

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park will donate \$500,000. This donation will be used to construct an all-season gathering center at Blue Mound State Park for public use.

FOR: October 2012 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

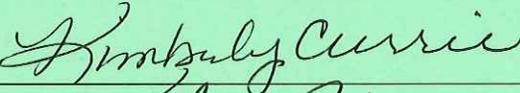
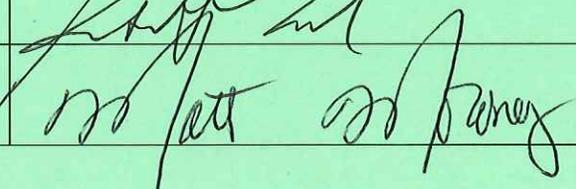
SUMMARY:

Blue Mound State Park consists of 1,153 acres and offers many recreational opportunities including camping, hiking, biking, a swimming pool and rustic cabin designed for people with disabilities. The Park is recognized as one of the best areas in southern Wisconsin for cross country skiing and snowshoeing and receives 150,000 visitors annually.

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park were established in 1989 and have supported Blue Mound State Park and its programs for over 23 years. The Friends of Blue Mound State Park recognize the need to provide an all-season gathering center for trail users, ADA-compliant restrooms, and meeting space for park activities. The proposed gathering center will serve many types of visitors including hikers, mountain bikers, skiers, snowshoers, students in educational programs, and special events participants. It will also provide year-round ADA-accessible facilities to the central trail access point and the pool area.

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park would like to donate the construction of an all-season gathering center for the general enjoyment of all park users.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of \$500,000 from The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

Approved by	Signature	Date
Dan Schuller, Bureau Director		9/6/12
Kurt Thiede, Administrator		9/11/12
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		10/2/12

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2012 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$500,000 from:

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

This donation will be used to construct an all-season gathering center at Blue Mound State Park for public use.

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