



February 28, 2023

Heather Reindl
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Subject: Havenwoods Land Exchange for Milwaukee County

Dear Heather:

In good faith the Department (DNR) is working on the process for exchanging 0.34 acres in the northeast corner of Havenwoods Forest Preserve and Nature Center for approximately an acre of replacement land on the east, starting at and south of West Florist Ave that will be restored to native vegetation and be part of a large block of open space habitat. The 0.34 acre parcel is needed for the entrance of Schoenecker County Park and the County's North Shop facility and is currently part of an old roadway and parking lot area and has little environmental or public use utility. The replacement parcel will be a restoration of a redesigned roadway to improve traffic conditions and increase greenspace within the City environment.

Local Parks and Recreation staff and Real Estate staff concur that this is an improvement for both public use and natural open space values and support the exchange as proposed. Preliminary information was provided to the Department of Interior-National Park Service (NPS) due to the restrictions on the transfer from the Department of Army and then to the DNR through the NPS. Final details on the size and restoration of the replacement parcel is needed for NPS decision.

Aside from the NPS approval of the exchange, the DNR will go through their Natural Resources Board approval and then Governor sign-off once we have the replacement parcel legal description and restoration plan and commitment from the County. It is anticipated that all approvals will be granted with the improved public use and environmental improvements for both Schoenecker County Park and the increased open space with the replacement parcel.

The next step is to obtain the final details on the replacement parcel legal description and restoration plan and then we can proceed with our approval process.

Sincerely,

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