



September 18, 2013

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City of Racine
Department of City Development
730 Washington Avenue, Room 102
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Matt:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your Stewardship application for your West Bluff Overlook land acquisition project has been tentatively selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$271,540. The grant award will be a combination of \$226,540 in Stewardship funds and \$45,000 in federal Recreational Trails Act funding. The project selection process was very competitive but your proposal scored well enough to receive funding. Please advise us in writing if you will accept this grant award as soon as possible.

Prior to issuance of this grant, we will be reviewing your project to ensure that it meets all applicable federal laws, state statutes, and administrative rules. Actual grant agreements will be mailed to you for signature upon completion of this review and the project receiving final approval by the Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands. **You should not purchase any land for your project prior to returning your signed grant agreement to us unless you are willing to assume the risk of absorbing those costs.** This letter is only a preliminary selection of your project for funding and the Department may identify issues that would lead to only partial funding or a denial of the application in full. Additionally, because the project includes a prohibition of two nature based outdoor activities - hunting and trapping – approval will be required from the Natural Resources Board pursuant to ch. NR 52, Wis. Adm. Code. Because of the size of the proposed grant, the grant award must be approved by the legislature's Joint Committee on Finance.

Please note that if the city of Racine acquires the property with Stewardship grant funds, the city will be eligible to utilize the local governmental unit (LGU) liability exemption under s. 292.11(9)(e)1m.f, Wis. Stats. If the city elects to use this option, the city will be required to enter into an agreement with the department to conduct any necessary environmental response actions and to ensure that the conditions in ss. 292.11(9)(e) 2. and 4, Wis. Stats. are satisfied. Please contact Christine Haag at (608) 266-0244 if you have any questions.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your application or Stewardship grant requirements, please call me at (414) 263-8610 or Dan Kaemmerer at (414) 263-8704. I will be in touch if our review and final approval process requires additional information from you. If you are no longer interested in this grant, please let me know immediately so that others on the ranked list of projects may receive grant funding

Sincerely,

Jim Ritchie

Southeast and South Central Regional Government Outreach team Supervisor

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