

**SUBJECT:** The Friends of High Cliff State Park will donate \$160,000 to High Cliff State Park for funding restoration to the wetlands, stream and trail of the Butterfly Pond Trail area.

**FOR:** DECEMBER 2011 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE:** Cathy Stepp, Secretary

**SUMMARY:**

In 2010, High Cliff and the Friends began to examine various ways to proceed with the Butterfly Pond Trail project. The Friends have begun fundraising for the project, and the project is in the planning process. The entire project cost will be approximately \$260,000. The Friends are expected to raise approximately \$160,000, with the Department covering the remaining \$100,000.

**Project Scope**

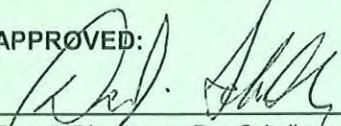
- \* Restore portions of the original wetlands.
- \* Plant prairie, savanna, cool season grasses and shallow marsh vegetation.
- \* Plant trees to establish lowland forest edge.
- \* Add two new small ponds in the wetlands for bird, reptile & amphibian habitat.
- \* Reestablish a meandering stream, part of the original drainage system.
- \* Remove the "out of service" bridge, sheet piling and spillway.
- \* Restore the trail loop.
- \* Establish a boardwalk along the new wetlands for better opportunities to view wildlife & vegetation.
- \* Build a new pedestrian bridge, connecting the northern and southern trail.

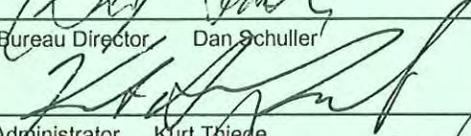
**RECOMMENDATION:**

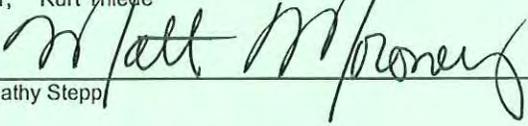
**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

  
 Bureau Director, Dan Schuller

  
 Administrator, Kurt Thiede

  
 Secretary, Cathy Stepp

10/19/11  
 Date

10/26/11  
 Date

11/16/11  
 Date

cc: NRB Liaison  
DNR Rules Coordinator

## *Acknowledgment of Gift*

This is to certify that at its December 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$160,000 from

### **Friends Of High Cliff State Park**

to be used to fund restoration to the wetlands, stream and trail of the Butterfly Pond Trail area at High Cliff State Park.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

*Natural Resources Board*

David Clausen, CHAIR