Trail in the City of Monroe. Once the facility is constructed, it will be donated to the DNR. In addition, the City of Monroe has entered into an agreement with the department for ongoing operations and maintenance of the facility.

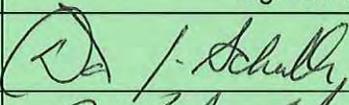
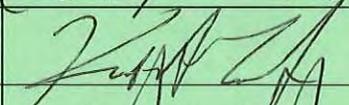
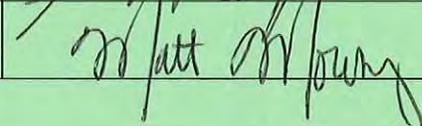
So far, The Friends of Badger State Trail have received \$18,050 in donations from individuals, community organizations, and local businesses. In addition, local Monroe business Colony Brands has pledged \$30,000 in matching funds for the project. The City of Monroe also received two Stewardship grants totaling \$80,000. In-kind labor & materials will also be donated as part of the grant match.

This will be the first shelter/restroom facility constructed along the Badger State Trail.

The Badger State Trail travels 40 miles between Madison and the Wisconsin-Illinois border while traversing farmlands, woods, rolling hills, scenic meadows, remnant prairies, ravines, glacial topography and several small communities.

The Trail connects to the Capital City, Military Ridge and Sugar River State Trails, and the Madison bikeway system. At the Illinois border, the Badger State Trail connects to the Jane Addams Trail which continues to Freeport, Illinois.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of approximately \$200,000 in materials & labor for construction of a shelter and restroom building on the Badger State Trail in Monroe from Friends of Badger State Trail, the City of Monroe, and Colony Brands

Approved by	Signature	Date
Dan Schuler, Bureau Director		7/25/13
Kurt Thiede, Administrator		7/31/13
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		8/29/13

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

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2013 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of approximately \$200,000 in materials & labor for construction of a shelter and restroom building on the Badger State Trail in Monroe from:

Friends of Badger State Trail, the City of Monroe, and Colony Brands

This donation will be used to provide a shelter, a picnic area, restrooms, potable water, and parking to serve approximately 150,000 trail users per year.

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