

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: The Friends of the Kettle Moraine, Inc. will donate \$35,000 to the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit for the construction of a trail shelter.

FOR: OCTOBER, 2011 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE: Cathy Stepp, Secretary

SUMMARY:

The Friends of the Kettle Moraine, Inc. will donate \$35,000 to the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit for the construction of a trail shelter. The shelter will be located at the Zillmer Trail Area. The project is made possible through a combination of private donations and a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant to the Friends of the Kettle Moraine. Key donors include Michael H. Krueger Memorial Fund, Faith Krueger, Vernel Krueger, J. F. Ahern Company, McKinstry Company, LLC, and Weiland Excavating, LLC. The enclosed 30' x 40' shelter will be constructed using a combination of state forest labor and volunteers.

The shelter will be enclosed and heated, providing year-round use. The shelter will enhance the overall experience for hikers, cross-country skiers, and other forest visitors using the facility for family reunions, weddings, and similar group gatherings. In addition, the shelter will be used as a staging area for special events such as the annual candlelight ski and educational programs. An accessible path will lead from the paved parking area to the shelter.

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:

Kimberly Currie for Dan Schuller
Bureau Director, Dan Schuller

9/7/11
Date

Kurt Thiede
Administrator, Kurt Thiede

9/14/11
Date

Cathy Stepp
Secretary, Cathy Stepp

10/5/11
Date

cc: NRB Liaison
DNR Rules Coordinator

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$35,000.00 from

Friends of the Kettle Moraine, Inc.

to be used for the construction of the Zillmer Trail Shelter in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit.

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