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Pamela Toshner, Lake and River Management Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Final Report for RP-172-10, Marengo River Action Plan

Dear Ms. Toshner,

Please find enclosed the final deliverables for the River Planning Project RP-172-10, Marengo Action Plan completed by the Bad River Watershed Association. The Bad River Watershed Association sponsored a project that focused on community outreach and the formation and direction of a Citizen Involvement Committee to guide the development of the Marengo River Watershed Action Plan.

Some highlights from the project include:

1. Hiring of a Citizen Involvement Coordinator
2. Convening of a Citizen Involvement Committee
3. Hosting a variety of events and opportunities for watershed citizens to provide input into the watershed action planning process. A description of these opportunities and outcomes are described in one of the reports listed below.
4. Participation by 184 individuals in the project, recruitment of 115 of new members to BRWA, and development of 15 new organizational leaders.
5. Integration of citizen input into the Watershed Action Plan which helped to a) shape the actions in the plan and b) focus the Citizen Involvement and Outreach Strategy included in the plan.

Deliverables we are providing to fulfill final reporting requirements include:

1. Summary report of local sociological surveys ; also included in Chapter 2, pages 12-20 of the Action Plan.
2. Summary report of outreach and citizen involvement activities during the project, including notes from citizen meetings and outcomes that led to actions in the watershed action plan; also included in Chapter 5, pages 124-137 of the Action Plan.
3. List of project participants and leaders recruited
4. Summary of conservation incentive programs in Chapter 3, pages 79-81 of the Action Plan.
5. Draft copy of the "Marengo River Watershed Partnership Project - Watershed Action Plan", which incorporates all of the above information in these reports. The Watershed Action Plan submitted is still a draft as it is under review by the US EPA to evaluate if it meets the EPA Nine Elements for Watershed Plans. BRWA expects to receive approval from EPA for the Watershed Action Plan in summer 2011.

Also find enclosed a final project reimbursement request for \$2,500. Thank you for your support of local organizations like the Bad River Watershed Association in protecting or improving rivers and natural river ecosystems in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Michele Wheeler
Executive Director

cc: Jane Malischke