

# Trail News - 10/18/12

## 1. State Trails Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Friday, November 2, 2012 at the [Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve](#), 2024 Lakeview Drive, Suamico, WI 54173. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is expected to conclude by 3:00 p.m. The meeting agenda is available online.

The State Trails Council (STC) is appointed by the Governor under the authority of statute 15.347(16) to provide state trail user groups and individuals a voice in the statewide trails program. The STC also provides a forum for dealing with solutions to conflicts between and within trail user groups and trail providers. Additionally, the STC provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of trails in Wisconsin.

Additional information about the Governor's State Trails Council, is [available online](#). Lunch will be catered in for State Trails Council members, DNR staff, and presenters. *Please RSVP by Oct. 30 to [DNRWISateTrails@wi.gov](mailto:DNRWISateTrails@wi.gov) if you are planning to attend the Nov. 2 meeting.*

## 2. Natural Resources Board listening sessions set on plans for hunting and trapping in state parks

MADISON – The public will be able to present their views on a proposed plan to implement a new law opening state parks to hunting and trapping at a series of listening sessions. State Natural Resources Board members will conduct the sessions around the state in late October and early November.

At the December meeting of the Natural Resources Board, the Department of Natural Resources will present a plan to implement the part of a new law the legislature approved earlier this year -- Act 168, known as the Sporting Heritage Bill – that expands hunting and trapping in Wisconsin state parks.

[Read more.](#)

## 3. National Trails Awards Nominations

Nominate an outstanding person, project, or organization that has impacted the world of trails over the last two years. The [National Trails Awards](#) are one way American Trails recognizes the tremendous contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders who are working to create a national system of trails for all Americans. Winners will be

announced at the 21st American Trails International Trails Symposium (ITS) Awards Banquet in Arizona, April 16, 2013.

Nominations should be made for actions that took place during the period between June 1, 2010 - September 30, 2012. [Download the National Trails Awards Nomination packet.](#)

**The Deadline for Submissions is October 31, 2012.**

Award Nomination Categories:

- Lifetime Service
- Best Trails State
- Community Service
- Corporate Award
- International Trails Award (New Award)
- Kids and Trails Award
- Outstanding Media Award
- Outstanding Trail Sharing Award
- Partnership Award
- Planning/Design Award
- State-of-the-Art Technology Award
- Trails and the Arts Award
- Trails for Health Award
- Trails for Public Service Award
- Trail Advocacy Award (1 per state, DC, Puerto Rico)
- Trail Worker Award (1 per state, DC, Puerto Rico)
- Developer Award (separate nomination process)

#### **4. Funding Available for Conservation Projects**

The [Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin](#) is issuing a request for project proposals for three funds, the Norma & Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund, the Hughes Jeffords Chippewa Flowage Conservation Fund, and the Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area Fund.

**Norma & Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund:** Qualified agencies or organizations will be WDNR property managers or qualified exempt organizations managing of walking trails open to the public on public land.

**Hughes Jeffords Chippewa Flowage Conservation Fund:** Qualified agencies or organizations will be exempt organizations working to preserve, protecting and enhancing Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Lac Courte Oreilles, and US Forest Service managed lands and waters of the Chippewa Flowage.

**Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area Fund:** Qualified agencies or organizations will be WDNR property managers or school groups or other qualified exempt organizations working for preserving, protecting and enhancing DNR-managed lands and waters of the Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area.

**Deadline for all Project Proposals is December 1, 2012.**

For more information, or to receive a Project Proposal Form, please contact the [Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin](#).

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