

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Donation – The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park donated \$17,900.00 to install a 7.2 kW DC Solar Array to be built on the shop roof at Blue Mound State Park in Iowa County, WI.

FOR: May 2022 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Preston D. Cole, Secretary

SUMMARY:

Blue Mound State Park, located just outside of Blue Mounds, WI, is perched atop the highest point in southern Wisconsin offering spectacular views of the surrounding countryside and unique geological features of the driftless areas. The Park consists of 1,153 acres and offers many recreational opportunities for its 200,000 annual visitors including camping, hiking, biking, a swimming pool and rustic cabin designed for people with disabilities. The parks year round reputation is recognized as one of the best areas in southern Wisconsin for cross country skiing, winter mt. biking and snowshoeing.

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park were established in 1989 and have supported Blue Mound State Park and its programs for over 30 years. In an effort to promote renewable energy and reduce electrical cost at the park, the Friends of Blue Mound State Park propose to install a install a 7.2 kW DC Solar Array to be built on the shop roof at Blue Mound State Park.

Similar project were performed in 2018 & 2020 at the park office and enclosed shelter at the park.

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park would like to cover the cost of the solar panel array and promote it use through education and other interpretive programs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board acknowledge the generous donation of \$17,900 from the Friends of Blue Mound State Park.

Approved by	Signature	Date
Steven Schmelzer, Director Bureau of Parks and Recreation	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Steven Schmelzer</i> <small>99771481107C486</small>	3/24/2022 10:46 AM CDT
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For

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its May 2022 meeting, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board gratefully acknowledged a gift of \$17,900.00 from:

The Friends of Blue Mound State Park

This donation will be used to install a 7.2 kW DC Solar Array to be built on the shop roof at Blue Mound State Park.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Greg Kazmierski, Chair