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Dear Donna,

UW-Extension supports the acquisition of the property at 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Road in the Town of Menasha for the creation of the West Shore Preserves Environmental Center. This property on the west shore of Little Lake Butte des Morts downstream from the Little Lake PCB clean-up site includes marshland and upland habitats and a building to be turned into a community environmental center.

Any endeavor that attempts to connect citizens to the environment is worthwhile and the above described project proposes to do just that. This connection is especially critical in urban areas where the natural environment is often segmented and highly altered. The public needs a place where they can reconnect with nature and discover its value and the value of incorporating it into their everyday lives.

We wish to be an active partner in the Environmental Center. In particular, at this time we would like to extend our ability to connect the resources of the University System to the citizens of Wisconsin. UW-Extension has many opportunities to provide expertise and content to Wisconsin's citizens and we welcome the opportunity to partner with the Environmental Center to enhance our mission and yours!

Sincerely,

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