

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Date: July 26, 1977

File Ref: 2510

To: Lowell Hansen - Spooner
D. J. Mackie - 8
A. Nelson - 7

From: C. D. Besadny *CD*

Subject: Lucius Woods Master Plan

Attached is a copy of the master plan for Lucius Woods Park approved by the Board in May, 1977 with minor reservations relating to land acquisition.

Attached also is a Green Sheet and supporting information authorizing the Department to retain the Allen and Lucius parcels inside the park as priority two purchases.

Please implement the plan as outlined in the master plan and Board actions.

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Attachments

cc: J. L. Treichel - 8
D. L. Weizenicker - 8
D. W. Konkol - 8

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Madison, Wisconsin

D. Mackie

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA

TO THE SECRETARY: Anthony S. Earl

Date July 5, 1977

FROM: D. J. Mackie

SUBJECT: Authorization to retain 2 parcels within Lucius Woods State Park boundary as priority 2 purchases.

1. To be presented at July Board meeting by D. J. Mackie

2. Appearances requested by the public:

Name	Representing whom?
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Reference materials to be used:

Attached sketch

4. Summary:

In May the Board approved the Master Plan for the park, reserving approval of authorization to purchase 2 small parcels in the Northeast corner of the park, pending further study.

5. Recommendation: That the Board authorize the Department to retain the two parcels of land within the park boundary as priority 2 purchases.

APPROVED:

C. Besadny 7-6-77
Mr. Besadny Administrator Date

Andrew C. Dan
Mr. Administrator

Anthony S. Earl
Secretary A/S. Earl Date

Signed:
D. Mackie
D. J. Mackie, Director
Bureau of Parks & Recreation

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To: Anthony S. Earl

From: D. J. Mackie *DJM*

Subject: Park Boundaries - Lucius Woods Park

Pursuant to instruction from the Board at the May meeting, the Department has restudied the boundaries of Lucius Woods State Park.

The following considerations have a bearing on the matter:

1. The 2 parcels would provide a buffer from existing and future commercial developments outside the park.
2. They would prevent a highly possible and undesirable intrusion into the park.
3. It will provide additional needed state frontage on Lake St. Croix.
4. It is entirely possible that the frontage property may come on the market because of fire or other loss. Keeping the property inside the boundary at a Priority 2 level will permit the Department to take advantage of such a situation.

It is recommended that the 2 parcels be retained within the park boundary as Priority 2 purchases.

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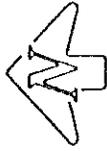
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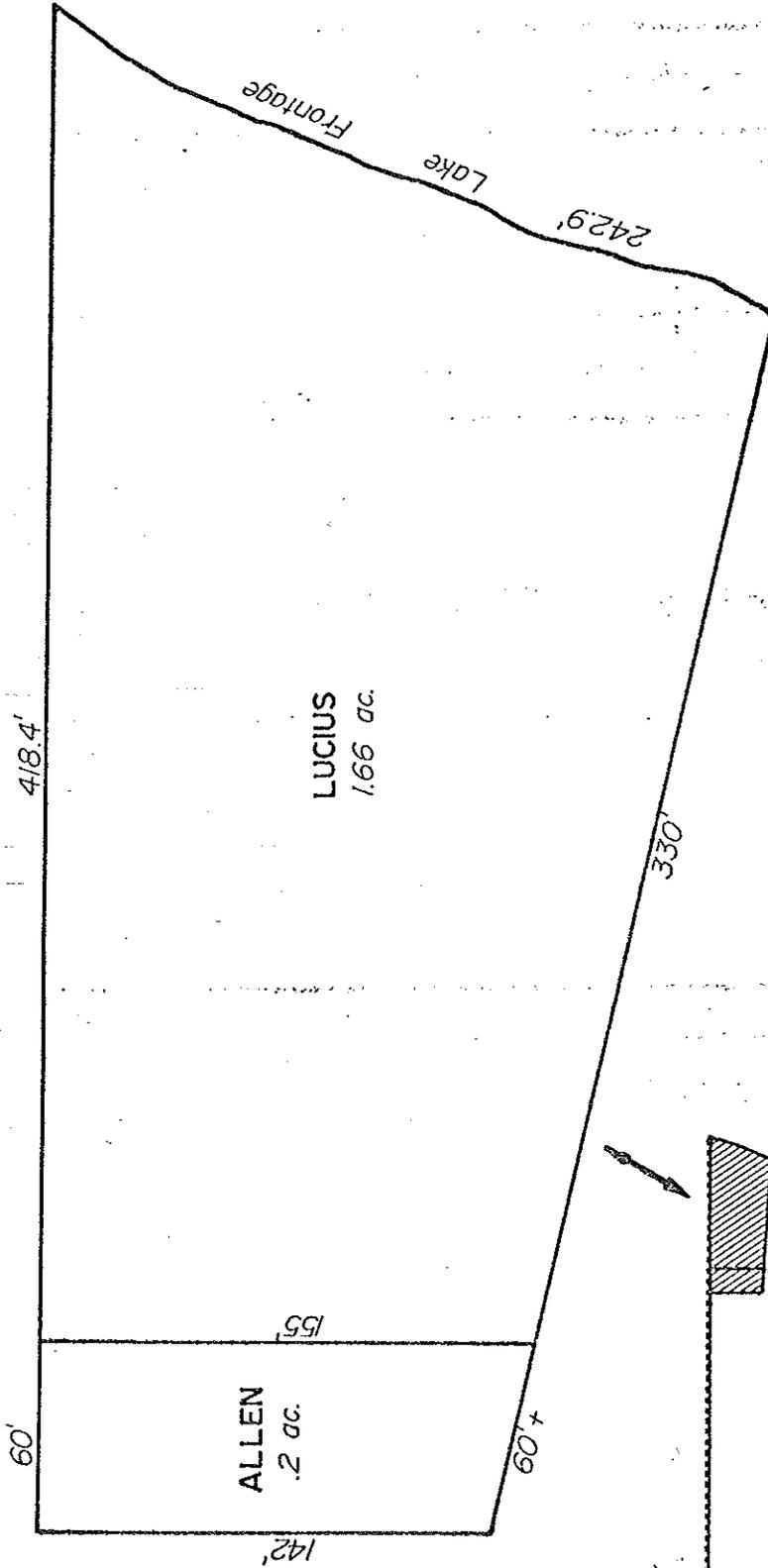
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1" = 60'



Relationship of parcels to boundary

DNR OWNED LAKE FRONTAGE—1382'

LUCIUS WOODS

STATE PARK

LAKE

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Department of Natural Resources

INTRA-DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

JUN 28 1977

Spooner

Station

Date June 28, 1977

IN REPLY REFER TO: 2510

TO: Central Office - Madison

FROM: Lowell G. Hansen *LS*

SUBJECT: Park Boundary - Lucius Woods

This is a response to your memo of May 26 regarding this subject.

It is the District's desire to retain the two parcels remaining to be purchased (Lucius and Allen) within the approved park boundary. However, the acquisition priority should be scaled down from #1 to a lesser priority.

The justification for retaining these two parcels within the boundary are:

1. To provide a buffer from existing commercial developments north of the park.
2. To prevent possible future commercial developments on these two tracts.
3. To provide more public land on the west side of St. Croix Lake. Public ownership is very limited at this time.

By keeping these two parcels within the boundary and assigning a lower priority to acquisition, we hope to be able to take advantage of possible reduced value of the property because of depreciation, storm damage, fire, etc.

DJJ:pap

cc: J. L. Rieckhoff

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6/30/77

Date

What developments?
Spencer area
developments
- more desirable
return - not
miraculous
across
road

Mississippi River counties, Mr. Flaherty said, agreed that this was a good change, but the southern counties vehemently opposed it. He added that game managers in these areas are inclined to think that perhaps the northern and southern areas ought to be treated separately.

Mr. Flaherty pointed out that this would require a change in the basic framework of the season to split the Mississippi River block counties into two groups, with the northern half getting the change to the more traditional statewide system and the southern block keeping the system they have had for several years. It is necessary that the maps that show the basic seasons go to the printers soon. Therefore, the Department is asking approval for this change in the basic season framework in order to meet printing deadlines.

The Forestry, Wildlife and Recreation Committee recommended and Mr. Flaherty **MOVED** to amend the basic hunting seasons so that the southern part of the Mississippi River block counties will retain the traditional two-day plus seven-day season, and to amend the basic hunting season accordingly and permit the Department to proceed with the printing of the maps and the Big Game Regulations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lawton.
When put to a vote, motion was carried unanimously.

6.B-5 Waterfowl Hunting - Lake Winnebago.

Mr. Flaherty referred to Board correspondence regarding open water hunting on Lake Winnebago. He reported that the Department has met with at least some of the hunters that communicated with him and Mr. Messinger. The Department, he said, has indicated to these hunters that the situation will be closely monitored during the 1977 waterfowl hunting season, and they will be consulted regarding possible changes for 1978. Mr. Flaherty added that there will be no changes for the 1977 season but some changes may be recommended for the 1978 season.

6.B-6 Goose Management Program.

Mr. Flaherty reported that Mr. Messinger asked that the Forestry, Wildlife and Recreation Committee attempt to find a convenient time for a meeting at Horicon with him and Mr. Keener and others involved in the Central Wisconsin goose management problems for the purpose of reviewing the situation and discussing it in the presence of the problem. This meeting, he said, will be scheduled as a nonaction but public meeting for discussion purposes. When a date has been decided upon, all Board members will be notified and encouraged to attend. Mr. Flaherty anticipated that the meeting will be held late in June or in July.

6.C LAND AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE'S REPORT. (Items 6.C-1 to 6.C-9, inc.)

6.C-1 Minutes of March 17-18, 1977, and April 20, 1977.

The minutes of March 17-18 were approved as written.

Mr. Messinger stated that since the Committee had not had an opportunity to read the April 20 minutes, action was deferred until the next meeting.

6.C-2 Implementation Report for the Lower St. Croix Riverway, St. Croix, Polk and Pierce Counties.

This is an informational item, Mr. Messinger said, and no discussion is required at this time. It will be included on the Board's agenda for the month of June.

6.C-3 Master Planning - approval of conceptual plan for Lucius Woods State Park, Douglas County.

The Land and Business Committee recommended and Mr. Messinger **MOVED** approval of the plan with the understanding that the Department restudy park boundaries for possible elimination of the Allen and the Lucius properties for future acquisition.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. McCormick.

Mr. Messinger explained that the Department has acquired all of the properties within the park boundary with the exception of 2.2 acres. These acres, he said, have an appraised value of about \$53,000 and are located at the north edge of the boundary. The Committee believes that a determination should be made as to whether or not it is necessary to buy these acres. Mrs. McCormick added that the high unit value is due to lake frontage.

When put to a vote, motion was carried unanimously.

Lucius Woods

Acquisition remaining

acres TOTAL ESTIMATED COST EST. COST OF IMPR. EST. COST OF FRONTAGE / FT.

John Allen
(no frontage)

.26 \$14,500 \$12,000 none

Nick Lucius
(242' frontage)

1.60 \$46,000 \$22,000 \$90-\$150
\$60,500

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Madison, Wisconsin

Mackie

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C. Besadny 5-3-77
Mr. Besadny Administrator Date

Mr. Anthony S. Earl (in) Administrator
Secretary Anthony S. Earl Date

Signed: *D. J. Mackie*
D. J. Mackie, Director
Bureau of Parks & Recreation

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LUCIUS WOODS STATE PARK

MASTER PLAN

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I. BACKGROUND

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II. DESCRIPTION

Lucius Woods Park is located in the Village of Solon Springs. It is bordered on three sides by village streets, fronts on Lake St. Croix and is approximately 100 feet from U.S. 53. Lucius Woods is classified as a roadside park. According to Chapter 27.01, Wisconsin Statutes, roadside parks shall meet the following:

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V. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

Eliminate Camping and Manage as a Day Use Park

(See discussion of alternative B.)

VI. GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

A. Goal

In accordance with state statutes, Lucius Woods State Park shall be managed and developed as a roadside park. The park will provide a public day-use area, be maintained to enhance the aesthetic qualities of the property and to preserve the resources to the greatest extent possible.

B. Objective

To provide a facility capable of handling a total of 75,000 visits annually.

VII. PROPOSED ACTIONS

A. Acquisition

The park acreage goal is 43.01 acres with 41.15 acres presently owned. Land remaining to be purchased consists of the following two parcels:

1.	Allen	.26 acres
2.	Lucius	1.6 acres

Total estimated cost is \$53,000. Total acquisition cost as of December 12, 1974 is \$77,401.

B. Development

1. Remove present campground.

Camping will be eliminated and the existing campground roads and sites obliterated. The set of pit toilets will also be removed. This area will serve primarily as buffer between the adjacent residences and the main day-use areas. A limited amount of picnic use may take place in the area. However, this will result from an increase in the acreage devoted to picnic use and not an increase in the present number of picnic tables or parking spaces. The camp area will be phased out in 1978 with notification and information to occur to the public during the 1977 summer season.

A public meeting to inform the local resident of the proposed action was held. It was the opinion of those present that the campground should be closed.

2. Replace the bathhouse.

The entire building should be replaced no later than 1980. A replacement building should have the same number of facilities and approximately the same square footage as the present bathhouse. The new building, however, should not be constructed of logs or have a log facade. The change stall portion of this building should be open at the top and at the bottom of the walls to allow free movement of air and to allow rinsing the floor with a hose.

3. Construct a new storage building.

The present service building is an eyesore. Its location adjacent to a parking lot does not allow for the storage materials, screened from the park visitor, that tend to collect around buildings of this type. A new small storage building should be constructed on the west end of the present campground. Plant materials could be used to screen and separate the building from the rest of the park.

4. Pump House

The existing pump house is a twenty-three-year-old building that is poorly located and not aesthetically pleasing. The building contains the pressure tank for the park's water system. The feasibility of relocating this building and associate facilities will be checked by the Bureau of Engineering. If possible, a new housing should be located 150 to 200 feet south of the present location.

5. Construct pit toilets.

One set of two-unit combination pit toilets will be constructed in the picnic area served by the Bateau Shelter.

6. Expand day-use area.

Day-use development in the present campground will consist of transferring five fireplaces and ten picnic tables from the existing picnic area to the expanded area. The existing water system and sanitary facilities are already located in the campground and will be utilized for day-use. The existing campground road should be obliterated. Some trees planted as road and camp unit delineators should be removed. It may be necessary in some areas to plant several different species of trees than presently exists to reduce single specie stands. The number of parking stalls and design capacity of the picnic areas would remain the same but the actual picnic area would be larger thereby the use would be less intensive and cover a larger area.

7. Water system update.

The water system will be brought up-to-date in the day-use area.

8. Electrical system.

The electrical system will be updated and improved to meet present day standards. Depending on recommendations from the Bureau of Engineering, it may be possible to include the electrical entrance panel in the new pump house thus eliminating the need to construct a replacement building for this panel.

9. Construct a park entrance visitor station.

A small entrance station to be used for sticker sales and as an office should be constructed in the park. The entrance station should be located on an island between the entrance and exit lanes. Construction should take place after camping has been removed.

10. Playground Equipment.

The present playground equipment is inadequate and should be replaced with the new timber-form type used at other state parks.

11. Snowmobile Trail Bridge.

A pole type bridge designed by the Bureau of Engineering will be constructed to replace an existing bridge which does not meet present day specifications.

10. Development costs.

Existing

Total development cost since date of establishment	\$75,233
Present value of all park buildings	89,636

Proposed

Phase I

Improvement of electrical system and pump house	\$ 8,000	— I
Total	\$ 8,000	

Phase II

Campground road obliteration	\$ 9,900	— II
Develop picnic area in portion of former campground (tables, grills, garbage cans)	1,000	
Small storage building	3,500	
Redevelop water system	8,000	
Contact station	5,000	
Entrance road widening	5,000	
Pit toilets near Bateau shelter	10,000	
Playground Equipment	2,500	
Bridge Replacement (Snowmobile Trail)	1,000	
Total	\$45,900	

Phase III

Build new bathhouse and remove existing facility	\$65,000	— III
Total	\$65,000	

Grand Total

\$118,900	— TOTAL
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C. Operations

Lucius Woods State Park is part of a combined work unit of parks and fire control. Lucius Woods will continue to be administered from the Fire Control Headquarters in Gordon.

Maintenance and Operations Costs 1977-79

Annually

Limited Term Employees (approximately 4,600 hrs.)	\$12,300
Supplies and Services	5,200
Purchase Capital Items	300
	\$17,800

1979-81

Maintenance and operations would continue at the present level with minor adjustments for salary and service and supply cost inflations.

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Department of Natural Resources

INTRA-DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Madison

Station

Date..... March 9, 1977.....

IN REPLY REFER TO: 2510

~~TO:~~ Don Mackie -- 8

FROM: C. Kabat *CK*

SUBJECT: Lucius Woods State Park Concept Plan

We have reviewed the Lucius Woods Master Plan on behalf of the Scientific Areas Preservation Council and find that the property contains no areas of interest or special concern to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the plan and comment.

CEG:sh

cc: Forest Stearns

C. D. Besadny - 14

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D. Sanitary Facilities

Several years ago it was the intent of the Village of Solon Springs to run a sewer line through the park. At the time it was agreeable that Lucius Woods Park would connect into this facility. The sewer line is to be constructed in 1977 and the park should connect into it as previously planned. However, before any construction is started in the park the Village of Solon Springs should submit detailed plans to the Department of Natural Resources for approval of the route, erosion control, and repair and restoration of the construction area. In addition the village must obtain the required permits and easements from the Department of Natural Resources.

E. Building Foundations

Two building foundations exist on the north side of the park. These structures and associated concrete walks and steps should be removed and the site regraded as soon as possible. The concrete bulkhead on the former Lagae property should be retained as long as it remains in good repair.

F. Piling

The piling from a fishing pier remain in the lake in front of the former Lagae property. The piling are sound and attempts at pulling them have failed. Rather than cut the piling off below water level the possibility of reconstructing a fishing pier should be investigated. The area is already popular for fishing with the village residents and if constructed should prove a good asset to the park.

*North of beach
Pier*

G. Control of Swimmer's Itch

A control program will be initiated in accordance with procedures outlined in the manual code on aquatic nuisance control on Department properties (#3261.1).

IV. MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

A. Operate As Is

To operate as is would be to continue the present park uses of camping, picnicking, swimming and hiking. All problems associated with the present uses and the environment would remain.

B. Eliminate Camping and Manage as a Day Use Park

A recent survey by the Department of Natural Resources of camping facilities in Douglas County indicates that the present camping demand at Lucius Woods could be met by the existing county and commercial campgrounds in the Solon Springs area. Several campgrounds offer camping experiences similar to Lucius Woods Park. Four commercial campgrounds in the Solon Springs area have indicated the need to expand their facilities. One campground owner has 30 sites and is presently developing additional facilities. While it may be difficult to depend on private development, it must be considered. It is conceivable that any economic impact generated in Solon Springs by campers will continue.

Day-use facilities would continue to operate as is. These facilities include areas for family or group picnics, an enclosed shelter, 180-feet of beach and a combination bathhouse-toilet building. These facilities are separated into three distinct areas: the beach, the shelter and associated picnic area, and a small picnic area north of the entrance road. This separation of areas creates an ideal atmosphere for use by both group and family picnickers. Use of the present campground for day-use would increase the amount of space available for single family picnickers. The shelter and associated picnic area would tend to be utilized by groups.

Swimming which is a popular activity at the park would continue as is.

The park could be divided generally into two land use areas, a natural area and an intensive use area. The intensive use area would include the swimming beach and bathhouse, all parking lots, roads, and buildings and the associated activities. The natural area would consist of those remaining areas not included in the intensive use area. Management in the natural area should provide a preservation oriented environment. Trails for walking and nature study would be allowed in this area.

Snowmobile activity in the park would be limited to a pass through trail.

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A. Acquisition

The park acreage goal is 43.01 acres with 41.15 acres presently owned. Land remaining to be purchased consists of the following two parcels:

1. Allen	.26 acres
2. Lucius	1.6 acres

Total estimated cost is \$53,000. Total acquisition cost as of December 12, 1974 is \$77,401.

B. Development

1. Remove present campground.

Camping will be eliminated and the existing campground roads and sites obliterated. The set of pit toilets will also be removed. This area will serve primarily as buffer between the adjacent residences and the main day-use areas. A limited amount of picnic use may take place in the area. However, this will result from an increase in the acreage devoted to picnic use and not an increase in the present number of picnic tables or parking spaces. The camp area will be phased out in 1978 with notification and information to occur to the public during the 1977 summer season.

A public meeting to inform the local resident of the proposed action was held. It was the opinion of those present that the campground should be closed.

2. Replace the bathhouse.

The entire building should be replaced no later than 1980. A replacement building should have the same number of facilities and approximately the same square footage as the present bathhouse. The new building, however, should not be constructed of logs or have a log facade. The change stall portion of this building should be open at the top and at the bottom of the walls to allow free movement of air and to allow rinsing the floor with a hose.

3. Construct a new storage building.

The present service building is an eyesore. Its location adjacent to a parking lot does not allow for the storage materials, screened from the park visitor, that tend to collect around buildings of this type. A new small storage building should be constructed on the west end of the present campground. Plant materials could be used to screen and separate the building from the rest of the park.

4. Pump House

The existing pump house is a twenty-three-year-old building that is poorly located and not aesthetically pleasing. The building contains the pressure tank for the park's water system. The feasibility of relocating this building and associate facilities will be checked by the Bureau of Engineering. If possible, a new housing should be located 150 to 200 feet south of the present location.

5. Construct pit toilets.

- One set of two-unit combination pit toilets will be constructed in the picnic area served by the Bateau Shelter.

6. Expand day-use area.

Day-use development in the present campground will consist of transferring five fireplaces and ten picnic tables from the existing picnic area to the expanded area. The existing water system and sanitary facilities are already located in the campground and will be utilized for day-use. The existing campground road should be obliterated. Some trees planted as road and camp unit delineators should be removed. It may be necessary in some areas to plant several different species of trees than presently exists to reduce single specie stands. The number of parking stalls and design capacity of the picnic areas would remain the same but the actual picnic area would be larger thereby the use would be less intensive and cover a larger area.

7. Water system update.

The water system will be brought up-to-date in the day-use area.

8. Electrical system.

The electrical system will be updated and improved to meet present day standards. Depending on recommendations from the Bureau of Engineering, it may be possible to include the electrical entrance panel in the new pump house thus eliminating the need to construct a replacement building for this panel.

9. Construct a park entrance visitor station.

A small entrance station to be used for sticker sales and as an office should be constructed in the park. The entrance station should be located on an island between the entrance and exit lanes. Construction should take place after camping has been removed.

10. Playground Equipment.

The present playground equipment is inadequate and should be replaced with the new timber-form type used at other state parks.

11. Snowmobile Trail Bridge.

A pole type bridge designed by the Bureau of Engineering will be constructed to replace an existing bridge which does not meet present day specifications.

10. Development costs.

Existing

Total development cost since date of establishment	\$75,233
Present value of all park buildings	89,636

Proposed

Phase I

Improvement of electrical system and pump house	\$ 8,000	— I
Total	\$ 8,000	

Phase II

Campground road obliteration	\$ 9,900	— II
Develop picnic area in portion of former campground (tables, grills, garbage cans)	1,000	
Small storage building	3,500	
Redevelop water system	8,000	
Contact station	5,000	
Entrance road widening	5,000	
Pit toilets near Bateau shelter	10,000	
Playground Equipment	2,500	
Bridge Replacement (Snowmobile Trail)	1,000	
Total	\$45,900	

Phase III

Build new bathhouse and remove existing facility	\$65,000	— III
Total	\$65,000	

Grand Total

\$118,900	— TOTAL
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C. Operations

Lucius Woods State Park is part of a combined work unit of parks and fire control. Lucius Woods will continue to be administered from the Fire Control Headquarters in Gordon.

Maintenance and Operations Costs 1977-79

Annually

Limited Term Employees (approximately 4,600 hrs.)	\$12,300
Supplies and Services	5,200
Purchase Capital Items	300
	\$17,800

1979-81

Maintenance and operations would continue at the present level with minor adjustments for salary and service and supply cost inflations.

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MEMORANDUM

Madison

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Date March 9, 1977

IN REPLY REFER TO: 2510

~~TO:~~ Don Mackie - 8

FROM: C. Kabat *CK*.

SUBJECT: Lucius Woods State Park Concept Plan

We have reviewed the Lucius Woods Master Plan on behalf of the Scientific Areas Preservation Council and find that the property contains no areas of interest or special concern to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the plan and comment.

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