

CHAPTER VI: SUMMARY of the PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS in DEVELOPING the MASTER PLAN

Although the public has been actively engaged for well over a decade in helping determine the future plans for the BAAP property as a whole and SPRA in particular, this summary of public involvement pertains to the actual development of the master plan and as such captures the time period from January, 2012 to now. The Department recognizes and is grateful for the ongoing and the extensive effort the public and their elected officials have invested to move SPRA from being part of the largest propellant plant in the country to what the Department hopes becomes a unique, popular and significant destination for visitors.

The Department sought public input at several stages in the planning process. In July, 2012 the DNR hosted an initial public open house at UW-Baraboo/Sauk County to kick-off the master planning effort and present the draft Regional & Property Analysis. One hundred twenty people signed in at the open house and a total of 388 comments were received via the comment form, emails, letters, and voice messages. In July, 2013 the Department hosted an open house meeting in Prairie du Sac to present the draft vision, goals, and conceptual alternatives. Over 250 people attended and thousands of comments were received. The Department posted all comments received during both public comment periods as well as summaries of the input received on the DNR website.

The Department maintained a list of over 1,700 people interested in receiving updates about the property and the planning process. Periodic emails were sent to this distribution list. In addition, documents related to different aspects of the planning process were posted on the DNR website.

The commissioners and stakeholders that form the Badger Oversight and Management Commission (BOMC) maintained an active interest in the development of the master plan. The Department provided updates to the BOMC at their regular meetings regarding issues related to the management of the property and the master planning process.

Summary of comments received on this draft master plan.

To be developed after the public review period.