



## DNR Staff Analysis of Nature Based Outdoor Activities on Projects Purchased with Stewardship Grant Funds

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**NOTE TO DNR STAFF:** This completed form will be attached to the WEPA+NBOA notice that the DNR will publish when considering a request for Stewardship grant funding. Do not list location information for the subject property or the seller's name because WI courts have held that this information is confidential until land ownership has changed hands. In "Staff Narrative" sections below each NBOA, summarize sponsor's reason for prohibition based on the 3 allowable exceptions.

<b>Applicant/ Sponsor:</b> Village of Mount Pleasant	<b>Year of Application:</b> 2010
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**Project Name and Primary Purpose (after acquisition):** Smolenski Park Expansion; nature-based outdoor recreation

<b>Project Description:</b> See WEPA Notice	<b>Plan(s) or Reports Identifying Project Area as Priority:</b> A Park and Open Space Plan for the Town of Mt. Pleasant, SEWRPC report #199
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### Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

#### HUNTING

**DNR Staff Narrative:** The sponsor is not proposing any gun hunting prohibitions. However, the subject property is surrounded by residential development, except on the southern edge of the property where the subject property abuts the existing Smolenski Park. There are homes within 100 yards of the property. Section 941.20 (1)(d), Wis. Stats., prohibits the discharge of a firearm within 100 yards of a "building devoted to human occupancy." The village also has an ordinance that prohibits the discharge of a firearm in a park (Sec.58-1(4) , an ordinance that restricts the discharge of a weapon (Sec. 54-1(b)(1) and prohibits the discharge of a "permitted weapon" and bow and arrow within 500 feet of any public or private street, park or dwelling and other structures (Sec. 54-1(b)(3). For reasons of public safety, neither gun nor bow hunting can be allowed on the subject property. Please see the Department's initial assessment of the NBOA prohibitions conducted by the local recreation safety warden pursuant to s. NR 52.05 (1)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.

Categories	Allowable species (Gun)	Allowable species (bow)	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Waterfowl	None	None	N/A
Small Game	None	None	N/A
Turkey	None	None	N/A
Large Game	None	None	N/A

#### TRAPPING

**DNR Staff Narrative:** The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for trapping. However, the subject property is surrounded by residential development, except on the southern edge of the property where the subject property abuts the existing Smolenski Park. There are homes within 100 yards of the property. Section NR 10.13(1)(b)12.c. prohibits trapping within 100 yards of a "building devoted to human occupancy." Therefore trapping cannot be allowed. Please see the Department's initial assessment of the NBOA prohibitions conducted by the local recreation safety warden pursuant to s. NR 52.05 (1)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.

Location	Allowable Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	None	N/A
Water	None	N/A

**FISHING**

**DNR Staff Narrative:** The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for fishing. However, the small stream that flows through a portion of the property is not conducive to fishing. The sponsor will attempt to provide additional and improved fishing on the property in the future, both in the stream and in a small pond.

Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	Yes	Per state regulations
Boat	N/A	N/A

**HIKING**

**DNR Staff Narrative:** The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for hiking.

Location	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	Yes	Throughout the year
Off-Trail	Yes	Throughout the year

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**

**DNR Staff Narrative:** The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for cross country skiing.

Type of Trail	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Winter
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Winter
On-Trail (groomed)	Yes	Winter

DATE: December 10, 2010 FILE REF: Stewardship Application

TO: Daniel Kaemmerer, SER Financial Assistance Specialist

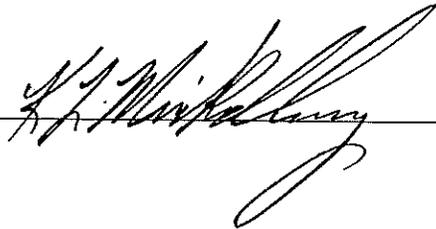
FROM: John Bronikowski, SER Recreational Safety Warden

SUBJECT: Stewardship Grant Application NBOA Review – Smolenski Park, Village of Mount Pleasant, Racine County

I have completed my review of the “Public Access and Acceptable Uses” document as a part of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant application submitted by the Village of Mount Pleasant for the proposed acquisition of 37 acres of property located next to Smolenski Park in the Village of Mount Pleasant, Racine County. Following are my comments and recommendations regarding the Nature Based Outdoor Activities (NBOA) which would be prohibited for public safety reasons on this property:

**Hunting & Trapping – It is my professional opinion that the Village of Mount Pleasant ordinance prohibiting hunting within a city park, which would also apply to this parcel, as well as their proposed prohibition of trapping, are appropriate to further public safety.** This parcel is bounded by subdivision homes, an existing village park, and a two lane highway. Plans call for typical park amenities such as trails, playground equipment, and a disc golf course. Because of the parcel’s proximity to a high use urban setting, prohibiting hunting and trapping will further public safety. I find this prohibition of hunting and trapping to be consistent with their authority to provide safeguards of persons and property, which is consistent with other municipalities throughout Wisconsin.

Approved Kevin Mickelberg, SER Regional Warden:



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