

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

SUBJECT: Comeback Champs - Swamplovers Foundation, Inc.

FOR: December 2012 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Cathy Stepp, DNR Secretary

SUMMARY:

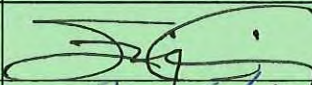


As one of the NRB citizen recognition items and continuation of the monthly "Comeback Champ" award to citizens who work to protect Wisconsin's endangered resources, the department recognizes Swamplovers Foundation, Inc. as the December 2012 Comeback Champ for their dedication to preserving Wisconsin's natural heritage for future generations.

The Swamplovers Foundation, Inc. began in 1986 when a group of five friends pooled their resources to purchase a large block of unproductive land immediately west of Cross Plains. Initially intended to serve as hunting land, these landowners instead created a model of restoration ecology - providing habitat that is now home to more than 1,000 species, 68 of which have an at-risk status. Swamplovers have been enthusiastic partners in numerous federal and state conservation programs, including the Endangered Resources' Landowner Incentive Program and have inspired many other private landowners to follow suit.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

- Background memo
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