



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: Village of Mount Pleasant	Year of Application: 2010
Project Name and Primary Purpose (after acquisition): Pike River Trail Expansion, Phases VI-VIII; nature-based outdoor recreation (trail)	
Project Description: See WEPA Notice	Plan(s) or Reports Identifying Project Area as Priority: A Park and Open Space Plan for the Town of Mt. Pleasant, SEWRPC report #199

Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

HUNTING			
<p>DNR Staff Narrative: The project involves the acquisition of three properties along the Pike River as part of an extensive flood control and trail development project that has been underway for several years. None of the other segments (phases I – V) allow for hunting, including immediately adjacent trail segments. There are also residential, commercial and industrial properties near the subject properties as well as roads and planned roads. Section .941.20 (1)(d), Wis. Stats., prohibits the discharge of a firearm within 100 yards of a "building devoted to human occupancy." Section 167.31(2)(d) provides that no person may discharge a firearm across or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway. 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.</p>			
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		
<p>DNR Staff Narrative: The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for trapping. The Village will allow trapping opportunities where possible on village-owned buffer areas along the river while maintaining compliance with ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code.</p>		
Location	Allowable Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	Yes	According to state regulations
Water	Yes	According to state regulations

FISHING		
DNR Staff Narrative: The sponsor is not proposing any prohibition for fishing.		
Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	According to state regulations	According to state regulations
Boat	According to state regulations	According to state regulations

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)	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 – Pike River Restoration, 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 three parcels totaling 62 acres of land along the Pike River 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 – It is my professional opinion that the Village of Mount Pleasant ordinance prohibiting discharge of a firearm within a village park, which would also apply to these parcels, is appropriate to further public safety. These parcels are an addition to an existing village park that follows the Pike River corridor. This project calls for a paved walking and bicycling path along the river. Because of the parcels’ high recreational use potential, prohibiting the discharge of a firearm 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 – There is no prohibition of trapping on these lands according to the submitted application.

Approved Kevin Mickelberg, SER Regional Warden:

