

May 2008, NRB

Edited version of public listening session – includes only those who spoke about the Stewardship Access Rule

3. **Dennis Grzeinski**, Milwaukee, representing himself stated the importance of the Stewardship fund and getting the rules right in access. Urban areas need to be recognized as having different uses. Very few people showed up in Waukesha to comment is a reflection no one knew about it until a few days prior to meeting and election night.

Duke – Statute gives 3 reasons given as exemption justifications for prohibiting certain kinds of activities. Isn't the public safety restriction the one to kick in within city of Milwaukee?

Dennis – yes, may apply. Does not presume to have correct language. Local organizations and small non-profits are not going to be able to overcome hurdle if you need a 3-5 page report to justify exemptions. Keep it simple.

4. **Kimberly Gleffe**, Milwaukee, representing the River Revitalization Foundation Milwaukee's Rivers urban land trust and only one in state focused on rivers. She stated their concern about urban youth becoming more disconnected with nature and the cost of purchase lands to protect rivers due to rising land values. Stew program should be written to include full participation. Rule needs flexibility based on density and multi-use. Public safety will be the exemption. Priority ranking on proposals to stew program does not affect them negatively based on criteria now because they cannot accommodate all five of the uses. Take into consideration local plans put in place by the public rules process. Hunting: 1) definition is not a definition they agree with in relation to urban areas and would like to ensure preclusion on properties so it ... will not impact them doing their important work in Milwaukee County. (Handout)

Jonathan – expand integrating properties

Kim – ranking process for parcel acquisition if parcel presented for acquisition that is adjacent to state purchase, gets higher ranking. Property under conservation should get equal standing.

Jonathan – land trust could have easement that did not use stew. Tell us more of your organization.

Kim – Our organization's main mission is to create a corridor along the Milwaukee River. Outreach. Trails along rivers. Many partners.

5. **Christine Nuernberg**, Mequon, City of Mequon Mayor, briefed the Board on the Mequon Nature preserve. Stewardship hunting policy would have disadvantaged this project. Thanked the DNR for being a major partner (PowerPoint and Handout)

6. **Jim Celano**, Kansasville, Geneva Lake Conservancy, stated the Stew fund needs a better presence in SE WI. Tourists from IL think of WI as a green destination. This gateway is one under pressure and threat from development community. Stewardship fund is one source of help that groups within that gateway will be looking to help preserve some very unique locations. Significant portions of development sites are sensitive and should be protected. Purchasing of development rights will help preserve agricultural properties.

Opening parcels to hunting would be difficult since most parcels are narrow or small. Fishing is no issue. Asked the Board to think about purchasing outright for future generations.

Duke – 1) where does Geneva Lake conserve focus its investments and what type of lands

Jim – Geneva Lake (direct waste dumping) and lake access (5,000 acre lake). Official mission: protect watershed (13,000 acres). Significant natural and economic feature in SE WI.

Duke – purchases in sensitive areas?

Jim – no financial resources to buy out directly. Mostly gifts outright. Big portion is educational and ordinance/zoning changes. Raising awareness.

Duke – as resource to purchase land rights, available to you in Walworth county conservation funding?

Jim – funds available-yes. Also have several wealthy Chicago families with summer homes. Near the bottom of list of public park space. Trying to help correct that.

Jane – Can Board use Stewardship for purchase of development rights.

Tim Andryk – Yes

7. **Nancy Aten**, Mequon, representing self spoke on the importance of stewardship funding. Passive enjoyment is key. Public access – other group is – photographers, botanists, listeners, birders, students. Please remember these constituents as well. Comparing these users to others, require hours of waiting for right moment. Non-hazard producers should have preferred access. Hunting should be defined as narrowly as possible. In some areas, hunting does serve a great purpose. Lastly, hunting is not appropriate in certain cases and it should be clear and easy to interpret in the rules.

Duke – deer hunting on 100 acres in Door County that is being restored?

Nancy - yes

10. **Lori Artiomow**, Racine, representing the Kettle Moraine Land Trust hoping easement and other land donations for matching would not require hunting. Other concern: properties scattered and to allow public access if we finding traffic problems for parking, be required to install parking facilities. Managing invasive plants another concern for removing and management. Requiring incompatible outdoor uses. Gun hunting extends through much of year. Give them time to do planning re appropriate uses for each property.

11. **Angie Curtis**, West Bend, representing the Mid-Kettle Partner Group is a coalition of organizations and individuals working cooperatively to protect...She gave an overview of the Group and then thanked the Board for supporting Stewardship and thanks for Ottawa-Paradise feasibility study. Growing concerns of Stewardship funds with public access for hunting. One size does not fit all. Recommend warranted flexibility in fund selection. Essential that SE WI have full access to state Stewardship fund.

12. **Marcia Caton Campbell**, Wauwatosa, representing Center for Resilient Cities. Urban example of a project that could justify? for Stewardship. Greater Johnsons' Park project is critical piece for this neighborhoods outdoor space. 20,000 in pop area. High percentage are youth and high level of poverty. Rated worst in Milw. for amenities. Importance of green space within a city cannot be overstated. Helps build natural and social capital. Use of guns would be utterly inappropriate in Greater Johnson's Park.

Duke – present use of guns in park?

Marcia - illegal