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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-

Dated: August 27, 2013

The City of Baraboo, Wisconsin

<p>Background: The Badger Oversight and Management Commission has been working on the transition plans for the Badger Army Ammunition Plant for many years. Alderman Robkin has been a member of the reuse committee both as a member representing the City, as well as representing the County, since the committee was formed. The DNR is now looking for input regarding the final use plan for the property. The Plan Commission reviewed the issue, and recommends Alternative 4: Conservation/Low Impact Recreation Emphasis.</p>
<p>Fiscal Note: (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeted Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Not Budgeted</p> <p>Comments</p>

A Resolution supporting Alternative 4: Conservation/Low Impact Recreation Emphasis, for the Badger Army Ammunition Plan reuse plan.

Resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin:

The Common Council of the City of Baraboo hereby supports Alternative 4: Conservation/Low Impact Recreation Emphasis, for the Badger Army Ammunition Plan reuse plan.

Offered by:
Motion:
Second:

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Attest: _____

BADGER OVERSIGHT MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Recommendation on Sauk Prairie Recreation Area Draft Conceptual Land Use Alternatives

ALTERNATIVE 4

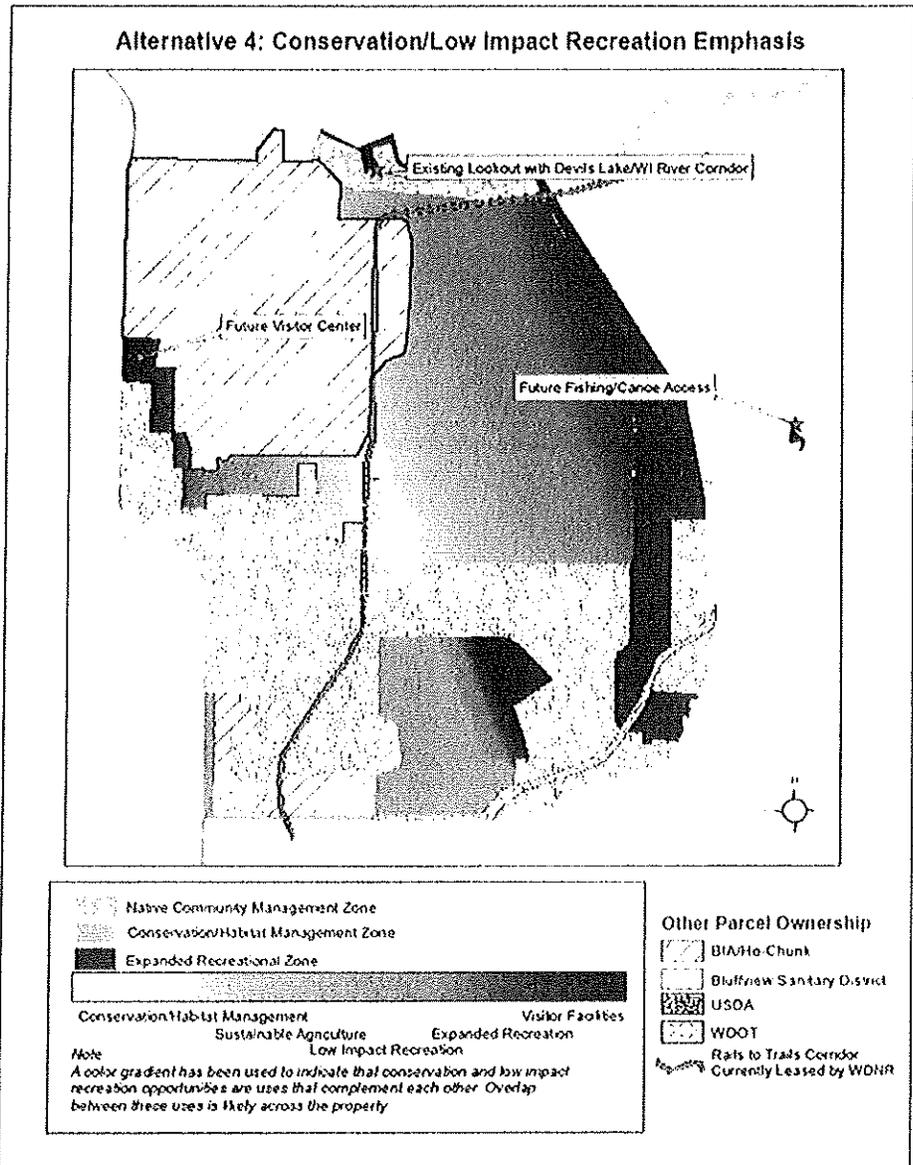
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Specific Activities and Uses consistent with Conservation and Low Impact Recreation:

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- Designate parcel 'M' and 'M1' as a Habitat Restoration Zone*
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Note (*) The use of the term "Zone(s)" above is to maintain compatibility with language in other DNR proposed alternatives. BOMC members feel this term in most cases is too restrictive and exclusive for Badger lands which often have characteristics of one or more zone types in one area. Exclusion zones may conflict with the first Value of the Badger Reuse Plan to manage Badger as a whole.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

As individual stakeholder members of the Badger Oversight Management Commission (BOMC), Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger, Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation strongly urge the public to contact the WDNR with your **SUPPORT** for **BOMC ALTERNATIVE #4** by August 30, 2013. Comments may be sent to Diane Brusoe, DNR Planner - LF/6, Wisconsin Department Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 or email Diane.Brusoe@wisconsin.gov.

RESOLUTION 2013-05A

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVE 3 FOR THE SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATIONAL AREA**

WHEREAS, the Badger Reuse Plan as adopted by the Badger Reuse Committee on March 28, 2001 established values that included that "Educational, research, and recreational opportunities afforded by the Badger property's unique natural, agricultural, historical, and cultural resources are developed and made available to the public.; and

WHEREAS, Devil's Lake State Park is 9,217 acres which supports swimming, hiking, camping, environmental land management projects, educational and recreational activities such as swimming, hunting, hiking, and camping for park visitors, and

WHEREAS, Riverland Conservancy is over 1,800 acres which supports environmental and management projects, educational and recreational activities such as hunting and hiking and is for use to the public for; and

WHEREAS, the Badger Army Ammunition Plant consists of 7,275 acres that will be owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and possibly the Ho-Chunk Nation, and

WHEREAS, the DNR has put forward Conceptual Alternative 3 which calls for "Outdoor Recreation Emphasis" and provides for the ecological restoration as well as expanded public access of hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, biking, picnic areas, educational opportunities as well as secluded special use zones for motorized and shooting range opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Merrimac finds Conceptual Alternative 3 is in within reasonable compliance of the Badger Reuse Plan and supports its adoption for the Sauk Prairie Recreational Area and a is compliment to the other activities currently available in the town.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board requests consideration of the following concerns:

- Further consideration for a gun range is necessary as it may compete with area gun clubs, such as in Portage, Wisconsin, where long range rifle targeting is available and if the DNR proceeds, seek all necessary zoning approvals from the Town of Sumpter, however, the Town of Merrimac does not support the use of a gun range.
- A recreational motorized vehicle park, if the DNR proceeds, should obtain all necessary approvals from the Town of Sumpter, and the town of Merrimac will support Sumpter's final determination.
- The town requests a copy of any assessments, environmental or otherwise, used for its final determinations.
- The extension and/or use of Burma Road should receive the necessary approvals from the Town of Baraboo and the Town of Sumpter.
- Any other use in the "Special Use Zone" not already considered in the preliminary plan should receive the appropriate approvals from the Town of Sumpter, the Town of Merrimac, and Sauk County.
- Any change to any other zones should receive the appropriate approvals from the Town of Sumpter, the Town of Merrimac, and Sauk County, with the exception of those lands identified as future Ho-Chunk lands. unless such land transfer does not occur in the future, in which a special use zone should be prohibited, and any use not currently identified in the plan should receive the appropriate approvals from the Town of Sumpter, the Town of Merrimac, and Sauk County.

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- The town board of the Town of Merrimac supports investigation of these recreational activities and requests the DNR to report to the town board prior to final approval by the Natural Resources Board. .

The town clerk shall notify all government parties to the Interim Badger Oversight & Management Commission and properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats, as adopted this 1st day of August, 2013.

SO RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC:



Steve Peetz, Town Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Town Board of the Town of Merrimac on the this 1st day of August, 2013 and approved by the Town Chair on that date.



Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk - Treasurer

August 12, 2013

Chairman Tim Colby called the regular meeting of the **Sumpter Town Board** to order at 7:30 pm at the Sumpter Community Center. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Colby, Supervisor Lohr, Supervisor Mullen, Clerk Ziegler, and Treasurer Meier.

Motion to adopt agenda; Dave Lohr moved, Pete Mullen second. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Colby opened the floor to public comment. Twenty people, in attendance, offered public comment. Eighteen spoke in favor of adopting Badger Oversight Management Commission Recommendation on Sauk Prairie Area Draft Conceptual Land Use Alternative #4; two supported Department of Natural Resources Alternative #3, removing the gun range and ATV track from Alternative #3.

Motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting. Dave Lohr moved, Pete Mullen second. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Dave Lohr moved, Pete Mullen second. Motion passed unanimously.

Gruber's Grove Rd. and Ski-Hi Rd. maintenance discussed.

Motion to approve Badger Oversight Management Commission Recommendation on Sauk Prairie Area Draft Conceptual Land Use Alternatives—Alternative #4. Tim Colby moved, Pete Mullen second. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to apply for no-wake zone in Dean Brabender neighborhood on Lake Wisconsin. Dave Lohr moved, Pete Mullen second. **Motion passed unanimously.**

No commission reports this month.

The board set the next meeting date for: September 9, 2013 @ 7:30 pm @ the Sumpter Community Center.

The board reviewed and paid bills.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete Mullen moved, Dave Lohr second. Motion accepted; meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Donna Ziegler, Clerk



RESOLUTION No. 08-13-2013(e)

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OF SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA

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WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources will use the input to form the master plan that will guide operation of the new 3,800-acre state recreation area adjacent to Devil's Lake State Park and the Wisconsin River over the next 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the three draft conceptual alternatives are as follows:

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WHEREAS, members of the Badger Oversight Management Commission recommended an Alternative 4, as shown in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

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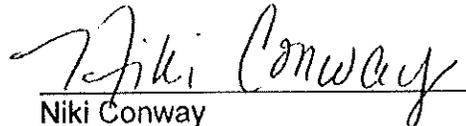
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Department of Natural Resources.

Adopted this 13th day of August, 2013.

Village of Prairie du Sac, WI



Cheryl A. Sherman
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Niki Conway
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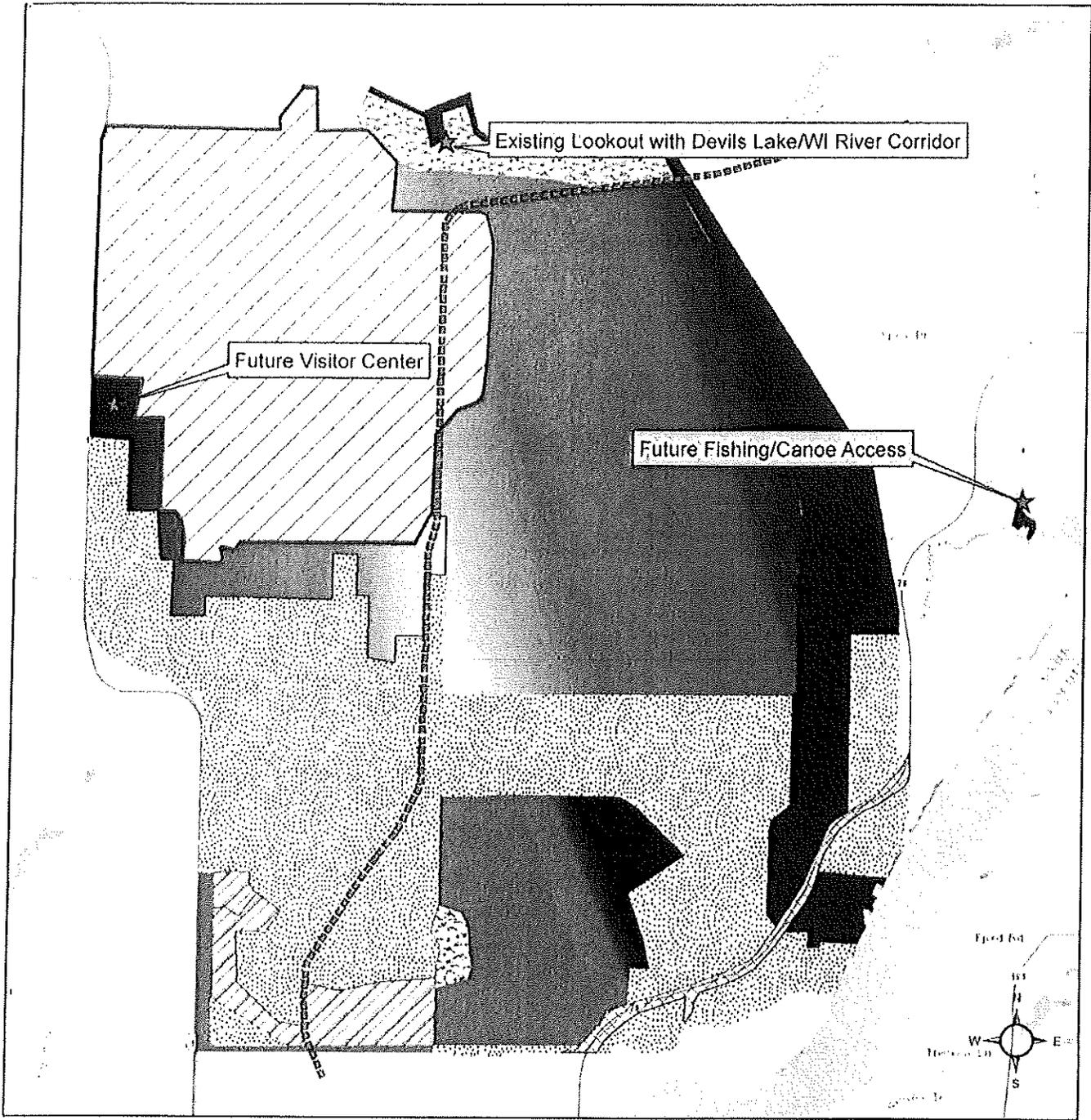
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-  Native Community Management Zone
-  Conservation/Habitat Management Zone
-  Expanded Recreational Zone

Other Parcel Ownership

-  BIA/Ho-Chunk
-  Bluffview Sanitary District
-  USDA
-  WDOT
-  Rails to Trails Corridor
-  Currently Leased by WDNI

Conservation/Habitat Management Visitor Facilities
 Sustainable Agriculture Expanded Recreation
 Low Impact Recreation

Note:
 A color gradient has been used to indicate that conservation and low impact recreation opportunities are uses that complement each other. Overlap between these uses is likely across the property.

TOWN OF PRAIRIE DU SAC BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2013

Chairman Ron Lins called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Supervisor John Lichtenheld was absent. Tom Schneller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dave Lundgren seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Tom Schneller made a motion to approve the July minutes and treasurers reports as written. Dave Lungren seconded the motion. Motion passed. Next the Board discussed the proposed ATV Trail and Rifle Range at the Badger Plant. Tom Schneller made a motion to have The Town Board of The Town of Prairie Du Sac vote to support the vote by The Town Board of The Town of Sumpter to accept the DNR Alternative 4, concerning the future land usage for the Badger Plant. Dave Lundgren seconded the motion. Motion passed. Next Tom Murphy made a motion to approve the bid of \$7,000.00 by Kleven Assessment LLC to be the 2014 Town Assessor. Dave Lundgren seconded the motion. Motion passed. Next Tom Schneller made a motion to spend \$120,211.13 in August checks. Tom Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Next Tom Murphy made a motion to adjourn. Dave Lundgren seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Richard Nolden, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2013-6

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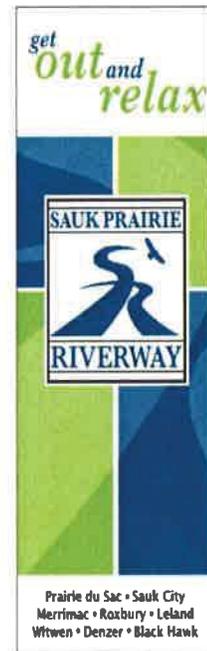


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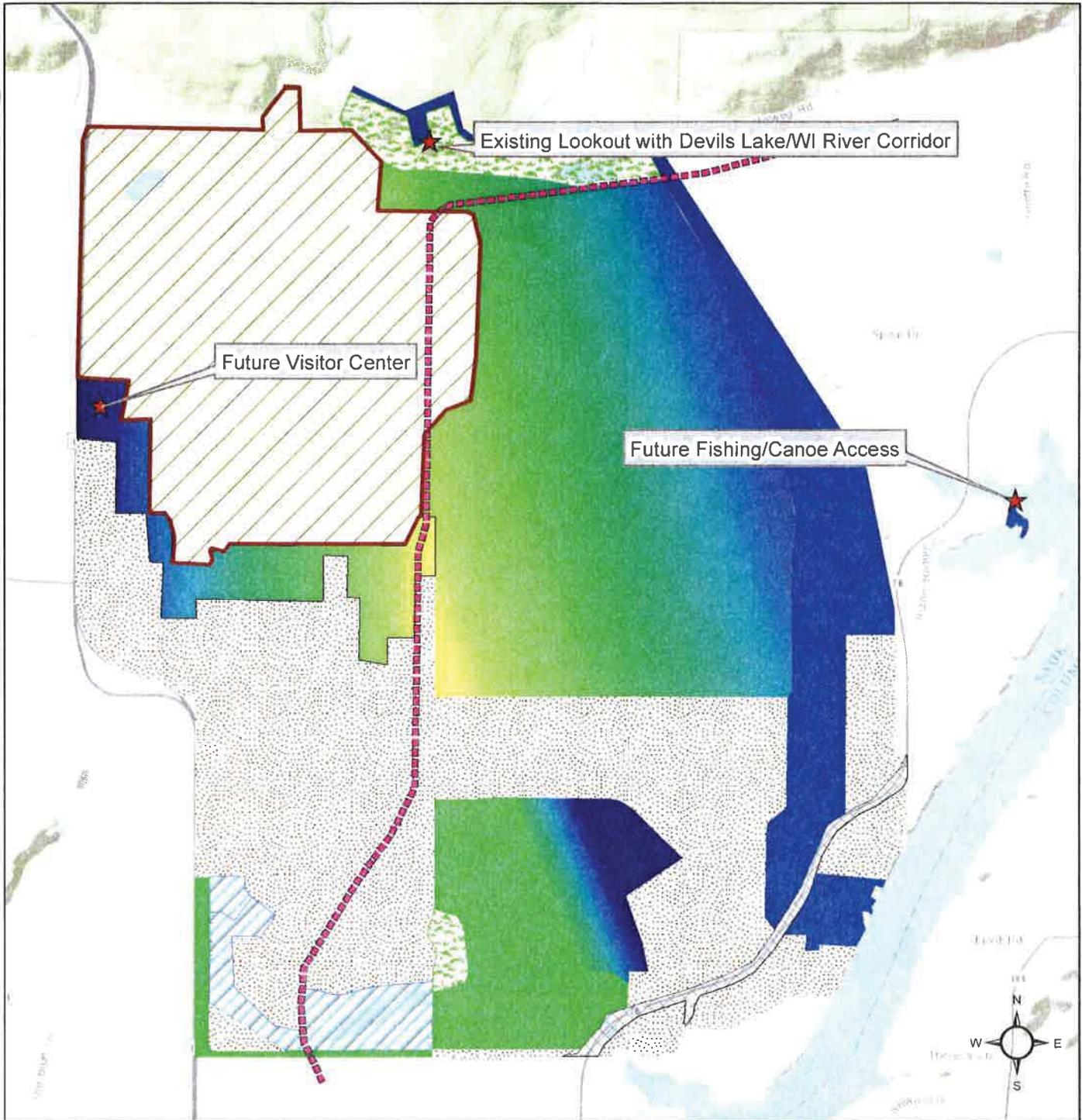
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The following specific activities and uses are consistent with conservation and low-impact recreation:

- Implement plan elements specified in the Badger Reuse Plan;
- Restore large, unfragmented tracts of grassland, wetland and shrubland (Habitat Management Zone)* to support native and migratory birds and wildlife;
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- Provide low-impact porous non-paved recreation trails that complement the topography and resource management;
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- Selectively site and construct (through community partnerships) a new visitor center with interpretation and educational opportunities;
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- Use volunteers to promote community participation in education and to help restore natural communities;
- Provide outdoor research opportunities for ecologists, scientists and students;
- Develop parking, picnic areas and viewing areas in the Expanded Recreational Zone* and to a lesser degree in the Habitat Restoration Zone*;
- Develop a fishing pier, canoe/carry-in boat access, and picnic area at the Lake Wisconsin parcel;
- Provide a multiple use trail connecting the Sauk Prairie area, Merrimac area, and Devil's Lake State Park via Burma road consisting of hiking and biking and a seasonal snowmobile trail on an agreed upon route;
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Alternative 4: Conservation/Low Impact Recreation Emphasis



	Native Community Management Zone
	Conservation/Habitat Management Zone
	Expanded Recreational Zone

	Conservation/Habitat Management	Visitor Facilities
	Sustainable Agriculture	Expanded Recreation
	Low Impact Recreation	

Note:
 A color gradient has been used to indicate that conservation and low impact recreation opportunities are uses that complement each other. Overlap between these uses is likely across the property.

Other Parcel Ownership

- BIA/Ho-Chunk
- Bluffview Sanitary District
- USDA
- WDOT
- Rails to Trails Corridor Currently Leased by WDNi

Preliminary C I Statements:

Ecological Management

Provide extensive areas of grassland and oak savanna to support the significant grassland and shrubland bird and other wildlife populations. Restore and enhance the ecological transition zone between the Baraboo Hills and the Wisconsin River to promote quality habitat for desirable game and non-game species, including rare and special concern species.

Recreation

Provide for low-impact public recreation that complements and serves local, regional and state needs while providing opportunities to experience significant cultural and natural points of interest as well as aesthetic vistas.

Cultural Resources Preservation

Identify and preserve significant sites that contribute to the understanding and appreciation of the property's geological, Native American and Euro-American history and the creation, operation and decommissioning of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

Education & Interpretation

Provide interpretive and educational opportunities focusing upon natural history, restoration efforts, and the impacts of human uses. Integrate education and research related to land conservation, restoration and agricultural activities.

Badger Reuse Plan

Implement "the common vision for the reuses of the property" as expressed in the Badger Reuse Plan.

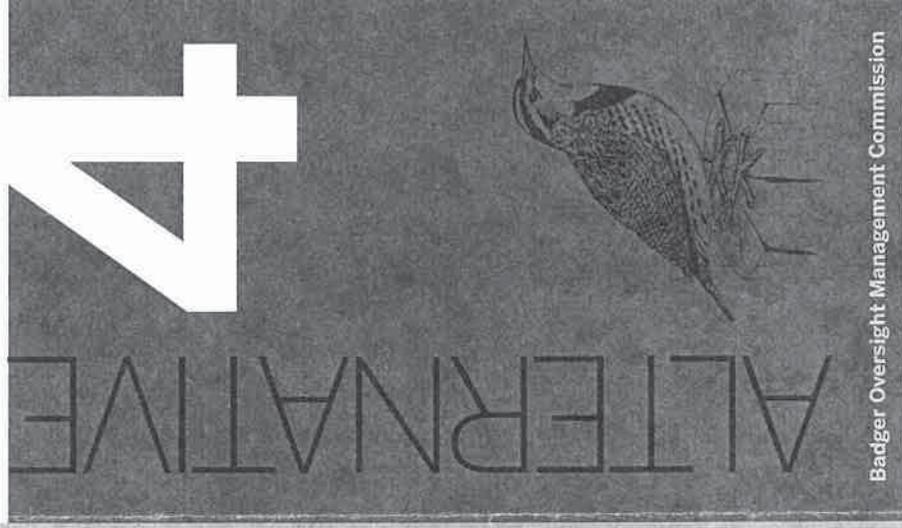
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Conservation/Low Impact Recreation Emphasis

Recommendation on Sauk Prairie Recreation Area Draft Conceptual Land Use Alternatives



Badger Oversight Management Commission

Preliminary Vis Statement:

The Sauk Prairie Recreation area contributes important areas of grasslands needed to reconstruct and experience a natural mosaic of prairie-savanna-woodlands-wetlands at a landscape scale. Directly adjacent to Devil's Lake State Park, it serves as a critical and unique ecological transition from the Baraboo Hills to the Wisconsin River, and creates a corridor that enhances and complements conservation and appropriate low-impact recreational opportunities. The site's significant history is incorporated into the management and interpretation of the natural, agricultural, historical and cultural resources.

THE 2001 BADER REUSE PLAN was an agreement entered into by 21 representatives of local, state, federal and tribal units of government as well as neighboring landowners, businesses, school districts and nonprofits. The plan emphasizes conservation and low-impact recreational activities and it is still in effect. The National Park Service agreement with DNR (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources) also emphasizes conservation and low-impact recreational activities. Alternative 4 below continues this emphasis on conservation and low-impact recreation uses.

Under this management alternative, emphasis is placed on land uses and management objectives that complement each other and those of the surrounding land owners, enhancing the health, culture, and economy of the Badger lands and the surrounding community. This alternative views current planning and implementation efforts as the most recent expression of a long history of human activity on the Sauk Prairie, and as an opportunity to honor the sacrifices and contributions of our ancestors. It acknowledges the legacy of conflict that has marked previous chapters of human experience on the Sauk Prairie, and advances the process of reconciling these conflicts.

Healing the land is an essential step in that process, and at Badger, healing the land is a "re-creational" activity of the first order. Ecological restoration projects, aided by collaborative agricultural, educational, and scientific research programs, will support enhanced understanding and appreciation of Badger's wildlife and its natural and cultural history, and demonstrate new ways to secure healthy, thriving human and natural communities. The history of all the people who have made the Sauk Prairie home over thousands of years will be shared. That history will include the story of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant and will continue through the current efforts to develop and implement the consensus vision for the future of this long contested site.

Opportunities for outdoor recreation will include traditional activities (such as hunting and fishing) that have long been among the varied uses of the Badger property, and that contribute importantly to greater awareness of Badger's full conservation value. Of particular value are the property's important populations of grassland birds. The presence of these birds and other wildlife will attract thousands of visitors, as wildlife viewing continues to expand in popularity in the coming decades. Because the benefits of peace and quiet are among the most rapidly diminishing natural resource values in our contemporary environment, and consequently are among the frequently most sought after, a wide variety of low-impact recreational activities will be accommodated.

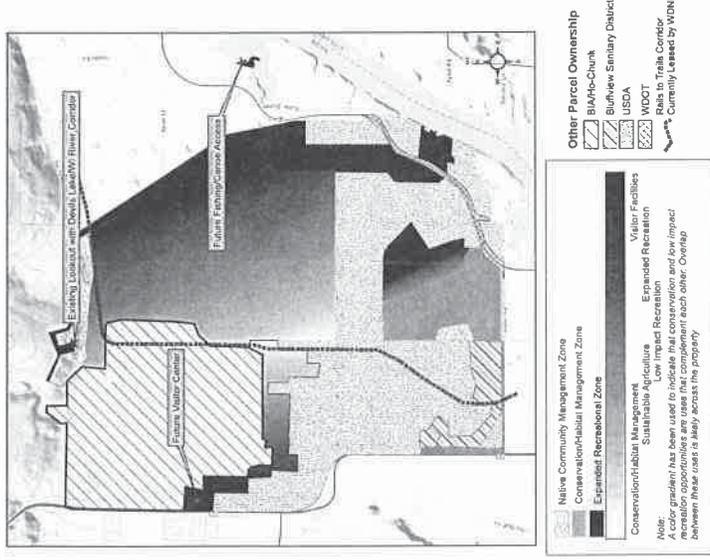
The opportunity to explore the Badger property, especially given the promise of a regional recreational trail linking the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area to nearby major regional trails, will draw thousands more to the area. Their experience of the area will be enhanced by interpretive trail signage and guided tours.

Eventually, the creation of a Visitor Center will serve as a focal point for orienting visitors and as a destination for students of all ages interested in exploring Sauk Prairie's unique geological, ecological, and human history. Visitors will be encouraged

to participate in on-site restoration and citizen science projects.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP:

As individual stakeholder members of the Badger Oversight Management Commission (BOMC). Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger. Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation strongly urge the public to contact the WDNR with your **SUPPORT** for the **BOMC ALTERNATIVE #4** by **August 30, 2013.**

Comments may be sent to:

Mark Aquino
Regional Director
Wisconsin DNR
3911 Fish Hatchery Road
Fitchburg WI, 53711
Mark.Aquino@wisconsin.gov

**VILLAGE BOARD
AUGUST 27, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with Anderson, Rausch, Schmidt, Haag, Horak and Dederich present. Marks was excused.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

Haag made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting, seconded by Rausch and motion carried. 6-0

LICENSE

Schmidt made a motion to approve an Operator License for Darren Slater and Ryan Lovejoy, seconded by Dederich and motion carried. 6-0

PAY REQUEST #3 RAYMOND P CATTELL – VAN BUREN STREET

Breunig stated that Van Buren Street has been completed and they did a great job. She spoke with Engineer Bongard and he has made recommendation for payment with a small retainage held. Dederich made a motion to approve pay request #3 to Raymond P Cattell for \$20,568.10 on the Van Buren Street project, seconded by Rausch and carried. 6-0

RESOLUTION 2013-6 ALTERNATE 4: FUTURE USE OF THE SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA

Bill Wenzel, member on the Badger Oversight Management Commission explained that the DNR has invited the public to share their comments on the vision and goal statements and 3 draft conceptual alternatives for the future development and operation of the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area, formerly known as the Badger Army Ammunition Plant located between Baraboo and Sauk City. The Alternatives are as follows: 1 - No Action; 2 – Ecological Restoration Emphasis; 3 – outdoor Recreation Emphasis. Members of the BOMC have recommended an Alternative 4 - for Conservation/Low Impact Recreation Emphasis. Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-6 supporting Alternate 4: Future Use of the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area, seconded by Schmidt and motion carried. 6-0

TRUSTEE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Copies were provided in the packets of Librarian's Report – July 2013; Sauk City Library Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2013; Sauk County Board Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2013; Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2013; Sauk Prairie School Board Meeting Minutes – July 8 & July 22, 2013.

ADJOURN

Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Haag and motion carried. 6-0 The meeting was adjourned at 6:11PM.

Approved: _____

9-10-2013



Vicki Breunig, Village Administrator