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Donna Van Buecken
Executive Director, Fox Valley Chapter
Wild Ones

Ms. Van Buecken,

This letter is an endorsement of the acquisition of the property on Little Lake Butte des Morts in the Town of Menasha, WI. The value of this property is immeasurable due to its location. It is valuable riparian habitat in the heart of the Fox River Valley, which is experiencing massive urban growth. I would like to compliment your organization to have the foresight to protect this land from certain urban development and subsequent habitat destruction.

The same features that historically threatened this land with permanent habitat destruction offer incredible educational opportunities. Due to its juxtaposition to the large population of the Fox Valley, this property is invaluable in the environmental education of many thousands of people now and in perpetuity.

This educational opportunity makes this a property of interest for the Natural Resource Technician Program at Fox Valley Technical College. The location and unique habitat qualities of this property will be valuable in the education of future natural resource professionals in our program. The Natural Resource Program looks forward to working with Wild Ones in the management of this property. Examples of potential projects include live wildland fire training, development of a management plan, and chainsaw safety training.

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Sincerely,

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