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Date: 2/26/98
Bill No. SB-373
Or.
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(Name)
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(Street Address or Route Number)
MDSN 53703
(City & Zip Code)
1000 FRIENDS OF WTI
(Representing)

- Speaking in favor:
- Speaking against:
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(Street Address or Route Number) RM 201, Chz. S. Road

(City & Zip Code) Madison

(Representing) Western District

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(Name) Rep. Haber

(Street Address or Route Number) _____

(City & Zip Code) _____

(Representing) _____

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(Name) Elizabeth Peters

(Street Address or Route Number) 111 S. Webster Street

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(Representing) WDRR

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Of Subject Bluffs

(Name) Toni Herkert - Senator Cookes
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(Representing)

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Of Subject _____

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(Representing) Rep. Dave Hutchinson

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Speaking for information only:

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Of Subject _____

(Name) Alan Russell sr

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(Representing) Myself

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Land Use

Date: 2-26-98 Meeting Type: Hearing

Location: 328NW, State Capitol

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. Michael Powers, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. John Ainsworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Carol Owens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. Peter Bock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rep. John Steinbrink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Kathi Kilgore

Kathi Kilgore, Committee Clerk



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fish creek, wis.
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SB 373

8 February 1998

Sen. Robert Cowles
P O Box 7882
Madison, WI. 53707-7882

ROUTE TO:		
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Dear Senator Cowles,

As a representative of the Board of Directors of the Door County Environmental Council, Inc. I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the new effort being made to protect the biodiversity and ecological integrity of the Niagara Escarpment and other bluff areas of Wisconsin. A comprehensive study such as this will yield valuable information to municipalities and others who are constantly under demand to make decisions regarding destructive operations in and around these ecologically essential plant and animal communities. We hope that this effort will include establishing base-line on; erosion factors and control, existing and future biodiversity of these areas, and defining and planning for the maintenance of aesthetic values of bluff areas which are difficult to identify and more difficult to protect from the onrush of development.

These are environmental areas that we as an organization have been defending for many years and we applaud and support this newest official effort to secure this badly needed data establishing present known ecological factors as a future reference point however it may be needed.

For the Board of Directors,

Jerome M. Viste
Jerome M. Viste, ED. DCEC

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February 11, 1998

Senator Alan Lasee
P.O. Box 7882
State Capitol
Madison, Wi, 53702

Dear Senator Lasee:

I am writing to request your support of Senate Bill 373 relating to bluff protection. As you know we are very concerned about the rate of development in Door County. Local Planning and Zoning authorities need all the assistance available to better assess the appropriate location for development. The delicate nature of bluff lands necessitate further study.

In Door County we face development pressures daily. Further loss of scenic vistas will result in the deterioration of our tourism product. The tourism industry is the primary economic engine for our county. Any steps that you can take to assist us in protecting this important element of our economic health will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to the economic impact of unrestrained bluff development, the environmental impact is even more important. It is the responsibility of everyone in Wisconsin to protect our precious ecosystem at all cost. Government assistance in the research and development of programs to identify and protect our fragile bluffs is critical to the continued health of our environment and economy.

Respectfully,


Karen Raymore
Executive Director



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P O Box 406
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

ROUTE TO:		
FEB 28 1998		
RC ___	F ___	TH ___
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27 January 1998

Senator Robert Cowles
28 South
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Senator Cowles,

I do hope you have started the road to recovery from post Super Bowl Syndrome. We must all be strong and go on. Just remember, there's always next year.

But that's not really why I'm writing.

I wanted to send along a pat on the back for your part in sponsoring SB 373 - a granting tool that will, I believe be useful and important to sensitive parcels of bluff land in Door County.

I share your apparent strong belief that through creative partnerships amongst and between private and public entities that important work gets done. Nice going.

Perhaps I'll have the opportunity to pat your back personally at some point during the upcoming Governor's Conference on Tourism in early March.

Yours truly,

Anni Lampert
President

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FEB 13 1998

GIBRALTAR PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Gibraltar
Preservation Council, Inc.
3588 Peninsula Players Road
Fish Creek, WI 54212

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2/10/98

DEAR SENATOR COWLES

THE MEMBERS OF THE GIBRALTAR
PRESERVATION COUNCIL WISH TO

EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR YOUR

RECENT EFFORTS REGARDING

ESCALPMENT PROTECTION. WE

FULLY ENDORSE S.B. 373. AND WELCOME

THIS PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION AIMED

AT PRESERVING THE UNIQUE

ECO SYSTEMS ASSOCIATED WITH BUFF

HABITAT.

IF WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE

DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

SINCERELY

T. M. L.

ROBERT MENLINE
CHAIR PERSON



State Representative
DAVE HUTCHISON
1st Assembly District

Testimony for SB 373

SB 373 was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Robert Cowles and was passed in the Senate by a vote of 29 - 3. The bill would require the DNR to establish a program for bluff protection by requiring the DNR to do the following:

- study the natural forces that cause destruction of bluffs and identify bluffs where natural forces threaten public or private property or limit property development potential;
- study the attributes of bluffs, including biological diversity, recreational potential and aesthetic values, that warrant special protection;
- study the factors that lead to the loss of the aesthetic values of bluffs and identify bluffs where those factors threaten the loss of aesthetic values;
- provide information to local governments about the location of bluffs where attributes warranting special protection are exhibited; and,
- help local governments direct development away from bluffs where erosion, recession or destruction threaten public or private property.

Development of this compromise has taken several years and I would like to thank Sen. Cowles for pushing forward to finally bring this compromise amendment.

SB 373 is very important to Door County. There are many bluffs in Door County that have very unique and sensitive environmental characteristics. The support from Door County has been broad, including support from the Door County Chamber of Commerce, the Door County Environmental Council, the Gibraltar Preservation Commission, and concerned citizens.

It is good public policy to avoid development of bluffs where erosion could threaten destruction of the development or the development could threaten the sensitive environment of the bluff. This comprehensive study will provide municipalities with the information they need to make planning and zoning decisions in on bluffs.

SB 373 is good public policy, it will give us a better understanding of a unique feature of Wisconsin's natural resources and will show us how best to preserve those ecosystems. I urge the committee to quickly recommend SB 373. Thank you.

Assembly Chair, Joint Committee on Information Policy

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ROBERT L. COWLES

Wisconsin State Senator • 2nd Senate District

Testimony - Senate Bill 373 Bluff Land Protection

**Assembly Land Use Committee
February 26, 1998**

Good morning Chairman Powers and committee members and thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 373 relating to studying bluff land and the feasibility of a protection program.

Let me briefly explain my thoughts and ideas on the issue of bluff land protection. Interest in the area of bluff land protection was generated by the development pressures facing some of the states most fragile natural resources and the lack of information available to local governments and individual landowners on these natural resources.

I understand the desire to develop bluff lands and I do not want to take away the right to buy property on a bluff, however, if this continues to be done without regard to the specific and unique natural characteristics of bluff lands, not only will we be in jeopardy of losing the aesthetic and assimilative capacities of bluff lands, but we could also face losing property or decreasing property values due to inappropriate planning.

Proper development and planning on bluff lands is very important to protect the natural vegetation which acts as an anchor to decrease soil erosion. However, appropriate planning is difficult without sufficient data on this natural resource. This bill would provide three key studies that would uncover important details regarding bluff lands. The bill would also recommend a definition for bluffs. Working toward this

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definition is important because no where in Wisconsin statutes or rules is a bluff defined.

Preserving bluff lands is important for a number of reasons including:

- Biological diversity and habitat are decreasing as land development fragments vegetation into smaller and smaller patches. Scattered patches often lack the size and complexity to sustain the survival of native plants and animals that lived in the larger natural communities.
- Bluff lands need to be preserved to maintain the tourism industry. Many visitors arrive in Wisconsin every year to vacation in areas with prominent bluffs. The Mississippi coast and the Door County Peninsula are just two of those vacation destinations. If the natural beauty of these areas becomes threatened, they would not be as attractive to vacationers. Therefore, protection of the aesthetic qualities of bluff lands has a direct impact on the economic vitality of tourism regions throughout the state.

Wisconsin would not be the first state to implement a bluff land protection program. Other states, including neighboring Minnesota have preservation programs in place to protect bluff land areas.

In closing, I believe that the three studies contained within this bill would produce positive management strategies for Wisconsin's natural resources.

Thank you