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Comments for DNR Public Hearing- U-W Sheboygan- Nov. 30, 2017

My name is Claudia Bricks and I live in at 314 Pioneer Rd. in Sheboygan.

Over the last almost 4 years, I've attended every hearing on the Kohler golf course, spoken and written to you at the DNR, read every version of the EIR and EIS, as well as read many FOIA emails regarding this golf course project.

All I can say is this: I am heartbroken that the DNR has abandoned its mission to protect our State's natural resources and succumbed to the winds of the political climate and the whims of a billionaire.

THIS IS THE WRONG PLACE FOR A GOLF COURSE and you, and the other good folks at the DNR who have spent countless hours writing these documents, know it!

This EIS has very little scientific based explanations of the actual environmental impacts that will happen to this land, which is rare and unique, which is why the DNR found NO comparables in this report to compare. . . there are NONE!

There also is NO independent 3rd party verification of the statements made- much of which was provided by the companies hired by Kohler.

Still Unanswered:

What exactly DOES happen to the wetlands, flora and fauna when 124 acres or 50% of the forest is destroyed?

Just what does happen to the environment, Lake Michigan, ground water and our wells when an unknown quantity of unknown chemicals are used to make this a championship golf course? We do know that glyphosate will be used to kill Japanese barberry- an invasive species, but that is about all that is mentioned.

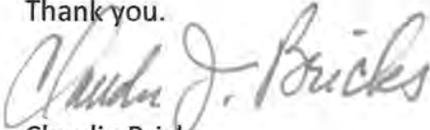
Just exactly how many acres of wetlands will be destroyed when the bulldozers get in there? They don't have a very tight turning radius and will smash many more acres than the 3.67 mentioned.

Friends of the Black River Forest has tried to hold the DNR and Kohler accountable, but it appears that the process has been poisoned. . . just like what is going to happen to this now organic, untouched land.

THIS IS THE WRONG PLACE FOR A GOLF COURSE AND YOU KNOW IT.

I just wish someone at the DNR would have the courage to stand up for the State Park, the environment, the critters, the forest and say "NO!"

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudia J. Bricks". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed contact information.

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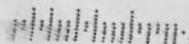
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Proposed Kohler Golf Course in Sheboygan County

Dear Mr. Schiefelbein -

I'm writing to express my opinions on the proposed expansion of the Kohler Golf Empire. As Biologist, Middle School science teacher, a previous employee of Whistling Straits, and having grown up only a few miles from Kohler Andre State Park I feel that I can offer you an unique perspective.

I think we both know the marvelous impact of intact coastal wetlands - not only in their beauty, but in their ability to protect shoreline, and in my opinion, their most remarkable feature of keeping water clean. While I am a science teacher, I do not think it necessary to explain the science behind wetlands - you, I'm sure, know much more on the topic than I - and if your don't, I'm sure many will be writing with that perspective. What I can offer you is the perspective as a pervious golf shop employee. I know the greens fees, caddy fees, suggested caddy tips - the cost of playing a round of golf on a Kohler course. Let me clarify - I know the cost of playing a round of golf at Whistling Straits in 2010 (I'm sure it costs more now)- \$420 without the suggested \$35 per bag caddy tip at the end of the round. I remember clearly - because I accepted the perfect 5 bill cash payment from so many men - 4 Franklins and 1 Jackson. I mention this because one of the many arguments supporting the destruction of a beautiful coastal lake ecosystem is that it will, "open the land to the local public." Let me tell you - there are not many people who carry that type of cash in their wallet in the Sheboygan community. There are not many that carry that type of cash in ANY community. Creating another Kohler golf course will do everything BUT open the land to the local public. It will prevent the local public from ever enjoying that land. Few locals play the Kohler golf courses - the vast majority are tourists - and they will come to Kohler even if additional courses are not built. If you really want the local public to enjoy the land - donate it to the park, allow minimal impact trails to be built. A \$28 **year round** WI State Park Pass is a far cry from spending upwards of \$500 for **one 4 hour round of golf**. If you are looking to restrict access to the land to only the wealthy - then build the golf course. But call it like it is, please. You're giving privilege and power to those with money - and restricting access to the general public.

I understand you are in a tough position - the political climate in our state is not friendly to the environment. But that makes your decision all that much more powerful. Stand up for the everyday Wisconsinite. Protect the land for the future generations to enjoy. Listen to the scientists. Look to the past. Whistling Straits was built on dilapidated land - turning ruins into something beautiful in it's own right. But this is different. This is already beautiful. Already magical. Don't ruin it. Please.

Thank you for your time,



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November 30, 2017

Mr. Jay Schiefelbein
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Schiefelbein:

As Mayor of the City of Sheboygan, I am writing to express my strong support for Kohler Company's proposed public golf course on Kohler Company owned land that was recently annexed into the City of Sheboygan. I am well aware of the many benefits the proposed new golf course will bring to our city and the entire region – most notably, an estimated 250 local jobs and an annual economic impact of almost \$21 million for Sheboygan County. Kohler's project has been the subject of several public meetings, detailed analysis and a lengthy review process. I believe the company has appropriately addressed all concerns and revised and improved its plans as necessary.

Kohler Co. has demonstrated an established record of responsible environmental practice, which has been reaffirmed throughout this very thorough approval process for the golf course. Well-recognized for its vision and leadership around sustainability, Kohler Co. is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its operations. In fact, I was pleased to learn that earlier this month, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) named Kohler Co. the recipient of the 2017 Ray Anderson Radical Industrialism Award. This award is presented annually to one organization committed to the evolution of green buildings and communities as vehicles to enhance quality of life.

A new public golf course in the City of Sheboygan is a win for everyone and will further enhance the region's standing as a global golf destination, create new jobs and grow the local tax base. This, in turn, will benefit our local schools, taxpayers and the overall community. Now, it is time to approve this project and make it a reality for the City of Sheboygan and the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Michael Vandersteen, Mayor

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Please submit your comments by Friday December 15, 2017

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PLEASE DEPOSIT COMMENT AT THE HEARING

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Fold this sheet and mail stamped sheet to the
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Send email comments to:

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Add additional pages of information and send in a
stamped envelope to:

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Comments:

I am greatly opposed to the development of the proposed golf course in Black River. Do not issue a permit for this project. It will cause permanent fragmentation of sensitive and unique biological areas. This affects reptiles, amphibians, birds, small mammals, deer and many creatures including humans. This area cannot be replaced. Please move in favor of the integrity of the land and for the benefit of present and future generations. Preserving nature is more important than short term economic benefit. This land is globally rare.

Thank you, Susan Ramey