

WORKING FOR OUR FORESTS

1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN IS A FOREST CHAMPION AT NOVEMBER 2004 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON FORESTRY

What do decreases in species and habitat, degradation of water quality and quantity, increased forest fire risk, unplanned rural development, struggling local economies and decreased public access for hunting, fishing and recreation all have in common?

They are all related to increased fragmentation and parcelization of Wisconsin's forests.

In July, Wisconsin's Chief State Forester, Paul DeLong, invited 1000 Friends of Wisconsin to organize and lead a land use-related workshop session at the Governor's Conference on Forestry held at Monona Terrace on November 9th and 10th. The purpose of the conference was two-fold: to launch the new Wisconsin Statewide Forest Plan and to build partnerships among the various forest stakeholders to take action to address the many issues facing our forests.

1000 Friends' Policy Director Lisa MacKinnon convened a diverse leadership team of forestry interests that included private woodland owners, representatives from the timber industry, UW Madison Forest Ecology and Management faculty, the Wisconsin County Forests Association, conservation and land trust representatives, and state forest planners. The team met over several months this Fall to plan the session, which was entitled *Changes in Wisconsin's Land Use and Forest Ownership: Strategies for Preventing and Mitigating Forest Fragmentation and Parcelization*. At the conference, the leadership team and participants (over 80 people) developed plans for implementing the chosen priority actions in the areas of policy, education and outreach, and planning.

Examples of priority actions that came out of the conference include:

- Promote conservation easements for working forests
- Create a governor's task force on industrial forest retention
- Educate on the forest-water connection
- Include forests in community plans
- Utilize Federal Forest Legacy and Land and Water Conservation programs to fully leverage state Stewardship funds
- Provide adequate professional forestry assistance to landowners
- Develop and promote best practices for development in forested areas



Lisa MacKinnon & Governor Doyle

This conference was a terrific opportunity to build upon the work of our Fall 2000 Forest Fragmentation Education Initiative. We strengthened existing partnerships and created some new ones, and are enthusiastic about moving forward along with the other leadership groups to implement the action plans developed at the conference. The next step will be on December 16th, when Lisa will present a report and recommendations from the session to the Governor's Council on Forestry.

Please contact Lisa MacKinnon at lmac@1kfriends.org or 608/259-1000 or visit the conference website at: wisconsinforestry.org if you would like more information.

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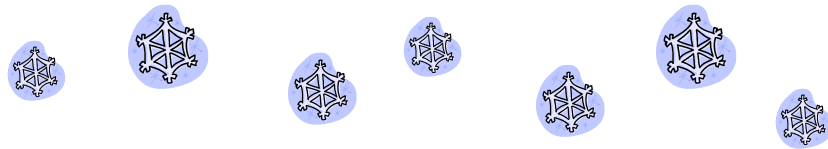


As 2004 draws to a close, I'd like to extend a sincere thank you from the staff and the board of directors to all of our friends for the generous support given this year. John Taylor of Madison brought membership support to a new level with a generous challenge grant of \$25,000. Our members responded with a record pace of donations throughout the fall.

Furthermore, through a generous gift from Madison Gas and Electric (MG&E) we were able to realize the full potential of Mr. Taylor's challenge.

We also pause to remember Roger Shanks, a truly great conservationist, who passed away in September. Roger was a founding board member of 1000 Friends of Wisconsin and stood as a giant in the conservation world. He led efforts to protect natural areas in Sauk County and championed environmental concerns as chair of the Sauk County Board. Roger brought his leadership skills to the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin's board, always helping others to understand rural concerns. Roger will be honored at an Earth Day ceremony in his hometown of Lodi in April.

Finally, we'd like to thank the following outgoing board members for their years of dedication and support for the mission and goals of 1000 Friends: Madelyn Leopold, Bev Anderson, Jim Van Deurzen, Dennis Boyer, John Imes, Dorothy Lagerroos, Bryan Pierce and Marcus White. We appreciate their years of service on the board, and we count on their active participation in the future. Without their support, we could not have gotten to where we are today.



The board and staff at 1000 Friends wish you and your families a happy holiday season and a healthy and peaceful New Year!



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Accommodating Growth

Madison is ranked as the fastest growing city in the state; just one of the many consequences of winning yet another "Best Place to Live" award. If similar rates of growth continue in the region, Dane County is expected to need over 75,000 additional housing units over the next 30 years and over 17,000 acres of farmland will likely be converted in the process. Although some of this robust housing demand can be met by the revival in downtown housing and infill projects in existing neighborhoods, most of the new housing will be built in newly platted subdivisions.

Traditional neighborhood developments (TND) are gaining popularity in Wisconsin as one alternative to typical subdivisions. TNDs are inspired by the compact historic neighborhoods and traditional main street districts that are already common in most communities but have not been built for generations. The new developments feature smaller lots, narrower streets, open spaces, higher densities, pedestrian amenities, neighborhood commercial areas, and a wide range of housing options. Because TNDs more efficiently use land, they have great potential to slow the pace of regional land consumption. In fact, TNDs often house more than twice as many people as conventional subdivisions in the same amount of space.

One of the best TNDs in the region is Grandview Commons, designed by Vandewalle and Associates and built by Veridian Homes. With a striking view of downtown Madison, the 230 acre development will include 1,761 housing units, a wooded village green, and 150,000 square feet of retail and office space. Grandview Commons is located on the east side of Madison, two miles east of Highway 51 on Cottage Grove Road.

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1000 FRIENDS TAKING ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES FOR MOST VULNERABLE

Remember what it was like to be 15 and not quite old enough to drive? Few experiences are more frustrating than being stranded. But that was a rite of passage with a wonderful reward at the end – freedom to come and go as you pleased – within reason and curfew.

For countless older adults and people with disabilities who cannot drive or choose not to drive, however, there is no end to their rite of passage. Feeling stranded, isolated and powerless is not a temporary condition for them but a state of being.

Historically, the state's commitment to providing transportation services to these people has been woefully inadequate – just \$8 million per year (for comparison – state highways receive \$1.1 billion annually). County agencies that receive these aids can often provide only a bare minimum of medical and nutritional trips. Some counties cannot even afford to provide trips to regional hospitals for chemotherapy, radiation or dialysis, much less regular trips to visit a spouse in a nursing home.

This year 1000 Friends has teamed up with aging and disability groups to make the link between our goal of developing a more balanced transportation system in Wisconsin and the basic needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens. Please join us in asking the Governor and the Legislature to increase funding for Elderly and Disabled Transportation to \$10 million in 2006 and \$12 million in 2007.

Ward Lyles, Transportation Policy Director