

The Nature Conservancy seeks Stewardship grant for acquisition of land in the Town of Liberty Grove

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Liberty Grove, Wis. – The Nature Conservancy has applied for a 50 percent matching grant from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to assist with the purchase of 20.79 acres of land in the Town of Liberty Grove in Door County. The Nature Conservancy will provide match to the grant award.

There is no water on this property. The property will be left in its natural state and open to the public for low impact recreational activities including, hunting, upland trapping, hiking, cross-county skiing, snowshoeing, nature study, wildlife observation, and photography. The project would prohibit the following nature-based outdoor activity: water trapping. The department is proposing to make the determination that the prohibition of Nature Based Outdoor Activities (NBOA) is necessary to protect a unique animal community. The department has examined the following factor in making this determination: The potential of the destruction of habitat for a federally endangered species. The checklist and the department's initial assessment of the proposal to prohibit NBOAs may be downloaded from the Stewardship Public Notice website or you may request a hard copy by contacting the project contact listed below.

Public written comments on the proposed acquisition can be mailed to Julie Sauer, Administrator, Division of Customer and Employee Services, care of Faith Murray, Community Services Specialist, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727 or sent by email to Faith.Murray@wisconsin.gov. If you have questions about this project Faith Murray can be reached by phone at 920-662-5487. Written comments will be accepted through May 28, 2011. In accordance with s. NR 52.04 (2) (b), Wis. Adm. Code, objections about the prohibited activities on this property must show the proposed prohibition to be inconsistent with s. 23.0916 (2) (b), Stats., and s. NR 52.05, Wis. Adm. Code.

Under s. NR 150.03(3), Wis. Adm. Code, an environmental analysis is not needed because this proposal is considered a Type III action. A Type III action is one that normally does not have the potential to cause significant environmental effects, normally does not significantly affect energy usage, and normally does not involve unresolved conflicts in the use of available resources.

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