

NEWS NOTES

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A PIECE OF THE CHEROKEE MARSH PUZZLE

... Help us put it in place

This August, the Foundation will purchase 21 acres of wetland north of Madison along Westport Road. This wetland is an important part of the 4,000 acre Cherokee Marsh complex.

Soon after the Foundation's Stewardship Committee toured the property late last year, the pieces began to fall into place. The landowner was interested in selling, and the \$250 Million State Stewardship Fund was identified as a potential funding source for part of the acquisition.

Although wetlands are protected by state and federal law from development, the upland portion of the property was zoned for residential development. Because of this zoning, and the wetland's increased environmental significance as part of the Cherokee Marsh, the Committee felt that steps were needed to protect the entire parcel.

The closing on this property will occur in August. Before that time, the Foundation will need to raise close to \$10,000 to cover the project costs. And so we are looking to you.

We received the first gift from Bette Rackow, a new member, who read about the Foundation's plans to purchase the land in the newspaper. She wrote, "This is great news! . . . Please use my money toward the purchase of the land."

We are enthusiastic about this opportunity to secure another piece of the Cherokee Marsh and hope that you share our excitement. Membership support has made it possible for the Foundation to get this far. We are now asking for your help to make this project happen.

Please think about it, and help us out. Land protection is what the Foundation is all about. We are counting on you to help us put this piece of the Cherokee Marsh puzzle in place.

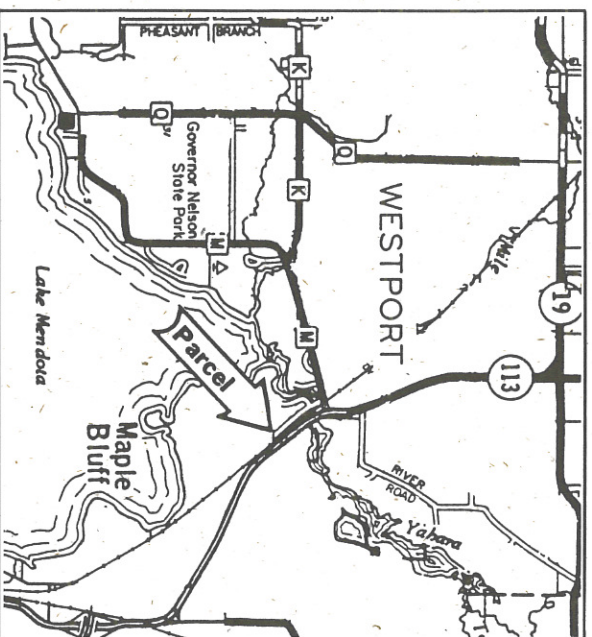
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Please print your name as you would like it to appear on our honor roll of donors for this project:

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Take a Tour

If you would like to have a look at this property yourself, it is easy to find. To get there from Highway 113, take Knutson drive west from the highway, and then take a right on to Westport Road (going north). The road will go downhill and you will see a sign stating that you are entering the Town of Westport. Start looking. The property is located on both sides of the road, on the east as far back as the railroad tracks and back into the wetlands on the west side.

You will see the typical wetland species of red-osier dogwood, bluejoint grass, cordgrass, joe-pye weed and cattails. Roll down your window and you will hear yellow warblers, common yellowthroat warblers, willow flycatchers, redwing blackbirds, song sparrows, and wrens. In bloom right now are meadow rue, queen of the meadow, and angelica. As you continue along Westport Road, you will leave the property when you pass the first house on the left (west) and just before a large white oak on your right (east).

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DCNHF, First Non-Profit Organization to be approved for Stewardship Funds.

The Foundation received the news late in April that it is eligible to receive grants through the \$250 Million State Stewardship Fund. We are proud to be the first non-profit organization in the state to be approved for funding. More news about our grant project will follow this fall.

Volunteers will be needed to work with the Stewardship Committee on project implementation. If you are interested in helping out, please call the Foundation Office at 258-9797 for an application.

Madison Community Foundation Grant

The Madison Community Foundation has awarded a \$6,225 grant to the DCNHF for the kick-off and educational component of its first State Stewardship Project. A heartfelt thank you for giving this project a real boost! We appreciate it.

In Memory . . .

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We really don't know how to thank you.

Really! Every time we publish a newsletter, we consider printing an honor roll of our individual supporters. And for the past few issues, we have decided against it. Not because we don't appreciate the 400 + individuals and households that support our work and provide 50% of our budget, but because we receive a good number of requests from our members not to give out their names. This makes it hard for us to thank you enough, but we hope that respecting your privacy is one way.

In the future, we will give you an opportunity when making a gift to indicate whether you would like your name to appear on an honor roll. And we will be happy to print it just as big as space allows, if you allow us.

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