

Notice of Public Meeting  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**HIGHWAY  
 &  
 FACILITIES  
 COMMITTEE**

*Door County Government Center  
 Chambers Room (C102), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 421 Nebraska St, Sturgeon Bay, WI*

*Oversight for: Door County Highway & Cherryland Airport, Facilities & Parks, Historical Museum*

- ◆ **Call Meeting to Order**
- ◆ **Establish a Quorum ~ Roll Call**
- ◆ **Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed**
- ◆ **Approve Minutes** of the February 11, 2026 Committee Meeting
- ◆ **Correspondence**
- ◆ **Public Comment**
- ◆ **New Business (Review / Action)**
  - **Door County Trails – Strategic Master Plan Presentation**
  - **Resolutions from Other Counties and Recommendation as to Action of the County Board:**
    - Winnebago County – Resolution Supporting Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702
  - **Museum**
    1. February Museum Report
    2. Archives Facility Preliminary Design
      - ◆ Review Previous Exterior Renderings
  - **Airport**
    1. Approval of 2025 Carry Forward
    2. Project Updates
  - **Highway & Solid Waste Division**
    1. Update on County E & State Hwy 57 Intersection
    2. Update on State Hwy 42 & Northport Ferry Dock
  - **Facilities**
    1. Building(s) Security
    2. Invitation to Bid - Manufactured Home, Accept Bids, Review, Award
    3. Resolution 2026-\_\_ Transfer of Non-Budgeted Funds - Purchase of Manufactured Home
    4. Washington Island Community Center – Future Property Use
  - **Parks**
    1. County Park & Open Space Plan 2026-2030
      - ◆ Resolution 2026-\_\_ Adoption of 2026-2030 Open Space Plan
    2. Invitation to Bid – Chaudoir’s Dock County Park Harbor Dredging 2026, Accept Bids, Review, Award
    3. Ridges Sanctuary - Annual Report
    4. Cana Island - Door County Maritime Museum - Annual Report
    5. Chaudoir’s Dock County Park Lease Agreement Extension, Review, Approve
    6. Safe Harbor Study Update
    7. Ahnapee Trail Acceptance of Financial Assistance
      - ◆ Resolution 2026-\_\_ Authorize Application for and Acceptance of Financial Assistance for Ahnapee Trail Maintenance
- ◆ **Sustainability Matters to be Considered**
- ◆ **Legislative Matters to be Considered**
- ◆ **Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official, or Employee**
- ◆ **Next Meeting Date(s)**
  - April 8, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Adjourn**

This meeting will be conducted by teleconference or video conference. Members of the public may join the meeting remotely or in-person.

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Webinar/Meeting: 857 2355 8252  
 Passcode: 990332

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*Deviation from Order Shown May Occur*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b> <b>Wednesday, February 11, 2026</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHWAY &amp; FACILITIES COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Door County Government Center Chambers Room (C102), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 421 Nebraska St, Sturgeon Bay, WI</i></p>
<p><i>Oversight for: Door County Highway &amp; Cherryland Airport, Facilities &amp; Parks, Historical Museum</i></p>		

### **Call Meeting to Order**

The Wednesday, February 11, 2026 meeting was called to order by Chairman Walter Kalms at 9:00 a.m. at the Door County Government Center.

### **Establish a Quorum ~ Roll Call**

Members present: Walter Kalms, Jeff Miller, Todd Thayse, and Ken Fisher. David Enigl was excused.

Virtual Attendance: Elizabeth Gauger

Others present: Administrator Ken Pabich, Highway Commissioner Thad Ash, Museum Manager Joe Taylor, Finance Director Steve Wipperfurth, CC Sean Donohue, Facilities & Parks Director Wayne Spritka, Airport Manager Craig Ross, Town of Forestville Chairman Kevin Guilette, and County Clerk Jill Lau.

Virtual attendance: Staff, and Public.

### **Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed**

Motion by Thayse, seconded by Fisher to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Committee Meeting**

Motion by Miller, seconded by Thayse to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 Committee Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

- Supervisor Fisher reported he had received a question from a constituent regarding handling/maintenance of the landfill

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **New Business (Review / Action)**

#### **Museum**

#### **January Museum Report**

The January Report was included in the meeting packet and was reviewed. Open House will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Airport**

#### **Right of First Refusal Hangar #22 – Jeffrey Noelder**

Motion by Thayse, seconded by Fisher to forgo the Right of First Refusal. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Approval of Sale of Hangar #22, and Hangar Site Lease to John Gaich**

Motion by Thayse, seconded by Miller to approve the sale of and Hangar Lease to John Gaich. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Project Updates**

Airport Manager Craig Ross reported tree removal is in process; progress is as planned; easement issues on south end related to contacting property owner to trim or completely remove trees – working through Corporation Counsel; runway and taxi lane project is in the works, anticipating an April start; SRE is waiting on Federal approval.

“These minutes have **not** been reviewed by the oversight committee and are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting.”

**Highway & Solid Waste Division****Highway Commissioner Retirement / Recruitment**

County Administrator Ken Pabich explained staff is working on the transition plan with the retirement of Thad Ash. Intending to build on overlap while Thad is still with the County. The job description has been updated. Ash's planned retirement date is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Advertising for the open position is expected at the end of next month. Planning for a two-month overlap transition.

**Modifications to the Intersection of County DK and State HWY 57 – Feedback**

Highway Commissioner Ash reported he has contacted the State several times. The State has received no feedback. The only feedback Ash has received is related to the stop signs on DK; the highway traffic has the right-of-way at the intersection to avoid traffic backup on the highway. The Highway Department has installed a sign across from Renards driveway in an effort to direct traffic to Stone Road if heading north or if heading south to the intersection of DK and Highway 57.

**Verbal Update on Culvers Roundabout**

Highway Commissioner Ash updated the Committee on the current plan for the roundabout specifically related to the long driveway and their access to turn to drive south.

**Discussion on Transfer of Old Krueger and County Line Roads to County**

Highway Commissioner Ash reported this request was submitted by the Town of Forestville. There has been issues with the heavy farm traffic on these roads. If the County accepts the transfer this could become a State detour route. The Town of Forestville received grant funding and have improved the roads to County specifications. Many steps need to be taken to transfer the roads with the need for town public hearings and ordinances adopted. Additionally, the County would need a shared road agreement with Kewaunee County. The County has transferred roads in the past. Although the Town and Village can direct the roads to be the truck route, CC Donohue noted there is not a way to enforce the route; truck traffic has the right to use any road unless posted. Town Chairman Kevin Guilette explained the Village of Forestville supports the transfer and the truck route. Establishing a truck route will hopefully lessen the truck traffic through the Village of Forestville making the Village roads safer. Ash noted he would work to meet with all parties involved to make certain everyone is on the same page.

By consensus the Committee supports the notion of the roads being turned over to the County with the information currently in hand and pending approval of the other parties involved.

**Discussion Schauer Road Project**

Highway Commissioner Ash reported the project is nearing finality. Drawings and cost estimates were included in the meeting packet and were reviewed. Discussion from stakeholders regarding the portion of the road within Cave Point County Park; costs for this portion of the road to be covered by the County. An additional approximately \$38,000 of County funds are needed to complete the project. Funds would be taken from the Highway account. This would need to move forward to the Finance Committee and County Board. Administrator Pabich explained there is a lot of support to move this project forward from all stakeholders.

Motion by Fisher, seconded by Miller to approve the project and forward the funding request of up to \$90,000 on to the Finance Committee and the Intergovernmental Agreement to the Administrative Committee for approval. It was noted there is no State funding available and both municipalities have exhausted any grant funding that was available. Motion carried by carried by voice vote.

**Facilities****Building(s) Security**

Administrator Pabich reported the Security Team met and continue to work on physical updates to buildings, procedures, and training. Updated procedures will be presented to the Administrative Committee for review. The Team will meet with David Melby who will be presenting the Security Reports. Further information will be presented at a future meeting.

**Sustainability Matters to be Considered**

No matters were presented.

**Legislative Matters to be Considered**

No matters were presented.

**Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official, or Employee**

Nothing as of this meeting.

**Next Meeting Date(s)**

March 11, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Fisher, seconded by Kalms to adjourn. Time: 9:59 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jill M. Lau, County Clerk

**PASSED**1 **0232-022026**2  
3 **RESOLUTION: Support of Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702**4  
5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**6  
7 **WHEREAS**, batteries are an essential part of modern life and are increasingly used in  
8 household, commercial, and industrial products; and9  
10 **WHEREAS**, improper disposal of batteries, especially lithium-ion and other rechargeable  
11 batteries, creates significant fire hazards for waste collection vehicles, transfer stations,  
12 recycling facilities, and landfills; and13  
14 **WHEREAS**, this legislation will improve safety at solid waste facilities and recycling centers  
15 by reducing the risk of fires caused by improperly disposed batteries; and16  
17 **WHEREAS**, local governments and solid waste facilities across Wisconsin have  
18 experienced rising operational costs and safety concerns due to improper battery disposal;  
19 and20  
21 **WHEREAS**, battery recycling across Wisconsin is sporadic and limited, and this legislation  
22 would enhance collection opportunities and public awareness through a consistent  
23 statewide approach; and24  
25 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Wisconsin Battery Stewardship Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill  
26 713 would establish a producer-funded battery collection and recycling program  
27 administered through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approved Battery  
28 Stewardship Organizations (BSOs), thereby shifting financial responsibility from local  
29 governments and residents to product manufacturers; and30  
31 **WHEREAS**, the legislation would require producers to provide convenient and free  
32 statewide collection opportunities for covered batteries, ensure safe collection and  
33 transportation, and support public education on proper disposal practices; and34  
35 **WHEREAS**, alkaline batteries are one of the most common battery types entering the waste  
36 stream, and excluding them from the stewardship program would reduce program  
37 effectiveness, increase sorting burdens on collection facilities, and create confusion for  
38 residents who already struggle to distinguish between battery chemistries; and39  
40 **WHEREAS**, including alkaline batteries as covered batteries will expand safe collection  
41 opportunities, reduce contamination, and align Wisconsin's battery stewardship program  
42 with best practices adopted in other states; and43  
44 **WHEREAS**, the bill's existing convenience standard could still leave large rural areas  
45 without adequate access to safe battery recycling, and requiring at least one collection  
46 opportunity per county per year, whether permanent, seasonal, or a one-day event, would  
47 ensure equitable access for all Wisconsin residents; and48  
49 **WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation currently does not provide funding or staffing for the  
50 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to administer and oversee the stewardship  
51 program, and without such support, effective and consistent statewide implementation

52 would be significantly limited; and

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54 **WHEREAS**, every other state with similar battery stewardship laws provides financial  
55 support to the administering state agency, typically through reimbursement or fee structures  
56 paid by the Battery Stewardship Organization, and establishing such funding is necessary  
57 for Wisconsin to ensure proper oversight, reporting, and enforcement of the program; and

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59 **WHEREAS**, counties and municipalities play a critical role in ensuring safe and effective  
60 waste management and recycling systems, and stand to benefit directly from improved  
61 coordination, funding, and safety measures under this bill.

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63 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors  
64 that it hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature to pass Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill 713,  
65 with the addition of alkaline batteries as covered batteries, ensuring at least one collection  
66 opportunity in every county annually, and providing funding for the state administration of  
67 the program;

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69 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Winnebago County Clerk is directed to send a copy  
70 of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, local members of the State  
71 Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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Respectfully submitted by:  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
Committee Vote: 7-0  
Respectfully submitted by:  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Committee Vote: 12-0

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Fiscal Note:

Vote Required for Passage: **THREE-FOURTHS OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive on 2-25-2016  
  
Gordon Hintz  
Winnebago County Executive

# Agenda Item Report



DATE: February 24, 2026  
 FROM: Kathryn Hutter  
 AGENDA ITEM: Support of Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702

## **General Description:**

Legislation introduced to support a Battery Stewardship Program administered by WDNR to offset costs for recycling certain battery types.

## **Action Requested:**

Motion to support the Battery Stewardship Bill SB 702 / AB 713.

## **Procedural Steps:**

County Administration requested the Solid Waste Management Board to consider this legislation and to provide comments for the County's Legislative Committee. This is supported by waste/recycling industry organizations Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW), Solid Waste Association of America (SWANA) - Badger Chapter and Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association (WCSWMA).

## **Background:**

Assembly Bill 713 - Bill Text Link -  
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/proposals/ab713>  
 Senate Bill 702 - Bill Text Link  
 - <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/proposals/sb702>

The resolution language was provided by state recycling/waste industry groups: Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW), Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) - Badger Chapter, and Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association (WCSWMA). It has been reviewed by Winnebago County Corporation Counsel.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Legislative Fiscal Estimate for this Bill is \$558,000 of one-time implementation cost for the first two years of the program for a project position, IT systems updates and public outreach campaigns, plus an annualized cost 0.8 FTE position, \$178,200 per year.

Source: [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/fe/ab713/ab713\\_dnr.pdf](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/fe/ab713/ab713_dnr.pdf)

The Winnebago County Solid Waste Department accepts household, rechargeable batteries from Winnebago County residents for no charge and has managed this material since 2009. From 2009-2023 the Solid Waste Department qualified to participate in Call-2-Recycle, a free, rechargeable battery recycling program. Call-2-

Recycle discontinued this service at the end of 2023. In 2024 and 2025, the Solid Waste Department used Veolia ES, the contracted Household Hazardous Material disposal vendor, for rechargeable battery recycling. Solid Waste staff handled most of the sorting, packaging and labeling steps required for safe transportation of the material and Veolia ES received the batteries, for a per-pound disposal fee based on battery chemistry. Based on 2025 data, the Solid Waste Department anticipates annual costs of approximately \$3,000 per year for recycling/disposal and packaging supplies at the current recycling rate, less than 1,000 lbs/year.

**Policy Discussion:**

Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702 was presented to the Solid Waste Management Board on January 7, 2026 in Open Session. The following was discussed:

- The pair of bills is overall supported by the waste/recycling industry due to the increased risk of fires from rechargeable batteries that are damaged in traditional waste disposal and curbside recycling processes. Wisconsin has seen multiple transfer station fires, recycling facility fires and waste collection vehicle fires over the past several years due to the increased use of rechargeable batteries in consumer devices and lack of opportunities to properly dispose of rechargeable batteries.
- The industry groups that support this bill feel it can be improved by adding alkaline batteries to the list of materials covered, however, collection of alkaline batteries will significantly increase the amount of batteries collected and increase Solid Waste Department costs, and change storage and labor needs to sort and package batteries.
- Additional industry comments/critiques are included in the attached documents: Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin Battery Bill Summary and 2025.12.09 Industry Letter of Support Battery Bill.
- If enacted, the Stewardship Bill will work similar to the State's E-cycle Wisconsin Program; Recyclers will offer reduced charges to Collectors, or Recyclers will host collections. Both outcomes will increase battery recycling accessibility across the state. The Solid Waste Department is a Collector, currently offering a free collection site for in-county, household-sourced rechargeable batteries, with costs entirely offset by Department revenues and the Solid Waste Fund.

The Solid Waste Management Board approved support of Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702. Motion made by Tim Paterson, second by Jim Wise. Passed 7-0.

**Attachments:**

1. Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin Battery Bill Summary
2. 2025.12.09 Industry Letter of Support Battery Bill
3. Legislative Committee Vote Tally Sheet - Resolution - Support of Battery Stewardship Bill

## Summary of Wisconsin Battery Stewardship Bill (2025–2026 Legislature)

This summary provides an overview of key provisions in the proposed Wisconsin battery stewardship legislation (Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill 713), relevant to members of the Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW). The bill mandates a comprehensive battery stewardship plan created by a battery stewardship organization approved by battery manufacturers for the collection, recycling, and management of “covered batteries”. The battery stewardship plan requires approval by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

### Purpose and Scope

The bill creates Section 287.07(6) and 287.175 of Wisconsin Statutes, requiring battery manufacturers to participate in stewardship organizations that operate statewide collection and recycling programs for “covered batteries”. The legislation applies to both standalone batteries and products containing covered batteries that are easily removed using common household tools.

### Key Definitions

- **Covered Battery:** Includes portable and medium-format batteries designed to be easily removed from devices using common tools.
- **Portable Batteries:** non-rechargeable batteries weighing no more than 4.4 lbs.; also, rechargeable batteries weighing no more than 11 lbs. and have a rating of no more than 300 watt-hours
- **Medium Format Batteries:** non-rechargeable batteries weighing more than 11 lbs. but not more than 25 lbs.; also, rechargeable batteries weighing more than 11 lbs. or have a rating or more than 300 watt-hours, or both, but do not weigh more than 25 lbs. or have a rating of more than 2,000 watt-hours
- **Excludes:** lead-acid, alkaline, liquid-electrolyte (wet cell), non-removable batteries in devices, electric vehicle batteries and most lithium iron phosphate automotive batteries.
- **Battery Stewardship Organization (BSO):** A non-governmental entity designated by producers to administer a DNR-approved battery stewardship plan.
- **Producer:** The manufacturer, brand owner, or importer responsible for selling batteries or battery-containing products in Wisconsin.

### Implementation Timeline

- By January 1, 2027 – Producers must participate in an approved stewardship organization before selling covered batteries or products.
- By January 1, 2028 – Disposal of covered batteries in landfills or by burning becomes prohibited. A person may dispose of a covered battery only at a collection site or event operated under a battery stewardship plan.
- By January 1, 2029 – Batteries must include markings identifying chemistry and disposal warnings.

### Stewardship Plan Requirements

Battery stewardship organizations must submit a five-year plan to DNR detailing:

- Performance goals, including collection and recycling rates ( $\geq 60\%$  for rechargeable and  $\geq 70\%$  for primary batteries).
- Names and contact information for producers under the plan.
- The brands of batteries that each producer sells, offers for sale, or distributes for sale in or into the state.
- Criteria used to select collection sites and maintain a list of locations.
- Education and outreach strategies for consumers and retailers.
- Safety procedures for collection sites and management of damaged or defective batteries.
- Provisions for no-cost statewide collection and recycling access.
- Financial mechanisms ensuring producers equitably share program costs.
- Methods for recordkeeping, reporting, and annual third-party audits.

## Collection and Recycling Operations

Approved BSOs must ensure free, continuous, and convenient collection opportunities across Wisconsin, using existing public and private infrastructure where feasible. Medium-format batteries and damaged batteries may only be collected at staffed or household hazardous waste sites. Local governments will be reimbursed for costs incurred as collection sites (refer to Battery Bill Critiques section). By December 31, 2028, goals are to have at least one permanent collection site within a 15-mile radius for at least 95% of the populations and at least one collection every three years for counties without a permanent collection point.

## Education, Outreach, and Reporting

Stewardship organizations must maintain a public-facing website, provide educational materials to consumers and collection sites, and promote safe battery handling. They must submit annual reports and independent audits to DNR that include financial details, collection data, and progress toward performance goals. DNR will maintain a public website with approved plans and producer lists.

## Enforcement and Penalties

Intentional and substantial violations may result in civil forfeitures up to \$7,000 per violation. Retailers are exempt from penalties. Good faith efforts to comply are not considered violations. The Attorney General or district attorneys may seek injunctions for noncompliance.

## Battery Bill Critiques

The following critiques are included in the AROW, SWANA and WCSWMA letter of support:

- The bill does not accept alkaline batteries. It is likely the public will recycle more rechargeable batteries (less frequently generated) if alkaline batteries (more frequently generated) are also accepted.
- The “convenience standard” in the bill could leave large areas of the state without convenient battery recycling locations. The program could exclude up to 16 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties and still meet this standard.
- There is no funding allocated for state administration of the program. Without funding, administration and oversight will be limited at best and ineffective at worst.

Additional potential items of concern:

- Bill does not require BSO to provide education to collection sites, who would be the official “offeror” of a hazardous substance (i.e. batteries), on proper Department of Transportation (DOT) packaging and use of DOT markings.
- Bill does not specifically require the BSO to provide education that satisfies WI NR 673.16 for training of employees of small quantity handlers of universal waste.
- Bill does not cover all batteries (e.g., defective batteries, automotive lithium iron phosphate batteries (EV vehicles), embedded batteries).
- Bill leaves the extent of reimbursement to collection sites in question.

## Relevance to AROW Members

The bill will significantly affect Wisconsin’s recycling and solid waste sectors by creating new collection responsibilities and potential funding sources for local governments and private sector recyclers. It aligns with extended producer responsibility (EPR) principles, encouraging collaboration between manufacturers, local collection programs, and private recyclers to improve battery recovery and safety for the waste management industry.

## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WISCONSIN BATTERY STEWARDSHIP BILL (SB 702 / AB 713)

December 9, 2025

TO: MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE  
 State Capital  
 Madison, WI

On behalf of the Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW), Wisconsin Badger State Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), and the Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association (WCSWMA) we write to express our support for the proposed Wisconsin Battery Stewardship Bill (SB 702/AB 713). This legislation represents a vital step toward improving the safe collection, recycling, and management of used batteries across our state. As organizations that represent hundreds of public and private sector local governments and businesses in the solid waste and recycling industry, serving millions of Wisconsinites, AROW, SWANA, and WCSWMA support the bill's intent to establish a battery stewardship framework that will enhance environmental protection, reduce fire risks, & conserve valuable resources.

### Recommended Changes to Strengthen the Legislation

While the organizations support the creation of a comprehensive battery stewardship program, we respectfully recommend three key enhancements to ensure the program achieves the greatest possible reduction in fire risk, protecting Wisconsin's recycling and solid waste workers and infrastructure, and maximizes environmental benefits:

#### 1. Include Alkaline Batteries as Covered Batteries

Excluding alkaline batteries from the program overlooks one of the most common battery types entering the waste stream. Including these batteries will expand collection opportunities, improve safety for waste and recycling workers, and align Wisconsin's program with best practices in other states that have adopted inclusive stewardship models. Furthermore, residents struggle with identifying differences in battery chemistries. Excluding alkaline batteries from the recycling program will make it more difficult to communicate about the program to consumers. Because of this confusion, collection sites will still likely receive alkaline batteries, which will result in added time and expense to sort out the batteries and either dispose of or recycle them outside of the program. If residents are able to recycle alkaline batteries with the current covered batteries, more batteries, which are likely to cause fires, will be removed from the stream.



## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WISCONSIN BATTERY STEWARDSHIP BILL (SB 702 / AB 713)

*2. Ensure At Least One Collection Opportunity in Every County Every Year*

To provide access to battery recycling to all Wisconsin residents, we recommend that the legislation require at least one battery collection opportunity in each county every year. This could be a permanent, seasonal, or one-day collection event. Such a requirement ensures that all residents, including those in rural areas, have safe and convenient means to dispose of covered batteries. The “convenience standard” in the bill, which requires at least one permanent collection site within a 15-mile radius for at least 95% of state residents, could leave large areas of the state without convenient battery recycling locations. The program could exclude up to 16 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties and still meet this standard.

*3. Provide Funding for State Administration of the Program*

In addition to these key program structure enhancements, we noted the bill does not provide any funding or positions to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to implement and administer this program. In every other state that has passed similar legislation, the battery stewardship organization pays either a flat fee to the state agency, or reimburses it for expenses, to cover implementation and administration of the law. Without funding, administration and oversight will be limited at best and ineffective at worst.

**Conclusion**

With these enhancements, the proposed bill will provide a practical, efficient, and equitable system for managing batteries at the end of their life cycle. It will strengthen local collection networks, reduce the risk of battery-related fires, reduce the risk of interrupted waste services from damaged infrastructure, and enhance material recovery across the state. AROW, SWANA, and WCSWMA appreciate the Legislature’s leadership in advancing this forward-looking approach to responsible materials management.

Sincerely,



Betsy Powers, President  
Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin  
wisconsinrecycles.org



Lee Daigle, President  
Wisconsin Badger State Chapter Solid  
Waste Association of North America  
swana-wi.org



Allison Birr, Chairperson  
Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste  
Management Association  
wcswma.org



# Vote Sheet for Legislative Committee

CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Meeting Date: 01/26/2026

ITEM BEING VOTED ON: **K. 1.**

Support of Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702

Motion: Supervisor Nelson Second: Tom Snider TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AND FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Vote		Abstain	Absent	Name	Committee Chairs
YES	NO				
✓				Thomas Egan	County Board Chairman
✓				Steven Binder (D. Zellmer)	UW Education, Extension & Agriculture
			✓	Maribeth Gabert (J. Hinz)	Aviation
			✓	John Hinz (A. Buck)	Facilities & Property Management
✓				Howard Miller (M. Gabert)	Planning & Zoning
✓				Jim Wise (Kate Hancock-Cooke)	Judiciary & Public Safety
✓				Karen D. Powers (S. Binder)	Parks & Recreation
✓				Thomas Swan (M. Cox)	Park View Health Center
✓				Cox, Morris J. (D. Nussbaum)	Personnel & Finance
✓				Donald Nussbaum (T. O'Brien)	Highway
✓				Chuck Farrey (D. Nelson)	Land Conservation
<b>**CB eliminated the IT Committee and restructured it under the Personnel &amp; Finance Committee**</b>					<b>Information Technology</b>
			✓	Larry Lautenschlager (R. Harrison)	Human Services Board
✓				Ralph Harrison (J. Belville)	Board of Health
			✓	Frank Frassetto <del>TBD</del> (Nate Gustafson)	Industrial Development Board
✓				Douglas Nelson (J. Wise)	Solid Waste Management Board
✓				Snider, Thomas (R. Rogers)	Veterans Service Commission
				<b>TOTAL OF SIXTEEN (16) VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
				<b>NINE (9) MEMBERS = QUORUM PRESENT</b>	

12 0 0 4 MOTION **PASSES** / FAILS

**24.5 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall be composed of the chair, or the vice chair in the absence of the chair, of the following committees and boards as well as the County Board Chairman: The committees listed in Sections 23.1 through 24.4 and 24.6 through 24.11 ~~24-12~~ of these Rules; the Human Services Board; the Board of Health; the Industrial Development Board; the Solid Waste Management Board, and the Veterans Service Commission. The Legislative Committee shall review proposed federal and state legislation and administrative regulations impacting upon the County and shall provide and inform area legislators and Wisconsin Legislative Committees of the recommendations of the County Board. The Committee shall report its actions to the County Board as well as any pertinent information relating to legislation.

Note: The committees listed in Sections 23.1 through 24.4 and 24.6 through 24.11 ~~24-12~~: UW Education, Extension & Agriculture, Aviation, Facilities & Property Management, Planning & Zoning, Judiciary & Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, Park View Health Center, Personnel & Finance, Highway, Legislative, Land Conservation ~~and Information Technology~~.

Motion: Approve **Passed**

Initiated by Chuck Farrey, seconded by Morris Cox

Yes	No	Abstain
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1. Rachael Dowling
2. Kristl Laux
3. Walt Ulbricht
4. Jeff Lutz
5. Stefanie Holt
6. Lucas Reinke
7. Jim Wise
8. Don Nussbaum
9. Bryan Stafford
10. Tim Paterson
11. Maribeth Gabert
12. Thomas Swan
13. Christian Mueller
14. James Ponzer
15. Joshua Beville
16. Tim Macho
17. John Hinz
18. Doug Zellmer
19. Brenda Pluchinsky
20. Andy Buck
21. Karen Powers
22. Conley Hanson
23. Morris Cox
24. Rob Gustafson
25. George Bureau
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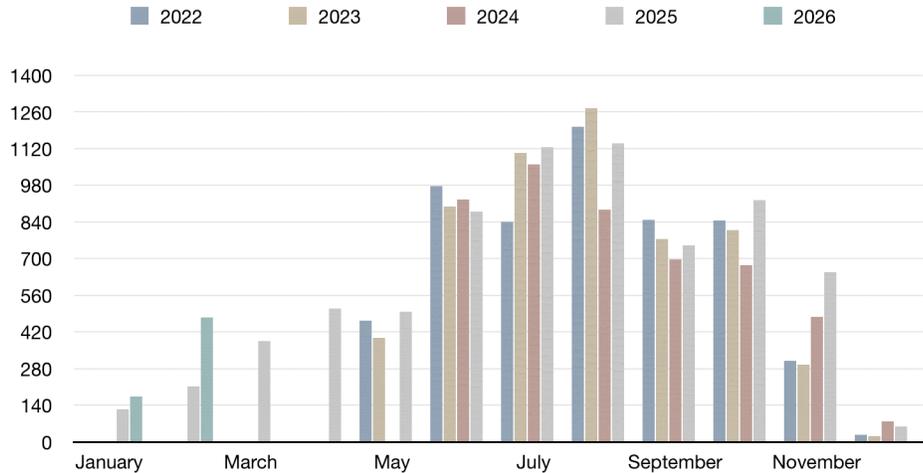
# DOOR COUNTY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

## February 2026 Report

Submitted by Joe Taylor, Museum and Archives Manager

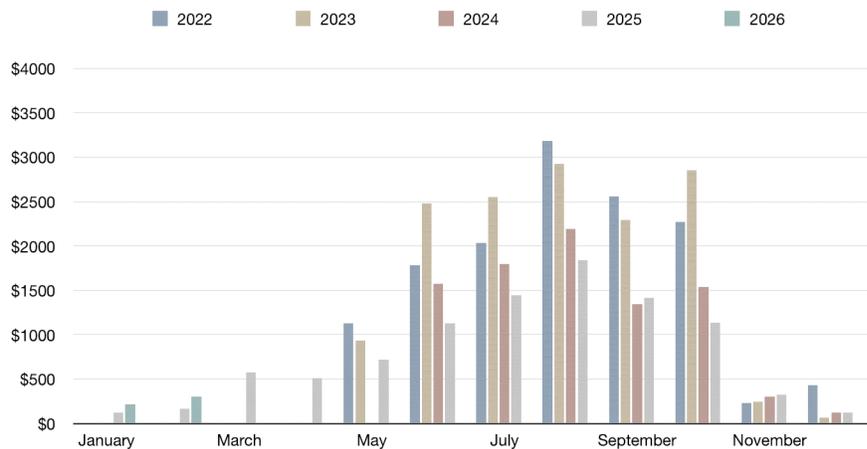
Museum Visitors

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January				124	174
February				213	475
March				385	
April				510	
May	462	396		497	
June	978	898	925	879	
July	840	1103	1060	1126	
August	1203	1275	886	1140	
September	849	775	696	750	
October	845	808	675	924	
November	309	294	477	649	
December	27	22	78	59	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5513</b>	<b>5571</b>	<b>4797</b>	<b>7256</b>	<b>649</b>



Donation Box Receipts

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January				\$120	\$218
February				\$169	\$301
March				\$575	
April				\$513	
May	\$1129	\$937		\$720	
June	\$1784	\$2477	\$1574	\$1130	
July	\$2037	\$2551	\$1800	\$1447	
August	\$3182	\$2926	\$2191	\$1838	
September	\$2559	\$2296	\$1343	\$1418	
October	\$2273	\$2855	\$1539	\$1134	
November	\$228	\$248	\$306	\$322	
December	\$432	\$68	\$120	\$122	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$13624</b>	<b>\$14358</b>	<b>\$8,873</b>	<b>\$9508</b>	<b>\$519</b>



### Artifact Donations

- 2/5/26 - WWI uniform, flag, photos and other military artifacts
- 2/7/26 - Collection of DC Fair artifacts
- 2/12/26 - Idlewild Inn sign and photos
- 2/27/26 - Large collection of DC fossils
- 2/27/26 - Misc, Door County photos

### Visitor Comments

- "Special Place"
- "So informative. Fantastic!"

### Summary

In February, The Friends of the Museum received a \$4,540 Sustainability Grant for our digitization initiative. With an additional \$500 from the Friends, this will fund a part-time summer intern, and we are also recruiting volunteers to assist with the project.

### February Programs and Events

- 2/22/26 - Sevastopol Fossil Talk
- 2/25/26 - SBHS History Club Tour
- 2/26/26 - LIR Exhibit Creation Class
- 2/28/26 - Fossil Fest

### Upcoming Events

- Every Friday - Coffee with the Curators Talks
- 3/5/26 - LIR Historic Cooking Class
- 3/12/26 - LIR Early Firefighting in DC
- 3/26/26 - **Museum Open House 5-8pm**

**Door County  
Request for Year End Carry Overs  
Year Ending: December 31, 2025**

Department Name: Airport

The following carry over accounts were approved by the Finance Committee at their meeting on

Account Name	Account Number:		Sub-Dept Cost Center	Account #	Detail	Amount
	Fund	Dept #				
Airport Capital Outlay	100	53	4201	69901	\$	78,609.82

Total Carry Over Amount

\$	78,609.82
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Reason for Carry Over:

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~ Airport Capital Outlay funds are used for County match for federal and state entitlement funds, which are allocated annually but not used until sufficient funds are aggregated for large projects. so that it usually takes several years before there are enough funds available.

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Preparer's Signature:

*Deanna Lerner*

Dept Head's Signature:

*Shad Gash*

Date:

3-2-2026

Funds Verified by  
Finance Director:

*JK Wimpfleh*

Date Verified:

3/3/2026



INVITATION TO BID:

**BID OPENING For:** Door County – Manufactured Home(s)

Date: March 3, 2026

Time 12:30 p.m.

Present: Wayne Spritka, Sam Birnschein

RFP language:

**INVITATION TO BID DOOR COUNTY - MANUFACTURED HOME(S)**

Door County is seeking sealed bids to supply a Manufactured Home to be situated at the Door County Justice Center location. Bid Specifications and Instructions may be obtained from Facilities & Parks Director Wayne Spritka, Government Center 421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, 54235 [P# (920) 746-2211] or on-line @ [www.co.door.wi.gov](http://www.co.door.wi.gov) . Proposals must be received by the Department at the above address on or before 12:00 p.m. on March 3, 2026; and will be publicly opened at the County Government Center, RM #B361 at 12:30 p.m. that day.

	<b>Proposal / Bid Received from:</b> ↓	<b>Bid</b>	<b>Bid</b>
1)	Perret Homes	\$136,000	\$155,000
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			
6)			

**Perret Homes, Inc.**  
"You'll Love Your Perret Home"

**Perret Homes**

Since 1946

Shawn Wurzer  
Housing Consultant

1100 Velp Avenue  
Green Bay, WI 54303

Office: (920) 499-1757  
Cell: (920) 609-7078

shawnwurzer@perrethomesinc.com  
www.perrethomes.com

Bid Form:

Base Bid:

\$ \$136,000.00

Alternate 1

Accessibility Ramp: \$ \$12,000.00 Custom wood ramp

Alternate 2

Upgraded Skirting material: \$ \$7,100.00 Titan Elite Installed

List of subcontractors:

Plumbing:

Name: K. Kelly

Contact information:

Pat Adams  
Pat@DKKellyinc.com

Electrical:

Name: Van Oss Electric

Contact information:

Mitch Vanass  
Vanass@VanassElectricInc.com

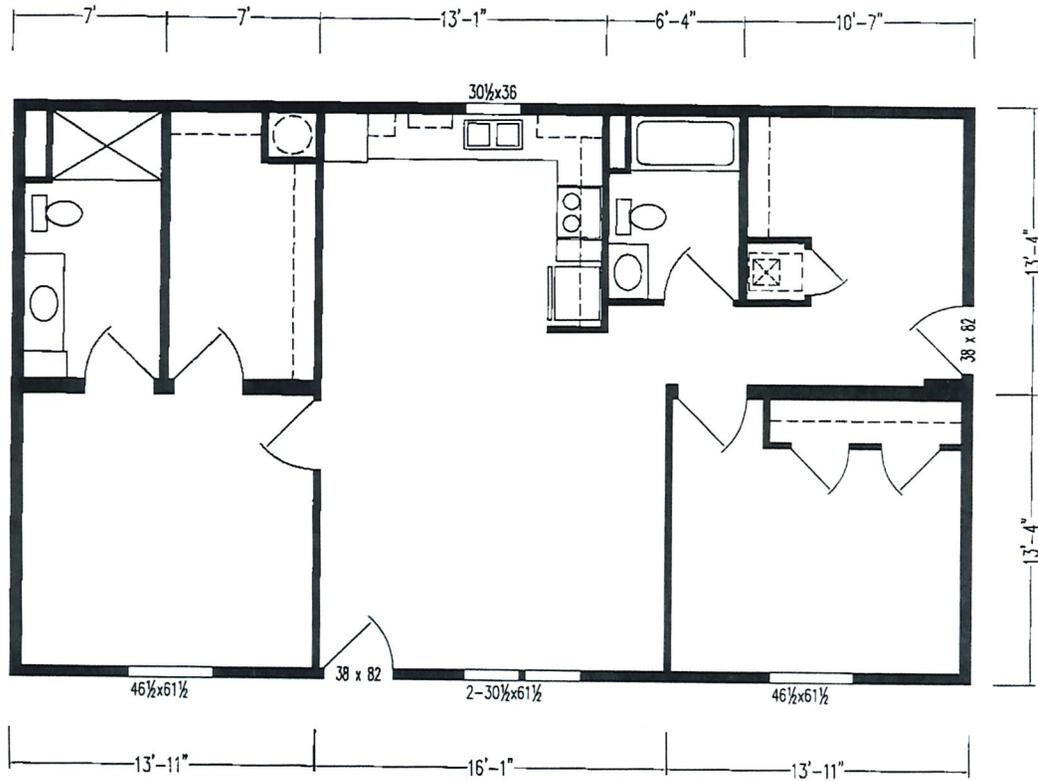
Site Construction:

Name: Perret Homes

Contact information:

Shawn Wurzer  
ShawnWurzer@perrethomesinc.com  
(920) 609-7078

\* Base bid does not reflect any \*  
site work or hook ups.



DIVISIONS							
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235	SAN JACINTO						
237	WOODLAND						
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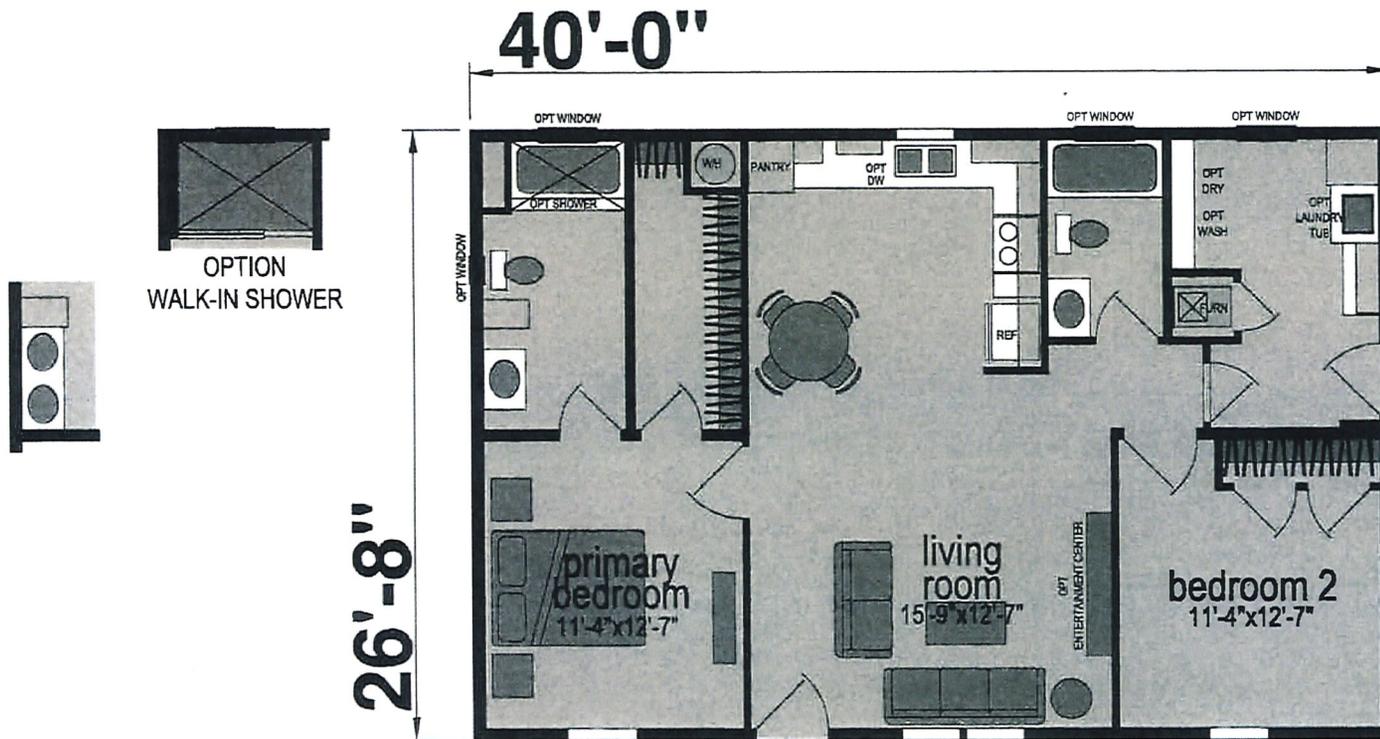
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DRAWING NUMBER		S28-19414-06Q	

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Two Bed

Two Bath

1,066 Sq. Ft.





**County of Door**  
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**Wayne Spritka**  
Facilities & Parks Director  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman, Highway and Facilities Committee

FR: Wayne J. Spritka *W. J. Spritka*  
Director, Facilities & Parks

SUBJECT: Invitation to Bid- Manufactured Home(s)

Date: 3-3-26

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The Facilities & Parks Department posted a class I Request for Proposal (RFP) and received one (1) proposal for the project – Door County Facilities & Parks, as authorized in the December 2025 regular Highway and Facilities Committee meeting. The results of the bid tab are attached.

The Department recommends awarding the bid to Perret Homes. Perret Homes was the only bidder at \$155,000.00 includes 2 alternates for the project. The bid tab is included in the packet.

I also recommend a \$7,000 contingency and utility connection allowance for subcontract work on this project. The funds to be used for this budget will be a recommendation from the Finance Director and the County Administrator. Total budget of \$162,000.00

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**§ 65.90(5), WIS. STATS. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR § 980.08,  
WIS. STATS. RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR SEXUALLY  
VIOLENT PERSONS ON SUPERVISED RELEASE**

**TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1       **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 65.90(5)(ar) Wisconsin Statutes and Rules of Order  
2 #19 the amounts of the various appropriations and the purposes for such appropriations stated  
3 in a budget may not be changed unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire  
4 membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and

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6       **WHEREAS**, in 2021, to comply with legal mandates, the County constructed two double-  
7 occupancy residences for the purpose of providing appropriate housing for individuals subject to  
8 supervised release under Chapter 980, Wis. Stats.; and

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10       **WHEREAS**, at that same time, the County also installed two concrete pads, with utilities  
11 roughed in, to allow for potential future construction of additional residences if needed; and

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13       **WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2025, the court ordered the County to identify an appropriate  
14 residential option for community placement for an individual subject to supervised release under  
15 Chapter 980, Wis. Stats. (“§980 releasee”); and

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17       **WHEREAS**, due to a disability of the §980 releasee, the existing residences are not an  
18 appropriate residential option for the §980 releasee; and

19  
20       **WHEREAS**, to fulfill the County’s obligation to locate appropriate housing for the §980  
21 releasee, the County requested bids for the construction of a third residence that includes the  
22 required ADA accommodations (the “Project”); and

23  
24       **WHEREAS**, the Project was competitively bid, and a single responsive bid was submitted by  
25 Perret Homes, consisting of a base bid of \$136,000, an alternate bid of \$12,000 for a wood  
26 accessibility ramp, and an alternate bid of \$7,100 for upgraded skirting materials; and

27  
28       **WHEREAS**, at its March 11, 2026 meeting, the Highway & Facilities Committee: (a) accepted  
29 and reviewed the bid, (b) determined Perret Homes is the lowest responsible bidder, and (c)  
30 recommended awarding the Project to Perret Homes, including both alternate bids, conditioned  
31 on State and Court approval of the residence; and

32  
33       **WHEREAS**, the Highway & Facilities Committee further recommends adding \$7,000 to the  
34 budget for plumbing/electrical connections, contingency, and any conditions placed by the City  
35 of Sturgeon Bay Aesthetic Design Review Board, for a total amount not to exceed \$162,100; and

36  
37       **WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee recommends transferring an amount not to exceed  
38 \$162,100 from the 980 Housing Reserve account (100.32195) in the amount of \$67,000 and from  
39 the General Contingency Expense account (100.06.1161.59103) in the amount of \$95,100 to  
40 Capital Outlay Bldg. 980 Housing (401.51.7190.69901.0037A) to provide the funds necessary to  
41 complete the Project.



**DOOR COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2026-\_\_\_\_**

**§ 65.90(5), WIS. STATS. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR § 980.08,  
WIS. STATS. RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR SEXUALLY  
VIOLENT PERSONS ON SUPERVISED RELEASE**

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Dist. 1 D. Englebert			
Dist. 2 T. Thayse			
Dist. 3 <i>vacant</i>			
Dist. 4 N. Robillard			
Dist. 5 J. Miller			
Dist. 6 K. Fisher			
Dist. 7 C. Morkin			
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Dist. 13 D. Vogel			
Dist. 14 H. Zettel			
Dist. 15 E. Gauger			
Dist. 16 D. Enigl			
Dist. 17 B. Bultman			
Dist. 18 V. Hancock			
Dist. 19 <i>vacant</i>			
Dist. 20 W. Kalms			
Dist. 21 J. Gunnlaugsson			

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Door County  
2 Board of Supervisors, conditioned on State and Court approval of  
3 residence, hereby (a) approves awarding the Project to Perret  
4 Homes, including both alternate bids, (b) authorizes the Project to  
5 proceed to completion, and (c) authorizes the transfer of an amount  
6 not to exceed \$162,100 from the 980 Housing Reserve account  
7 (100.32195) in the amount of \$67,000 and from the General  
8 Contingency Expense account (100.06.1161.59103) in the amount of  
9 \$95,100 to Capital Outlay Bldg. 980 Housing  
10 (401.51.7190.69901.0037A) to fund the Project.

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12           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Project will be  
13 administered by the Facilities & Parks Director, subject to the general  
14 oversight of the Highway & Facilities Committee.  
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**SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Miller, Chairperson

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Joel Gunlaugsson

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David Englebert

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Dale Vogel

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Ken Fisher

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Hugh Zettel

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Morgan Rusnak

<b>BOARD ACTION</b>	
Vote Required: <u>Two-Thirds of Members Elect</u>	
Motion to Approve	Adopted <input type="checkbox"/>
1st _____	Defeated <input type="checkbox"/>
2nd _____	
Yes: _____	No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by:
_____, Corp. Counsel
Reviewed by:
_____, Administrator
<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> The fiscal impact is a decrease of \$67,000 to the 980 Reserve which leaves a balance of \$50,804.24 and a decrease of \$95,100 from contingency expense which leaves a balance of \$403,237.68. STW

**Certification:**  
I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jill M. Lau  
Clerk, Door County



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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman, Highway & Facilities Committee

FR: Wayne J. Spritka *W. J. Spritka*  
Director, Facilities & Parks

SUBJECT: Washington Island Community Center PIN-028-02-36342944A2

DATE: 3-3-26

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#### Background:

Door County Purchase the Historic Island Dairy Property in 2020. The main facility zoned Mixed Commercial Use was remodeled to include Door County Emergency Medical Services garage and facility to support the Washington Island Community. Resolution No. 2021-36 Authorized Phase III of the Construction activities to the facility.

Part of the negotiated purchase agreement of the property was to authorize the previous owner a 5-year agreement to management and harvest lavender planted on the property. The agreement has since expired in the fall of 2025. The previous owner no longer desires a claim in the established crops.

Gathering Grounds of Washington Island has approached the County with the idea to create a "Farmers Market" venue to support the Washington Island Community as a public gathering space to provide locally produced sources of food. Details of operations including the days of the week need to be understood.

Attached is a preliminary sketch that would identify a parking area and use of the structure on the property that is presently unused by the County. The structure is a long wooden shed with doors that open to the north side of the building. Approximate size is 90ft x 12ft.

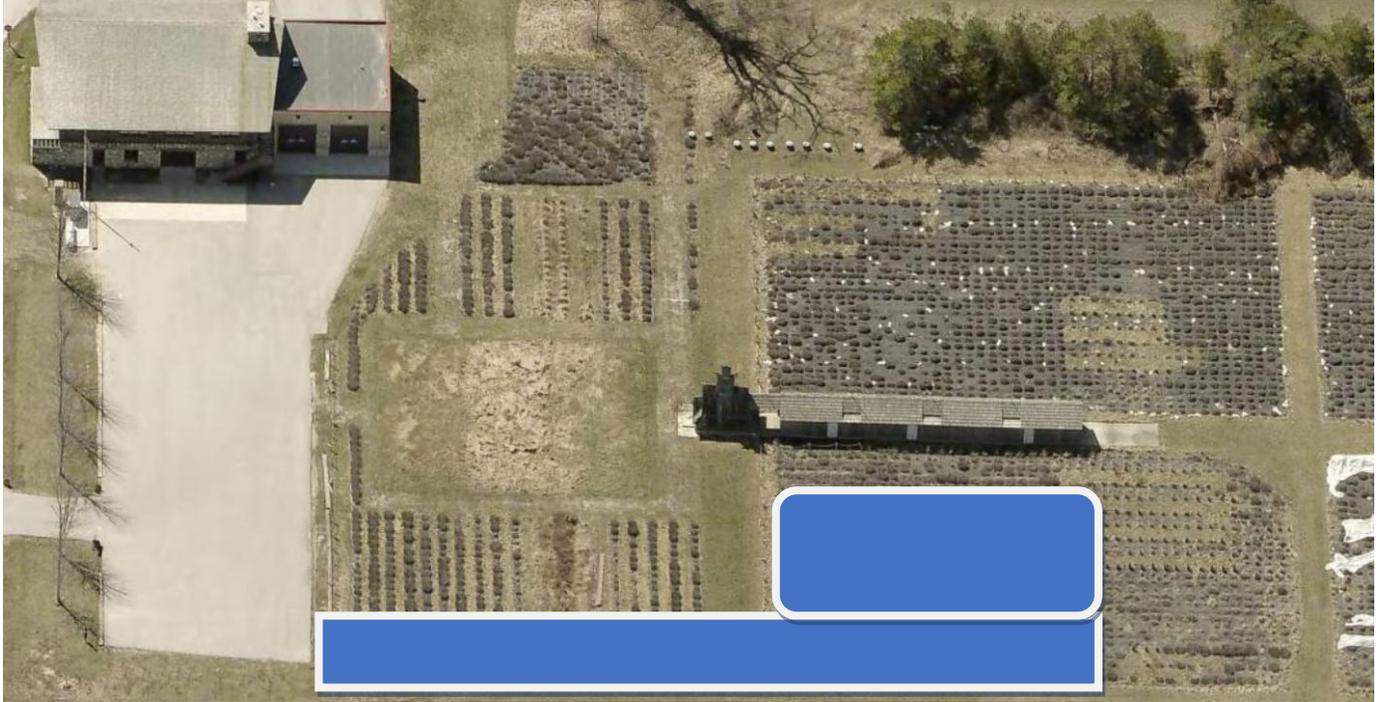
#### Zoning Challenge:

The parcel is split zoned, General Agriculture (GA) and Mixed Use Commercial (MC), please see the photo below for the extent of each zoning district.



A farmers market would be classified as a “Retail store” which is permitted only in the Commercial Center (CC), Recreational Commercial (RC), and Mixed Use Commercial (MC) zoning districts. The area requested for use as a Market is located in the General Agriculture Zoning District. The market cannot be placed in the MC area highlighted in red because it could interfere with Emergency Service operations

A solution offered by the Land Use Service Zoning Administer would be to apply for a map amendment to rezone the entire parcel to Mixed Use Commercial. Following rezoning, a permit for a “retail store” could be issued over the counter.



# DRAFT DOOR COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN 2026-2030

Door County Facilities and Parks Department, Parks Division



Adopted by the Door County Board of Supervisors on *March 24, 2026*

Door County Parks website: <https://www.co.door.wi.gov/174/Facilities-and-Parks>

## Acknowledgments

### **Door County Facilities and Parks Department, Parks Division**

Wayne Spritka, Director  
Marc Moore, Parks Manager  
Samantha Birnschein, Administrative Assistant  
Justin Owens, Maintenance Technician  
Andrew Schwark, Maintenance Technician  
John White, Maintenance Technician

### **Door County Highway and Facilities Committee**

Walter Kalms, Chairperson  
Ken Fisher, Vice Chairperson  
David Enigl  
Elizabeth Gauger  
Jeffrey Miller  
Todd Thayse

### **Door County Land Use Services Department**

Karyn Behling, Director  
Jeff Kussow, Planner

*Door County, along with the lands of our Facilities and Parks are located on, are the ancestral homelands of the Menominee Nation. Currently, there are 11 federally recognized Native American sovereign nations in Wisconsin. We acknowledge these indigenous communities who have stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.*

[Placeholder for Approval Resolution]

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## Chapter 1: Introduction

### A. Purpose

The primary purpose of the Door County Parks and Open Space Plan, hereinafter referred to as “this Plan”, is to guide county efforts to ensure that residents, visitors, and future generations have safe public access to streams, lakes, and bays, while supporting the protection, restoration, and management of natural areas, historic sites, and locations of significant ecological or scientific value. This plan provides a framework for preserving, enhancing, and connecting Door County’s natural and cultural resources for long-term public benefit.

### B. Parks Division Vision, Mission, and Core Values

The Door County Facilities and Parks Department, overseen by the Door County Highway and Facilities Committee, includes the Parks Division. The Parks Division is managed by a full-time Parks Manager, under the direction of the Facilities and Parks Director. The division also has four full-time technicians and hires approximately ten seasonal limited-term employees between April and November. The Parks Division vision, mission, and core values are described below.

#### Vision:

Door County’s parks, natural areas, and open spaces will be cherished world-class landscapes that restore the human spirit, support ecological health, and celebrate our connection to nature.

#### Mission:

Door County Parks acquires, restores, and manages lands to protect and preserve public open spaces, natural areas, and scenic landscapes in an ecologically healthy state for the education, enjoyment, and recreation of the public—now and for generations to come.

#### Core Values:

- **Stewardship:** Commitment to the responsible management and protection of natural and cultural resources.
- **Sustainability:** Practices that maintain long-term ecosystem health while supporting responsible public use.
- **Public Benefit:** Ensuring lands provide meaningful opportunities for recreation, education, and enjoyment.
- **Education and Outreach:** Promoting understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources through programs and community engagement.
- **Collaboration:** Working with government agencies, organizations, and volunteers to enhance conservation and access.
- **Equity and Accessibility:** Providing safe, inclusive, and equitable access to parks and open spaces for all.



## Chapter 2: Goals and Objectives

### A. Parks Goals and Objectives

The Parks Division has established the following goals to guide management, planning, and decision-making:

#### Goal 1: Stewardship and Sustainability

**Protect and manage Door County's natural, cultural, and historic resources to ensure long-term ecological integrity, scenic quality, and recreational value.**

##### Objectives:

1. Implement habitat restoration, invasive species management, and forest health monitoring projects across all county-managed parks.
2. Maintain and enhance park infrastructure to minimize environmental impacts while supporting safe, responsible public access.
3. Preserve and protect historic, cultural, and archaeological sites as integral parts of the County's identity and park system.
4. Increase awareness of historically and culturally significant sites through incorporation into educational and recreational opportunities.
5. Pursue opportunities to expand open space and natural area protection, including shoreline access and reforestation efforts.
6. Ensure that all park management practices and new developments consider climate resilience and long-term ecological sustainability.



#### Goal 2: Public Engagement and Education

**Provide meaningful, year-round opportunities for recreation, learning, and connection to Door County's natural, cultural, and artistic resources.**

##### Objectives:

1. Expand interpretive programs, signage, and educational materials to promote understanding of the County's natural, cultural, and historical heritage.
2. Support and expand efforts that grow four-season recreational opportunities, particularly winter-based recreation.
3. Enhance and promote existing park facilities, including trails, beaches, pavilions, and water access points, to meet diverse recreational needs.
4. Develop partnerships with schools, civic groups, and community organizations to deliver educational and volunteer programs that foster stewardship.
5. Promote community events, festivals, and cultural activities that celebrate Door County's heritage and encourage outdoor participation.
6. Promote the variety of recreational events, clubs, and competitions in which residents and visitors can partake throughout the year.

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## Goal 3: Collaboration, Equity, and Accessibility

***Foster partnerships and ensure inclusive, safe, and equitable access to Door County's parks, open spaces, and natural areas through a connected and sustainable recreation network.***

Objectives:

1. *Collaborate with municipalities, state and federal agencies, and community organizations to develop and maintain a connected system of parks and trails.*
2. *Expand safe biking and pedestrian routes to serve neighborhoods, schools, recreational areas, and community centers.*
3. *Provide a safe system of multiuse trails that can be utilized in all seasons.*
4. *Improve physical access, wayfinding, and amenities to enhance accessibility for people of all ages and abilities, including ADA compliance.*
5. *Identify underserved populations and rural areas to ensure equitable distribution of recreation opportunities throughout the County.*
6. *Enhance and develop new water access sites to encourage water-based recreational activities.*
7. *Encourage volunteer and community involvement in park stewardship, restoration, and programming efforts.*



## Chapter 3: Understanding the plan

### A. Definitions

This section defines terms used throughout this Plan to describe programs, facilities, and recommended actions. Consistent terminology ensures clarity and understanding for implementation and future reference.



**Acquisition:** The process of obtaining land or property through purchase, donation, lease, or easement to protect, preserve, or provide public access.

**Restoration:** Activities that return natural areas or landscapes to a healthy, functioning ecological state, including reforestation, invasive species management, and habitat enhancement.

**Management:** Ongoing care and maintenance of parks, natural areas, and open spaces to ensure ecological integrity, public safety, and quality recreational experiences.

**Public Access:** Safe and equitable opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy streams, lakes, bays, parks, trails, and other natural areas.

**Ecological Health:** The condition of ecosystems that allows them to function naturally, support biodiversity, and maintain resilience against environmental stressors.

**Historic Sites:** Locations with cultural, historical, or archaeological significance that are protected and interpreted for public education and enjoyment.

**Open Space:** Lands preserved in a natural, scenic, or undeveloped state, including parks, trails, forests, wetlands, and other areas that provide ecological, recreational, or aesthetic benefits.

**Education and Outreach:** Programs, interpretive signage, workshops, and other efforts designed to increase understanding and awareness of natural and cultural resources.

**Collaboration:** Partnerships with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and the community to enhance conservation, programming, and public access.

**Equity and Accessibility:** Ensuring facilities, programs, and lands are available and safe for all individuals, regardless of age, ability, or background.

**Recommended Actions:** Specific strategies, projects, or initiatives proposed by the plan to achieve its goals, implement policies, or enhance park and open space resources.

### B. Classifications

This section defines the classification system used to describe parks, facilities, and other recreational or conservation features recommended by this Plan. Standardized classifications ensure consistency in planning, management, and reporting.

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## Park Types

**Regional Park:** Large areas providing a wide range of recreational opportunities, natural resource protection, and public access. Serves residents and visitors from across the County and surrounding regions.

**Community Park:** Medium-sized areas serving local neighborhoods, offering recreational facilities, trails, and natural areas for everyday use.

**Neighborhood Park:** Smaller areas intended for local residents, providing passive or active recreational opportunities close to home.

**Natural Area / Open Space:** Undeveloped lands preserved for ecological health, scenic value, wildlife habitat, and low-impact recreation.

## Facility Types

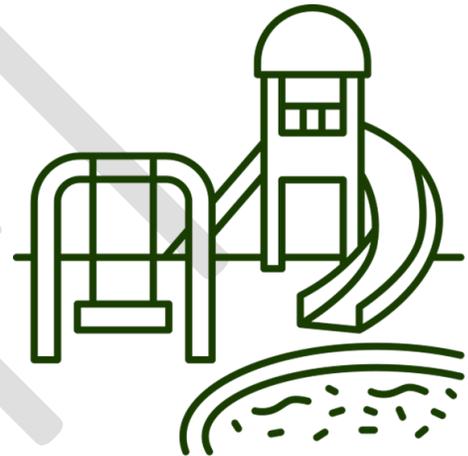
**Trails:** Designated walking, biking, or multi-use pathways connecting parks, neighborhoods, and natural areas.

**Picnic / Shelter Areas:** Spaces for public gatherings, including pavilions, benches, and tables.

**Playgrounds / Recreation Facilities:** Designed areas for active play or organized recreation.

**Water Access Facilities:** Boat launches, docks, fishing piers, or shoreline access points for lakes, streams, and bays.

**Interpretive / Educational Features:** Signage, kiosks, or structures designed to educate visitors about natural, cultural, or historical resources.



## Recommended Actions Classifications

**Acquisition / Land Protection:** Purchase, donation, or easement to protect or expand public open space.

**Restoration / Habitat Enhancement:** Projects to improve ecological health, including reforestation, invasive species management, and wetland restoration.

**Facility Development / Improvement:** Construction, expansion, or rehabilitation of trails, shelters, restrooms, and other visitor facilities.

**Programming / Outreach:** Initiatives to educate and engage the public, including workshops, tours, or interpretive programs.

**Partnership / Collaboration:** Actions undertaken with agencies, organizations, or volunteers to achieve conservation and public access goals.

## C. Description of Process

The planning process for the Open Space Plan began with a comprehensive assessment of existing parks, natural areas, trails, and recreational facilities, alongside an evaluation of ecological, historical, and cultural resources. Community input was gathered through meetings, a public input survey, and collaboration with local organizations and government agencies to identify priorities. Based on this engagement, goals and objectives were developed to guide land use, conservation, and facility improvements. Environmental, regulatory, and financial factors were considered to determine opportunities and constraints. The final recommendations were

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reviewed by county leadership and committees, refined through public feedback, and formally adopted to support long-term stewardship, access, and recreation.

The process included six meetings with the County Highway and Facilities Committee, an online survey, a public information meeting, and numerous meetings with County staff. An outline of the planning process is included in Appendix A.

County staff met with the Highway and Facilities Committee several times throughout the process on January 8, 2025, May 14, 2025, October 8, 2025, November 5, 2025, January 14, 2026 and March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

A public information meeting was held on February 18, 2026. An overview of the plan purpose and recommendations was presented. The public also had opportunity to submit comments on the proposed plan.

The Highway and Facilities Committee recommended adoption of the plan to the County Board on *March 11, 2026*, and the County Board adopted the plan on *March 24, 2026*.

### D. Amending the Plan

This Plan is intended to guide long-term management, preservation, and public access initiatives. However, changing conditions, new opportunities, or emerging community needs may require periodic updates or amendments.

The Door County Facilities and Parks Department reviews the plan every 5 years to assess progress, update inventories, and evaluate new opportunities, in addition to making minor updates annually to reflect current conditions. If amendments are proposed they are evaluated for consideration, public input is sought, and final approval is sought through the Highway and Facility Committee. Once approved they are documented in the living document and maintained as part of the counties official planning records.

### E. Summary of Park and Outdoor Recreation Planning in Door County

Door County has had some form of a county-wide parks plan in place since 1964. Starting in 1974, the County regularly adopted five-year outdoor recreation plans every five years through the year 2011. After 2011, the County outdoor recreation plan was not updated until the most recent outdoor recreation plan, Door County Parks and Open Space Plan 2020-2025, which was adopted in May 2020. Summaries of the County's Parks and Open Space Plan 2020-2025 and other recent park and outdoor recreation plans are provided below.

#### **Door County Parks and Open Space Plan 2020-2025**

The Door County Parks and Open Space Plan 2020-2025 was developed by Door County staff. This plan built off of previous County outdoor recreation plans and outlined the County's strategy for managing county-owned parks, open spaces, and other outdoor recreation facilities. The objective of this plan was to encourage the development and maintenance of high-quality, sustainable parks and recreational amenities that meet the needs and demands of County residents and visitors, using the following guiding principles:

- *Resource Management*
- *Sustainability*
- *Land Use Balance*
- *Public/Private Relationships and Partnerships*

This plan included vision and mission statements, four overarching goals, and recommended projects and improvements. Projects and improvements identified in the County Parks and Open Space Plan 2020-2025 which have been completed since 2020 or are scheduled for completion are listed in Figure 1.

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Figure 1: County Parks and Open Space Plan 2020-2025 Completed Projects

<b>Ahnapee Trail</b>	Installation of boot bushes at trailheads (2020).
<b>Baileys Harbor Ridges County Park</b>	Parking lot pavement repair/replacement (2025).
<b>Cana Island County Park</b>	Construction of Cana Island Interpretive Center (2020) Historic restoration of Keeper's Quarters (2022)
<b>Chaudoir's Dock County Park</b>	Installation of automated boat launch fee pay system (2020)
<b>Ellison Bluff County Park</b>	Roadway paving improvements (2021)
<b>Forestville Dam County Park</b>	Millpond drawdown project (2021) Boat Ramp Replacement (2021) ADA Boat Dock Replacement (2022) Paving of parking lot (2022) Acquired adjacent 0.6 acres (2022) Prairie planting/development 1.5 acres (2025)
<b>Frank E. Murphy County Park</b>	Boat ramp repairs (2020) Electrical upgrades (2024) Construction of phase 1 of Beach-to-Beach Trail, connecting park to the Village of Egg Harbor's beach (2025)
<b>George K. Pinney County Park</b>	Breakwater maintenance/repair (2020 & 2023) Installation of waterless cleaning station (2020) Installation of automated boat launch fee pay system (2020)
<b>Lily Bay County Park</b>	Boat ramp approach repairs (2020 & 2023)
<b>Meridian County Park</b>	Replaced pit toilet with vault toilet (2021)
<b>Plum Bottom County Park</b>	Replaced pit toilet with vault toilet (2022)
<b>Robert M Carmody County Park</b>	Installation of waterless cleaning station (2020) Installation of ADA kayak launch (2021) Installation of automated boat launch fee pay system (2020)
<b>Robert La Salle County Park</b>	New pavilion/shelter (2020) Shoreline restoration (2022) Construction of lower path (2020)
<b>Sugar Creek County Park</b>	New pavilion/shelter (2024) Prairie planting development .6 acres (2025) Paving of parking area and roads (2022)
<b>Tornado County Park</b>	Paving of parking area (2022)



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This report was developed by Door County staff and contains results from the first phase of planning for John Miles County Park, which focused on a vision for recreational aspects of the park. The plan includes a detailed site assessment of the park that inventories current conditions, plans and studies regarding recreation in general and in John Miles County Park, and demographics of residents and visitors. The plan also includes a summary of input regarding the park gathered through public meetings, an on-line survey, emails, and in-person discussions. This input was also organized into potential action items with timelines for completion dates. Projects and improvements identified in the park plan which have been completed since 2020 or are scheduled for completion include the following:

- *Midway and Grounds ADA accessibility and paving project (2020)*
- *Repaired lift pump station (2020)*
- *Installed new drain line to pond #1 (2020)*
- *Installed electrical campsite pedestal by south Grandstand (2021)*
- *Installed concrete concession stand area under the Grandstand (2021)*
- *Added 0.26 miles of walking path (2022)*
- *Installed new safety fencing by turns one and two of race track (2022)*
- *Installed gas service to maintenance garage (2023)*
- *Installed safety rails in the Grandstand (2023)*
- *Installed electric camp pedestals at soccer fields (2023)*
- *Repaired pavement at the north entrance, Alabama Street (2024)*
- *Constructed new accessible playground (2024)*
- *Constructed pavilion (2025)*
- *Installed water bottle fill stations at soccer fields (2025)*
- *Installed back gate entrance (2025)*

**Management Plan for Horseshoe Bay Cave (2014)**

The Management Plan for Horseshoe Bay Cave was developed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department, and Door County Parks Department as a uniform guide for the management and development of Horseshoe Bay Cave. Horseshoe Bay Cave is one of the longest known caves in Wisconsin and has been identified as a significant bat hibernaculum within the WDNR Natural Heritage Inventory. The only known entrance to Horseshoe Bay Cave is located at Frank E. Murphy County Park in the Town of Egg Harbor. This plan outlined objectives, opportunities, actions, procedures, policies, and recommendations for long-term management, protection, education, access/special activities, and future inventory, monitoring and preservation of the cave. This plan also served as the State-required White Nose Syndrome site-specific prevention plan.

General access to the cave is closed each year from October 1<sup>st</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> to prevent disturbance to hibernating bats. Access to the cave outside of this time period is limited and only allowed with an access permit obtained from the Door County Facilities & Parks Department. Access to the cave must meet the County or State's goals and objectives for cave/bat management and therefore, access proposals must demonstrate why and how the knowledge gained from the specific visit will advance the goal of cave protection and preservation. The Door County Facilities & Parks Department offers annual public cave tours during two days in the Summer each year.

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Door County should continue to develop and implement a cave education and interpretive program and cave trustee program, as identified in the management plan, to increase public awareness and education about this special natural resource in the County. Door County, in cooperation with the cave trustee program, should also consider exploring offering additional cave tours as a tool to accomplish increased public awareness and education.

**Door County Green Fund Multi-Modal Trails Task Force Report (2024)**

The Door County Green Fund Multi-Modal Trails Task Force Report was completed in 2024 under the direction of the Door County Green Fund, a fund of the Door County Community Foundation, Inc. The goal of this report was to gather information on existing and planned trails from all Door County communities, and put it into a visual form as a guide for trail planning and development throughout Door County. The resulting report provides visual resources to help government, municipalities, individual stakeholder organizations, and residents see how individual projects can contribute to a larger network of connections. This report is incorporated by reference in the Door County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan 2045, describe below.

**Door County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan 2045 (2024)**

The Door County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan 2045 was adopted by the Door County Board of Supervisors in November 2024 and became effective on January 1, 2025. This plan serves as a guide to the physical, social, and economic development of the County.

Volume I of the County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan 2045 describes and provides the issues, opportunities, and vision statements for each of the nine elements required to be contained and addressed in comprehensive and farmland preservation plans, which includes parks, open spaces, and recreational resources. Volume 1 also provides overall plan goals, policies, and action items. Chapter 10 of Volume 1 provides issues, opportunities, a summary of current conditions, and a vision statement for bicycle, pedestrian, and recreation resources in Door County. Chapter 11 of Volume I provides plan goals and associated objectives and policies, some of which are related to parks, open space, and recreational facilities in Door County. These goals and associated objectives and policies were referenced when developing goals and objectives of this County Parks & Open Space Plan in order to ensure consistency between both plans.

Volume II of the County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan 2045 provides demographic and other information required by the Wisconsin Statutes for comprehensive and farmland preservation plans, and serves as a resource for local municipalities and organizations. Chapter 12 of Volume II describes bicycle, pedestrian, and recreational resources in Door County. Furthermore, Chapter 12 states that the County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan 2045 supersedes the 2014 Door County Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Recreational Facilities Plan, and that the 2024 Green Fund Multi-Modal Trails Task Force Report map is now the official county map that will guide multi-modal trail planning efforts.

The County Parks and Open Space Plan is a component of and referenced in the County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan 2045.

**Door County Trails, Inc., Strategic Master Plan (2026)**

Established in 2024, Door County Trails, Inc., is a nonprofit organization with a mission to develop a safe bicycle and pedestrian trail network connecting Door County communities. As part of this mission, Door County Trails is in the process of developing a Strategic Master Plan to guide the future trail development across the Door County peninsula. This plan will create a unified, county-wide vision that connects people, communities, and places. A county-wide survey to gather community input and stakeholder meetings are currently underway. Door County should consider incorporating the Door County Trails Strategic Master Plan and its

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recommendations into this Plan after its completion to ensure consistency and efficiency in trail development efforts throughout the County. Plan completion is anticipated in late Spring 2026.

## F. Other Relevant Statewide and Regional Plans

Statewide outdoor recreation plans and analyses also need to be considered when identifying outdoor recreation trends and needs in Door County. The Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA), and their relationship to park and open space planning in Door County are described below.

### **Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025-2030 (SCORP)**

States are required to complete SCORPs every five years to be eligible to participate in the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program. SCORPs are intended to evaluate outdoor recreation trends and issues of statewide importance and set forth ideas about recreation's future role in the state. The Wisconsin SCORP 2025-2030 was adopted in January 2025 and will be in effect through 2030. This plan lays out the following three overarching goals and ten strategies for outdoor recreation in Wisconsin. Many of the goals, objectives, recommendations, and proposed improvement included in this Plan are consistent with and supported by the SCORP.

#### SCORP Goals:

- *Ensure that all Wisconsinites have equitable opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation, regardless of where they live or their ethnicity, gender, income, abilities, or age.*
- *Maintain and expand the sustainability of recreational opportunities in our state, ensuring that existing opportunities are well funded and have the support to grow and expand where needed.*
- *Grow the collaborative partnership approach across federal, state, regional and local agencies and private non-profit organizations and businesses to provide high-quality outdoor experiences for all Wisconsinites.*

#### SCORP Strategies:

1. *Provide more opportunities for outdoor recreation close to home.*
2. *Provide needed recreation facilities.*
3. *Improve affordability of participation.*
4. *Support, develop, and enhance mentoring programs.*
5. *Create more welcoming outdoor spaces.*
6. *Improve the distribution of information on recreation opportunities.*
7. *Expand and diversify funding sources.*
8. *Adapt to new environmental conditions both in terms of participation in outdoor activities as well as the management of recreation opportunities and facilities.*
9. *Lead by example on climate change mitigation.*
10. *Create an implementation plan that identifies desired outcomes as well as the partners to coordinate and advocate for outdoor recreation throughout Wisconsin*

### **Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA)**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) compiled a Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA) to ensure that the WDNR is providing high quality recreation experiences at places well-suited to support those uses and compile information on current recreation opportunities, existing gaps and needs, and WDNR-managed properties that may be well-suited to help address gaps and needs. This analysis was released in 2018 and updated in September 2020.

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Due to varying recreation opportunities and demands across the State, the ROA divides the State into eight regions. Door County is part of the Upper Lake Michigan Coastal region. As a result of the ROA, the WDNR identified needs for recreational activities in the Upper Lake Michigan Coastal region as listed in Figure 2 below. Many of the goals, objectives, recommendations, and proposed improvement included in this Door County Parks and Open Space Plan are consistent with and supported by the ROA.

Figure 2: Upper Lake Michigan Coastal Region Recreational Activity Needs

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding or mountain biking/off-road biking</li> <li>• Bird or wildlife watching</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Canoeing or kayaking</li> <li>• Fishing - lake, river or stream fishing from a watercraft, shore, pier, or wading</li> <li>• Hiking, walking, trail running or backpacking</li> <li>• Horseback riding</li> <li>• Motorboating (waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)</li> <li>• Visiting a beach, beach walking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATV/UTV riding</li> <li>• Cross country skiing</li> <li>• Dog walking</li> <li>• Four-wheel vehicle driving</li> <li>• Hunting - big game, small game or turkey</li> <li>• Nature photography</li> <li>• Off-highway motorcycle riding</li> <li>• Participating in nature-based education programs</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Sailing, windsurfing, rowing, stand-up paddling</li> <li>• Snowmobiling</li> <li>• Swimming in lakes and rivers</li> <li>• Target shooting – archery or firearms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bicycling - fat tire/snow biking</li> <li>• Dog sledding/skijoring</li> <li>• Dog training</li> <li>• Dog trialing</li> <li>• Fishing - ice fishing</li> <li>• Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.</li> <li>• Geocaching</li> <li>• Horse cart driving</li> <li>• Hunting - migratory birds</li> <li>• Rock climbing</li> <li>• Scuba diving/snorkeling</li> <li>• Snowshoeing</li> <li>• Trapping</li> <li>• Whitewater rafting</li> </ul>

**Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025**

States are required to have an approved State Wildlife Action Plan to satisfy funding eligibility through the State Wildlife Grant Program, which is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and is the only nationwide program to prevent wildlife from becoming endangered. The Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan (WWAP) serves as the approved State Wildlife Action Plan and addresses the eight elements required by the USFWS. The WWAP 2015-2025 was approved by the USFWS in May 2016.

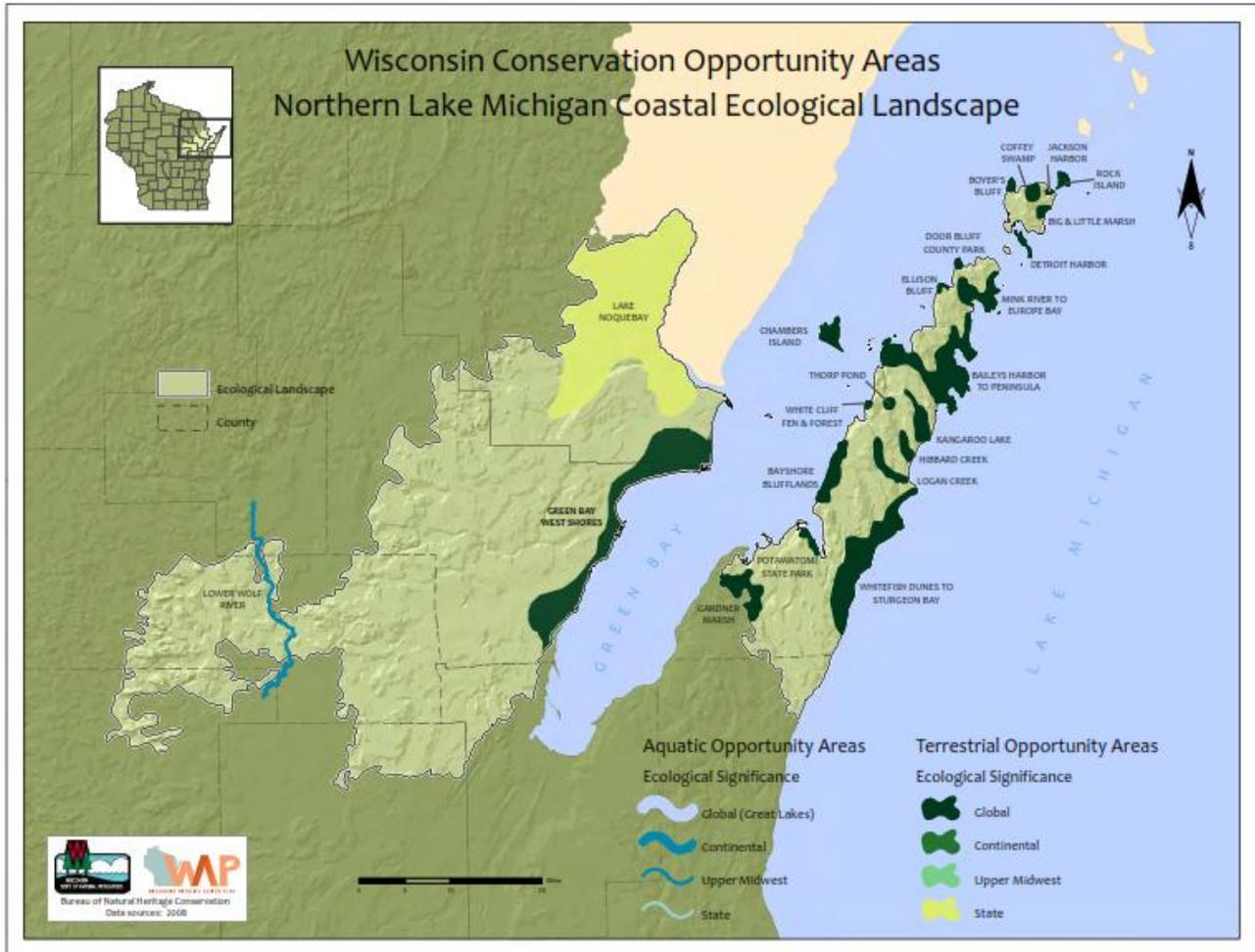
The WWAP identifies Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and natural communities associated with those species. Almost all SGCNs are classified as such, in part, because the area of habitat suitable for their survival has been decreased or it has been degraded or fragmented below their tolerance and ability to adapt and sustain viable populations. This plan also identifies aquatic and terrestrial Conservation Opportunity Areas (COAs), which are places that:

- Contain ecological features, natural communities, or SGCN habitat for which Wisconsin has a unique responsibility for protecting; or
- Contain habitat with dominant responsibility for conservation when viewed from the global, continental or upper Midwest perspectives.

COAs identified in Door County are shown on Maps 1 and 2 and listed in Figure 3 below. All but one are designated as COAs of global significance. Additionally, all five State parks within Door County and several County parks are located within one of the COAs. Door County should carefully consider SGCNs and COAs identified in the WWAP when proposing development and management activities within County parks.

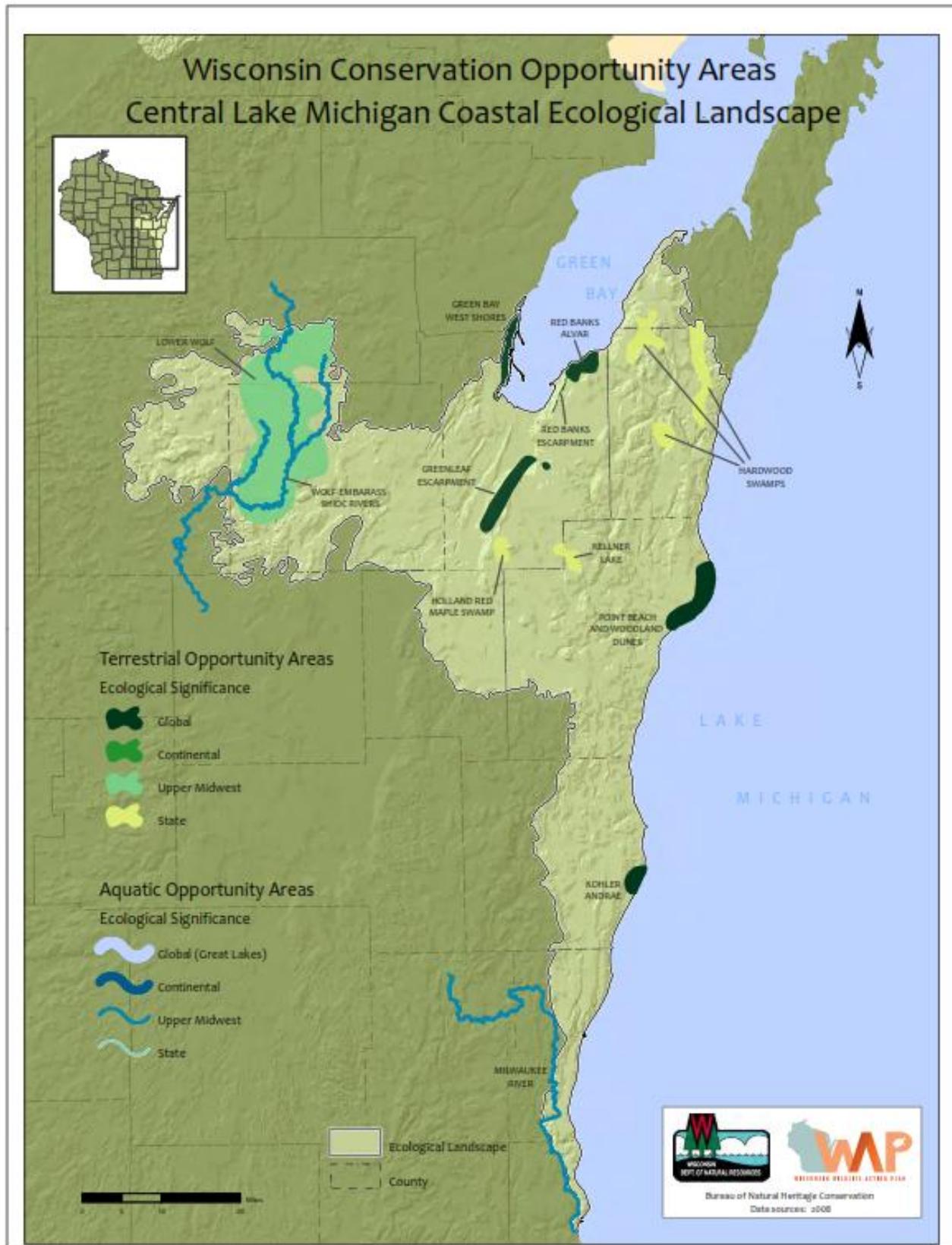
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Map 1: Conservation Opportunity Areas – Northern Lake Michigan Coastal Ecological Landscape



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Map 2: Conservation Opportunity Areas – Central Lake Michigan Coastal Ecological Landscape



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Figure 3: Conservation Opportunity Areas (COA) in Door County

COA Name	Location	COA Type	Ecological Significance
Lake Michigan/Green Bay	County-wide coastal	Lake	Global
Baileys Harbor to Peninsula	Baileys Harbor, Ephraim, Gibraltar, Liberty Grove	Terrestrial	Global
Bayshore Blufflands	Egg Harbor (town), Sevastopol	Terrestrial	Global
Big & Little Marsh	Washington	Terrestrial	Global
Boyer's Bluff	Washington	Terrestrial	Global
Chambers Island	Gibraltar	Terrestrial	Global
Coffey Swamp	Washington	Terrestrial	Global
Detroit Harbor	Washington	Terrestrial	Global
Door Bluff County Park	Liberty Grove	Terrestrial	Global
Ellison Bluff	Liberty Grove	Terrestrial	Global
Gardner Marsh	Brussels, Gardner	Terrestrial	Global
Hardwood Swamps	Brussels, Forestville, Union	Terrestrial	State
Hibbard Creek	Baileys Harbor, Jacksonport	Terrestrial	Global
Jackson Harbor	Washington	Terrestrial	Global
Kangaroo Lake	Baileys Harbor, Gibraltar, Jacksonport	Terrestrial	Global
Logan Creek	Jacksonport	Terrestrial	Global
Mink River to Europe Bay	Liberty Grove	Terrestrial	Global
Potawatomi State Park	Nasewaupee, Sturgeon Bay (city)	Terrestrial	Global
Rock Island	Washington	Terrestrial	Global
Thorp Pond	Egg Harbor, Gibraltar	Terrestrial	Global
White Cliff Fen & Forest	Egg Harbor (town & village), Gibraltar	Terrestrial	Global
Whitefish Dunes to Sturgeon Bay	Clay Banks, Sevastopol, Sturgeon Bay (town & city)	Terrestrial	Global

## G. 2025 Door County Public Input Survey

In order to gather public opinion on key issues and opportunities relating to parks and outdoor recreation in Door County, an online public input survey was created. The survey was made available to the public on July 14, 2025, and was promoted through the County's website and two press releases. The survey was available online and closed on August 1, 2025. A total of 278 responses were received. General findings are summarized below. See Appendix B for complete survey results.

**Door County Parks Usage.** The top three activities that survey respondents and members of their household like to do at County parks are:

1. Passive activities such as walking/hiking, relaxing, picnicking, playing, sketching/painting, sight-seeing, nature study, photography, etc.
2. Non-motorized water-based activities such as beach use, swimming, paddling (canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, etc.), surfing, dock/ice fishing, etc.
3. Non-motorized Ahnapee Trail activities such as cross country skiing, snowshoeing, mountain/fat biking, hiking/running, horseback riding, etc.

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- Over 70% of survey respondents use Cave Point, Frank E. Murphy, and George K. Pinney County Parks, and the Ahnapee State Trail at least once per year. These same County parks and recreational trail are the most frequently used parks with over 52% of those that use these parks visiting the park three or more times per year
- Cave Point County Park is the most used park with over 85% of survey respondents using this park at least once per year. Of those that use that use this park at least once per year, almost 60% use this park three or more times per year.
- Lyle-Harter-Matter Sanctuary and Plum Bottom County Parks are the least used parks.
- Less than 9% of survey respondents use Percy Johnson Memorial, Lyle-Harter-Matter Sanctuary, Tornado Memorial, Plum Bottom, and Meridian County Parks more than two times per year.

**Door County Park Amenities.** The top three issues or projects related to amenities within Door County Parks that survey respondents would like addressed in the next five years are:

1. Develop additional pathways/natural trails
2. Develop/improve playground facilities
3. Develop/improve restroom facilities

**Signage, Roads, and Parking for/within Door County Parks.** The top three issues or projects related to signage, roads, and parking for Door County Parks that survey respondents would like addressed in the next five years are:

1. Develop/improve trailer parking
2. Improve internal park roads
3. Develop/improve internal directional signage within parks

**Environmental Preservation & Quality within Door County Parks.** The top three issues or projects related to environmental preservation and quality within Door County Parks that survey respondents would like addressed in the next five years are:

1. Improve quality of beaches
2. Manage invasive species
3. Reduce shoreline erosion

**Planning for Trails for Walking, Biking, and Other Non-Motorized Uses.** The following areas of collaboration are identified by survey respondents as the most important areas of collaboration between different trail-planning groups (i.e., Door County Parks, DNR, municipalities, non-profits, etc.) when planning for trails in the County:

1. Increase funding opportunities (i.e., grants, donations, etc.)
2. Close gaps and increase trail connectivity throughout the County
3. Connect County parks with other parks, trails, and historical cultural sites

**Door County Parks Annual Entrance Fee.** Over 50% of survey respondents stated they do not support the implementation of an annual entrance fee to Door County parks. Of the survey respondents which support an annual entrance fee, the majority considered \$5-\$10 a reasonable annual entrance fee.

**Age of Survey Respondents.** Over 56% of survey respondents were 55 years of age or older and less than 12% of survey respondents were younger than 35 years old.

**Residency or Lodging Location Preference of Survey Respondent.** The overwhelming majority of survey respondents (over 34%) are either City of Sturgeon Bay residents or, if not County residents, prefer to rent/camp/lodge in the City of Sturgeon Bay.

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## H. Door County Public Open House Meeting

The County hosted a public open house on February 18th to present and review the draft Parks and Open Space Plan following the completion of the community survey and earlier stakeholder outreach. The event gave attendees an opportunity to examine the draft recommendations, ask questions, and offer final input before the plan is completed. During the open house, the Parks Manager summarized key findings from the survey, highlighted major themes from previous engagement, and walked attendees through proposed goals, priority improvements, and long-range strategies for the county-wide park system. Attendees reviewed maps, draft content, and concept materials, and their comments were documented and incorporated into refinements of the final plan. Recommendations made at the open house included:

1. Increasing awareness of parks through advertising and outreach
2. Creating water trails with associated camping opportunities
3. Adding attractions and amenities for young people, such as indoor court facilities and indoor recreational options
4. Expanding opportunities for scavenger hunts and geocaching
5. Enhancing donation programs to support parks and recreation

While all recommendations were heard and carefully considered, they were not incorporated into the plan's priority actions for the next five years.

## Chapter 4: Description of Planning Region, and Proposed Park and Recreation Improvements

### A. Description of the Planning Region

Door County is part of a narrow peninsula located in northeastern Wisconsin. The County lies between the waters of Green Bay to the west, and Lake Michigan to the east and north. Its entire southern border is adjacent to Kewaunee County. Door County is over 68 miles in length from its southwestern corner to the northern tip of Rock Island. The County seat is the City of Sturgeon Bay, and is located approximately 10 miles from the County's southern border, 45 miles from the City of Green Bay, 157 miles from Milwaukee, 185 miles from Madison, and 246 miles from Chicago.

Door County encompasses approximately 488 square miles of land and 300 miles of coastal shoreline – one of the highest numbers of miles of coastal shoreline of any county in the United States. The County is comprised of the following 19 local municipalities and shown on Map 3, Door County Municipalities:

- City of Sturgeon Bay
- Villages of Egg Harbor, Ephraim, Forestville, and Sister Bay
- Towns of Baileys Harbor, Brussels, Clay Banks, Egg Harbor, Forestville, Gardner, Gibraltar, Jacksonport, Liberty Grove, Nasewaupsee, Sevastopol, Sturgeon Bay, Union, and Washington

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Map 3: Door County Municipalities

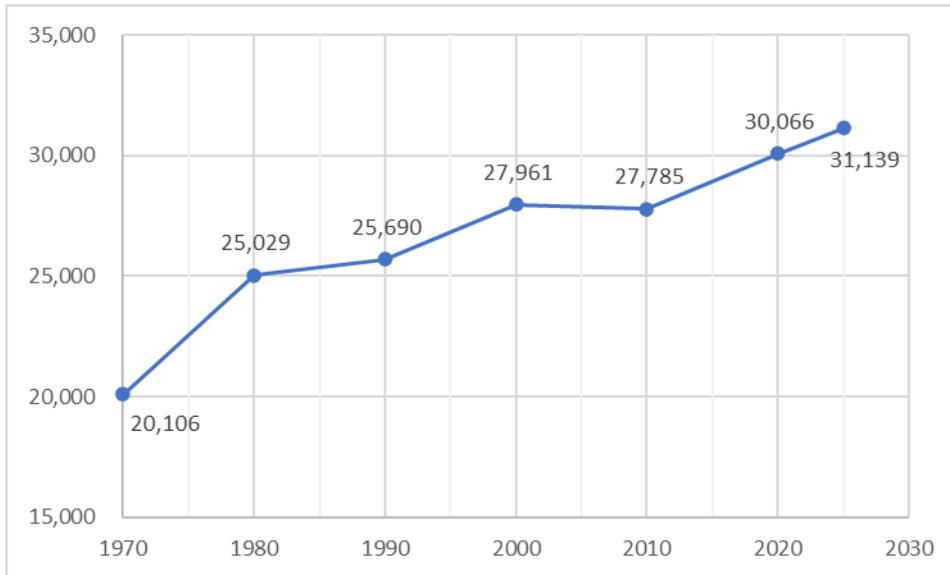


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Population Trends and Projections

There is a direct relationship between population trends and projections, and park and recreation facility needs. As seen in Figure 4, Door County’s population has seen relatively steady population growth over the last 50 years, with a 55% increase in population since 1970. The highest growth period was between 1970 and 1980 when the County’s population grew by over 24%. On the contrary, the County experienced a slight population decline of 0.6% between 2000 and 2010.

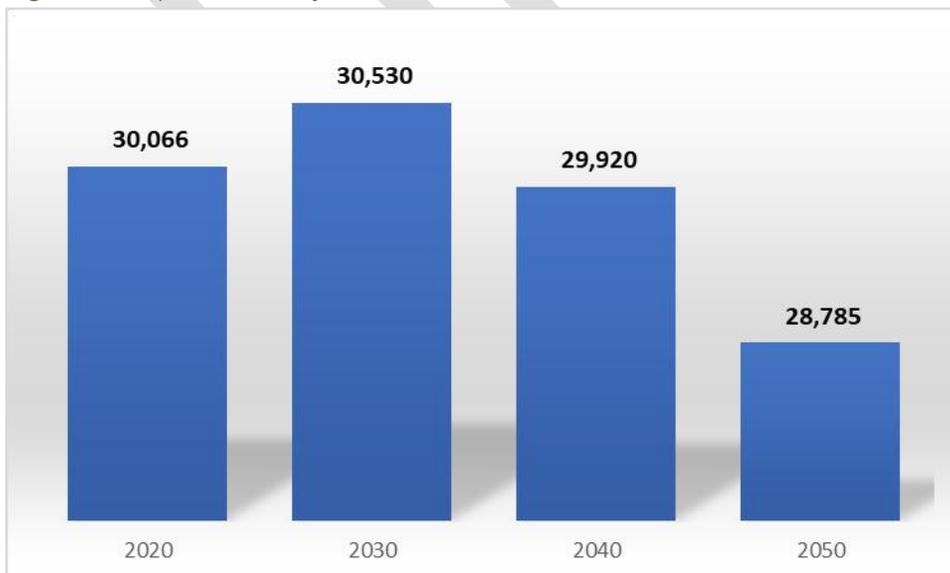
Figure 4: Population (1970-2025)



Sources: Decennial Census (1970-2020), U.S. Census Bureau; County Population Estimates (2025), Wisconsin Demographics Services Center

Figure 5 shows population projections for Door County through the year 2050, according to the Wisconsin Department of Administration Demographics Services Center. Door County’s population is projected to increase slightly by 2030, followed by two consecutive decades of projected population loss. The County’s population is projected to decrease 4.3% by 2050, when compared to the County’s 2020 population.

Figure 5: Population Projections



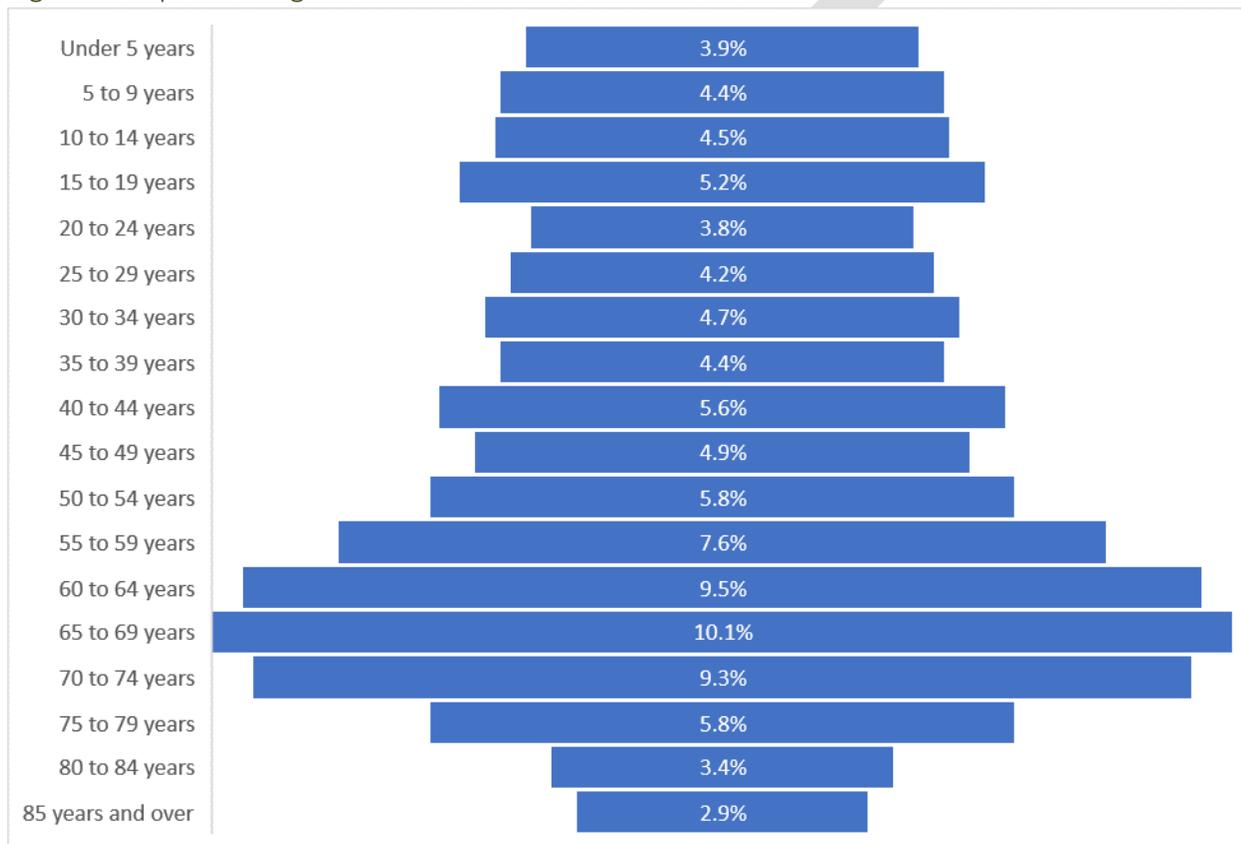
Sources: Decennial Census (2020), U.S. Census Bureau; County Population Projections (2024), Wisconsin Demographics Services Center

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Door County’s age distribution is shown in Figure 6, according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Door County’s population is an aging population with almost 32% being of retirement age (65 years or older). Over 29% of the County’s population is of prime working age (25-54 years) and slightly under 22% is younger than 25 years old.

When comparing the County’s age distribution to the State as a whole, the share of people in Door County which are of retirement age is almost twice that of the State, with only 18% of the State’s population being 65 years of age or older. Additionally, the percentage of people in the County which are of prime working age and younger are significantly less than that of the State, with 37% of the State’s population being of prime working age and almost 31% being younger than 25 years old.

Figure 6: Population Age



Source: 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, U.S. Census Bureau

### Race:

According to the 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the largest percentage of County residents (93.3%) were “White”. The second largest group was “two or more races” (4%), followed by “some other race” (1%), “American Indian or Alaska Native” (0.8%), “Black or African American” (0.7%), and “Asian” (0.3%).

### Employment and Economy:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), an estimated 17,022 people were employed in Door County in August 2025, which is higher than total employment in August 2020 (16,045) and August 2015 (16,391). The estimated unemployment rate in Door County was 2.6% in August 2025, which is the same as the State’s August 2025 unemployment rate and significantly lower than the County’s unemployment rates in August 2020 (4.8%) and August 2015 (4.1%).

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Leisure and hospitality continues to be the largest industry sector in Door County, employing an average of over 3,200 people on a monthly basis in 2024. This is due to the abundance of tourism in the County, which further emphasizes the importance of planning for and developing quality parks and recreation facilities for residents, employees, and visitors alike. Other primary industries within the County include trade, transportation and utilities, education and health services, and manufacturing, all employing over 2,000 people on a monthly basis in 2024. Major employers within the County include Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding, Door County Medical Center, and Door County government.

## B. Physical Characteristics of the Region

The natural features of Door County define its scenic beauty, ecological diversity, and recreational value. Understanding these characteristics helps guide the preservation and management of open spaces, natural areas, and park resources.

### Topography

**Door County occupies the northernmost portion of the Door Peninsula, a narrow landform extending between Lake Michigan on the east and Green Bay on the west. The County covers approximately 482 square miles of land area and features gently rolling terrain shaped by glacial activity. The most distinctive topographic feature is the Niagara Escarpment—a dolostone ridge that runs the length of the peninsula and is part of one of North America’s most important geological formations.**

The Niagara Escarpment is globally significant because it represents a continuous bedrock feature stretching over 650 miles from New York through Ontario, Michigan, and Wisconsin. It is recognized as a **UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve** in Ontario, highlighting its ecological and geological importance. In Door County, this escarpment rises sharply 60 to 200 feet above the surrounding landscape, creating dramatic cliffs and bluffs that overlook Green Bay and Lake Michigan. These cliffs harbor ancient white cedar forests, rare alvar ecosystems, and globally rare species such as the **Hine’s emerald dragonfly** and **dwarf lake iris**, making the area a biodiversity hotspot.

Elevations in Door County generally range from about 580 feet above sea level along the shoreline to approximately 880 feet in the interior uplands. These unique landforms—ridges, swales, dunes, and bluffs—are shaped by the escarpment and glacial processes, contributing to Door County’s scenic character and influencing patterns of vegetation, drainage, and land use. The escarpment’s microclimates and karst features provide critical habitat for species found nowhere else, reinforcing its global conservation value.



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### Water Resources

Water resources define much of Door County's identity. Bordered by Lake Michigan and Green Bay, the County has over 300 miles of shoreline, more than any other county in Wisconsin. Numerous bays, inlets, and harbors provide opportunities for recreation, boating, and habitat protection. Inland, the County contains a variety of streams, wetlands, ponds, and small inland lakes, many of which are connected to the peninsula's groundwater system. Wetlands are especially important for water filtration, wildlife habitat, and stormwater retention. The shallow and fractured bedrock characteristic of Door County allows for rapid groundwater recharge but also makes the region highly vulnerable to contamination. Protecting surface and groundwater quality remains a key priority for maintaining both environmental health and recreational value.



### Climate

Door County experiences a humid continental climate moderated by the surrounding waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay. This proximity tempers temperature extremes, leading to cooler summers and milder winters compared to inland areas. The average annual temperature is approximately 45°F, with an average annual precipitation of 33–34 inches and an average annual snowfall of about 48 inches. The growing season averages 140–160 days, supporting diverse plant communities and agricultural uses. Recent climate trends indicate slightly warmer annual temperatures, more frequent heavy precipitation events, and fluctuating lake levels. These changes may impact shoreline stability, wetland hydrology, and vegetation composition—factors that must be considered in long-term open space management.

### Soils

Door County's soils are strongly influenced by its glacial history and dolostone bedrock. In many areas, soils are thin and rocky, with limited depth to bedrock. These shallow soils, particularly prevalent in northern and coastal areas, restrict development potential but contribute to the area's distinctive natural character. The dominant soil associations include the Summerville–Omena–Solona complex and the Longrie–Emmet–Kolberg series, typically well-drained to moderately well-drained loams and silt loams. The fractured dolostone beneath the surface produces sinkholes, caves, and disappearing streams, influencing drainage and groundwater movement. Soil conservation and careful land-use management are critical in maintaining water quality and preventing erosion in sensitive areas.

### Flora and Fauna

Door County supports an exceptionally rich diversity of plant and animal life due to its varied topography, microclimates, and proximity to two large water bodies. The County's ecosystems include mixed hardwood forests, conifer stands, wetlands, dune complexes, and alvar habitats found along the Niagara Escarpment. Dominant forest species include sugar maple, basswood, beech, white cedar, red oak, and hemlock. Wetlands support cattails, sedges, tamarack, and black ash, while rare plant communities such as limestone cliff and boreal forest occur in protected areas like Rock Island and Newport State Parks. Common wildlife includes white-tailed deer, red fox, coyote, raccoon, and various small mammals. Door County is also an important area

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for migratory birds, including waterfowl and neotropical songbirds. The surrounding waters support fish species such as smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, trout, and salmon. Maintaining healthy habitats and ecological corridors across public and private lands is essential to sustaining Door County’s biodiversity and scenic integrity.

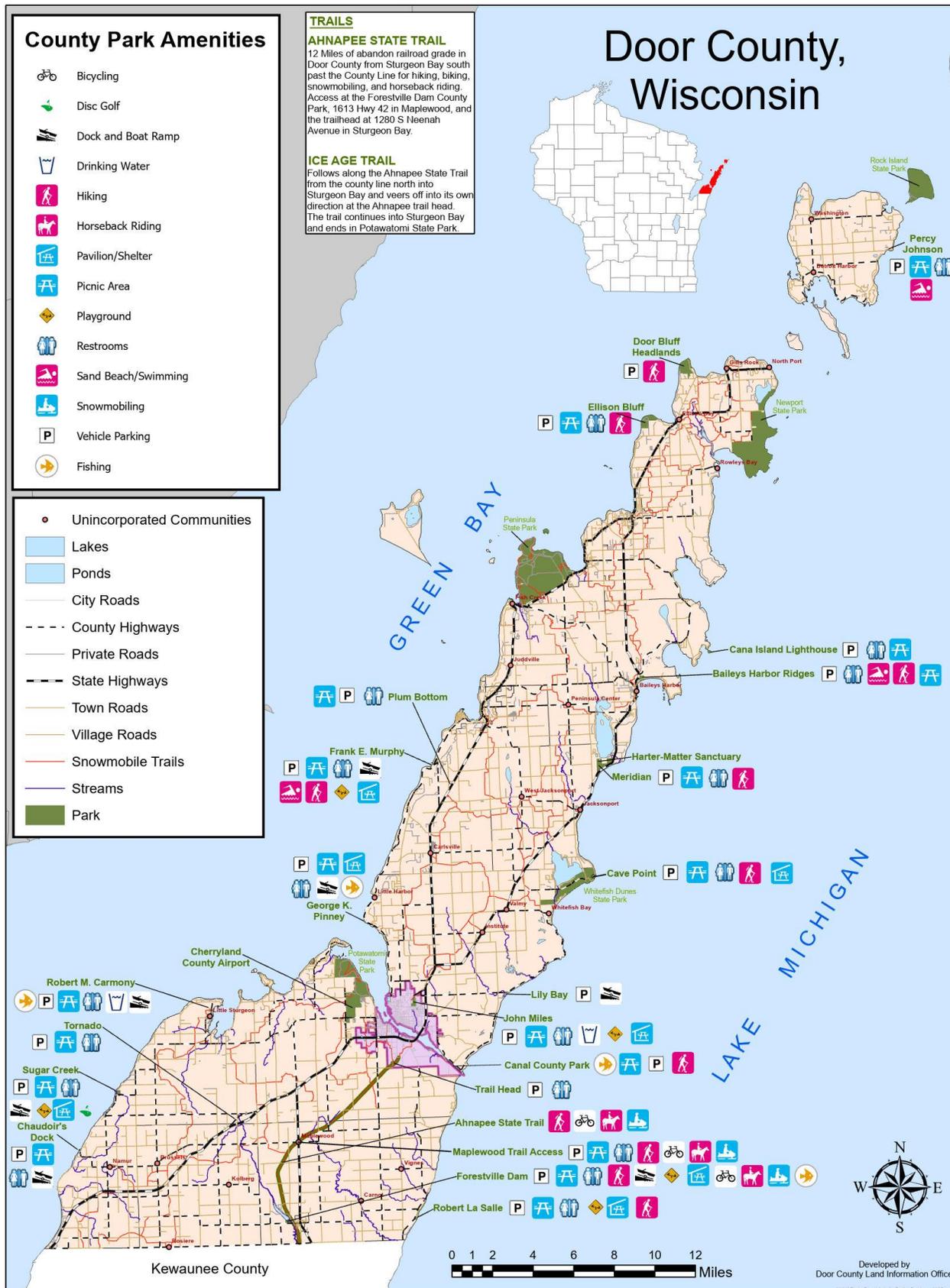


### C. Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory

Door County’s 21 county-managed parks and Trail system provide over 1,000 acres of recreational space, offering a balanced mix of developed and undeveloped areas that ensure public enjoyment while protecting ecological integrity, scenic vistas, and cultural heritage. See Map 4, County Parks.

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Map 4: County Parks



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## Developed County Parks

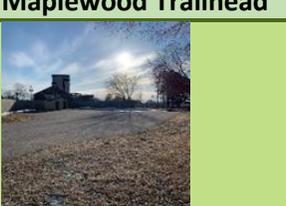
Figure 7 describes existing developed County parks, including access, use, and recreational facility types.

Figure 7: Developed County Parks

<b>Baileys Harbor Ridges</b>		2301 Ridges Road, Baileys Harbor
	<p><b>Park Type/Size:</b> Regional Park, 40 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Beach parking lot on 2301 Ridges Rd. Baileys Harbor</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Swimming beach, picnic, kite surfing, parking</p> <p><b>Facility Types:</b> Water access, picnic areas, trails</p>	
<b>Cana Island Lighthouse</b>		8800E Cana Island Road, Baileys Harbor
	<p><b>Park Type/ Size:</b> Regional Park, 12.1 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking lot on East Cana Island Road</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Historic interpretive programs, shoreline access Benches, hiking, scuba diving from shore, kayaking, after hours photography</p> <p><b>Facility Types:</b> Water Access, picnic areas, Interpretive features, restrooms, parking</p>	
<b>Canal</b>		2501 Canal Road, Sturgeon Bay
	<p><b>Park Type/Size:</b> Regional Park, 79.4 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> options for parking along Canal Rd, and parking at the end of barge Rd</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Passive recreation, fishing, hiking, maritime observation, habitat preservation</p> <p><b>Facility Types:</b> Trails, Picnic areas, Water access, Interpretive features</p>	
<b>Cave Point</b>		5360 Schauer Road, Jacksonport
	<p><b>Park Type/Size:</b> Regional Park, 19.3 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking lot on 5360 Schauer Road</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Hiking trails, scenic overlooks, photography, nature observation, after hours photography, bow hunting</p> <p><b>Facility Types:</b> Trails, Picnic areas, Shelter, interpretive features</p>	
<b>Chadoir's Dock</b>		10865 County Highway N, Union
	<p><b>Park Type/Size:</b> Community Park, 4.7 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking lot on 10865 CTY Rd N, Union</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Harbor of refuge, fishing, boat launch</p> <p><b>Facility Types:</b> Water access, picnic areas</p>	
<b>Frank E. Murphy</b>		7119 Horseshoe Bay Road, Egg Harbor
	<p><b>Park type/Size:</b> Regional Park, 34 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Main entrance on 7119 Bayshore Dr, Egg Harbor</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Volleyball, swimming, boating, grilling, active play, bow hunting</p> <p><b>Facility Types:</b> Shelter/picnic area, water access, playground/ recreation facility, trails, interpretive features, Horseshoe Bay Cave</p>	

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Figure 7: Developed County Parks (continued)

<p><b>Forestville Dam</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">479 Mill Road, Forestville</p> <p><b>Park type/Size:</b> Regional Park, 72 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking lot on 479 Mill Rd, Forestville  <b>Current Use:</b> Fishing, boating, river-based recreation, trail access, hunting  <b>Facility Types:</b> Picnic area /shelter, water access, playground, trails</p>
<p><b>George K. Pinney</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">4879 Bay Shore Drive, Sturgeon Bay</p> <p><b>Park type/Size:</b> Community Park, 11.7 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking lot on 4879 Bayshore Dr. Sturgeon Bay  <b>Current Use:</b> Harbor of refuge, fishing, boating, picnic areas, after hours photography  <b>Facility Types:</b> Picnic area/ shelter, water access, interpretive features</p>
<p><b>John Miles</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">916 N 14th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay</p> <p><b>Park type/Size:</b> Regional Park, 54.7 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Main entrance on 916 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay  <b>Current Use:</b> Soccer fields, horse arena, playgrounds, pavilion, oval dirt track with grandstands, Music Pavilion  <b>Facilities types:</b> Picnic area/shelter, multipurpose building rental, playground, recreation</p>
<p><b>Plum Bottom</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">6725 State Highway 42, Egg Harbor</p> <p><b>Park type/Size:</b> Neighborhood Park, 5 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking off 6725 WI-42, Egg Harbor  <b>Current Use:</b> Trails, picnic areas  <b>Facility types:</b> picnic area, interpretive features</p>
<p><b>Sugar Creek</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">2349 County Highway N, Gardner</p> <p><b>Park type/Size:</b> Regional Park, 35.6 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking off 2349 CTY Rd N, Gardner  <b>Current Use:</b> Trails, picnic areas, disc golf course, bow hunting eastern 15 acres  <b>Facility types:</b> Picnic area/Shelter, water access, trails, recreation facilities</p>
<p><b>Lily Bay</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">E4449 County Highway T, Sturgeon Bay</p> <p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Neighborhood Park, 0.5 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking on E4449 CTY Rd T, Town of Sturgeon Bay  <b>Current use:</b> Natural shoreline, wetlands, parking, fair weather small vessel boat access, photography  <b>Facility types:</b> Water access, interpretive features</p>
<p><b>Maplewood Trailhead</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">1613 State Highway 42, Maplewood</p> <p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Neighborhood Park, 0.3 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> 1613 WI-42, Maplewood  <b>Current use:</b> Wayside and trailhead, bicycle maintenance  <b>Facility types:</b> Trails, picnic area</p>

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Figure 7: Developed County Parks (continued)

<b>Robert LaSalle</b>		404 Lower Lasalle Road / 408 County Highway U, Algoma
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Community Park, 29.3 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking on 404 Lower Lasalle Rd &amp; 408 CTH U, Algoma</p> <p><b>Current use:</b> Historic site, with natural prairie, forest, access to Lake Michigan, bow hunting</p> <p><b>Facility types:</b> Picnic areas/ Shelter, playground, interpretive features, trails, water access</p>	
<b>Robert M. Carmody</b>		3570 County Highway CC, Gardner
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Community Park, 10.4 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Boat ramp and parking on 3570 CTY Rd CC, Gardner</p> <p><b>Current use:</b> Public access, Harbor of refuge, boat ramps, kayak launch, picnic areas</p> <p><b>Facility types:</b> Water access, picnic facilities</p>	

## Undeveloped County Parks

Figure 8 describes existing undeveloped County parks, including access, use, and recreational facility types.

Figure 8: Undeveloped County Parks

<b>Door Bluff Headlands</b>		12900 Door Bluff Park Road, Gills Rock
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Natural Area, 252.6 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking lot off 12900 Door Bluff Park Rd, Gills Rock</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Bluff-top hiking, scenic overlooks, hunting</p> <p><b>Facility type:</b> Trails, Interpretive features</p>	
<b>Ellison Bluff</b>		12050 Ellison Bluff Road, Liberty Grove
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Natural Area, 194.3 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking on 12050 Ellison Bluff Rd, Liberty Grove</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Hiking trails, nature observation, hunting</p> <p><b>Facility types:</b> Trail, Interpretive features</p>	
<b>Lyle-Harter-Matter Sanctuary</b>		6799 State Highway 57, Jacksonport
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Natural Area, 39.8 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Access by hiking through Meridian County Park at 6799 STH 57</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> Wildlife observation, preserved habitats and wetlands</p> <p><b>Facility types:</b> Natural area</p>	
<b>Meridian</b>		6799 State Highway 57, Jacksonport
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Natural Area, 142.3 acres</p> <p><b>Public Access Points:</b> Limited access at 6799 STH 57</p> <p><b>Current Use:</b> State Natural Area, passive recreation, habitat protection, hunting</p> <p><b>Facility types:</b> Trails, Interpretive features</p>	

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Figure 8: Undeveloped County Parks (continued)

<b>Percy Johnson Memorial</b>	640 Lakeview Road, Washington Island
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Neighborhood Park, 4.9 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking off 640 Lakeview Rd, Washington Island  <b>Current Use:</b> Minimal infrastructure, scenic enjoyment  <b>Facility types:</b> Water access, picnic area, interpretive features</p>
<b>Tornado Memorial</b>	1961 County Highway DK, Gardner
	<p><b>Park type/ Size:</b> Neighborhood Park, 2.6 acres  <b>Public Access Points:</b> Parking on 1961 CTY DK, Town of Gardner  <b>Current Use:</b> Picnic area, historic resources  <b>Facility types:</b> Picnic areas, interpretive features</p>

## County Trails

## Ahnapee State Trail

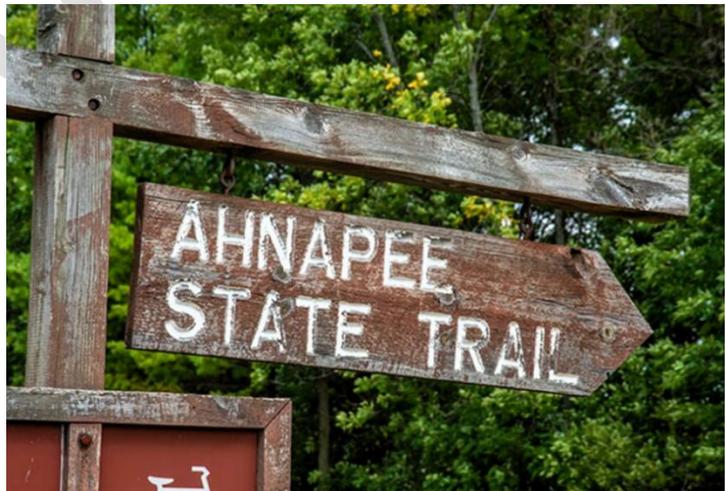


The Ahnapee State Trail is a 48-mile multi-use recreational trail developed along a former railroad corridor. It spans Door and Kewaunee Counties and is cooperatively managed by both counties in partnership with the State of Wisconsin.

Door County's 12-mile segment begins in the City of Sturgeon Bay, continues through the Town of Maplewood, and passes through the Village of Forestville before entering Kewaunee County. This scenic trail is open to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians from April 15 to November 15, and is also available for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing during the winter months. Trailheads with restroom facilities are located at:

- Sturgeon Bay Trailhead  
*1820 Neenah St., Sturgeon Bay*
- Maplewood Trailhead  
*1613 STH 42, Maplewood*
- Forestville Dam County Park  
*479 Mill Rd., Forestville*

These access points provide convenient entry and amenities for year-round trail users.



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The Ice Age Trail is a nationally and state-designated scenic trail that begins (or ends) in Door County, marking its eastern terminus. Portions of the Ice Age Trail overlap with the Ahnapee State Trail, incorporating the Sturgeon Bay and Forestville Segments. This trail tells the story of the Ice Age and continental glaciation, guiding hikers along a scenic footpath shaped by ancient geological forces. It offers both educational and recreational opportunities, making it a unique feature of Door County's natural landscape.

**Door County Snowmobile Trail System**

During the winter months, Door County offers over 250 miles of designated snowmobile trails, providing scenic and well-maintained routes throughout the region. The exact trail locations may vary annually due to new developments or land use changes. For the most current trail maps and conditions, please contact the Door County Parks Department or reach out to one of the local snowmobile clubs responsible for maintaining the trails:

- Door Central Snow Goers
- Door Pioneer Trailblazers
- Red River Riders
- Southern Door Snow Travelers
- Sturgeon Bay Door Drifters
- Top O' The Thumb
- Villagers

These clubs play a vital role in grooming and maintaining the trail system, ensuring safe and enjoyable riding experiences for residents and visitors alike.

**Door County Trails, Inc.**

Door County Trails, Inc., is a nonprofit organization led by a volunteer Board of Directors established in 2024. This organization emerged from a series of collaborative, community-focused efforts aimed at connecting communities across the County through a comprehensive trail network. Their mission is to develop a safe bicycle and pedestrian trail network connecting Door County communities. Door County Trails works to achieve this mission by collaborating with and assisting communities with trail planning, development, and professional assistance for trail projects linking towns, villages, the city, and neighborhoods throughout the County for everyday transportation and recreation purposes. As discussed in Chapter 3 of this Plan, Door County Trails is currently in the process of developing a Strategic Master Plan to guide the future trail development throughout the County, and Door County should consider incorporating the Strategic Master Plan and its recommendations into this Plan after its completion to ensure consistency and efficiency in trail development efforts throughout the County.

**D. Proposed Improvements Plan**

Figure 9 is the proposed improvements plan for County parks and trails., including access, use, and recreational facility types. This is a list of potential/anticipated projects and approval of this Plan does not obligate the County to complete the specified projects within the specified timeframe (or at all).

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Figure 9: Proposed Improvements Plan

Project Name	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Funds
<b>Ahnapee State Trail (trailhead)</b>						
Trail resurfacing (if needed)		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	County/Grant
Culvert Clean Out	\$7,500					County /Grant/private
Culvert Replacement	\$29,519					County/Grant/private
Trail Maintenance brushing and mowing	\$3500					County/Grant/private
Trailhead lot improvement/signage			\$5000			County/Grant/private
<b>Baileys Harbor Ridges</b>						
Stripe Parking lot	\$5,000				\$5,000	County
<b>Cave Point</b>						
Restripe parking lot	\$5,000					County
Park pass collection system		\$35,000				County
<b>Cana Island Lighthouse</b>						
Whitewash tower					\$125,000	County/private
<b>Canal Park</b>						
Rebuild timber steps and benches/Signage	\$2,500					Grant/private
Repair Benches	\$2,500					Grant/private
Replace historic signage	\$4,000					Grant/private
<b>Door Bluff Headlands</b>						
Resurfacing road			\$20,000			County
<b>Ellison Bluff</b>						
Trail development in authorized northeastern area				\$50,000		County/ Grant/private
<b>Forestville Dam</b>						
Install boat launch lighting(electrical)		\$10,000				County
<b>Frank E. Murphy</b>						
Mobi-Mats and dispenser (accessibility)	\$26,000					County/grant/private
Volleyball court repair and replacement	\$21,000					County/grant/private
Seal parking lot and restripe	\$10,000					County
Beach to Beach trail interpretive signage		\$15,000				County/Grant/Private
Cave historical study					\$50,000	County/Grant/Private
Cave Interpretive structure					\$250,000	County/Grant/Private
<b>George K. Pinney</b>						
Break wall inspection/survey		\$7,500				County/grant
Anticipated repairs to the break wall			\$20,000			County/grant
<b>John Miles</b>						
Acquire additional property					\$450,000	County/grant/private
Build indoor sports complex					\$23,500,000	County/grant/private
Replace Pit Row fencing	\$10,000	\$10,000				County/private
<b>Lily Bay</b>						
Replace existing dock structure(accessibility)		\$80,000				County/grant
<b>Meridian</b>						
Replace Kiosk	\$4,500					County
<b>Plum Bottom</b>						
Replace pavilion	\$15,000					County/private
<b>Robert M. Carmody</b>						
Wave attenuator resurfacing and repair		\$35,000				County/grant
Restripe parking lot	\$5,000					County
<b>Sugar Creek</b>						
Design and build Playground	\$48,000					Grant/private
<b>Tornado Memorial</b>						
Vault toilet replacement				\$130,000		County

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## E. Funding Programs

Funding for recreational development can come from a number of sources, both public and private. Most funding for this type of development comes from local, funding sources.

### Local Funding Sources

Local funding comes from a number of sources including the Special Revenue Accounts, allocations from the local tax base, and donations and grants from individuals and organizations, including but not limited to the following organizations:

- Friends of the Door County Park System, Inc.
- Door County Community Foundation, Inc.
- Destination Door County
- Raibrook Foundation, Inc.
- Door County Trails, Inc.



### Non-Local Funding Sources

Non-local funding can come from a number of sources in the form of a loans, grants, and loan guarantees. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) are primary sources of non-local funding and provide competitive funding opportunities relating to outdoor recreation.

#### Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Programs

**County Conservation Aids.** The County Conservation Aids provide funds to counties to carry out fish or wildlife management projects that enhance fish and wildlife habitat or fishing and hunting opportunities.



**Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration.** The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration provides funding for sport fish restoration and access, including the construction of boat landings and fishing piers.

**Recreational Boating Facilities Program (RBF).** The Recreational Boating Facilities program is a quarterly grant program which provides funds to local units of government and qualified lake associations for the construction of capital improvements to provide safe recreational boating facilities, such as boat ramps, launches, parking lots, restrooms and other boating-related improvements. The RBF program also provides financial assistance for feasibility studies related to the development of safe recreational boating facilities, purchase of aquatic weed harvesting equipment, purchase of navigation aids, dredging of channels of waterways, and chemical treatment of Eurasian water milfoil. The Wisconsin Waterways Commission approves projects to receive RBF funding on a quarterly basis.

**Recreational Trails Program.** The Recreation Trails Program provides funds for motorized and non-motorized recreation trail rehabilitation, trail maintenance, trail development, and trail acquisition. This is a federal program administered by the WDNR.

**Snowmobile Trail Aids.** Snowmobile Trail Aids provide funds to maintain trail systems that provide passage through a county and connections with adjacent counties.

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**Stewardship Local Assistance - Acquisition and Development of Local Parks.** Stewardship Local Assistance - Acquisition and Development of Local Parks provides funding to acquire land, rights in land, and develop public outdoor recreation areas for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes. Projects focus on providing access for the greatest number of potential users, and providing the greatest opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.

**Stewardship Local Assistance - Acquisition of Development Rights.** Stewardship Local Assistance - Acquisition of Development Rights provides funding for the acquisition of development rights that provide or enhance nature-based outdoor recreation areas. Projects must be part of an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).** The LWCF provides financial assistance to state agencies, counties, villages, towns, school districts, cities, and Indian tribes for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program provides up to 50 percent reimbursement grants for approved state and local projects. Competition for LWCF funds is on a statewide basis. This is a federal program administered by the WDNR.



## Chapter 5: Planning Considerations

When considering potential land acquisitions, donations, or improvements to existing Door County parks, it is envisioned that the Parks Division vision, mission and core values in Chapter 1 and parks goals and objectives in Chapter 2 will be used in conjunction with the following guidelines and questions.

### A. Guidelines for Potential Land Acquisitions

Properties for potential parkland are brought to the attention of the Parks Division in a variety of ways, including unsolicited outreach by interested sellers and via ongoing conversations with various public and not-for-profit entities. The Parks Division will continue to rely upon an evolving set of creative land acquisition and financing techniques to stretch and leverage its land acquisition funding. The following are guidelines for potential land acquisitions.

- Prioritize acquisitions that are a good value, that help stretch public land acquisition dollars.
- Prioritize acquisitions where there is a willing seller and local political support so that the acquisition will not be delayed for years in costly, contested proceedings.
- Prioritize acquisitions/donations where other organizations can contribute to the cost and/or care of new sites. Collaborate with other agencies, such as the Door County Land Trust or The Nature Conservancy, to increase conservation and recreation opportunities.
- Prioritize acquisitions/donations that connect or expand, link to, add to, fill in, or buffer existing holdings, and other connections that support mission and goals.
- Prioritize acquisitions/donations of sites that contain remnant native populations or unique natural resources as well as those with unique ecological, historical, archaeological, topological, cultural, or other significant features.
- Prioritize acquisition of land adjacent to lake waters to increase public water access, particularly on the Lake Michigan shore between Rowleys Bay and Sturgeon Bay.
- Prioritize acquisitions/donations of larger sites to take advantage of lower land costs and larger opportunity sites.
  - Smaller isolated sites present management and maintenance challenges and should only be considered where there is a strong case that the site would contribute to the Parks Division vision, mission and core values, and parks goals and objectives of this County Parks and Open Space Plan.
  - Explore acquisition of failed development projects as large-site opportunities at reduced costs.

### B. Questions to Consider for Potential Land Acquisitions:

- Does the acquisition support the overall Parks Division vision, mission and core values, and parks goals and objectives of this County Parks and Open Space Plan?
- Is the land located adjacent to or near an existing county park? If yes, is adjacent land acquisition recommended by this plan?
- If adjacent or near an existing county park, how would the acquisition complement the existing county park?
- Would the acquisition provide greater connectivity between existing county parks?
- Is there potential to partner with another organization on the acquisition?
- Does the land have sensitive natural features that need to be protected? If so, is there a conservation organization that may be a better steward?
- Does the land have unique geological features (i.e., drumlins, steep slopes, varied terrain, scenic view, etc.)?

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- Does the land have historical significance? If so, would a historical organization be a better steward?
- Does the land have potential to be restored back to native species with feasible expense?
- Is the land located on or near the County's recommended bicycle network?
- Is the land located on a segment of a county highway that has 3 foot or greater shoulder width?
- Would the land provide an interesting or convenient stop for bicyclists or other silent sports enthusiasts?
- Is the land located within an area identified as an enhancement zone by the Lake Michigan State Water Trail?

### C. Guidelines for Potential Park Improvements

- Prioritize activities that will engage new users, promote healthy lifestyles, connect people to nature, and protect sensitive natural features.
- Prioritize use of limited capital funds for improvement of the parks system by evaluating conditions and needs as well as information on projected public uses or unique resources. This may require consultant support. Some new capital projects can be added in response to requests from the public and staff members via public input opportunities. Grant funding and contributions from land use and utility license agreements are also increasingly a factor in prioritizing new capital investments.
- Maintain a policy that ensures adequate compensation to the County when granting exclusive use of county park facilities and/or resource lands to non-county agencies, groups or individuals, or granting easements or other permanent rights to park and resource land.
- Improve user experience by providing at least basic facilities at all county parks, including:
  - Potable water supply for drinking, washing, and fire defense purposes.
  - Adequate access and designated parking areas.
  - ADA accessibility and inclusivity improvements such as:
    - ADA-accessible toilets, preferably vault-type where more sophisticated systems are not practical.
    - Features that will aid handicapped people such as specialized walkways, hard-surfaced walkways, wide doorways, grab-rails in restrooms, special seating at picnic areas and at spectator events, and special playground apparatus.
- Build the County parks brand identity, including:
  - Provide consistency in signage, markers, and structures.
  - Identify park entrance(s) and boundaries.
  - Identify opportunities to ensure a safe and easy-to-navigate trail system within county parks.
    - Provide baseline information on the current trail system.
    - Recommend new policies for managing trails.
    - Create a process for assessing requests to improve unrecognized trails.
    - Prioritize future capital improvement projects to enhance trail systems.
- Develop areas that provide the potential to accommodate a variety of activities, as opposed to single purpose activities.



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## D. Questions to Consider for Potential Park Improvements:

- Does the potential improvement support the overall Parks Division vision, mission and core values, and parks goals and objectives of this County Parks and Open Space Plan?
- Is the improvement identified in this plan or another appropriate action plan?
- Would the improvement enhance current uses and/or enhance current users' experience?
- Would the improvement help protect sensitive natural features?
- Is there potential to partner with another organization or entity on the improvement?
- Would the improvement provide a unique interactive experience that cannot be commonly found elsewhere and would attract new users?
- Would the improvement enhance the educational and/or historical aspect of the park?
- Is the upgrade at a park that is located along the Lake Michigan State Water Trail?
- Would the upgrade fulfill a need within an enhancement zone, as identified by the Lake Michigan State Water Trail plan?
- Will the improvement serve a niche interest, if so, is there an economic impact?

## E. Guidelines for potential relinquishment of county-owned park land:

Relinquishment of county-owned park land for purposes other than preservation or recreation shall be dependent upon:

- The impact on fulfillment of the overall Parks Division vision, mission and core values, and parks goals and objectives of this County Parks and Open Space Plan.
- The long-term impacts on park and recreational use throughout Door County.
- An equal exchange of land value is provided in return.
- The dedication of revenues to additional park lands and improvements.
- Actions are consistent with local and regional plans.
- A determination that the land is not needed for county park and open space purposes, both at the present and in the future.
- Consideration of the total costs and benefits of ownership of the land.
- Protective deed restrictions placed on title of property.



## Appendix A: Outline of Planning Process

**Highway and Facilities Committee Meeting (January 8, 2025):** Parks Manager reported to the Committee that the Facilities and Parks Department will begin working on the 2026-2030 Plan in coordination with the Land Use Services Department, with anticipated adoption in May 2026.

**Highway and Facilities Committee Meeting (May 14, 2025):** Parks Manager reported to the Committee on the plan update process/status and public input survey.

**Public Input Survey (July 14, 2025 – August 1, 2025):** Parks Manager and County Planner developed a public input survey for the purpose of gathering public feedback to identify priorities and needs. The survey was made available to the public on July 14<sup>th</sup> and closed on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The survey was available online, and was promoted through the County's website and two press releases.

**Highway and Facilities Committee Meeting (October 8, 2025):** County Planner provided an update of the planning project and the planning process timeline, and provided a summary of the public input survey results. Timing and logistics of a public information meeting to present the plan to the public and gather public input was discussed.

**Highway and Facilities Committee Meeting (November 5, 2025):** Parks Manager reviewed State guidelines for county outdoor recreation plans and explained that, after review, it was determined there was a need to adjust the plan development/adoption timeline in order to address State guidelines. Parks manager also reviewed draft goals and objectives, and a draft list of projects/improvements with the Committee. The Committee had no objections with the adjusted timeline or draft goals and objectives.

**Highway and Facilities Committee Meeting (January 14, 2026):** Committee review of pre-final draft plan. Scheduling of the public information meeting and determining public notification procedures.

**Public Information Meeting (February 18, 2026):** Public information meeting to present draft plan to public for public review/comment.

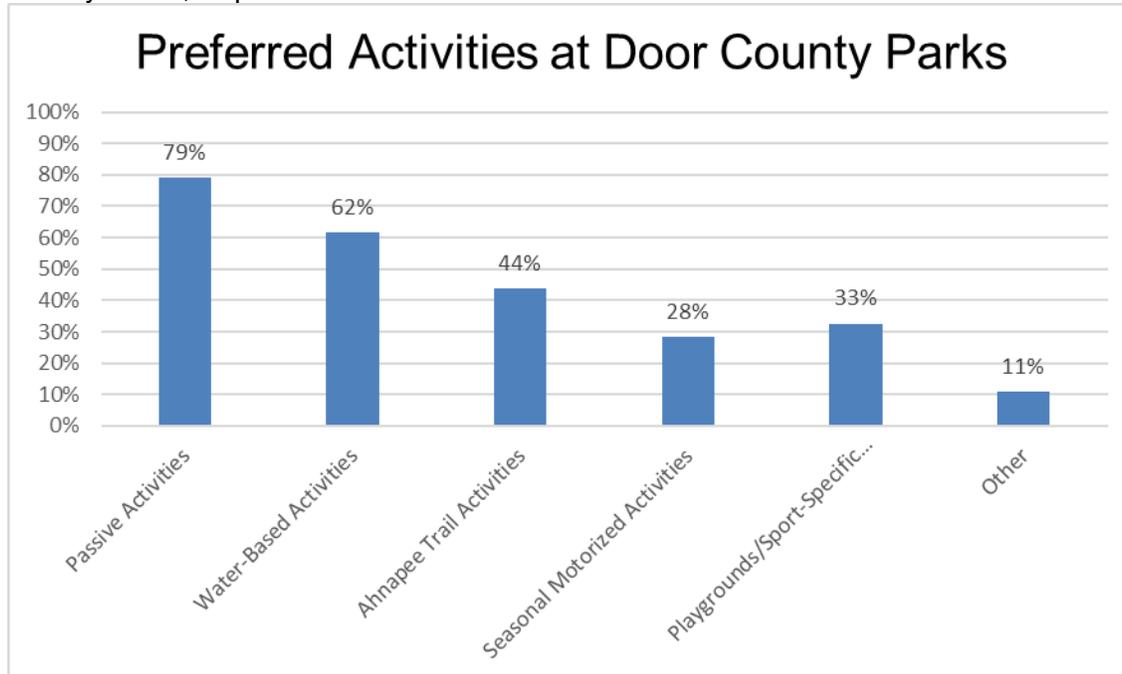
**Highway and Facilities Committee Meeting (March 11, 2026):** *Committee review of draft plan and public comment(s) from public information meeting. Committee approval and recommendation to adopt, if no significant changes.*

**County Board of Supervisors Meeting (March 24, 2026):** *Review and adoption of plan.*

In addition to the process and meetings described above, County Facilities and Parks Department and Land Use Services Department staff met on numerous occasions throughout the planning process to review and discuss past parks/outdoor recreation planning documents and existing park conditions to understand issues and opportunities within the County parks system. Plan goals, objectives, and future recommendations were also discussed.

## Appendix B: Public Input Survey Results

**Question #1 – Door County Parks Usage.** What activities do any members of your household like to do at the Door County Parks? Check off all that apply. If your household does not use any of the Door County Parks, skip to Question #3.



Park Activities	%	Total Responses
Passive Activities (e.g., walking/hiking, relaxing, picnicking, playing, sketching/painting, sight-seeing, nature study, photography, etc.)	79%	216
Water-Based Activities, Non-Motorized (e.g., beach use, swimming, paddling, surfing, fishing, etc.)	62%	168
Ahnapee Trail Activities, Non-Motorized (e.g., cross country skiing, snowshoeing, mountain/fat biking, hiking/running, horse back riding, etc.)	44%	119
Seasonal Motorized Activities (i.e., motor boating, snowmobiling on Ahnapee)	28%	77
Playgrounds or Sport-Specific Activities (e.g., soccer, car racing at John Miles County Park, disc golf, volleyball, etc.)	33%	89
Other	11%	30

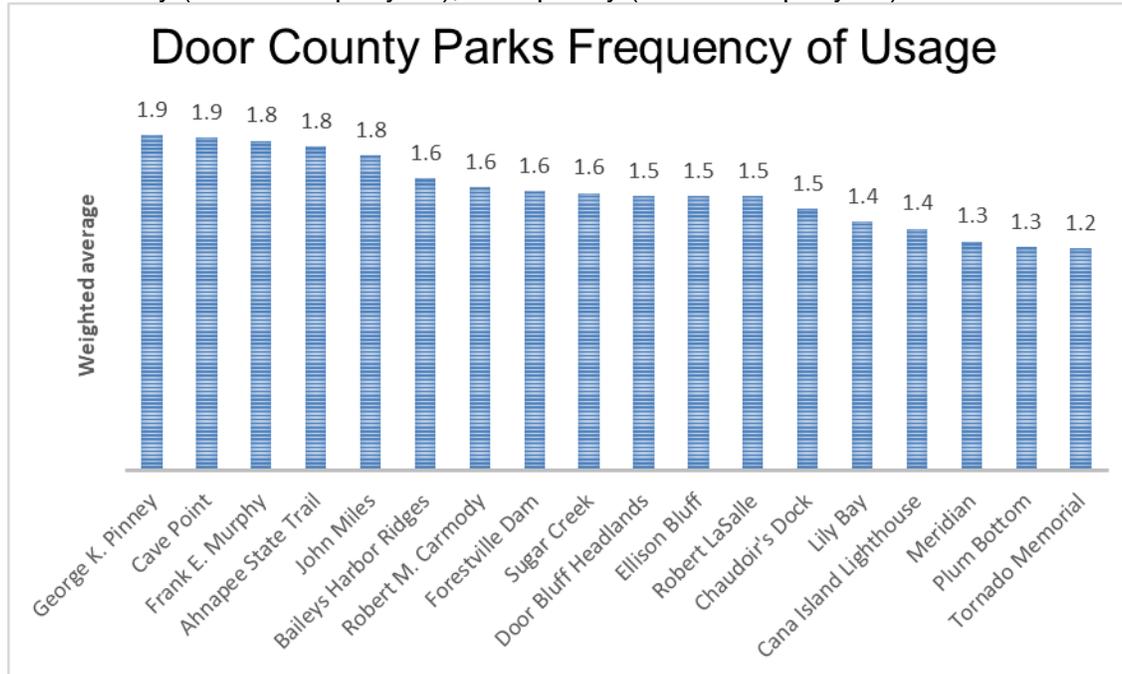
"Other" Response Comments
Snowmobiling
Also, snowmobiling in Potawatomi Park
Snowmobiling
Snowmobiling
Hunting
Pickleball.
Snowmobiling
Snowmobiling
Please clean up Haines Beach for the Southern Door Area!

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Open the Ahnapee to atv/sxs use
Snowmobiling around all of door county including ahnapee trail
PICKLEBALL!!!!
Hiking
playgrounds
Hiking on nature trails
Hiking, fiends and family get togethers
Boat launch Pinney
Non-motorized (hiking, biking, XC ski, snowshoe) activities at parks beyond Ahnapee Trail
Caving
Hiking - parks than Ahnapee Trial; foraging
Cana Island
Hunting/Fishing
meeting people; socializing
Walking in park
Walking my dog
It sure would be nice to have something for the kids to do inside...when the weather is not so nice. Yeah, we have the YMCA but not all families and/or kids use the Y.
HIKING
Hiking trails.
I don't use county parks that allow dogs
drive thru to view the seasonal changes of the parks

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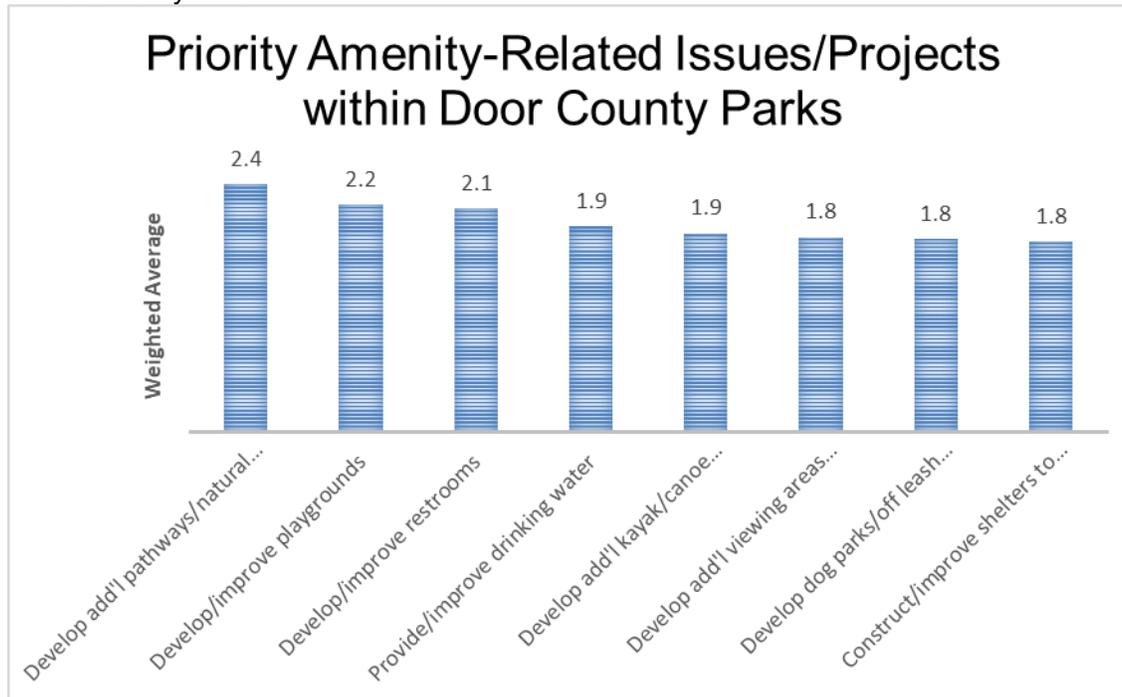
**Question #2 – Door County Parks Frequency of Usage.** Of the Door County Parks that your household uses, please check the frequency of usage: Frequently (6 or more times per year); Occasionally (3 - 5 times per year); Infrequently (1 - 2 times per year)



Door County Parks	Frequently (6+ times/year)	Occasionally (3-5 times/year)	Infrequently (1-2 times/year)	Total Responses	Weighted Average
George K. Pinney	28%	31%	41%	195	1.9
Cave Point	26%	33%	40%	238	1.9
Frank E. Murphy	24%	36%	40%	195	1.8
Ahnapee State Trail	29%	23%	48%	209	1.8
John Miles	27%	23%	50%	187	1.8
Baileys Harbor Ridges	16%	31%	53%	188	1.6
Robert M. Carmody	21%	16%	63%	143	1.6
Forestville Dam	19%	19%	62%	165	1.6
Sugar Creek	17%	22%	61%	139	1.6
Door Bluff Headlands	16%	22%	63%	161	1.5
Ellison Bluff	15%	23%	62%	166	1.5
Robert LaSalle	14%	25%	61%	154	1.5
Chaudoir's Dock	14%	18%	68%	153	1.5
Lily Bay	11%	16%	73%	124	1.4
Cana Island Lighthouse	9%	16%	74%	172	1.4
Meridian	9%	10%	81%	121	1.3
Plum Bottom	5%	15%	80%	114	1.3
Tornado Memorial	7%	10%	83%	125	1.2
Lyle-Harter-Matter Sanctuary	5%	12%	83%	112	1.2
Percy Johnson Memorial	4%	8%	88%	120	1.2

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**Question #3 – Door County Park Amenities.** Please assign a priority-level for up to three issues/project related to amenities within the Door County Parks that you would like addressed within the next five years.



Amenity-Related Issues/Projects	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Develop add'l pathways/natural trails	56%	23%	21%	154	2.4
Develop/improve playgrounds	39%	37%	24%	59	2.2
Develop/improve restrooms	41%	31%	29%	133	2.1
Provide/improve drinking water	35%	25%	40%	55	1.9
Develop add'l kayak/canoe launch docks	25%	39%	36%	69	1.9
Develop add'l viewing areas and/or stairs to access water	16%	52%	32%	85	1.8
Develop dog parks/off leash areas within non-natural areas	21%	42%	38%	53	1.8
Construct/improve shelters to better accommodate year-round & seasonal use	26%	29%	45%	89	1.8
Other				39	

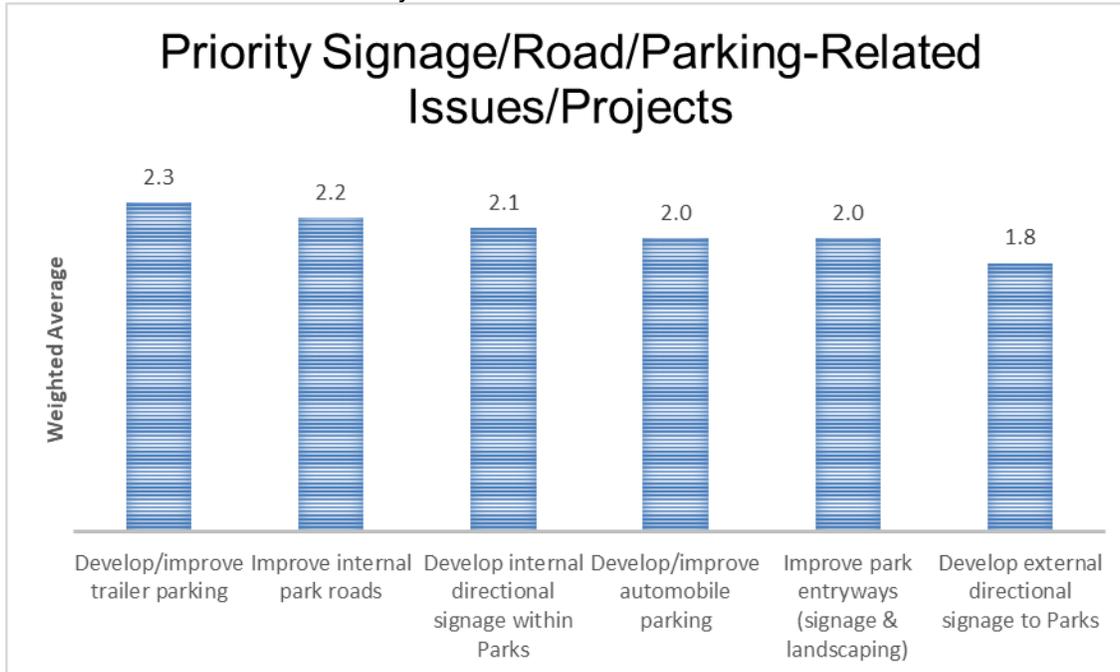
"Other" Response Comments
Snowmobiles trails
More snowmobile trails
Improve snowmobile/multi model trails
Snowmobiling
Develop areas where we can swim with our horses
More snowmobile trail access
Open Ahnapee for atv/sxs use
Snowmobile access priority 1
Snowmobile trails

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More snowmobile and hunting access
Keep snowmobile trail funding
Snowmobile trails
I snowmobile to all of rig county parks in southern door county multiple times per year
please add EV chargers to various parks and also solar panels on newer shelters.
Snowmobile trails
Add fish cleaning equipment to launch ramps
Improve trails/signage at Door Bluff
strengthen the role of nature
develop outdoor showers or rinse off stations near beaches
duck pond improvements
Improve surface water quality
Keeping parks rustic adds to the charm of the area
Rather than developing more infrastructure, maintain current infrastructure in tiptop condition.
Improve access for wheelchair users
Manage/conservate native habitats- 1st priority
Tennis Backboard / Rebounded for single tennis players
LaSalle Park could use more play equipment. Please do not build any more playgrounds with a rubberized surface. Rubber playgrounds are notorious for their flammability. Search on the internet and you will find several dozen or so stories of lovely playgrounds, burnt to a crisp. Typical culprit is just boys being stupid. They think it is funny, but once that rubber starts burning it really burns thoroughly and wrecks the whole playground. It is easy to imagine someone playing with fireworks or sparklers on the new John Miles playground and wrecking it. Not that it is such a bad thing to have, but really one is enough. The more that are built, the more likely someone will be a pyro on one of them. Instead, use woodchips, or if you are interested in ADA compliance, spend the extra money for Engineered Wood Product and leave a rake around so the parents can rake it flat. The Southern Door Playground has a really nice wheelchair rocker that does not require a rubber playground surface. The metal ramp goes straight to the blacktop lot. Wheelchair rockers accessible from sidewalk or blacktop can be a thoughtful addition to your woodchip playgrounds instead of replacing them with a rubber playground. Some of the historical interpretive signs along the Ahnapee Trail are showing their age. Please go through them and replace or at least clean the glass for the ones that look worn or are hard to read.
Improve handicap parking at Chadoirs Dock, quite a distance uphill
Properly clean up the mess that was made with the failed draw down of the Forestville Millpond
Get easements for more snowmobile trails (multi-moto).
Need mountain bike trails and disc golf course
more benches on trails so older people can rest more frequently.
It would be wonderful to have a functioning beach in southern door county to relax/swim at.
Keep parks as natural as possible
Clean up Sugar Creek and make the beach accessible. Clean up Haines Beach and make it usable again.
Add gravel trail to Door Bluff Headlands park like the beautiful Ellison Bay park has.
play grounds for children.
no recommendations
Quiet areas

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**Question #4 – Signage, Roads, and Parking for/within Door County Parks.** Please assign a priority-level for up to three issues/project related to signage, roads, and parking that you would like addressed within the next five years.



Signage/Road/Parking-Related Issues/Projects	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Develop/improve trailer parking	44%	38%	18%	55	2.3
Improve internal park roads	42%	32%	27%	120	2.2
Develop internal directional signage within Parks	40%	29%	32%	101	2.1
Develop/improve automobile parking	31%	39%	30%	106	2.0
Improve park entryways (signage & landscaping)	31%	39%	30%	114	2.0
Develop external directional signage to Parks	28%	28%	44%	82	1.8
Other				31	

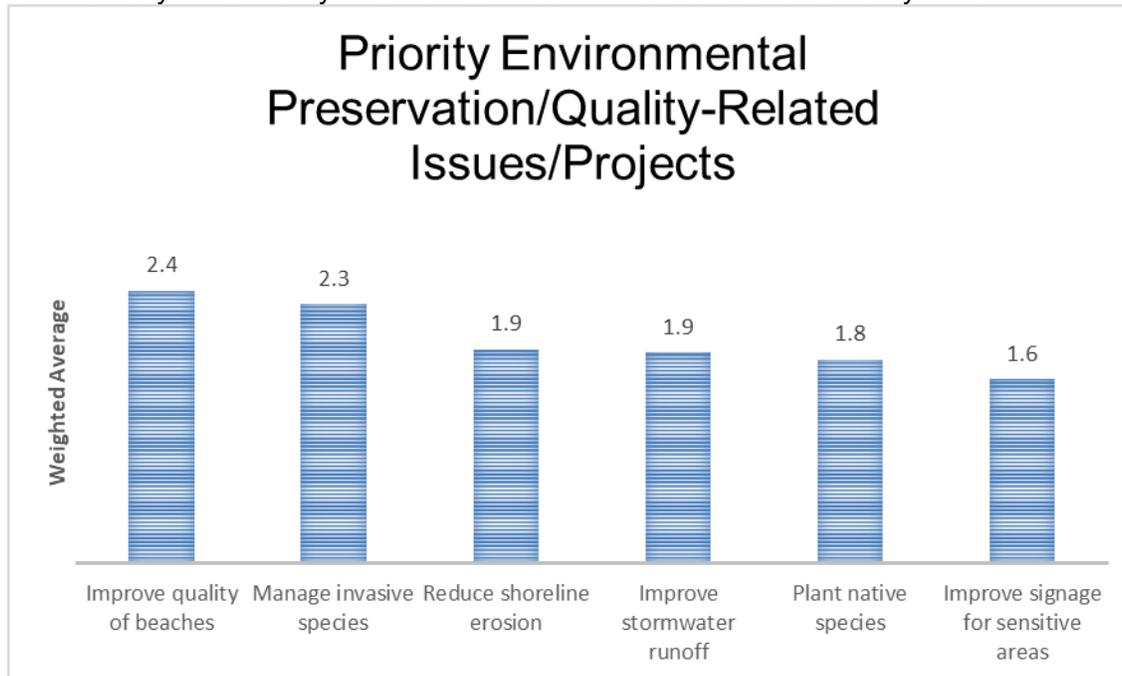
“Other” Response Comments
Bike racks
mew snowmobile trails
improve snowmobile trailer parking
Snowmobile trails
Don't forget about access for snowmobiling
Maintain snowmobile access
Add permanent snowmobile signs
Open Ahnapee for sxs use
Keep snowmobile trails open to door county parks
Add EV Chargers!!!
Cave Point County Park feels destroyed from its overuse, the woods around it chopped down for increasing paved parking lots. Please help our beautiful parks from being "loved to death".
less is more!!!
trail signage along routes
All of these topics are already good.

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I think signage is adequate
Build/improve bicycle lanes and trails
The parks are very good, as is.
Keep as natural as possible
Try to keep as much native /natural landscaping as possible while doing road improvements.
Improve access for wheelchair users
All the above are currently sufficient for my needs and use
1 priority: Widen roads for possible trail accessibility (walk/bike paths)
Good fences make good neighbors. Part of the problem is signage. It is hard to tell where the border is sometimes if you are in the woods. Landowner KEEP OFF NO TRESPASSING signs give a bad feeling. What would give me joy to see are creative, original looking park boundary signs to be fabricated by high school shop classes and installed facing the park side of your property boundaries. The barn quilt program is an ingenious anti-vandalism program. Because the quilts are made by youth, other youth ought to respect them, the way they might not respect something that was made by adults. The quilts act as a deterrent so that they don't tag up or torch barns that have the barn quilts on them. Shhhh! If they knew it was an anti-vandalism campaign, that might lose respect. The repeated bathroom vandalism could perhaps have been prevented, if original artwork or creative signage made by shop classes on the building. I feel you could ask for youth-made signage for both property borders, bathroom buildings, and maybe elsewhere. This could take years, but it could reduce vandalism and help people avoid trespassing without feeling unwelcome to the area.
Stop the ice fishing guides from taking up the whole parking lots
Hard surface hike/bike paths
Keep costs down for taxpayers
wider roads to accommodate bikes
Focus on southern door county
Keep as natural as possible
Lasalle could use improvement for lower park on hwy U

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**Question #5 – Environmental Preservation & Quality within Door County Parks.** Please assign a priority-level for up to three issues/projects related to environmental preservation and quality within Door County Parks that you would like addressed within the next five years.



Environmental Preservation/Quality-Related Issues/Projects	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Improve quality of beaches	57%	26%	17%	149	2.4
Manage invasive species	51%	28%	22%	170	2.3
Reduce shoreline erosion	19%	51%	30%	132	1.9
Improve stormwater runoff	23%	41%	37%	79	1.9
Plant native species	24%	32%	44%	117	1.8
Improve signage for sensitive areas	18%	26%	56%	68	1.6
Other				13	

<b>“Other” Response Comments</b>
Please clean up Haines Beach to have a functional park
Open Ahnapee for atv/sxs use
yes to all
I don't see a spot for this, but implement a 1000 dollar fine for jumping at Cave Point.
Baileys Harbor Ridges Beach improvements were a fiasco a few years ago. The sand replacement for filtering water was vile. If anything, the mucky standing water on the beach side of the, 'dune' that was created was deplorable.
Top priority for me would be to reduce impact on trees along Cave Point bluff edge trail. Currently tremendous impact on root system of trees. Many of those trees will be dying off in the next ten years because of this impact.
Plant native species - 4th priority
It is nice to have trees that both birds and children can eat from. You could plant some more of them in places where people like to go. The Door County Maritime Museum maritime museum parking lot has a lot of juneberry trees. You could do that too. I like the electric beach signs and hope they are all eventually installed

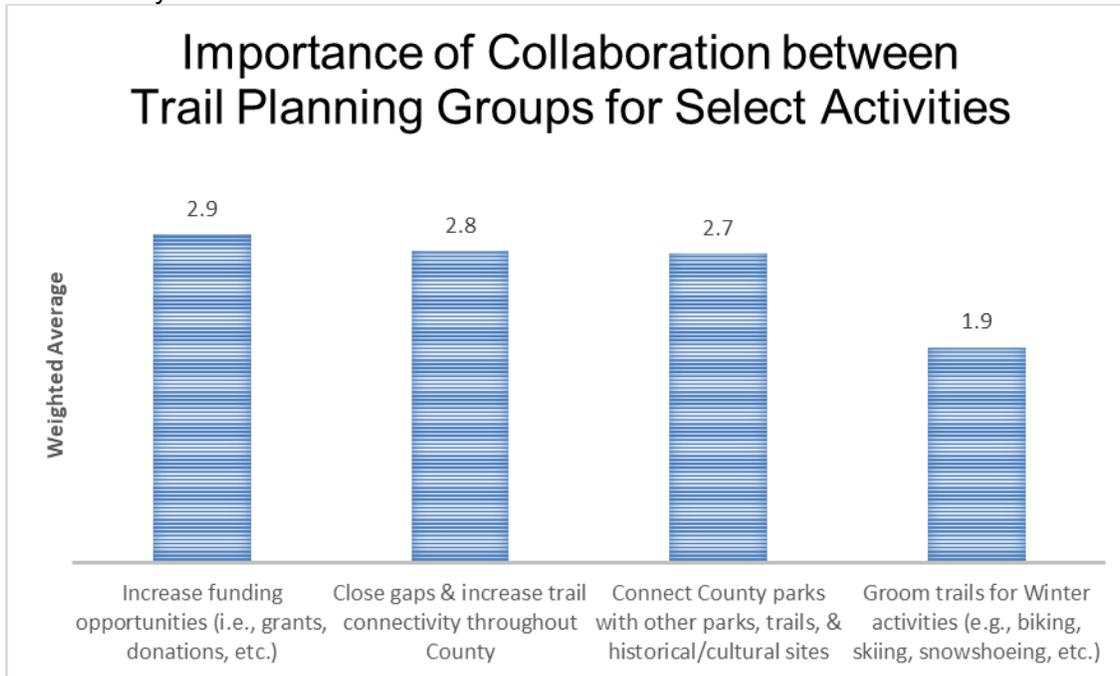
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so they are flush with the ground around them. No stubbing your toe on a corner. In winter, for traction, sand is dirtier looking but better for the environment when there are roadways and parking lots near the water.
southern door county
My three all tie for first! All important!
Improve prairie planting
Dark night sky
reforestation should always be a practice

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**Question #6 – Planning for Trails for Walking, Biking, and Other Non-Motorized Uses.** How important do you think it is for the different trail-planning groups (i.e., Door County Parks, DNR, municipalities, non-profits, etc.) to work together on the following activities when planning for trails in Door County?



Trail Planning Activities	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Important	Very Important	Total Responses	Weighted Average
Increase funding opportunities (i.e., grants, donations, etc.)	6%	7%	15%	34%	38%	256	2.9
Close gaps & increase trail connectivity throughout County	8%	11%	15%	30%	36%	261	2.8
Connect County parks with other parks, trails, & historical/cultural sites	9%	12%	15%	23%	40%	261	2.7
Groom trails for Winter activities (e.g., biking, skiing, snowshoeing, etc.)	16%	21%	26%	28%	8%	255	1.9
Other						19	

"Other" Response Comments
Snowmobile trails
Snowmobiling
Add more snowmobile trails
The county is missing out on hundred of thousands of dollars in lost revenue with a closed ahanapee trail for sxs/atv usage
Snowmobile trails!!
More snowmobile funding for trails and bridges
Keep trails throughout door county connected go snowmobiles
Grants for Solar Panels and EV chargers.
What is it that we wish to be our legacy. Native Americans looked out seven generations
promote preservation and keeping parks clean
Fine electric bike users

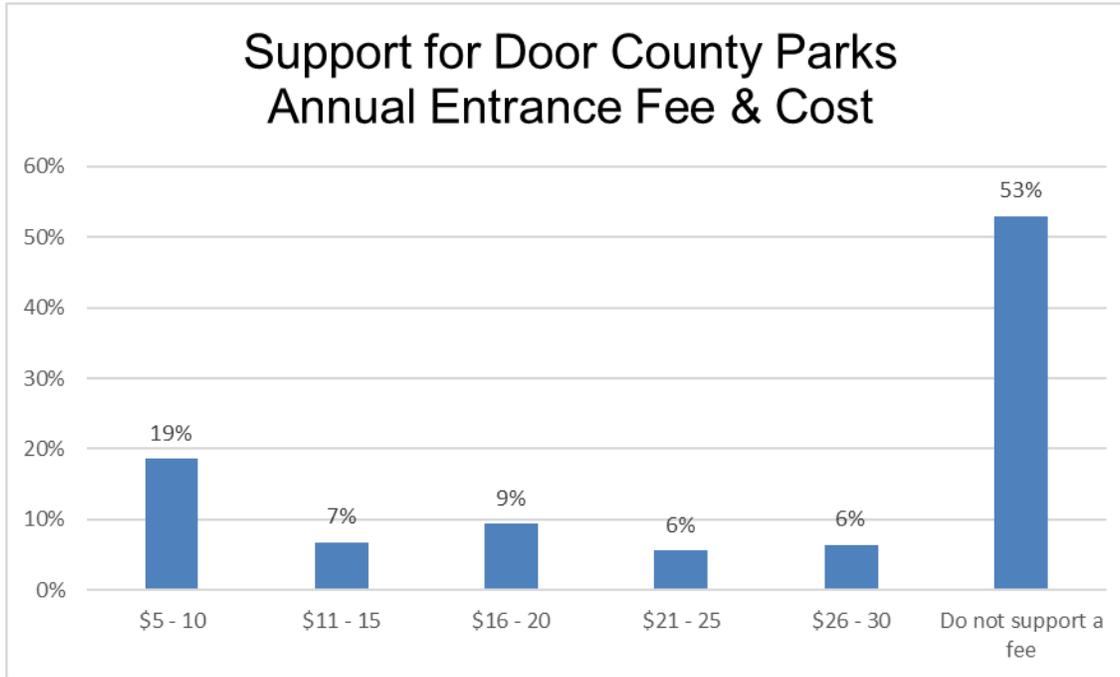
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Lighting should be installed on as many trails as possible. It's a danger to pedestrians to have trail users without lights. The amount of bicycles that are parked at bars give you an idea how many bicyclists ride their bikes after drinking.
Over use of sensitive areas is ruining the simplicity of Door County that makes it so special. Hiking isn't pleasant sharing trails with fat tire bikes. Cross Country skiing is iffy, at best, due to highly variable snow falls. Spending money on trails is a waste of cash, and. I speak as someone whose family enjoys XX skiing since the 70's..
Make trails safe: separate from car traffic!
For more children's play areas
Please communicate with the Door County Land Trust to see if they would accept your rules for their parks, and get an ordinance passed so that the rules on their parks can be enforced directly by the Sheriff's office. Rather than just not enforcing things on their parks, or if it must be enforced, trespassing them from it.
ensure geolocation information is available on the trails in the event of emergencies or displacement so people can be find and wayfind
Muti-Moto trails!
Add gravel trail to Door Bluff Headlands park like the beautiful Ellison Bay park has.

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**Question #7 – Door County Parks Annual Entrance Fee.** Do you support the implementation of an annual entrance fee to the Door County Parks and, if so, what price range per vehicle do you consider reasonable?



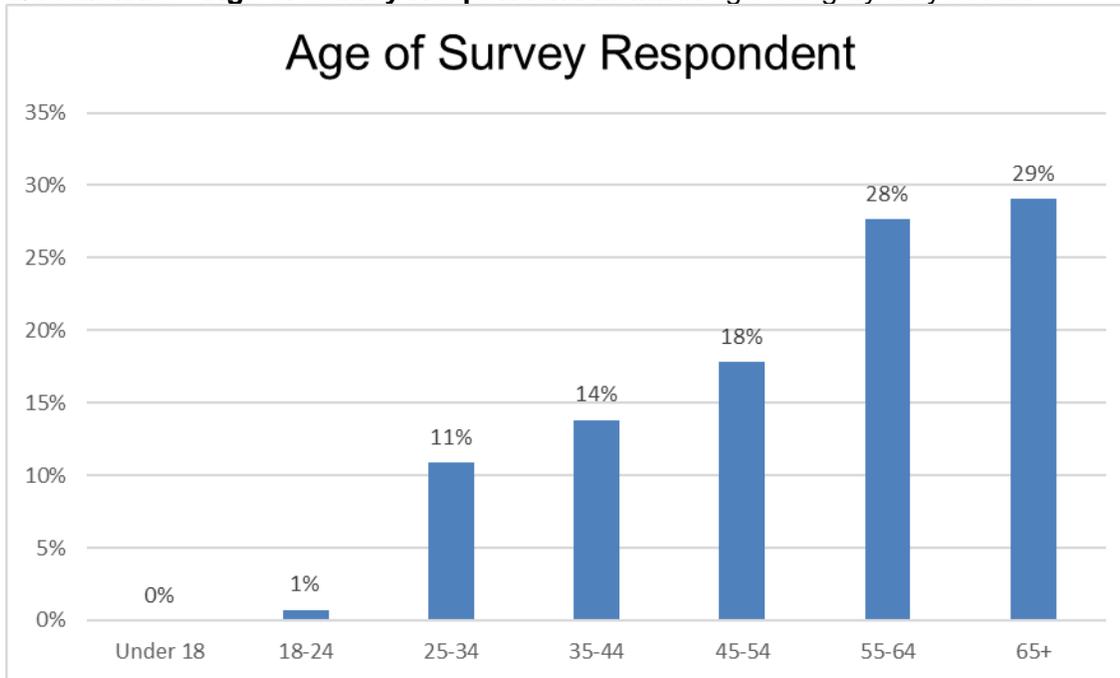
Cost of Annual Entrance Fee	%	Total Responses
\$5 - 10	19%	49
\$11 - 15	7%	18
\$16 - 20	9%	25
\$21 - 25	6%	15
\$26 - 30	6%	17
Do not support a fee	53%	140
Other		48

"Other" Response Comments
25\$ Fee for non year round residents
Minimum for residents more for non
I support a fee for non residents
For non residents only
As long as these funds go towards the park improvements
Our Property & Count .5% Tax Dollars already support our county parks. Maybe non-year round residents & tourists visiting should pay a fee for the use of our parks.
Support if County Residents have a reduced or no fee
As a local year round resident I pay enough in taxes!
Not for county residents
By keeping fees at a lower cost will sell more passes
Only if residents have the option for a reduced rate annual fee
They should be accessible by all. If a fee must happen though, we would pay annually.
to maintain or improve the wellbeing of nature

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I already pay for access through my taxes. However, I would support charging out of state people to use the parks if you could figure out a manageable way to do it.
sliding scale and or waivers for those within poverty guidelines as this is often the only way many can "vacation" without having any budget for it.
I would support a fee for non residents (anyone who is not a full time resident of the county), would not support a fee for full time year around residents of the county
This needs to remain free for families with limited funds
Already paying taxes
No fee for WI resident; \$35 fee for nonresident
Fee for non door county year around residents. Year around free
Fees for out of state visitors only
If proof of residence then no fee. Let all the tourists pay
Not for county residents
There should also be a substantial Door County Resident discount
Door County is becoming expensive for average families. There should be some areas free of charge.
Tax the tourists with a .025% June July August tax.
Would not be able to enforce it.
Might be hard to enforce but a fee would help raise funds and also limit the amount of users at specific places from being overran (i.e. Cave Point)
Non-resident fee
This is why we pay taxes. Not so we can be nickel and dimed everywhere we go. Some years I don't buy a state parks pass.
Not for Door County property owners who pay with property tax. Yes for non-property owners.
And 15 for residents
have a reduced rate for locals/full time residents
Please no window stickers. Use a hang tag on rearview mirror like National Parks and Recreation areas do.
If you do have a fee, make it a year round sticker.
As long as this increases funding and not replace general tax dollars already supporting parks.
one fee that covers all
Have a residential price and out of county price and have an annual, day, week pass for both; similar to the fishing license.
if fee is implemented, is it possible to have a rate for residents and higher rate for non-residents?
Supportive of entrance fees, but would like to see some kind of assistance program for low-income families to access parks for free/cheaper
Please do not do this. Not everyone here can afford it and it excludes families who utilize year round. This is exclusionary and wrong.
Annual pass, not per visit.
How about an out of state plate fee-we already can't afford homes-now you want to charge a fee to use our own public parks.
I believe this could be different for family vs. single person, also allow for veteran/senior discount; would this apply for soccer families?
Before we were residents (13+ yrs ago) we ALWAYS bought the yearly park access tickets. Would like to see the daily access a dollar less expensive.
I do not support a fee for locals. But we have a lot of usage from those outside of Door County that we support with our taxes. If you want to implement a fee for those living outside the area, I would support that. Kind of like how state parks, hunting, fishing, if you are outside of the state, you always pay more.
Offer up opportunities to donate while enjoying the park.
tax payers should not be charged to us a county park

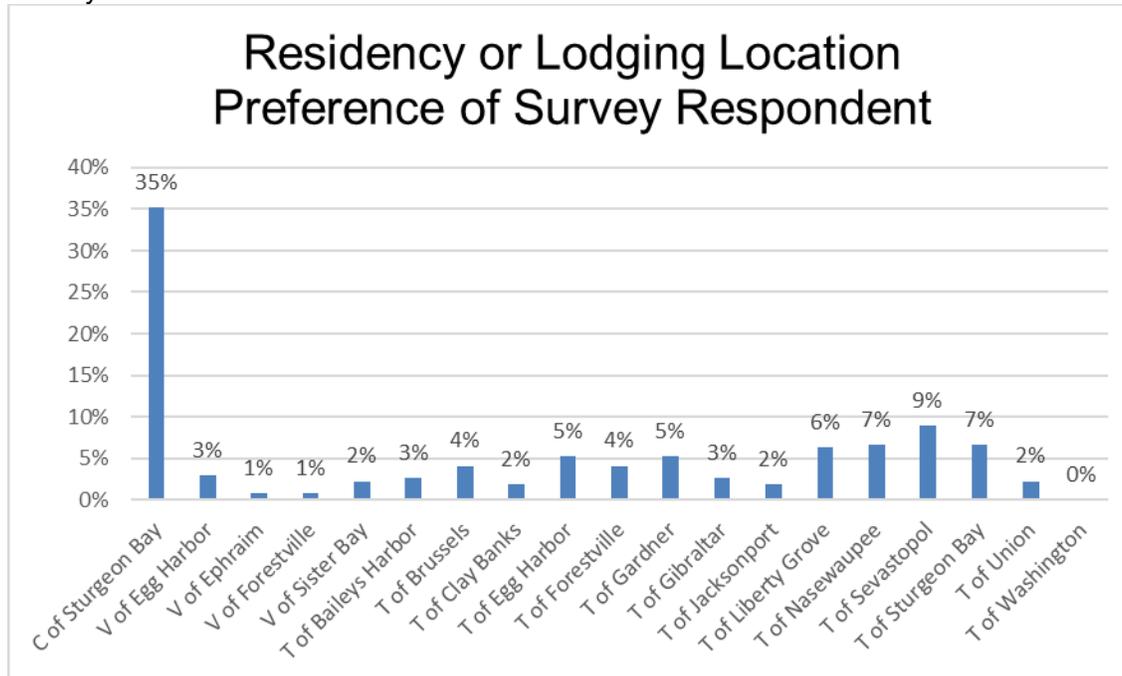
**Question #8 – Age of Survey Respondent.** In which age category do you fall?



Age	%	Total Responses
Under 18	0%	0
18-24	1%	2
25-34	11%	30
35-44	14%	38
45-54	18%	49
55-64	28%	76
65+	29%	80

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**Question #9 – Residency or Lodging Location Preference of Survey Respondent.** If you reside in Door County year-round, which municipality is your residence located? If you do not reside in Door County year-round, where do most members of your household prefer to rent/camp/lodge in Door County?



Municipality	%	Total Responses
C of Sturgeon Bay	35%	95
V of Egg Harbor	3%	8
V of Ephraim	1%	2
V of Forestville	1%	2
V of Sister Bay	2%	6
T of Baileys Harbor	3%	7
T of Brussels	4%	11
T of Clay Banks	2%	5
T of Egg Harbor	5%	14
T of Forestville	4%	11
T of Gardner	5%	14
T of Gibraltar	3%	7
T of Jacksonport	2%	5
T of Liberty Grove	6%	17
T of Nasewaupee	7%	18
T of Sevastopol	9%	24
T of Sturgeon Bay	7%	18
T of Union	2%	6
T of Washington	0%	0



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**Door County Facilities & Parks Department – Chaudoir’s Dock County Park Dredging Project**

Door County is seeking sealed bids for the above-referenced project. Bid documents may be obtained from QuestCDN website. [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com)

Bids shall be in strict conformance with the instructions, specifications and drawings and must be submitted to and received by the, Facilities & Parks Office, Door County Government Center, 421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, 54235 not later than 11:00 a.m. CST on February 17th, 2026, and will be publicly opened at the Government Center, Woodlands Conference Room #B339 on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. CST.

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(Signed) BA (Date) 1/16/26  
Office Representative

Signed and sworn before me

Kathryn Shanks

My commission expires 05/12/27

KATHRYN SHANKS  
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

# public notices & classifieds

**Public Notices this week:** County of Door; City of Sturgeon Bay; Towns of: Gibraltar, Jacksonport, Union; Village of Sister Bay; Southern Door School District

**Public notices submissions are due by 9:30am on Wednesday. Send them to [legals@ppulse.com](mailto:legals@ppulse.com).**

## COUNTY OF DOOR

### COURT ORDERS

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DOOR COUNTY

##### IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

McKenzie Marie Sperber  
**Notice of Name Change Hearing**

Case No. 25CV172

#### NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: [First] McKenzie [Middle] Marie [Last] Sperber  
To: [First] McKenzie [Middle] Marie [Last] Skippon

#### Birth Certificate:

[First] McKenzie [Middle] Marie [Last] Sperber

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Door County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name David Weber Place Door County Justice Center, 1209 S. Duluth Ave, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 Date 1/27/2026 Time 8:15 am

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-746-2280 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Clerk of Circuit Court 12/19/25 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Peninsula Pulse, a newspaper published in Door County, State of Wisconsin. Run: Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026 WNAXLP

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DOOR COUNTY

##### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JAMES DANHAUSER

**Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims**

(Formal Administration)

Case No. 25-PR-102

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

#### THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth 02/09/1926 and date of death 11/28/1986 was domiciled in Racine County, State of Wisconsin.

#### THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The Petition be heard at the Door County Justice Center, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, 1209 S. Duluth Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Room C256, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Regan Hendrickson, on January 29, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

**You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.**

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 27, 2026.

3. A claim may be filed at the Door County Justice Center, 1209 S. Duluth Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Room C256.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.

5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-746-2482 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

#### BY THE COURT:

/s/ Regan Hendrickson  
Court Commissioner 12/29/25  
Catherine J. Ludin  
Husch Blackwell  
511 North Broadway, Suite 1100  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
414-978-5673  
Bar Number 1130013  
Run: January 9, 16, 23 2026 WNAXLP

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DOOR COUNTY

##### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BARBARA J. LAWRIE

**Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims**

(Formal Administration)

Case No. 26 PR 01

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

#### THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth May 17, 1942 and date of death December 31, 2025 was domiciled in Door County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 200 N. 7th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

2. All interested persons waived notice.

#### THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 13, 2026.

2. A claim must be filed at the Door County Justice Center, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Room C258.

#### BY THE COURT:

/s/ Regan Hendrickson  
Court Commissioner 01/09/26  
Pinkert Law Firm LLP  
454 Kentucky Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
920-743-6505  
Bar Number 1082283  
Run: Jan 16, 23, 20, 2026 WNAXLP

### BID REQUESTS

#### INVITATION TO BID DOOR COUNTY Door County Facilities & Parks Department – Chaudoir's Dock County Park Dredging Project

Door County is seeking sealed bids for the above-referenced project. Bid documents may be obtained from QuestCDN website. [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) Bids shall be in strict conformance with the instructions, specifications and drawings and must be submitted to and received by the, Facilities & Parks Office, Door County Government Center, 421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, 54235 not later than 11:00 a.m. CST on February 17th, 2026, and will be publicly opened at the Government Center, Woodlands Conference Room #B339 on February 17th, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. CST. WNAXLP

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DOOR COUNTY, WI RESOURCE PLANNING COMMITTEE DOOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 421 NEBRASKA ST. STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

A public hearing and subsequent business meeting will be held by the Door County Resource Planning Committee (RPC) on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in the Door County Government Center Chambers Room (C102, 1st Floor).

#### Applicants and others who wish to offer oral testimony must attend in person.

Members of the public who wish to simply monitor/observe the hearing and meeting may attend in person, or do so remotely by computer using the link below, or via the Zoom smartphone app, or by calling (312) 626-6799.

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85015154400?pwd=hnfkeVMHgvQjN7AxD7oaEkdAdSYg.1>

**Zoom Webinar ID:** 850 1515 4400

**Passcode:** 577057

The hearing will begin at 3:00 p.m. to give consideration to the application below for a Conditional Use Permit, as specified in the Door County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

#### CLAY BANKS

Joseph Maggle requests a Conditional Use Permit to create a 2.76-acre non-farm residential lot to contain a residence and accessory buildings. The parcel is zoned Exclusive Agricultural (EA) and is located at 1840 CTH U. The purpose of a hearing is to allow parties to explain how their interests are affected, how the public is affected, and to bring out any facts pertinent to the case related to public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare.

Written testimony will be accepted on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, or by email to [LUSdepartment@co.door.wi.us](mailto:LUSdepartment@co.door.wi.us), and must be received 48 hours prior to the day of the hearing. Anonymous correspondence will not be accepted. Letters are available for inspection upon request. Letters are entered into hearing records, but are not read aloud. **Please note: Correspondence or testimony submitted for town-level proceedings does NOT get forwarded to the county.**

All application materials may be viewed on-line approximately four business days before the hearing at <https://www.co.door.wi.gov/AgendaCenter>. Additional materials may be posted up

until 4:30 p.m. the day before the hearing.

The list of names to whom this notice was sent by regular mail is available upon request. Hugh Zettel, Chairperson Resource Planning Committee c/o Land Use Services Dept. Door County Gov't. Center 421 Nebraska St. Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 Phone: (920) 746-2323 FAX: (920) 746-2387 Publication Dates: January 16 & January 23, 2026 WNAXLP

## CITY OF STURGEON BAY

### BID REQUESTS

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID PROPOSALS CITY OF STURGEON BAY

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sturgeon Bay will receive sealed bid proposals for **Project 2602 (Huron St Reconstruct, Utah St – Street & Storm Reconstruct, and Woodruff Pl & Area – Drainage Improvements)** at the office of the City Clerk: 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 until **2:00 PM on February 9, 2026** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The projects can begin any time after the frost is out of the ground and temporary water services can be installed / maintained (if applicable). All three projects are to be completed by **July 31, 2026**. The Contract Documents (including plans and specifications) are on file and may be examined and obtained at City Hall: 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 or by contacting the Senior Engineering Technician, Brian Spetz at (920) 746-6919. This work includes: 1,214 LF - Sanitary Main & Laterals 1,231 LF - Water Main & Laterals 1,355 LF - Storm Sewer 3,528 LF – Remove Curb & Gutter 3,885 SF – Remove Concrete Sidewalk & Driveway 6,895 SY – Remove Asphalt Pavement 2,450 CY – Unclassified Excavation 2,504 CY – Base Aggregate (measured in place) Along with other misc. items that accompany these types of projects.

**(ALL CONCRETE WORK BY OTHERS)**  
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The City of Sturgeon Bay reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals or accept the bid proposal most advantageous to the City. No bid proposal shall be withdrawn without the consent of the Board of Public Works for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of closing bid proposals. No bid proposal will be received unless accompanied by a bid bond equal to at least 5% (five percent) of the bid proposal (payable to the City of Sturgeon Bay) as a guarantee, and if their bid proposal is accepted, the Contractor will execute and file the Contract and Bond forming a part of the specifications within 10 (ten) days after the award of the Contract. Prevailing wage rates are not required for this project. Brian Spetz Senior Engineering Technician WNAXLP

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID PROPOSALS CITY OF STURGEON BAY

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sturgeon Bay will receive sealed bid proposals for **Project 2601A (Concrete Replacement Program)** at the office of the City Clerk: 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 until **1:00 PM on February 9, 2026** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Yew St, S Ridgeway Ave, E Compass St, and E Compass Pl can begin any time after the frost is out of the ground. E Vine St, S Lansing Ave, Shiloh Rd, Bluebird St, N 12th Pl, N 11th Pl & Bluebird Pl can begin approximately May 1, 2026. Circle Ridge Pl, E Walnut Pl, Texas St, Huron St (Reconstruct), Utah St (Street & Storm Reconstruct), and Woodruff Pl (Drainage Improvements) can begin approximately July 1, 2026. All projects are to be completed by August 31, 2026 (weather permitting). The Contract Documents (including plans and specifications) are on file and may be examined and obtained at City Hall: 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 or by contacting the

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**Featured in Classifieds:** Autos, For Rent, For Sale, Garage/Yard Sales, Miscellaneous, Real Estate, Rec Vehicles, Services, Wanted, Help Wanted

**Line classifieds submissions are due by noon on Tuesday. Send them to [classifieds@ppulse.com](mailto:classifieds@ppulse.com).**

## FOR RENT

### APARTMENT

**Studio Apartment for Rent**  
Newly renovated & furnished in Fish Creek. Available Feb 26 – April 26. \$650/mo plus utilities. Text 414.803.8301

### COMMERCIAL

**Retail/Office Space, Sister Bay**  
Approx 500 sq ft of retail/office space for rent in Country Walk Shops, Sister Bay. Available January 2026. Contact 414.828.6602

### Office Space – Sturgeon Bay

Across from post office on 4th Ave, off street parking, remodeled unique building in the heart of downtown. 1 suite 1000 sq ft available. [Sturgeonbayofficerental.com](mailto:Sturgeonbayofficerental.com) or call/text Steve at 920.333.2855

### RESIDENTIAL HOME

#### 3 Bedroom Home in Southern Door for Rent

Newly renovated 3 bedroom/2 bathroom home with attached garage available. Located in Southern Door School District near Brussels. Easy highway access. Please text 920.495.1803 for further information.

#### Tacoma Beach Estates Condo for rent

Condo for rent in highly desirable Tacoma Beach Estates, located in beautiful Door County. This spacious 1,819 sq ft, stair-free unit features 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a cozy fireplace, and an attached garage. All appliances are included. Landscaping and snow removal are provided, offering low-maintenance living in a sought-after community. 920.246.1827

### ROOM FOR RENT

#### Studio kitchenettes month to month Jan-April

Furnished housekeeping rooms have kitchen wall with full size fridge, apt size stove and oven, appliances, dishes/flatware, cookware. Room includes all utilities and has flat screen internet TV and wifi. You provide towels, bedding and all cleaning and paper products. \$1250 per month. No tax. 920.746.4046

#### Room in Fish Creek home

Month-to-month room with year-round availability in Fish Creek. Minutes away from Peninsula State Park in a quiet, wooded area of town. \$700 rent. Email [housinginquiry.dc.2026@gmail.com](mailto:housinginquiry.dc.2026@gmail.com) for more info.

### VACATION RENTAL

#### Seasonal Rental in The Villages, FL

Our updated furnished 2/2 home is available on a weekly, monthly or seasonal basis. Call 239.450.2600 for rates and details. It's warm and sunny here!

## FOR SALE

### FIREWOOD

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Dry split hardwood. GENEROUS half or full cords. Custom cutting & bulk orders available. 920.746.0122

#### Firewood For Sale

Seasoned, split, dry hardwood. Delivered by the truckload. Call or text Steve at 920.205.1621 or email [stumpchumpfirewood@gmail.com](mailto:stumpchumpfirewood@gmail.com)

#### Firewood For Sale

Firewood for sale. dry seasoned hardwood. Log lengths available. Camp fire wood also. Contact Steve 920.559.0830

#### Seasoned Firewood Fish Creek

1/2 face, face, 1/2 cord & cords of seasoned hardwood firewood for pick up or delivery. Stacking & custom lengths available for wood stoves. Credit cards accepted. 920.495.1344 or email [seasonedfirewoodfishcreek@gmail.com](mailto:seasonedfirewoodfishcreek@gmail.com)

### MERCHANDISE

#### Antiques Wanted

We pay cash for advertising items, beer, soda, gas signs, trays & crates, stoneware crocks, weather vanes & lightning balls, old cupboards, store counters, wood bowls, deer antlers, snowshoes, guns, wood decoys, toy trucks, pedal cars, boat anchors, portholes, lights, ship wheels, jewelry sterling silver & more. Questions, call EBERT'S ANTIQUES 920.682.0687

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Door County Kraut Co. / Mr. Burns Peppertorium

The 2026 BHCA winter Farmer's/Craft Markets are relocated 5 mi. north of town at 2604 Grove Rd. on the lower-drive office entrance. Watch for Blue & White DOT signs on ROW and turn west on Grove Rd. for 1/2 mile – turn right. Thank You to all for coming out in the snowstorm on January 10 to patronize vendors committed to customer service. We appreciated your efforts. Multiple vendors will be present selling wares on Valentines Day Saturday February 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with ample parking & HC access. Unique products in one location while supporting local vendors. DC Kraut/Mister Burns Farm specializes in fermented products – raw sauerkrauts and hot sauces, BBQ sauces, and Salsa's from mild to very spicy. DC Kraut features scratch breakfast buns, muffins, breads/rolls, pies, cakes, pastries and more, fresh brined refrigerator Oriental style Daikon Radish, Cucumber-Onion sweet/sour, and Garlic dill pickles, A-2 Cheeses, Seasonings made from our forest and farm grown produce. Shipping available on some items. We accept credit cards at this location. For sales/questions between markets and special-order items call Ann at 920.839.2288

#### HYLINE ORCHARD FARM MARKET

2 miles north of Egg Harbor on Hwy 42. (920.868.3067) OPEN YEAR ROUND 9am to 5pm. **HOMEMADE CHERRY & APPLE PRODUCTS FROM OUR ORCHARDS.** Cherries galore. NEW freeze dried cherries, our own sparkling cider & juice, Cherry & many more. Locally grown state certified beef, ground, steaks & roast. Also our cherry and apple pies baked or ready to bake. A variety of cheese, cheese spreads and cheese curds. Door County beer and wines. Natural homemade soaps. Door County Watch Us Grow liquid fertilizer. Honey crisp dried apples, large variety of fruit pie fillings including Cherry & Honey Crisp apple. Jams, Jellies, Pies, Salsa, BBQ Sauce. (Cherries: frozen, canned and dried), Cherry Cider, Honey Crisp Blend Apple Cider, our new apple grape and peachy apple and apple cranberry ciders. Fresh Eggs, Maple Syrup, Honey, Pickles, Spices, Fudge, Gifts & Gift Boxes and Much More. Pick Your Own Cherries and Apples in season. Six Generations Growing and Marketing Fruits and Vegetables. Wholesale and Retail products. We ship UPS. Accept WIC checks.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### SPECIALS

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Bulk firewood, landscaping wood mulch. Delivery available. Call Hyline Orchard, 8240 Hwy 42, fish Creek 2 miles north of Egg Harbor. 920.868.3067 or 920.493.4083

### REAL ESTATE

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Wanted – Real Estate**  
House under \$65,000 or livable building to use as a studio. Contact 920.256.4289.

## SERVICES

**Look for additional Service display advertisements within this section.**

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### NEED SOMETHING HAULED?

**Need Something Hauled?**  
Call **A Cleaning Crew** EST 2019  
**920-818-0450**  
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Are you tired of looking at that pile of junk and want to reclaim your space? Let A CLEANING CREW do it for you. Or you just want something hauled from point A to point B. Give us a call and let's get it done. Boxes, Furniture, Appliances, Yard Waste, Scrap Metal, Junk and more. We are family Owned and Operated, Insured and Eco-friendly. Servicing all of Door County. Call 414.803.2540

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#### SCRAP MAXX

**SCRAP MAXX**  
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We haul junk from your home or business. We'll take the stress out of your mess, we are a family owned business, and we can clean out your mess, weather it is old appliances, old furniture, yard waste or just a garage full of junk that you want gone! 920.255.6868

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#### Available for Work

15+ years in restaurants. Professional home & hotel cleaning service. Landscaping & custom stone mason, tree cutting & trimming. Minor construction. Odd jobs. Call 920.539.1402. Ryan Fish Creek

#### Need a piece of jewelry fixed?

I can restring, fix a clasp or broken parts, etc. so you can wear it again! Call Pam at Earth Art Studio in Sister Bay at the Country Walk Shops: 920.854.1912 or stop by Thurs to Sat 10 am – 1 pm

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## WANTED

### TO RENT

#### May-October Home for 2 Seasonal Business Owners

Looking to rent a seasonal home from May-October. Both tenants are women in their 30s who own seasonal businesses. 3+ bedrooms preferable. Dog friendly. 414.531.5236

## HELP WANTED

#### Look for additional Help Wanted display advertisements within this section.

### HOTEL/LODGING

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217 N. 4th Ave Sturgeon Bay | #28 [upstairs]

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### Public Notices

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Senior Engineering Technician at (920) 746-6919. This work includes: 3,984 LF - New Concrete Curb & Gutter 3,794.5 SF - New Concrete Sidewalk, Apron, or Driveway 3,128 LF - Remove & Replace Concrete Curb & Gutter 602.5 SF - Remove & Replace Conc. Sidewalk, Apron, or Driveway 17 EA - Inlet Casting Height Adjustment Misc. Concrete Spillway Removals & Replacements Misc. Lawn Restoration Along with other misc. items that accompany these types of projects

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specifications) are on file and may be examined and obtained at City Hall: 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 or by contacting the Senior Engineering Technician at (920) 746-6919. This work includes: 43,353 SY - Mill / Remove Asphalt Pavement 1,969 SY - Pulverize Asphalt Pavement 52,221 SY - Base Fine Grading 10,672 TON - Hot Mix Asphalt 48 EA - Manhole Casting Height Adjustment 45 EA - Water Valve Stem Top Replacement Along with other misc. items that accompany these types of projects. The City of Sturgeon Bay reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals or accept the bid proposal most advantageous to the City. No bid proposal shall be withdrawn without the consent

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### MINUTES

COMMON COUNCIL  
December 16, 2025  
A meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call: Bacon, Huston, Williams, Gustafson, Nault, Wiederanders, and Matson were present. Williams/Matson to adopt the agenda. Carried. No one spoke during public comment. Bacon/Wiederanders to approve following bills: General Fund - \$201,506.30, Capital Fund - \$107,199.63, TID #10 - \$13,057.45, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - \$17,395.29, and Compost Site Enterprise Fund - \$152.40 for a grand total of \$339,311.07. Roll call: All voted aye.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID PROPOSALS**  
**CITY OF STURGEON BAY**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sturgeon Bay will receive sealed bid proposals for **Project 2501B (Asphalt Replacement Program)** at the office of the City Clerk: 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 until **1:00 PM on February 9, 2026** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Yew St, S Ridgeway Ave, E Compass St, and E Compass Pl can begin approximately May 1, 2026. E Vine St, S Lansing Ave, Shiloh Rd, Bluebird St, N 12th Pl, N 11th Pl & Bluebird Pl can begin approximately June 1, 2026, Circle Ridge Pl, E Walnut Pl, Texas St, S 18th Ave, Huron St (Reconstruct), Utah St (Street & Storm Reconstruct), and Woodruff Pl (Drainage Improvements) can begin approximately August 1, 2026. All projects are to be completed by September 30, 2026 (weather permitting). The Contract Documents (including plans and

**VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued\*.

**Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail**  
Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification\*

**The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:**  
5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, February 12, 2026.

\*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

\*\*Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Voting an absentee ballot in person**  
You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

**The Municipalities and Wards below are the only Door County polling locations with a February 17, 2026 Primary Election:**

<b>TOWN OF BAILEYS HARBOR (Wards 1 &amp; 2 only)</b> Haley Adams 2392 County F PO BOX 308 Baileys Harbor WI 54202 920-839-9509 By Appointment M-TH 9 am- 3 pm	<b>TOWN OF JACKSONPORT (Ward 2 only)</b> Colleen Huberty 3365 County Rd V Sturgeon Bay WI 54235 920-823-8136 M, T 10 am-2 pm F 8 am-12 pm
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**The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026

**The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is:** Friday, February 13, 2026

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place location before the polls close on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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# Public Notices

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Carried.  
Gustafson/Nault approve consent agenda:  
a. Approval of 12/2/25 regular Common Council minutes.  
b. Place the following minutes on file:

- (1) Historic Preservation Commission – 11/5/25
- (2) Sturgeon Bay Utility Commission – 11/11/25
- (3) City Plan Commission – 11/20/25
- (4) Aesthetic Design & Site Plan Review Board – 11/24/25
- (5) Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee – 11/25/25

c. Place the following reports on file:  
(1) Police Department Report – November 2025  
(2) Bank Reconciliation – November 2025  
(3) Revenue & Expense Report – November 2025  
Carried.

There were no mayoral appointments.  
Wiederanders/Williams to appoint the 2026-2027 Election Inspectors as presented. Carried.

Nault/Huston to read in title only for second reading of ordinance re: Create Planned Unit Development Zoning Classification for Parcel #281-46-65011901 located at 145 S. Neena Avenue. Carried.

Williams/Wiederanders to read in title only for second reading of the ordinance re: Revision to Section 20.27(2) of the Municipal Code – Exceptions to the Height Requirements. Carried.

Wiederanders/Gustafson to adopt resolution authorizing sale of North 14th Avenue (The Avenue Affordable Housing Project.) Carried. The City Administrator gave his report.

Mayor Ward gave his report. The Council did not go into closed session to discuss the agenda item of: Acquisition of Right of Way – South 18th Avenue/Leathem Smith Area. Discussion took place regarding purchase price and speed sign boards. Williams/Bacon to approve the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee recommendation to authorize a counter proposal containing the following:

Purchasing price of \$80,000; Installation of digital radar speed sign in lieu of speed bumps or speed humps; and City will process sign permit in timely manner. Discussion took place regarding speed boards and that the Local Transportation Board has and continues to look at these types of board, looking at other traffic calming measures.

Gustafson/Matson to amend the motion to remove "Installation of digital radar speed sign in lieu of speed bumps or speed humps." Vote taken on the amendment. Carried with Williams voting no. Vote taken on original motion as amended. Carried with Williams voting no.

Nault/Gustafson to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Stephanie L. Reinhardt City Clerk/HR Director WNAIXLP

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Ryan Londo Harbor Master Aquatic Water Weeds Manager 746-6920 WNAIXLP

## MUNICIPALITIES ORDINANCES

### GIBRALTAR

Publication Notice – Ordinance 2026-01  
Please take notice that the Town of Gibraltar adopted Ordinance No. 2026-01, Regarding Issuance of Alcohol Beverage Licenses (Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 2014-05), on January 7, 2026. The ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance 2014-05 and establishes comprehensive local procedures and requirements governing the issuance, renewal, transfer, suspension, and revocation of alcohol beverage licenses within the Town of Gibraltar, consistent with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 125. The full text of the Ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office, 4097 Main Street, Fish Creek, Wisconsin, or on the Town's website at www.gibraltarwi.gov. For additional information, contact the Town Clerk at (920) 868-1714. WNAIXLP

### JACKSONPORT

Please be advised that the Town of Jacksonport has adopted Ordinance 2025-06, "Speed Limits Identified". The full text of the ordinance may be obtained at the Town Office, 3365 County Road V, Sturgeon Bay, during regular office hours. For additional information please contact the Town Office at 920-823-8136 Colleen Huberty, Clerk WNAIXLP

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

### SISTER BAY

#### PLAN COMMISSION/ VILLAGE BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice is hereby given that the Sister Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 5:30 PM, or shortly thereafter, for the purpose of considering amendments to the adopted future land use map, adopting a revised zoning map, and to consider text amendments to Chapter 66 of the Village of Sister Bay Municipal Code pertaining to zoning. If the Plan Commission recommends approval of the proposals, the Village Board will consider them at a hearing on February 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain comments and input from the public on the proposed land use map amendment, new zoning map and text amendments. The public hearing will be held at the Sister Bay Liberty Grove Fire Station located at 2258 Mill Rd., Sister Bay. A virtual option is available (visit www.sisterbaywi.gov and search for the agenda for the Zoom link, or, contact the Village Office by phone at 920-854-4118). A summary of the proposed map amendments, new map, and text amendments are as follows:

- Future Land Use Map: Amend the Village of Sister Bay 2025 Comprehensive Plan, Map 7.2, Future Land Use, changing the land use classification from business to residential on the following three parcels: 2283 Sunset Drive, 10705 S. Spring Road, and 10569 Fieldcrest Road.
- Chapter 66, Zoning Map: Adopt a revised zoning map to ensure the Village zoning map is consistent with the adopted land use plan. It is proposed a new overlay district be created, and several

other changes, in particular in the southeast section of the Village.

• Chapter 66, Zoning: Text amendments to make the Village's nonconforming structure and use codes consistent with statutes, delete conflicts between Village code and State building codes, address the use of substandard lots, create regulations for the Woodland District Overlay, and other miscellaneous revisions. In addition to testimony presented at the hearing, written correspondence will also be accepted until 3:00 PM, January 22, 2026, and forwarded to the Plan Commission; the deadline for the Board meeting is the meeting itself, February 17, 2026, 3:00 PM. Correspondence can be mailed to P.O. Box 769, Sister Bay, WI 54234; faxed to 920-854-9637; deposited in the drop box at the Administration Office at 2383 Maple Drive, Sister Bay; or e-mailed to info@sisterbaywi.gov. Late correspondence will not be forwarded to the Commission or Board. Written correspondence will also be available for public inspection until the close of business on the day of the hearing and will be entered into the record. A summary of all correspondence received will be presented at the public hearing, but individual letters will not be read aloud. Anonymous correspondence will not be accepted. All related public hearing materials may normally be viewed at the Sister Bay Administration Building, 2383 Maple Drive, Sister Bay, WI between 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Thursday. By order of the Plan Commission of the Village of Sister Bay Village Administrator WNAIXLP

## UNION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Union Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Town of Union Community Center, 905 County Hwy DK, Brussels, Wisconsin on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm, or shortly thereafter, in regard to variance request by: Randy DeChamps requests to allow construction of a dwelling within the same footprint of the previous dwelling which would be located closer than the required 10' side setback. Parcel Number 0260028262324B located in SF20 zoning district. Applicants and others who wish to offer oral testimony must attend in person. Written testimony will be accepted on 8 1/2" x 11" paper only and must be received by the Clerk by 5:00 pm the day before the hearing. Anonymous correspondence will not be accepted. All application material may be viewed on-line at Town of Union Website, located under Board of Appeals: https://townofuniondoorwi.gov/agendas-minutes/. WNAIXLP

## RESOLUTIONS

### GIBRALTAR

Publication Notice – Resolution 2026-01  
Please take notice that the Town of Gibraltar adopted Resolution No. 2026-01, Amending the Fundraising Period Established by Resolution No. 2025-07, on January 7, 2026. The Resolution amends Resolution No. 2025-07 by modifying the commencement and termination dates of the one-year fundraising period established for the Gibraltar Historical Association in connection with the lease of the property located at 4148 Main Street, Fish Creek, Wisconsin. All other terms and provisions of Resolution

No. 2025-07 remain in full force and effect. The full text of Resolution No. 2026-01 may be obtained at the Town Office, 4097 Main Street, Fish Creek, Wisconsin, or on the Town's website at www.gibraltarwi.gov. For additional information, contact the Town Clerk at (920) 868-1714. WNAIXLP

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS AGENDAS

### SOUTHERN DOOR

SOUTHERN DOOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026 High School Library – 6:30 pm Regular School Board Meeting AGENDA

Call to order.  
Roll Call - Verification of Quorum.

Finding that the meeting was properly called, convened, proper notice given §19.84(2). Pledge of Allegiance & Board Commitment.

Student Highlight of the Month: High School Family Consumer Science Class.

Recognition of Public (Limit 5 minutes/person; 20 minutes/topic).

Student Representatives' Reports.

School Resource Officer's Biannual Report.

Southern Door Community Auditorium Biannual Report.

Superintendent's Report.

Approval of 2026 Operational Referendum Questions:

**Resolution A:** Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$3,150,000 Per Year for Three Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

**Resolution B:** Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$3,150,000 Per Year for Three Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

Administrators' Reports:  
- Act 20 Update.  
- Substitute Staffing Update. Consent Agenda Items. The Board will consider approval of:

I. Past Minutes: December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting; December 17, 2025 Special Meeting.

II. Expenditure/Revenue Reports & Current Bills Payable – Check Register.

III. Donations.

IV. Approve Monthly Drill Assessments.

V. Open Enrollment Space Limitations for the 2026-27 School Year.

VI. New Courses, Name Changes, and Course Deletions for the 2026-27 School Year.

VII. WASB Resolutions - Delegate Assembly Voting Guidance.

Individually Considered Items from the Consent Agenda.

Personnel Recommendations:

VIII. Retirements, Resignations, Changes of Assignment, Hiring, Appointments.

Requests for Future Agenda Items.

President's Comments. Closed Session, §19.85(1)(b) (c), 118.125, 120.13:

a. Closed Minutes: December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting.

b. Review of Administrator Contracts.

c. Superintendent Evaluation. Return to Open Session: *The Board may take any necessary action on items that were discussed in Closed Session, as appropriate.*

IX. Approve Administrator Contracts for:

a) Elementary/Middle School Principal;

b) High School Principal;

c) Director of Pupil Services;

d) Director of Transportation and Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor;

e) Business Manager;

f) Superintendent Adjourn. WNAIXLP

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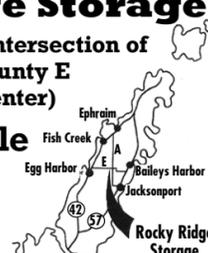
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# Classifieds

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### Volunteer Tram Tour Drivers Wanted – 2026 Season

The Ephraim Historical Foundation is seeking friendly, reliable individuals to serve as tram tour drivers for the 2026 season. Drivers lead engaging historic tours of the village and interact with visitors of all ages. Ideal candidates enjoy local history, working with the public, and being part of a team. Training provided. Seasonal, part-time positions. For more information, email Laura at lmcMahon@ephrain.org or call our office at 920.854.9688

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Line Item	Item Description	UofM	Quantity	Pier and Waterfront Solutions		Summerset Marine		Iron Works Construction	
				Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension
	<b>Bidders Proof of Responsibility</b>								
101	Construction Facilities and Temporary Controls	LS	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
102	Performance Bond	LS	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
103	Payment Bond	LS	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
104	Insurance	LS	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
105	Mobilization and Demobilization	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
106	Dredge Area 1 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	2583	\$46.00	\$118,818.00	\$27.00	\$69,741.00	\$35.00	\$90,405.00
107	Dredge Area 2 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	1535	\$46.00	\$70,610.00	\$26.00	\$39,910.00	\$35.00	\$53,725.00
108	Dredge Area 3 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	1052	\$46.00	\$48,392.00	\$26.00	\$27,352.00	\$35.00	\$36,820.00
109	Dredge Area 4 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	5250	\$46.00	\$241,500.00	\$27.00	\$141,750.00	\$35.00	\$183,750.00
110	Dredge Area 1 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	494	\$46.00	\$22,724.00	\$27.00	\$13,338.00	\$29.00	\$14,326.00
111	Dredge Area 2 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	526	\$46.00	\$24,196.00	\$26.00	\$13,676.00	\$29.00	\$15,254.00
112	Dredge Area 3 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	217	\$46.00	\$9,982.00	\$26.00	\$5,642.00	\$29.00	\$6,293.00
113	Dredge Area 4 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	887	\$46.00	\$40,802.00	\$27.00	\$23,949.00	\$29.00	\$25,723.00
114	Turbidity Barrier	LS	1	\$24,400.00	\$24,400.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
115	Grading of Dredge Material Stockpile at Old Door County Landfill (Balefill), Seeding and Stabilization	LS	1	\$20,040.00	\$20,040.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$37,632.00	\$37,632.00
	Base Bid Total:				\$644,964.00		\$449,358.00		\$578,428.00

Area 1+2

\$250,665.00

Line Item	Item Description	UofM	Quantity	Michels Construction		Veit	
				Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension
	<b>Bidders Proof of Responsibility</b>						
101	Construction Facilities and Temporary Controls	LS	1	\$14,750.00	\$14,750.00	\$2,610.00	\$2,610.00
102	Performance Bond	LS	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,545.60	\$2,545.60
103	Payment Bond	LS	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,545.60	\$2,545.60
104	Insurance	LS	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,545.60	\$2,545.60
105	Mobilization and Demobilization	LS	1	\$245,500.00	\$245,500.00	\$169,280.00	\$169,280.00
106	Dredge Area 1 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	2583	\$55.58	\$143,563.14	\$69.50	\$179,518.50
107	Dredge Area 2 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	1535	\$55.58	\$85,315.30	\$69.50	\$106,682.50
108	Dredge Area 3 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	1052	\$55.58	\$58,470.16	\$69.50	\$73,114.00
109	Dredge Area 4 to +569.9' NAVD88	CY	5250	\$55.58	\$291,795.00	\$69.50	\$364,875.00
110	Dredge Area 1 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	494	\$43.23	\$21,355.62	\$69.50	\$34,333.00
111	Dredge Area 2 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	526	\$43.23	\$22,738.98	\$69.50	\$36,557.00
112	Dredge Area 3 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	217	\$43.23	\$9,380.91	\$69.50	\$15,081.50
113	Dredge Area 4 1' Allowable Overdepth	CY	887	\$43.23	\$38,345.01	\$69.50	\$61,646.50
114	Turbidity Barrier	LS	1	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$23,220.00	\$23,220.00
115	Grading of Dredge Material Stockpile at Old Door County Landfill (Balefill), Seeding and Stabilization	LS	1	\$88,500.00	\$88,500.00	\$139,820.00	\$139,820.00
	Base Bid Total:				\$1,121,214.12		\$1,214,374.80



# THE RIDGES

## **The Ridges Sanctuary “Range Light 40” Report**

### **Annual Update of Activities – February 2026**

**Submitted by: Sam Hoffman, Land Manager**

It’s been another exciting year for The Ridges Sanctuary, and I’m pleased to provide our annual update on what’s happened at the “Range Light 40”! The Baileys Harbor Range Lights and “Range Light 40” continue to be a critical area and focal point of all our efforts. We are grateful for its continued partnership and relationship with the Door County Parks Department. Thank you for all you do to keep Door County beautiful! The following is a list of programmatic and management updates to the “Range Light 40” in Baileys Harbor, owned by Door County and leased/managed by The Ridges Sanctuary.

#### **Baileys Harbor Range Light Resident Docent Program**

Going into its fourth year, the Resident Docent Program continues to be a highly popular program. From late May through mid-October docents get the opportunity to live in the Upper Range Light during our busy summer season, giving guided tours of the lighthouse to Ridges’ visitors, including Door County Trolley lighthouse tours, Road Scholar groups, and others. In 2025 volunteers spent 550 hours welcoming over 14,000 visitors to the historic site. The volunteer docent program has been a huge success and continues to garner significant interest, with applications increasing every year.

#### **Boardwalk Improvements**

Several boardwalk improvement projects were made on the Rustic Trail sections that are on county-owned property, most notably the Sandy Swale Memorial Boardwalk. This boardwalk was deteriorating and becoming unsafe for foot traffic. The structure was replaced by our volunteer Wednesday Crew in the same footprint as the old boardwalk to minimize disturbance to the wetland. Moderate storm damage also occurred to portions of the Range Light Boardwalk when trees fell directly on the structure during storms in August and December. Repairs were promptly made by Ridges’ staff and volunteers. Vegetation clearing in the Range Light Corridor continued as it has been over the past several years. Annually, staff and volunteers clear new woody growth from the corridor to maintain the recently widened corridor to a 50-foot width.

#### **Building Restoration and Repairs**

The Range Light shed was rebuilt after being heavily damaged by a vehicle collision that occurred in early June. Luckily, no one was hurt, and no other damage was reported. After waiting for insurance claims to go through, Peil Construction worked quickly to get the structure repaired to its former glory.

Restoration work was also conducted on the oil house that is part of the historic Baileys Harbor Range Lights set of buildings. National Restoration was hired to do the restoration in late summer, which involved some repair work on the roof, and restoring the mortar between the bricks.

### **Dwarf Lake Iris Research for Restoration**

Work continued in the Range Light Corridor for the Dwarf Lake Iris (DLI) Restoration Project. Activities carried out in the area last year related to the project included establishing additional monitoring plots, verifying plot metrics, transplanting mats of DLI, and conducting plot monitoring for the federal grant that was received. New signage was placed for education and outreach purposes. Other rare plant work included increased monitoring of the Pitcher's Dune Thistle, where fencing will be placed as populations are found to prevent disturbance to the population.

### **Invasive Species Management**

Continued control efforts of invasive species populations remain a focus in the Range Light Corridor, including European Marsh Thistle, Narrow-leaf cattail, and Black Swallow-wort. These removal efforts are conducted by a combination of contractors, the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST), and Ridges' staff and volunteers. Additionally, significant outreach to neighboring landowners on nonnative Phragmites was conducted between The Ridges and DCIST, leading to many of the invasive populations on the shoreline of Baileys Harbor being treated in 2025.

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I welcome any and all questions you may have. For more information about general Ridges Sanctuary activities please visit our website [www.ridgessanctuary.org](http://www.ridgessanctuary.org).

In gratitude,



Sam Hoffman

Land Manager | The Ridges Sanctuary

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**Wayne Spritka**  
Facilities & Parks Director  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman, Highway & Facilities Committee

FR: Wayne J. Spritka  
Director, Facilities & Parks

SUBJECT: 2025 CANA ISLAND ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: 2-19-26

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RE: License Agreement dated June 1, 2022

Background:

Door County Facilities & Parks through a Federal Land Patent dated June 2001 acquired Cana Island and named it "Cana Island County Park". The Door County Maritime Museum (DCMM) has been a long-time partner of the County in the historic preservation of the facilities and development of the park as a tourist destination. The DCMM and the County are in year 4 of a 5-year license agreement to manage the park as a tourist destination that highlights the educational and historical significance of our Maritime history.

2026 Facilities & Parks Dept Projects

- Update Fire and Alarm panel to meet reporting requirements
- 2026 CIP Project -Fiber Connection to the Interpretive Center

The current Cana Island Reserve Fund balance in account number 100.32133 is \$404,891.44

The Chapter 30.20(2) Causeway Permit IP-NE-2018-15-00383 is on its first extension and is in effect until April 09, 2028.

The Current License agreement with Door County Maritime Museum dated June 1, 2022 will expire December 31, 2027. A recommendation is to review the current agreement for extension in the fall of 2026 to allow for adequate long range planning activities and continued continuity of program management.

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CHAUDOIR'S DOCK COUNTY PARK LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT MADE THIS 9 DAY OF February, 2024 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DOOR ("LESSOR"), A BODY CORPORATE AND CHAUDOIRS DOCK LLC, A Wisconsin Domestic Limited Liability Company ("LESSEE").

IN CONSIDERATION OF THEIR MUTUAL PROMISES THE PARTIES DO MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The term of this agreement shall be the period beginning January 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2024. This agreement may be extended for two additional one-year terms upon the written consent of LESSOR and LESSEE.
2. LESSOR grants to LESSEE the non-exclusive use and enjoyment of that portion of the Chaudoir's Dock County Park ("PREMISES") subsequently described:
 

The southern most "L-shaped" pier (i.e. the structure that extends into the water and is used to protect, secure, and provide access to vessels), consisting of 380 lineal feet of pier, and 180 lineal feet of the south shore bin wall.
3. LESSEE shall use the PREMISES for the purposes of berthing or mooring boats, selling of fuel and lubricants for boats, rental of up to twelve (12) slips and docking space for boats, sale of fishing bait and fishing supplies, and for no other purposes.
4. During the boating season, LESSEE shall be permitted to maintain modular boat lifts ("Boat Lifts") immediately adjacent to their rented dock space. All Boat Lifts shall be removed by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year this Agreement is in effect. Boat Lifts shall be properly installed, secured, and scaled to the appropriate size of the dock and docked boat. The Boat Lifts shall not interfere with normal operations or use of the PREMISES or Chaudoir's Dock County Park. Storage of Boat Lifts while out of the water shall not be on the PREMISES or Chaudoir's Dock County Park property.
5. It is understood that all areas of Chaudoir's Dock County Park, other than the PREMISES, shall be available and open for use by the general public as deemed appropriate by LESSOR.
6. LESSEE shall pay to the LESSOR the sum of three thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$3,832.50) plus 5.5% sales tax (\$210.79) for total of (\$4,043.29) annually as rent for the PREMISES. If additional rental slips are installed, to a maximum of 24, annual rent will increase to \$6,510. Payment shall be made on or before April 1, of each year. LESSOR reserves the right to annually increase rent payments. Any such annual increase may not exceed fifteen percent (15%).
7. LESSOR shall use its best efforts to provide electrical service to the PREMISES. LESSEE shall timely reimburse LESSOR for all charges for electricity, except \$20.00 per month, related to the PREMISES. LESSOR shall not be liable for any interruption or failure of electrical service.
8. LESSEE shall, at its own expense, keep the PREMISES and surrounding area in a safe, clean, sanitary and aesthetically pleasing condition.
9. LESSEE shall, at its own expense, keep the PREMISES in good repair and agrees to surrender the PREMISES to the LESSOR at the end of the term of this agreement in the same condition as at the beginning of the term, ordinary wear and use being excepted.
10. LESSEE shall not remove, relocate, alter or modify any portion of, nor place any signs on, the PREMISES without the prior written consent of the LESSOR.

11. LESSOR shall at all times have free access to the PREMISES for purposes necessary, incidental to or connected with the performance of its obligations hereunder, or in the exercise of its governmental functions.
12. LESSEE shall assign or transfer whatever rights are necessary to ensure CTH N "formally" extends to and through Chaudoir's Dock County Park.
13. LESSEE shall secure, at its own expense, insurance as follows:
  - A. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance:
    1. Coverage written on an "occurrence" basis;
    2. Limits not less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for property damage, personal injury, and death arising out of any one occurrence. Said insurance shall cover all risks incident to LESSEES use of the PREMISES or Chaudoir's Dock County Park. The insurance policy must name the LESSOR as an additional insured and shall contain a clause to the effect that such may not be terminated or amended during the term of this agreement except after fifteen (15) days prior written notice to LESSOR.
  - B. Pollution / Contamination Liability
    1. Must apply to pollution and/or contamination that is intentional and/or unintended and unexpected
    2. Must afford coverage for all resulting losses, including: costs of cleanup and restoration; personal injury or death arising out of pollution and/or contamination; property damage arising out of pollution and/or contamination; and costs of litigation.
    3. Coverage written on an "occurrence" basis.
    4. Limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

LESSEE shall furnish LESSOR with a certificate of insurance and a copy of the insurance policy(s). LESSEE shall not be entitled to exercise its rights under this agreement unless the insurance required is in full force and effect.
14. LESSEE agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the LESSOR completely harmless from and against any and all claims, damages or liability arising by or resulting from any activity of LESSEE, and/or the acts or omissions of the LESSEE, and/or LESSEE'S officers, agents, employees, contractors, licensees, or customer, at the PREMISES or Chaudoir's Dock County Park. LESSEE acknowledges that its indemnification liability to LESSOR is not limited by the limits of any insurance coverage. This section shall survive expiration of this agreement.
15. Nothing herein may be interpreted to constitute a waiver of any immunity, limitations on damages, notice requirements, or statutes of limitation afforded the LESSOR.
16. As regards the fuel tank, LESSEE shall submit a written proposal explaining it's operational and maintenance plans and / or a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCCP) to LESSOR. LESSEE is responsible for demonstrating and ensuring that each is in compliance with any applicable requirements.
17. LESSEE shall provide financial assurance, in the amount of \$7,500.00 in the form of a bond, letter of credit, or suitable alternative to guarantee removal of the dock building, gas tank, bait machine and 12-slip portable pier system.
18. LESSEE shall observe and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations which are now in effect or are hereafter promulgated. LESSEE shall, upon request of LESSOR, affirmatively and timely demonstrate such compliance.
19. LESSEE shall be solely responsible for and shall take the actions necessary to eliminate the harmful effects from the LESSEE's, and / or LESSEE's customer's, discharge, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying or dumping any hazardous substance.
20. LESSEE shall not assign its rights or privileges under this agreement without the prior written consent of the LESSOR.

21. LESSEE shall not cause or permit any lien or encumbrance to attach to or be placed upon the LESSOR'S title or interest in the PREMISES.
22. Either party may terminate this agreement, for any or no reason, upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other. Upon termination, LESSEE shall have forty-five (45) days to remove the dock building, gas tank, bait machine and 12-slip portable pier system from, and to restore, the PREMISES.
23. LESSOR may terminate this agreement if the LESSEE fails to perform any covenant or obligation set forth in this agreement and LESSOR provides ten (10) days written notice to LESSEE of such failure and of LESSOR'S intention to terminate this agreement.
24. Upon termination of this agreement, by lapse of time or otherwise, LESSEE shall immediately surrender possession of the PREMISES to the LESSOR.
25. The waiver by a party of any breach or failure of the other party to perform any covenant or obligation contained in this agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or failure.
26. The covenants, agreements and obligations contained in this agreement shall extend to, bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and their representatives, successors and permitted assigns.
27. If any covenant, condition, provision, or term of this agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining covenants, conditions, provisions, or terms of this agreement shall not be affected thereby, but each covenant, condition, provision, or term of this agreement shall be valid and in force to the fullest extent permitted by law.
28. LESSEE irrevocably submits itself to the original jurisdiction of the Circuit Court, County of Door, State of Wisconsin, with regard to any controversy arising out of, relating to, or in any way concerning this agreement.
29. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this agreement and supersedes any prior agreement, written or verbal. Amendments, changes or modification of this agreement shall be effective only when made in writing and executed by the parties.

**REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK; SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS**

Accepted and agreed this 9 day of February, 2024.

Gary Riha  
Chaudoir's Dock LLC  
Gary Riha  
1573 Sherwood Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54313

Accepted and agreed this 9 day of February, 2024.

Laurie Riha  
Chaudoir's Dock LLC  
Laurie Riha  
1573 Sherwood Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54313

Accepted and agreed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Ken Pabich  
Ken Pabich, Chairman  
Door County Administrator

Accepted and agreed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Wayne Spritka  
Wayne Spritka, Director  
Door County Facilities & Parks Department

Approved as to Form this 14 day of February, 2024.

Sean Donohue  
Sean Donohue  
Corporation Counsel

## FIRST EXTENSION OF CHAUDOIR'S DOCK COUNTY PARK LEASE

In accordance with Paragraph One of the Chaudoir's Dock County Park Lease dated February 9, 2024 between the County of Door and Chaudoir's Dock LLC (hereafter "Lease"), and each party expressing their desire to extend the Lease in its entirety for an additional one-year term, the parties hereby agree and consent that the term of the Lease is hereby extended for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2025.

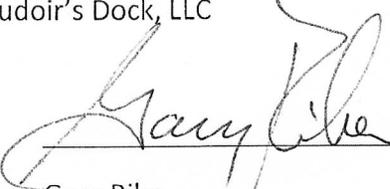
Except as modified by this extension agreement, all terms and conditions of the Lease shall remain in full force and effect.

LESSOR: County of Door

By:  Date: 3-12-2025  
Roy Englebert, Door County Highway and Facilities Committee Chair

By:  3-12-25 Date:  
Wayne Spritka, Door County Facilities and Parks Director

LESSEE: Chaudoir's Dock, LLC

By:  3-19-25 Date:  
Gary Riha  
1573 Sherwood Drive  
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By:  3-19-25 Date:  
Laurie Riha  
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SECOND EXTENSION OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR  
CHAUDOIR'S DOCK COUNTY PARK LEASE 2026 SEASON

In accordance with Paragraph One of the Chaudior's Dock County Park Lease dated February 9, 2024 between the County of Door and Chaudoir's Dock LLC, (hereafter "Lease"), and each party expressing their desire to extend the Lease in its entirety for an additional one-year term, the parties hereby agree and consent that the term of the Lease is hereby extended for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026.

Except as modified by this extension agreement, all terms and conditions of the Lease shall remain in full force and effect.

LESSOR: County of Door

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
Walter Kalms, Door County Highway and Facilities Committee Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
Wayne Spritka, Door County Facilities and Parks Director

LESSEE: Chaudoir's Dock, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
Gary Riha  
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