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**Public Hearing to Solicit Comments on the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource
Management Plan Revision
March 11, 2019**

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...to preserve and protect Lake Wissota and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic value of Lake Wissota as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations

March 11, 2019

Chippewa County Land Conservation Forest Management Department;

The Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association board of directors, would like to express its support for the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan for 2019-2023. The LWIPA looks forward to working with the LCFM department on the continuation of the implementation of the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.

We value the expertise and input of the department employees who share their professional knowledge and experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Jo Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mary Jo Fleming,
LWIPA President



March 6, 2019

Dan Masterpole
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Dear Mr. Masterpole,

Please accept these comments as part of the official public record for the draft Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance strongly supports that County's inclusion of the Ice Age Trail Corridor Plan in Section 8.2, Goal 2 Objective 7, Action 1. Planning for the Trail Corridor is a slow process but one in which it is important to do it correctly. We appreciate the County's past participation in this process and look forward to our partnership in completing the Corridor Plan in the coming years.

Since this is a draft, I offer the following suggested edits to more accurately reflect the names of the organization and agency involved.

Work in association with local landowners, the ~~US~~ National Park Service, the Ice Age Council-Trail Alliance, and the Chippewa County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance ~~trails~~, to plan and establish the location of the ~~Natural~~ Ice Age Trail Corridor of Opportunity ~~corridor~~ and Trail east of the Chippewa River.

Thank you for your consideration and inclusion,

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Comments on the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan-2019-2023-Public Hearing Draft

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I have had the opportunity to read the draft of the Management Plan for 2019-2023. I am impressed by the comprehensive report including the objectives and multiple actions planned including the pilot studies suggested.

I have several comments.

1. It is imperative that we have plans for managing water and land. However, public health is not mentioned in this plan. I believe it is extremely important that the Health Department of Chippewa County work jointly with the Chippewa County Land and Water Committee and that they become acquainted with potential health problems associated with surface and ground water issues related to controls or lack thereof on farms, frac sand mines and other industries contributing heavy pollution. Helping county people to resolve issues with heavy metals, high nitrates, phosphorus and contaminates in private drinking water systems as well as with air pollutants including silica dust affecting local people could be functions of the health department. People in Chippewa County do not have a local resource they can turn to when there are contaminates in their water or in their air. There is no mention of storm water and waste water ponds contributing to disease as climate change increases temperatures as well as viruses, bacteria, and nasty results not predicted at this time. I ask that the health department and land and water resources department join forces to protect PEOPLE in as we approach challenges with rapidly changing temperatures and climate conditions impacting water and land and most of all human and animal health!
2. As noted, Chippewa Co. will be working with public and private schools to improve energy issues and recycling as well as other concerns. We have a new school which is being planned for the Town of LaFayette: Stillson School. It is part of my history! I would hope that the county would work with the school officials to plan for a self-sustaining energy system in that school: solar power would work with a back-up system in the 37 acres available. We shouldn't be waiting to see if solar works in schools. It does! The concept ought to be studied and plans made for the installation of a solar array so as to provide clean energy out in that rural area. Other additions and plans for construction could follow suit. It could be a model for the county and the state. The planning for use of a self-sustaining resource should be a priority now, not way down the road.
3. For right now, an immediate need is to assist the public in controlling county-wide water issues with flooding that would impact homes, water supplies in wells in rural areas, roads, streets and

farmyards. With the abundance of precipitation we have had in the past months, it is imperative that information be spread about what people can do to protect themselves and their families. For example, snow being pushed off roofs may help some of the problems but that snow if not kept away from the house, basements could create floods inside homes. What can people do now to prevent problems? Could land and water, health, economic development and other county board committees create a plan to deal with this immediate concern help residents prepare a plan for themselves? There is an immediate need to keep people safe, healthy, and also to protect our resources and our lands from the erosion and disease that might occur.

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Subject: Comment on the 2019 Land and Water Plan

Dan, here are a few typo's and glitches I found in the draft text of the land and water plan along with a few thoughts;

1. The last paragraph on page 12 needs a little rewording on the last sentence.
2. The first line of the last paragraph it is not clear exactly who agency staff is or what agency or agencies it refers to.
3. On page 43 action item 3 from everything I have seen and heard small scale wind does not come close to making the returns and payback that photo-voltaic solar does, so why is solar not listed? If manure digesters are going to work out they should not rely on a engine driven generator as a end use for the gas produced, but rather on a use such as heating facilities for the farm or heating hot water for the parlors on dairy facilities. My understanding is 5 star is currently flaming the gas off as they had too many issues trying to keep the engine running as the gas was not pure enough and caused maintenance/engine longevity issues. I understand that these issues are not unique to 5 star.
4. On page 48 objective 8 the last 2 lines need to be re-phrased to clarify the thought.
5. There should be an action item that better supports upland invasive control and education (perhaps some sort of inventory or survey also??) on private lands.

Otherwise I think it is a very well-written plan that truly reflects the views and discussion that the ad-hoc committee put forth at its meetings. Ken

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