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CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION OF DOOR COUNTY



June 7, 2022
Mayor David Ward
421 Michigan Steet
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Re: Support Sturgeon Bay NERR Site

Dear Mayor Ward,

I am writing on behalf of the Climate Change Coalition of Door County to express the Coalition's strong support for locating for locating the site for the Green Bay Ecosystem NERR in Sturgeon Bay. Door County has a unique coastline which includes both Green Bay and Lake Michigan including where Green Bay enters the main body of the Lake. The County includes many natural areas conserved by the state, The Nature Conservancy, The Ridges Sanctuary, and the Door County Land. These varied sites include island preserves, coastal area with many endangered and threaten species as well lands essential to protect the streams that feed into the Lake and serve as spawning grounds. For all of these reasons the County provides an excellent base for study of the Green Bay ecosystem, including importantly the impacts of climate change on the Green Bay ecosystem. In addition, locating the NERR site and Sturgeon Bay will expose the important work of NERR to a very large number of people given the County's strong green tourism industry.

Very truly yours,

Roy Thilly
Coalition Co-Chair

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cc: Steering Committee