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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: May 30, 2018

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on May 30, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Monday, June 18, 2018,** if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary
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May 11, 2018

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MAY 30 2018
Jt. Finance

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed grant of $1,857,150.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant to the Green Lake Conservancy is for acquisition of the Camp Grow property along the shores of Green Lake. The proposed grant award represents 50% of the total project costs.

The proposed project will create a 50.9- acre preserve between the shores of Green and Spring Lakes.

There are no prohibitions of nature-based outdoor activities, as defined in s. 23.0916(1)(b), Wis. Stats.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ed Eberle

for Daniel L. Meyer
Secretary

C: Doug Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services
Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands
Pamela Foster Felt, Stewardship Grant Manager
Faith Murray, CFA Specialist, Northeast Region

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin

DATE: May 11, 2018

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Stewardship grant exceeding $250,000

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant of $1,857,150.00 to Green Lake Conservancy for the acquisition of 50.96 acres. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Green Lake Conservancy
Grant sub-program: Habitat Areas

Location: This parcel is located between the ends of Oakwood Beach Road and Oakwood Ave in the Town of Green Lake, Green Lake County. Project maps are attached as Appendix A.

Project Description: This 50.96 acre parcel buffers Spring Lake wetlands on the southeast side and protects Green Lake shoreline on the north side. The property is rolling, largely wooded and has been used as a summer camp for several years by an association of Chicago churches. This acquisition is a partnership between Green Lake Conservancy and the Green Lake Sanitary District. Most camp buildings will be demolished; existing gravel road and trail systems will be maintained for hiking and to allow a bike-route connection around Green Lake. The Spring Lake shoreline offers paddle-in access and shoreline on this parcel connects to a permanently protected segment of Spring Creek.

Key benefits:

- This property will nearly double the total acres of public recreation land on Green Lake; it will make 800 feet of Green Lake shoreline open to the public on a lake where just 5% of the shore is currently available for public use.
- This purchase will allow for restoration of the woodland and lakeshore habitats on the tract.
- Allow for preservation and interpretation of prehistoric Indian Mounds on the property.
- Provide biking access across the property, which will complete a biking loop around Green Lake and keep that bike route close to the shoreline and off busy County Trunk Highways south of the lake.

Partnerships:

- The Green Lake Conservancy has raised matching funds exceeding $1million from over 500 individual and corporate donors.
- Green Lake Sanitary District is contributing $100,000.00 to the purchase and will own the property; Green Lake Conservancy is raising additional funds for restoration and management activities.
- Letters of support for this project were received from Green Lake County Board, Green Lake County Land Conservation Department, Town of Green Lake, Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, REALTORS Association of South Central Wisconsin, Ripon Chamber of Commerce,

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Green Lake Country Visitors Bureau, and Green Lake Greenways.

Consistency with planning: The Camp Grow acquisition will advance the objectives of the Green Lake County Land & Water Resource Management Plan, specifically:

- It will expand protected areas of Spring Creek as it drains into the County K marsh.
- It will allow for preservation and restoration of the natural shoreline of Green Lake.

Public Uses: The property will be open to the public for low-impact recreational activities including hunting, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, biking, fishing, and wildlife viewing. The Department's analysis of the permitted nature-based outdoor activities is attached as Appendix B.

Property Management: The property will be transferred to and managed by Green Lake Sanitary District in accordance with the Management Plan approved by the Department.

Timetable: Green Lake Conservancy plans to close on the property in June.

II. PROJECT FINANCES

A. Appraisals

As required by s. 23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. Stats., two appraisals were used to determine the fair market value of the land.

Appraisal 1 – value accepted by DNR	$3,700,000
Appraisal 2	$4,200,000

B: Grant Calculation:

Approved land value	$3,700,000
Eligible related transaction costs	$14,300.00
Total eligible project costs	$3,714,300.00
Requested Stewardship grant amount	**$1,857,150.00**

III. RECOMMENDED:

Terry Bay — 5/11/18

Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands — Date

5/21/18

Doug Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services — Date

APPENDIX A

Green Lake - Camp Grow

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Preliminary Stewardship Grant

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T15N R12E Sec 12
Town of Green Lake
Green Lake County

Subject

DNR Easement Lands Closed to Public Access

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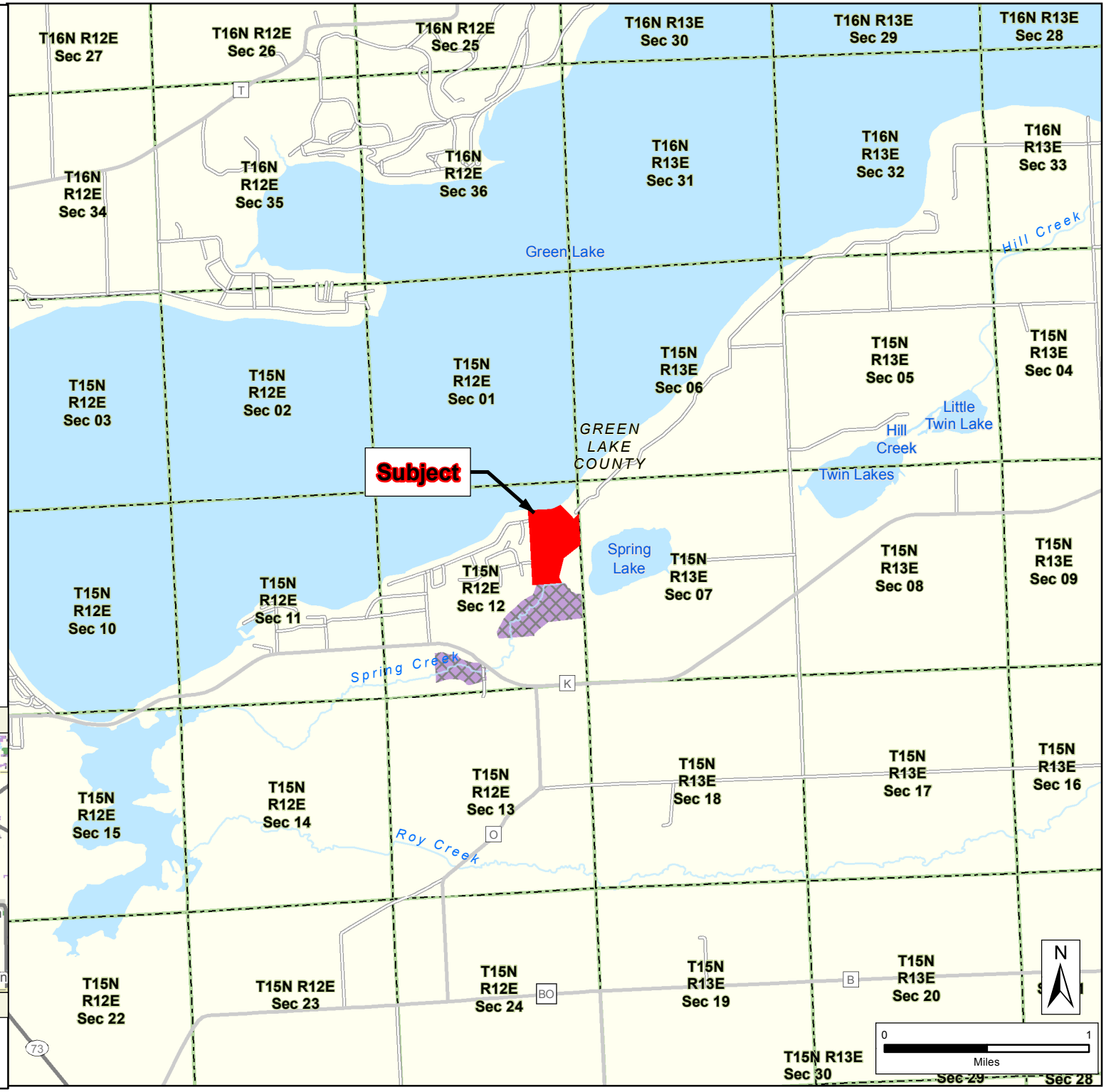

Regional View

Location of Property

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
Map Created: Oct 12, 2017 jpk

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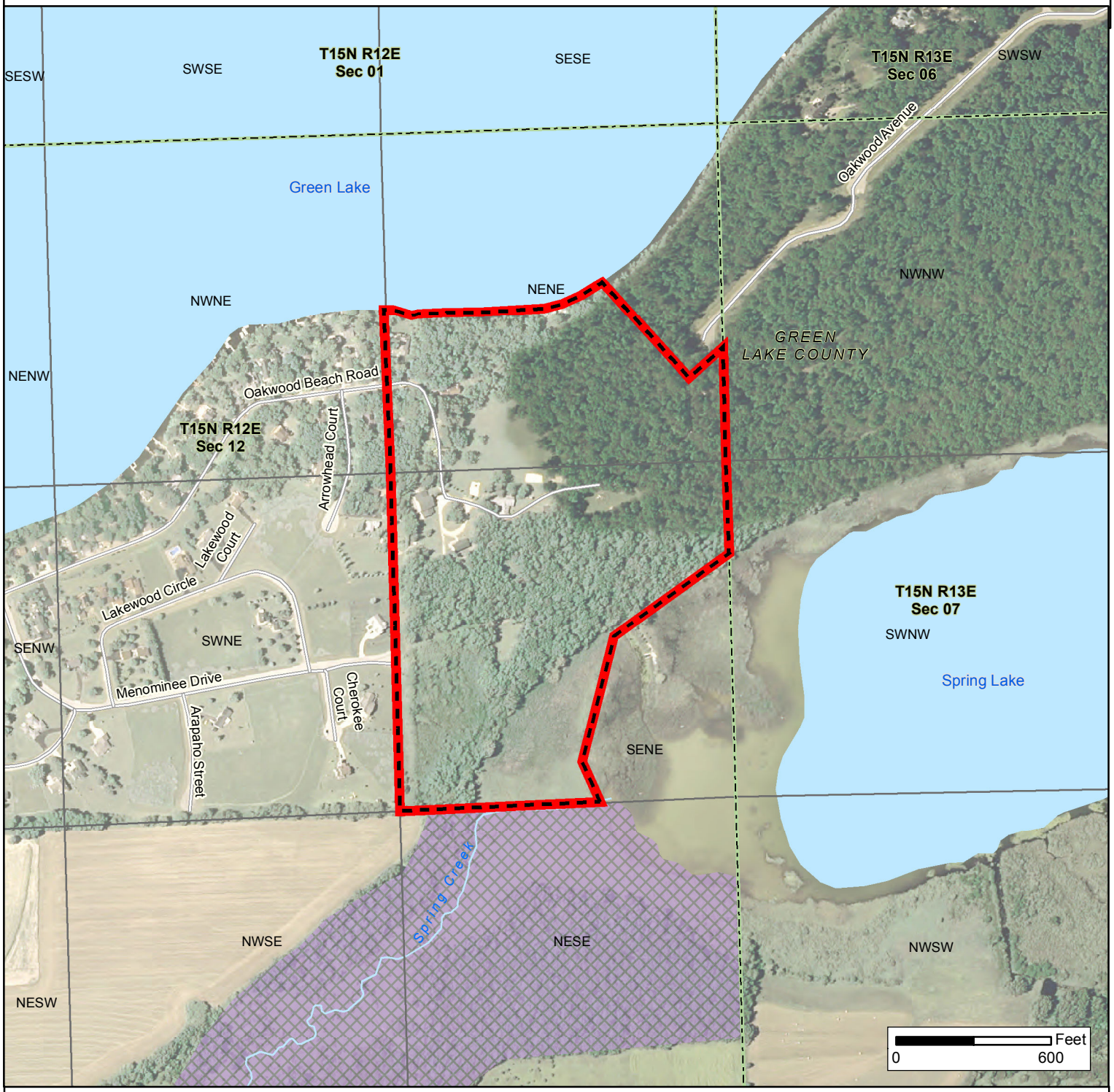
Green Lake - Camp Grow

Sponsor: Green Lake Conservancy
Approximate Total Acreage: 46.73

T15N R12E Sec 12 Town of Green Lake
County: Green Lake



Proposed Stewardship Grant

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Real Estate Section
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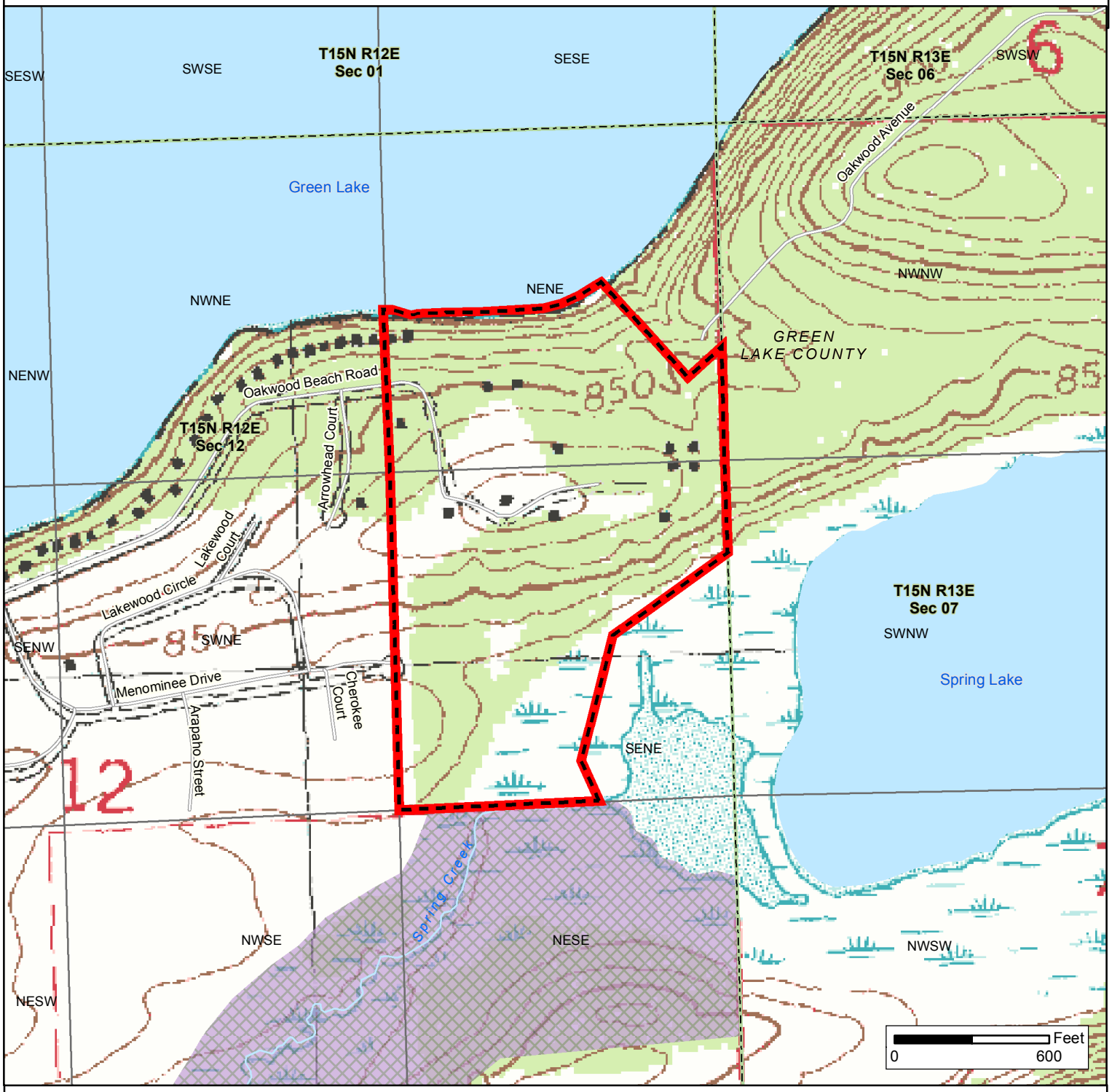

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Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program

DNR Staff Analysis of Nature Based Outdoor Activities on Projects Purchased with Stewardship Grant Funds

Rev. August 2012

NOTE TO DNR STAFF: *This completed form will be attached to the NBOA notice that the DNR will publish when considering a request for Stewardship grant funding. Do not list location information for the subject property or the seller's name because WI courts have held that this information is confidential until land ownership has changed hands. In "Staff Narrative" sections below each NBOA, summarize sponsor's reason for prohibition.*

Applicant/ Sponsor: Green Lake Conservancy	**Year of application: 2017**

Project name and primary purpose (after acquisition):
Camp Grow Habitat Area – restore and preserve for public use

Parcel size, shape and topography: This 51-acre property is 70% forested and 30% scattered open areas. The property includes 800 ft of shoreline on Green Lake and 1700 ft of shoreline/wetland on Spring Lake.

Plan(s) or reports identifying project area as priority: Green Lake County Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

HUNTING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to hunting

X No prohibitions being proposed

If a prohibition is proposed:

Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.

☐ The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary
☐ Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy
☐ Parcel is within 50 feet of the center line of highways & roads
☐ Parcel is within 1700 feet of school grounds, hospital, or sanatorium
☐ Ordinance exists –
☐ Discharge or carrying a weapon ☐ Hunting within park ☐ Throwing or shooting missiles, arrows, spears, etc.
☐ Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.
☐ Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
☐ Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
☐ Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
☐ Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.

Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply.

☐ Federal listed endangered species ☐ State listed endangered species
☐ Federal listed threatened species ☐ State listed threatened species
☐ Federal listed species of special concern ☐ State listed species of special concern

	Allowable species (Gun)	Allowable species (bow)	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Waterfowl	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Small Game	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Turkey	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Large Game	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

TRAPPING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to trapping

X No prohibitions being proposed

If a prohibition is proposed:

Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.

☐ Size/shape of parcel

☐ The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary

☐ Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy and per s. NR 13.(1)(b)(12), the following traps are prohibited: conibear body gripping traps (with jaws wider than 60 sq. inches) and cable restraints.

☐ Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping.

☐ Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.

☐ Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.

☐ Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.

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Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply.

☐ Federal listed endangered species

☐ Federal listed threatened species

☐ Federal listed species of special concern

☐ State listed endangered species

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Location	Allowable Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Water	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

FISHING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to fishing

X No prohibitions being proposed

If a prohibition is proposed:

Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.

☐ Ordinance exists – ☐_____.

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Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Boat	Non-motorized only – no ramp on property	Non-motorized only

HIKING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to hiking

X No prohibitions being proposed

If a prohibition is proposed:

Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.

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Location	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	Yes	All Year
Off-Trail	Yes	All Year

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to cross country skiing

X No prohibitions being proposed

If a prohibition is proposed:

Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.☐ Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.

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Type of Trail	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Snow cover
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Snow cover
On-Trail (groomed)	No groomed trails	No groomed trails