

May 2, 2022

To: Robert Beattie, Chair

UW-Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee,

David Bart, Gary Brown, Janet Batzli, Tom Bryan, Robert Beattie, Kelly Ignatoski, Katherine Cramer, Rhonda James, Cole Koffron, Karen Oberhauser, Alexis Paus, Anna Pidgeon, Evie Sellers, Ryan Zavodnik

From:

David S. Liebl and John J. Magnuson

RE: Class of 1918 Marsh and the 2022 LSNP Master Plan Update

During the April 26, 2022, Public Session #2, several issues and concerns were raised regarding the status of the Class of 1918 Marsh in the overall LSNP updated master plan, and particularly as to the impact of the proposed relocation of University Bay Dr. and the new visitors center.

We believe that now is the best time to identify potential impacts and opportunities provided by changes to the master plan. We recommend that a small committee be created to evaluate the scale, scope, and feasibility of restoration alternatives for the marsh so that the updated master plan incorporates those findings, and lays the groundwork for a future, detailed, ecological management plan for the Class of 1918 Marsh.

We suggest that at least half of the committee be wetland scientists and wetland managers familiar with current approaches to managing damaged wetlands in respect to water level management and invasive cattail species. And that expertise in hydrology, stormwater management, and chemical limnology be available to the committee.

We are both available to participate in this effort.