

## **Appendix E**

### **PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL/INPUT MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Appendix E-1**

##### **Public Informational/Input Meetings Comment Summary**

###### **September 9, 2003 – Glacier Hills County Park**

- More multi-use trails within the parks.
- Create horse and biking trails within the County parks.
- Provide a nature center that does not duplicate services of existing nature centers in the surrounding areas.
- Preserve more open space, not for park construction, but for hunting and fishing recreation areas.
- New and expanded lake facilities. Provide a timetable for goals.
- Target priority properties.
- Provide areas for hunters to control the wildlife population.
- The County should be more proactive when acquiring land.
- Provide farmland education at future nature center.
- Allow more hunting to control wildlife population.
- Start measuring Gypsy Moth control for County lands.
- Preserve agriculture land and crops.

###### **September 10, 2003 – Village of Kewaskum**

- Create a dog park in the County.
- Provide more swimming areas and water access.
- Provide maintenance costs for the parks.
- Protect farmland.
- Include more snowmobile trails; for example: Rails to Trails.
- Compliments from citizens regarding the Sandy Knoll Park and the nice swimming area that is provided.

###### **September 11, 2003 – Public Agency Center**

- What can the County do for farmland preservation?
- Provide the tools available for farmland preservation.
- Add a timetable for Comprehensive Planning as it relates to agriculture preservation.
- Does park use warrant costs for the County?
- Tax base concerns for acquisitions and value of land.
- Change the language in the plan regarding ways in which land is preserved. Example: Change acquisition to protection for nonprofits and trusts.
- Add that quality of life is an important factor for employment for local businesses.
- Need lake access on Big Cedar Lake.
- Compliments from citizens regarding the swimming beach at Ackerman's Grove.
- Have a systematic approach to preserving land.
- Define role of County vs. other municipalities regarding zoning.
- Connect more trails throughout the County and add bicycle trails.

- On Table 25—Geological area—add the area to be protected at STH 33 and CTH Z.
- Accelerate creation of trails and encourage the County to integrate with other existing trails.
- Protect wildlife corridors.
- Protect the banks of the Milwaukee River and create trails along the river.

**Written comments obtained after the meetings through one-half sheet comment cards or e-mails**

- Add horse trails.
- Need more creative uses of park land, not the same thing.
- Use the Conservation Plan sites for Germantown site. Money is available through the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to preserve land.
- Include PDR program as strong recommendation.
- Protect the banks of the Milwaukee River.
- Integrate County trails system with municipal trails.
- Mention open space in the introductory text referring to the benefits of parks and open space.
- Define difference between parks and open space.
- Expand the long-term plan to address the economic and aesthetic benefits of protecting open space—including farmland.
- Add railing to stair apron at Ackerman’s Grove.
- Improve entrance signage at parks.
- Control thistle growing in parks—especially at Ackerman’s Grove.
- Implement a PDR program to preserve farmland and open space.
- Preserve farmland for hunting purposes and “country” living.
- Preserve farmland and “country” living.
- Preserve farmland for farming and hunting, instead of creating new parks.
- Control the invasive species problems in the parks, etc.
- Preserving farmland in Washington County still adds greatly to quality of life.
- Preserve farmland for farming and hunting, instead of creating new parks.
- Hunting needs more consideration in the open space plan.
- Need for County-wide pedestrian and trail system.