

Discussion outline – Finding land and money for parks and trails

Plan Commissioner Network

Wednesday, February 18, 2009 @ J.P. Coughlin Center, 6:30-8pm

I. Planning and preparing for parks and trails – this is the foundation for being able to put projects together and find land and \$\$

- Local comprehensive outdoor recreation plans – required if DNR grant \$\$ is involved
- Comprehensive Plans – may be enough data in Utilities/Community Facilities Chapter
- What is the community's vision for parks trails? How much? Where? What type? Characteristics?
- Relationship to other land 'protection' activities – eg do your goals/vision match up with a local land trust? Land Legacy Program? County parks/open space plans?
- Relationships with key 'allies' – DNR Community Financial Assistance contacts, local land trust, coalition of champions/advocates

II. Options to acquire land

- Land purchase by local government
- Donations/easements on land by landowner – potentially in partnership with land trust
- Required of developers in each subdivision – through ordinance
- Pocket Parks

III. Options to fund

- Impact fees collected by community
- DNR grants (e.g. stewardship)
- Creative financing/packaging – see Jefferson county example
- Fundraising through local friends groups or parks/trails committee

IV. Issues related to parks/trails

V. Local issues/questions – round table discussion

VI. Next meetings

- Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 6:30-8pm. Topic: Conditional Use permits. Location T. Winneconne
- Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 6:30-8pm. Topic - Consistency and your comprehensive plan. Location TBD
- Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 6:30-8pm. Topic and Location TBD

Web Resources:

- **Guide for development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans --**
http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/grants/forms/DLCORPguide_2007.pdf
- **DNR Land Legacy Report -** http://dnr.wi.gov/master_planning/land_legacy/report.html
- **Fox Cities Greenways** –<http://www.focol.org/greenways/>
- **Jefferson County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan -**
http://www.co.jefferson.wi.us/jc/public/jchome.php?page_id=607
- **Plan Commissioner Network July 2006 discussion topic resources -**
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/winnebaqo/cnred/July06trails.html>