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TO: Christine Halbur, NER Government Outreach Team Supervisor

FROM: Jeremy Cords, NER Recreational Safety Warden

SUBJECT: Stewardship Grant Application "Public Safety" Review – City of Green Lake – Green Lake 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 City of Green Lake for the proposed acquisition of .69 acres of property for \$56,000 located in the City of Green Lake adjacent to the Canal St Boat Launch. Following are my comments and recommendations regarding the Nature Based Outdoor Activities (NBOA) which would be restricted for public safety reasons on this property:

Hunting - It is my professional opinion that the City of Green Lake ordinances restricting use and possession of firearms and archery related equipment, which would also apply to this property, are appropriate to further public safety. While this ordinance would effectively prohibit hunting, it is clear that the intent of the ordinance is to provide for reasonable safeguards of persons and property, which is consistent with other municipalities throughout Wisconsin.

Trapping – It is my professional opinion that the City of Green Lake ordinance does restrict trapping but does not prohibit it. The restriction of dry land trapping sets is a reasonable restriction for public safety at this property and further safeguards persons and property consistent with other municipalities throughout Wisconsin. However, the City of Green Lake ordinance does specifically address and allow public access to Mill Pond from this proposed property for the purpose of water set trapping on Mill Pond.

Fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing -- are not prohibited on this property.