



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.*

Applicant/ Sponsor: City of Lake Geneva

Year of Application: 2010

Project Name and Primary Purpose (after acquisition): White River Crossing Parkland Acquisition; protection of the White River environmental corridor for future nature-based outdoor recreation.

Project Description: See WEPA Notice

Plan(s) or Reports Identifying Project Area as Priority:
City of Lake Geneva Park and Open Space Plan

Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

HUNTING			
<p>DNR Staff Narrative: The sponsor has a local ordinance, Code 1992 Sec. 19.03, Ord. No. 96-9 that prohibits hunting within a park and Code 1992, Sec. 9.09 that prohibits the discharge of firearms within the city. Also, there are residential, industrial and commercial buildings near the property. S.941.20 (1)(d) Wis. Stats. prohibits the discharge of a firearm within 100 yards of a "building devoted to human occupancy." Therefore neither bow nor gun hunting can be allowed. Please see the Department's initial assessment of the NBOA prohibition conducted by the local recreation safety warden. Pursuant to s. NR 52.05 (1)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.</p>			
Categories	Allowable species (Gun)	Allowable species (bow)	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Waterfowl	No	No	N/A
Small Game	No	No	N/A
Turkey	No	No	N/A
Large Game	No	No	N/A
TRAPPING			
<p>DNR Staff Narrative: The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for trapping.</p>			
Location	Allowable Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)	
Upland	Yes	In accordance with state regulations	
Water	Yes	In accordance with state regulations	
FISHING			
<p>DNR Staff Narrative: The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for fishing.</p>			
Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)	
Shore	Yes	In accordance with state regulations	
Boat	Yes	In accordance with state regulations	

HIKING		
DNR Staff Narrative: Hiking will be allowed on the property and future trails are proposed.		
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: Cross country skiing is allowed on the property.		
Type of Trail	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	During snow cover
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	During snow cover
On-Trail (groomed)	No	N/A

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 – White River Corridor, City of Lake Geneva, Walworth 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 Lake Geneva for the proposed acquisition of 60.6 acres of property located on the White River Corridor project in the City of Lake Geneva, Walworth 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 – It is my professional opinion that the City of Lake Geneva ordinance prohibiting hunting within a city park, which would also apply to this parcel, are appropriate to further public safety. This parcel is bounded by subdivision homes, a golf course, retail stores and an elevated 4 lane highway (Hwy 12). Because of the parcels proximity to a high use urban setting, prohibiting hunting will further public safety. I find this prohibition of hunting to be consistent with their authority to provide safeguards of persons and property, which is consistent with other municipalities throughout Wisconsin.

Trapping – It is my professional opinion that the proposed prohibition of trapping is not necessary to protect public safety. I recommend that the City of Lake Geneva provide trapping opportunities for this parcel. Trapping is an outdoor activity that could be conducted safely in the undeveloped area of this parcel, even if it is by permit only. If the city provides for trapping by permit on this property they will be in compliance with NR 52.

Approved Kevin Mickelberg, SER Regional Warden:

