

TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
15 March, 2023, 6:00 PM
AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Town of New Glarus Parks Commission, County of Green, will conduct a meeting for the transaction of business as is by law required permitted at such meeting as follows:

LOCATION: New Glarus Town Hall
26 5th Avenue
New Glarus, WI 53574

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87652461593?pwd=TE5xcXNGdTVWUWITOElha2ZjNnRoZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 5246 1593

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AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Posting
3. Approve February 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes; Update with Suggested Modifications to Ordinance Codifying Parks Commission, Including Reference to Deposits into Town Parks Sinking Fund
4. Public Comments
5. Updates
 - a. Donation of Prairie Burn Equipment to The Prairie Enthusiasts, Prairie Bluff Chapter
 - b. February 25, 2023, Prairie Education and Management Workshop – Jason
6. Authorize Additional Funds for Recent Parks Mailer
7. Update Regarding Proposed Codification of the Parks Commission by Ordinance
8. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Application Progress
 - a. Approval of 2022-2025 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan amendments
 - b. Request Letters of Support from Town Residents, Members of Ad Hoc Committee, Town Board, State Rep. Mike Bare and State Sen. Dianne Hesselbein
 - c. Update to Concept Map, version 6
 - d. Award of appraisal assignment to MJ Barnes and Associates
9. Provide Update on Xerces Society Free Pollinator Habitat Kit Application and Offer of Pollinator Workshop by Micah Kloppenburg of the Xerces Society – Harry
10. Reminder About Holiday Party at the French Residence, 7 PM, Saturday, April 1, 2023
11. Schedule Next Meeting, April 19, 2023, at 4:30 PM
12. Adjourn

Posted: 03.09.2023

New Glarus Town Hall
New Glarus Garage
New Glarus Post Office

<https://townofnewglarus.com/>

Harry Pulliam, Chair
New Glarus Parks Commission

John Wright, Clerk-Treasurer

Pursuant to applicable law, notice is hereby given that a quorum or a majority of the New Glarus Town Board or Plan Commission Members may attend this meeting. Information presented at this meeting may help form the rationale behind future actions that may be taken by the Town of New Glarus Board. Persons requiring additional services to participate in a public meeting may contact the Town Clerk for assistance at 527-2390.

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Minutes

Attending: Chair Harry Pulliam, Mark Pernitz, Kelly Ruschman, Jason Neton, Mona Sue French, and Chris Narveson

Absent: Dana Emmerton

Also Attending: John Wright (departed at 6:06 PM): Clerk Treasurer; Rose Pertzborn and Grace McLaughlin: Town of New Glarus residents; Mike Marty: Trustee on the New Glarus Village Board; and Matthew Miller and Melissa Hunt: Vierbicher.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Pulliam at 6:00 PM.
2. **Proof of Posting:** Clerk-Treasurer Wright attested to proper proof of posting.
3. **Approve January 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes, as presented, was made by Commissioner Ruschman; second by Commissioner French. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Public Comments:** Grace McLaughlin presented her observations regarding the proposed Town ordinance to codify the Parks Commission in comparison with Wisconsin Statute 60.66.
5. **Introduce Mike Marty of New Glarus Cares** – Chair Pulliam acknowledged Mr. Marty.
6. **Acquaint Parks Commission with New Glarus Cares and its Efforts at Candy Cane Park** – Mike Marty reported that undeveloped land owned by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is available for \$150,000. A local non-profit group, New Glarus Cares, is seeking donations. If they raise \$75,000 then Deb and Dan Carey will match that amount. If successful in raising funds, the land, in turn, will be donated to the Village of New Glarus to maintain as part of Candy Cane Park. Commissioner Pernitz recommended the Town Board approve a donation of \$2,500 to New Glarus Cares contingent upon the Village making a comparable donation toward the Town park to be located on State Highway 39
7. **Provide Update on January 27, 2023 Meeting of Ad Hoc Committee for New Town Park** – Commissioner Narveson provided a summary for those in attendance and an update regarding negotiations with neighboring property owners.
8. **Review Amendments to 2022 Town of New Glarus Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)** – Matt Miller and Melissa Hunt, Vierbicher, introduced updates that have been incorporated into the amended CORP. Additional edits were discussed that will be included in an updated draft that include the date of the Public Hearing, that the ad-hoc subcommittee included adjacent landowners, spelling corrections, and other non-substantive changes. There was a brief discussion regarding how the grant applications are scored and what should be considered to include to increase that score. The concept map has been updated; that map was presented to those in attendance by Matt Miller.
Motion to approve the fifth version of the concept map was made by Commissioner Pernitz; second by Commissioner Neton. Motion carried 6-0.
9. **Recommend to the Town Board that it Approve the Amendment to the 2022 CORP** – Motion to recommend the amended CORP, including the changes approved without objection this evening, for Town Board adoption was made by Commissioner Pernitz;

second by Commissioner Ruschman. Motion carried 6-0. Without objection, a notice will be posted and published for Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM with the regular Town Board meeting to follow.

- 10. Plan to Secure Support Letters from Town Residents and Members of Ad Hoc Committee for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Application** – There was discussion to request letters of support from the Town of New Glarus Board, the School District of New Glarus, and the Town Plan Commission.

Motion to request letters of support, as discussed above, was made by Commissioner Pernitz; second by Commissioner Narveson. Motion carried 6-0.

- 11. Provide Update on a) Spring Mailer and b) Donation of Prairie Burn Equipment to The Prairie Enthusiasts, Prairie Bluff Chapter** – Commissioner Neton thought the invoice from Postal Connections seemed high. Without objection, he will reach out for clarification.

Motion to approve up to \$100 for refreshments for the Prairie Management workshop and up to \$75 for the River Tripping workshop for refreshments was made by Commissioner Neton; second by Commissioner Narveson. Motion carried 6-0.

- 12. Discuss Draft Ordinance to Codify the Town Park Commission as Prepared by Attorney Hazelbaker** – The members present reviewed the draft ordinance and discussed some minor changes.

Motion to recommend approval by the Town Board of the ordinance prepared by Attorney Hazelbaker, with minor changes, was made by Commissioner Pernitz; second by Commissioner Neton. Motion carried 6-0.

- 13. Determine the Term of Office (1, 2, 3 years, etc.) for Alternate Members of the Parks Commission** – Without objection, the term recommended for an alternate Parks Commission member is seven years.

- 14. Recommend to Town Board That It Approve Parks Commission's Nomination of Rose Pertzborn as an Alternate Member of the Parks Commission**

Motion to recommend to the Town Board the appointment of Rose Pertzborn as an alternate member of the Parks Commission by Commissioner Narveson; second by Commissioner Neton. Motion carried 6-0.

- 15. Advise that 40 Each Tree Tube and 40 Each Tree Tube Stake Have Been Ordered from Sustainable Wildlife Habitats**

The order was included in the packet.

- 16. Discuss Xerces Society Free Pollinator Habitat Kit Application** – Chair Pulliam introduced the topic and deadline for project proposals.

- 17. Discuss Sign for Side of Town Hall**

- 18. Determine New Date for Holiday Party at the French Residence**

- 19. Schedule Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

- 20. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Approved:

Minutes transcribed from C. Narveson notes

2023 Town of New Glarus Park's Workshops

Prairie Education and Management

Saturday, Feb 25th 2023

2 PM – 4 PM @ Tofflers Pub – New Glarus

Please join us as we gather at Toffler's Pub upstairs to hear three different speakers on the topic of prairie management and learn about both native and invasive species. Come learn about why restoring and maintaining these types of landscapes is important and worthwhile. There will be discussion on the different types of native plants that conservationists like Fil, Jason and Matt are trying to educate residents to promote. They will also talk about strategies for controlling invasive plants that can reduce diversity by overwhelming the ecosystem. **Refreshments will be provided!**



Presenting at the workshop

Fil Sanna – Spring Valley Tract Project

Fil Sanna is a volunteer site steward supporting a new project to restore over 300 acres of land owned by the Driftless Area Land Conservancy just north of New Glarus. Fil is a student of the ecology and history of the site and is now immersed in field work.

Jason Granberg – Conservation Biologist, Wisc. DNR

Jason's work focuses on combatting invasive species here in Wisconsin. In particular, he has been working on coordinating data and reporting efforts and with residents to work holistically and across communities.

Matt Wallrath –Upper Sugar River Watershed Assn.

As the invasive species coordinator for the USRWA, Matt travels as a field educator and organizes invasive removal efforts across south-central Wisconsin. He also is a founding member of SCIP, a partnership organization seeking to unite communities in these efforts.

River Tripping Workshop

Saturday, April 15th 2023

2 PM – 4 PM Town Hall – New Glarus

Everything you need to know about planning your Wisconsin river trip! Andrew and Ethan will cover a range of topics during this workshop that include the following and more. **Refreshments will be provided!**

- Navigating River Trips
- Finding planning tools and resources
- Expecting the "unexpected"!
- Choosing your location
- Planning routes
- Water temperature considerations
- Where to camp
- Emergency Kits
- What to pack
- Gear / Food and Water Needs
- How to handle quickly changing weather
- What to do in an emergency happens

Presenting at the workshop

Father and son **Andrew and Ethan Elkins** have been canoe, kayak, and paddleboard camping all their lives. Andrew began his outdoor adventures in the Boundary Waters at age 5 and Ethan at age 3. Andrew and Ethan are happiest when exploring and surrounding themselves in nature.

Both have been involved in Boy Scouts. Andrew was a Scoutmaster and Ethan earned the honor of Eagle Scout. They enjoy giving speaking events on advanced outdoor skills for Scouting groups, REI and at Canoecopia. In 2016 they crossed 200 miles and 45 portages through the Boundary Waters using the Border Route on paddleboards. In the summer of 2019, they paddle boarded from Stevens Point, WI to the Mississippi on the Wisconsin River.



Town of New Glarus

Journal

All Dates

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	DEBIT	CREDIT
02/08/2023	Bill	214831	Postal Connections	2023 Parks tree sale mailer printing & postage	21000 Accounts Payable (A/P)		\$1,210.03
				January 2023 mailer, 599 copies and 50% setup	57620 Parks:57620-03 Parks Workshops	\$470.24	
				January 2023 mailing postage	57620 Parks:57620-03 Parks Workshops	\$134.78	
				January 2023 Pellitteri calendar, 599 copies	51400 General Administrative:51400-02 Office Supplies	\$455.24	
				Postage to mail and 50% set up charge	51400 General Administrative:51400-02 Office Supplies	\$149.77	
						\$1,210.03	\$1,210.03
TOTAL						\$1,210.03	\$1,210.03

Comments on Proposed Ordinance Codifying the Town of New Glarus Parks Commission

Grace S. McLaughlin
W5120 County Rd W
New Glarus, WI 53574
608-527-3325

Article One. Chapter 204. Town Commissions and Boards

200-1 Park Commission

- A. Composition. In sentence 2, line 3, change “shall” to “may”.
- B. Add “and the alternate” after “Each Commission member”.
- G. Duties
 - (2) In line 1 change “the name of the Town” to “of land”.
 - (3) Place a period (.) at the end of the sentence.
 - (5) Add sentence “The Town Parks Commission can regulate and restrict the use of firearms on Town Park properties.”
 - (7) Please fix the formatting.
 - (8) Finance.
 - (ii) Deposits. Change “with the Town Treasurer as general revenue of the Town” to “into Town accounts as a nonlapsing fund or reserve for specific use for the acquisition, management and operations of parks and recreation programs.”

ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE TOWN PARK COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a recent discussion concerning an issue with the membership of the Town's Park Commission revealed that there is no codified ordinance creating the Park Commission;

WHEREAS, the following ordinance has been prepared to place the provisions concerning the structure of the Park Commission in the Town's Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of New Glarus does hereby Ordain as follows:

ARTICLE ONE. CHAPTER 204 of the Town Code of Ordinances is created to read:

CHAPTER 204. TOWN COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS.

200-1 Park Commission

200-2 Plan Commission [Placeholder]

220-1 Park Commission.

- A. Composition. The Park Commission shall consist of seven 7 citizen members appointed by the Chairperson and confirmed by the Town Board. Additionally, the Chairperson shall appoint an alternate member to act in place of any member who is absent or precluded from participating in a matter by reason of conflict of interest or otherwise. In addition, 1 Supervisor annually selected by majority vote of the Town Board shall be an ex officio liaison member.
- B. Each Commission member shall hold such office for a term of 7 years, said terms to end June 30 in the year of expiration.
- C. Compensation; Oaths. Commission members shall receive such compensation as shall be determined by the Town Board from time to time. Members shall take an official oath prescribed by Wis. Stat. § 19.01, to be filed with the Town Clerk.
- D. Organization of Commission. The Commission shall annual in July elect a member as Chair and another member as secretary. The secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes.
- E. Procedure. 4 members shall constitute a quorum. The Chair, or acting Chair, shall be included in determining a quorum. Action shall be by a majority of those present and voting. The Commission may adopt rules of procedure for governing the conduct of its meetings.
- F. Record. The Park Commission shall keep a written record of its proceedings to include all actions taken, a copy of which shall be filed with the Town Clerk. 4 members shall constitute a quorum, but all actions shall require the affirmative approval of a majority of the members of the Commission in attendance once a quorum is present.

- G. Duties. The Park Commission shall have all the powers conferred by law upon park and recreation commissions and shall be chargeable with all the duties so required, such as recommend, oversee work and oversee funds of all parks, playgrounds and recreational activities as part of properties within the Town. The Park Commission is specifically empowered and directed, under the oversight of the Town Board, to do the following:
- (1) With authorization of the Town Board, manage, improve and care for all public parks located within, or partly within and partly without, the limits of the Town and secure the quiet, orderly and suitable use and enjoyment thereof by the people; also to adopt rules and regulations to promote these purposes.
 - (2) To recommend to the Town Board acquisition the name of the Town for park purposes by gift, purchase, devise, bequest or condemnation, either absolutely or in trust, money, real or personal property, or any incorporeal right or privilege, provided gifts to the Town of money or other property, real or personal, either absolutely or in trust, for park purposes shall be accepted only after they have been recommended by the Commission to the Town Board.
 - (3) To recommend to the Town Board sale or exchange of property no longer required for park purposes
 - (4) To have the powers necessary and convenient for the effective and efficient management, supervision and operation of the Town parks and recreation program, subject to budgetary approval by the Town Board.
 - (5) To establish rules and regulations, including user fees as approved by the Town Board and desirable for the proper use, care and operation of parks, park facilities, recreation programs and other activities under their control, provided however that such rules and regulations do not conflict with the laws of the State of Wisconsin or this Code of Ordinances.
 - (6) Such other and further duties as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the purposes of said Commission.
 - (7) Public Recreation Program. The Park Commission shall review the Town's recreational needs and shall advise the Town Board on the public recreation program of the Town, including:
 - (i) Establishing park rules and program policies.
 - (ii) Cooperating with public school activities.
 - (iii) Cooperating with any private recreational activities.
 - (iv) Approving schedules of activities in Town parks.
 - (8) Finance.
 - (i) Budget. The Park Commission shall assist in preparing an annual budget for submission to the Town Board, which budget shall reflect the Commission's recommendations as to maintenance or acquisition of Town parks, open spaces, park and related facilities, recreation programs and equipment, summer or seasonal employees, etc. Said annual budget request shall contain

estimates as to revenues to be derived from recreation programs or activities as well as estimated expenditures for operating the parks and recreation system.

- (ii) Deposits. All revenues and income from the operation of park and recreation programs shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer as general revenue of the Town.
- (iii) (iii) Monetary Contributions. All moneys donated to the Town specifically for park or recreation use shall be deposited Town accounts as a nonlapsing fund or reserve for such specific use.

RESOLUTION 23/03/08
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
AMENDMENT TO THE 2022-2027 COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

The Town Board of the Town of New Glarus, Green County, Wisconsin, do resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, The Town of New Glarus had prepared an update to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2022-2027, identifying the current and proposed future needs for Town residents, which was approved on October 12, 2022 by Resolution 22/10/12 A; and

WHEREAS, the Town electorate approved the purchase of approximately 97.48 acres of land adjacent to State Highway 39 at a Special Town Meeting held on November 28, 2022 for the purposes to eventually erect a new Town garage facility and to reserve land for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, an ad-hoc subcommittee of the Board, that included neighboring property owners to the newly-acquired land, acted as the lead advisory body to compile goals, objectives, and policies to guide and manage the Town's use of this land; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Glarus Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan has been reviewed by the Town of New Glarus Town Board, Parks Commission, and Plan Commission and was the subject of a final public hearing on said evening;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of New Glarus Town Board adopts the amended 2022-2027 Town of New Glarus Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and all maps, recommendations, policies, and related materials contained therein.

Adopted by the Town of New Glarus Town Board, this 8th day of March, 2023.

TOWN OF NEW GLARUS

By: _____

Chris Narveson, Town Chair

Attest: _____

John Wright, Town Clerk-Treasurer

OFFICE OF
Town of New Glarus

March 7, 2023

Representative Mike Bare
Room 306 West
Wisconsin State Capitol
PO Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Bare,

Please find this letter as an update on activities in the Town of New Glarus.

On behalf of the Town Board and Parks Commission, we are excited for a new opportunity: the Town has acquired 97.744 acres of land. The Town intends to use the space for Town needs but most importantly to create our first Town Park. This passive park space will allow residents the opportunity to access walking trails, plus enjoy nature and a community garden all in the Town limits. We will also have public access to the Legler School Branch of the Little Sugar River. This is our first opportunity to provide these enhancements to our residents in the Town.

We are preparing an application for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant. We are sending this letter to you for your information as well as a request for your support of this grant submission. The grant is due May 1, 2023.

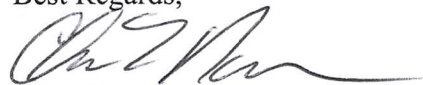
As a local government, investing in our outdoor space for current and future residents is a priority. As a representative on the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation, you are aware of the many challenges and opportunities throughout the State. Having access to funds to assist us as we invest in outdoor recreation is vital to our community's quality of life.

Would you supply the Town with a letter of support to submit along with our grant application?

We are currently in the process of working through the appraisal of this property. Based on our purchase price, and assuming the appraisal value is close to the Town's purchase price, we assume this could be a grant request that exceeds \$250,000 and would go to Joint Finance Committee for review.

We would love the opportunity to meet with you or join us at a Town Board meeting and share all of the exciting activities happening in the Town.

Best Regards,



Chris Narveson
Town of New Glarus Board Chair
cnarveson@townofnewglaruswi.gov, (608) 636-3495

OFFICE OF
Town of New Glarus

March 7, 2023

Senator Dianne H. Hesselbein
Room 3 South
Wisconsin State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

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Chris Narveson
Town of New Glarus Board Chair
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Legend

- Hayes Property Extents
- Town Land
- Dedicated Parkland
- Farmette
- Access
- Streams



Hayes Concept Version 6

Town of New Glarus
March 8, 2023

vierbicher
planners | engineers | advisors



MJBarnes & Associates, LLC
Real Estate Appraisal

February 10, 2023

John Wright
Town of New Glarus
PO Box 448
New Glarus, WI

SUBJECT: Proposal for Appraisal for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant

Dear Mr. Wright:

This letter serves as a proposal and cost estimate to conduct an appraisal for the application for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant. The appraisal will be conducted for land that is part of parcel 23024-0124.0000 located in the Town of New Glarus. The Town owns the land and intends to dedicate 60 to 70 acres for public recreation. The 60 to 70 acres of land with no improvements is the subject property that will be appraised. The purpose of the appraisal is for submittal to WDNR for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant. The grant will be used to reimburse the Town for the land purchase. The user of the appraisal is the Town and WDNR.

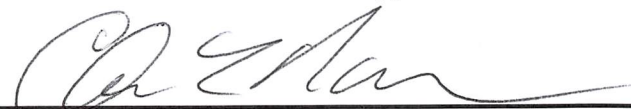
The appraisal will be conducted following WDNR guidelines for the grant application. It will also be conducted according to USPAP. The sales comparison approach will be used. **The fee for conducting the appraisal is \$1,950. The appraisal can be completed within three weeks of the notice to proceed.**

Please contact me if you have additional comments or questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marian J. Barnes, MAI, SR/WA
Wisconsin Certified General Appraiser # 1807-10



Signature

3-2-2023

DATE

Chris L. Narveson

Printed Name

Chairman

TITLE

5610 Medical Circle, Suite 29
Madison, WI 53719

Phone: 608.231.2120
Cell: 608.516-0464

E-Mail: marian@mjbarnesappraisal.com

Clerk Treasurer

From: Clerk Treasurer
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:17 AM
To: Housley, Cheryl - DNR
Cc: Melissa Hunt; Matthew Miller; Chris Narveson; Harry Pulliam
Subject: Amendments to Town of New Glarus Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan adopted 3.08.2023
Attachments: 230308 CORP Public Hearing packet updated 2.17.2023.pdf; 2023-02-16_Parks Approved Final Draft New Glarus CORP.pdf; MJ Barnes signed proposal for appraisal.pdf; Signed letter of request to Rep Bare.pdf; Signed letter of request to Senator Hesselbein.pdf; Resolution 230308 to adopt 2022 to 2027 CORP amendments.pdf; Concept Map version 6.pdf; HayesConcept6.pdf

Cheryl,

Following a duly posted Public Hearing on March 8, 2023, the Town of New Glarus Board adopted the amended CORP, to include the future Town space for passive recreation, at a regular meeting that followed the public hearing. The Town of New Glarus Parks Commission had recommended the draft amendments and the scheduling/noticing of the public hearing at their meeting held on February 15, 2023.

The public hearing notice, updated/adopted 2022-2027 CORP, and signed adopting resolution are attached.

I have also attached the signed contract with MJ Barnes & Associates to appraise the 60.36 acres of land dedicated to passive recreational use with the updated concept map.

Requests for letters of support have been sent to State Representative Bare and State Senator Hesselbein (attached).

Please let us know whether you require any additional supporting data in your review to the amended CORP to assist you in determining an updated Letter of Eligibility.

Many thanks,
John

John Wright
Town of New Glarus Clerk-Treasurer
(608) 527-2390

From: [Harry Pulliam](#)
To: [Narveson, Chris](#); [Mark Pernitz](#); [Harry Pulliam](#); [French, Mona Sue](#); [Rose Pertzborn](#); [Jason Neton](#); [Kelly Ruschman](#); [Dana Emmerton](#); [Clerk Treasurer](#)
Subject: Fwd: WI Pollinator Habitat Kit Program - now accepting proposals
Date: Sunday, February 19, 2023 12:30:20 PM
Attachments: [2023 Prairie and River Trip Mailer V5.docx](#)

Folks, below is the email exchange that I recently had with Micah Kloppenburg of the Xerces Society about its Pollinator Habitat Kits. Note that in order for us to be eligible, our community garden has to have already been established. Hopefully that program will still be in operation next year.

Harry

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Harry Pulliam** <hfpulliam@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Feb 19, 2023 at 12:22 PM
Subject: Re: WI Pollinator Habitat Kit Program - now accepting proposals
To: Micah Kloppenburg <micah.kloppenburg@xerces.org>

Thanks, Micah. I'll pass your comments along to our group. Please keep me apprised of the progress of the Pollinator Habitat Kit program. Once we have our community vegetable garden up and running, we'd very much like to avail ourselves of your assistance.

BTW, are you personally located in WI? If so, we'd love to have you visit our park at some point and perhaps present at one of our workshops. I've attached here a promotional flyer for a few of our upcoming events.

Best,

Harry

On Fri, Feb 17, 2023, 9:50 AM Micah Kloppenburg <micah.kloppenburg@xerces.org> wrote:

Hi Harry,

Thanks for your interest! And great to hear about the farm acquisition and conservation plans. If there's anything I can do to help in your planning process as a voice or guide for pollinators and habitat, let me know.

RE: Habitat Kit. You would qualify as a community food initiative if 1) the community garden was already established and 2) in your project proposal, it was clear that the pollinator habitat would be integrated into the garden landscape.

While I'd welcome you to submit a project proposal, at this point in your process I'd say it is highly unlikely that we'd select you as a kit partner. We've already received many more proposals than we can support and we'll be prioritizing projects that are more established and directly conducive to working lands and food system connectivity. That said, having your proposal info would still be helpful as we evaluate interest/demand and project diversity (orgs, locations, projects, etc.).

Our hope is that the WI habitat kit program becomes an annual program. So keep an eye on 2024 for the kits as the conservation park develops.

Cheers,
Micah

On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 3:47 PM Harry Pulliam <hfpulliam@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, Micah,

My name is Harry Pulliam. I am Chair of the Parks Commission in the Town of New Glarus, Green County, Wisconsin. We have recently purchased a nearly 100 acre farm in our town, around 70 acres of which we plan to devote to public parkland, including prairie, wooded areas, land along an existing stream and a community vegetable garden. Our development of the property is just getting underway, but in our effort to be proactive, we would like to start planting some native species to attract and support pollinator populations. The property is quite diverse with respect to soil type, moisture and prior land use.

I am planning to submit a proposal requesting a Pollinator Habitat Kit (likely a small one this time around), but I'd first like to get your take on how realistic our proposal might be. For example, we believe that our goal of installing a community vegetable garden would make our project a qualifying one. I would appreciate your thoughts on this.

Best regards,

Harry

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Micah Kloppenburg
Xerces Society
WI Pollinator Habitat Specialist
Cell: (608) 609-0349

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Harry Pulliam

(608) 228-5439

"It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."

-Mark Twain