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Mr. Mark Holey
Co-chair
NERR Advisory Group
City of Sturgeon Bay
421 Michigan Street
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dear Mr. Holey,

For over 50 years the Door County Environmental Council (DCEC) has helped preserve and protect the fragile and unique natural beauty and wonder of Door County. Today, among other issues, we continue our efforts fighting to control ground and surface water contamination from the overspreading of liquid manure from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Door and Kewaunee Counties.

Last July, the DCEC hosted a presentation by Emily Tyner, Director of Freshwater Strategy at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, at the Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay, on the significance of a National Estuarine Research Reserve in Northeastern Wisconsin.

A NERR site in Sturgeon Bay will have a profound regional impact on Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Green Bay, and the entire northeastern Wisconsin region. It will attract researchers and students, educators and visitors, and infuse money into the local and regional economies. A Sturgeon Bay NERR will stimulate local and regional protection of the natural resources of the bay of Green Bay and address coastal management issues.

The Door County Environmental Council fully supports location of the NERR visitor center in Sturgeon Bay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Bahrke". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael S. Bahrke
Executive Director
Door County Environmental Council