



OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

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Donna VanBuecken, Executive Director
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Dear Donna:

I am writing in support of the Wild Ones plan to develop the West Shore Preserve Environmental Center as a community resource for citizens to participate in the restoration and protection of the biodiversity and water quality of Little Lake Buttes Des Morts and the Fox River system. By preserving and restoring the wetlands and associated upland habitats of Little Lake Buttes Des Morts and providing space and administrative support for area conservation and environmental science organizations, Wild Ones will help make the Fox Valley a place that will lead future generations toward a new era of environmental stewardship.

This project is a great opportunity for conservation and environmental organizations to work collaboratively to raise public awareness about environmental issues facing the Fox Valley and Fox River ecosystem. Because the West Shore Preserve is a unique property, unlike the environments found at Mosquito Hill Nature Center and other local nature centers it presents a great opportunity to educate Fox Valley citizens about environmentally friendly landscaping practices at their homes and in the community at large. I commend your efforts and enthusiastically support the efforts of Wild Ones and your collaborative partners to improve the quality of life in the Fox Valley by developing this new Environmental Center.

Sincerely,

Mike Hibbard
Director/Naturalist
Mosquito Hill Nature Center