

**REQUEST ASSISTANCE WITH OPENING OF ENTIRE WOLF RIVER STATE TRAIL TO ALL USERS, INCLUDING SUMMER MOTORIZED USE**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of acres forest lands, wildlife and fisheries habitat, recreational facilities, parks and trails are available to the public within Langlade County as parts of the Nicolet National Forest, the Langlade County Forest and various ownerships of the Wisconsin DNR; and

**WHEREAS**, motorized trail clubs have developed, manage and maintain over 120 miles of summer motorized trails and 500+ miles of winter motorized trails within Langlade County, crossing various lands for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the recreation and tourism industry provides 414 positions of employment with an annual economic impact of sales and labor in excess of \$60,000,000 with ATV/UTV Trails contributing substantially to that impact; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of the businesses within small towns such as Elton Mall require recreational users from all uses with connectivity of multi-use trails to neighboring Counties and trails systems, year round, to support their businesses and further create employment and growth opportunities within their town, and

**WHEREAS**, the Wolf River State Trail, a rails-to-trails property, was acquired by the Wisconsin DNR as a recreational trail originally extending 37 miles from the south boundary of Langlade County to Crandon and will soon be expanded to the Town of Argonne in Forest County; and

**WHEREAS**, motorized trail connections east to Oconto County and south will be established from White Lake within the next two years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wolf River State Trail, a rails-to-trails property, provides a critical crossing of the Wolf River which in turn establishes critical connections of Statewide trail systems for many communities and across multiple Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, parts of the Upper Wolf River Fisheries were acquired in part by Grant funding that may require mitigation strategies on summer motorized uses of that area due to the proximity of the rails- to-trails property to the Wolf River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department does not currently authorize summer motorized use of the Wolf River State Trail between White Lake and the community of Lily because of "perceived" negative affects to the fisheries resources; and

**WHEREAS**, other State Trails within Wisconsin, most notably the Nicolet State trail, provide for all users, including summer motorized use, while have crossings and close proximity to designated "Outstanding Resource Waters" and National Wild and Scenic Rivers designations, most notably the Pine and Popple Rivers; and

**WHEREAS**, many recreational trails across Wisconsin utilize mitigation strategies to protect sensitive resources and provide for recreational trail experiences; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Evergreen Board of Supervisors to request assistance from Federal and State Legislators, State representatives and partners to require the Wisconsin DNR to develop mitigation strategies and trails development that would provide trails use for all, including summer motorized recreation for of the entire length of the Wolf River State Trail, including the segment from White Lake to the community of Lily and the associated crossing of the Wolf River.

Chairman: Gerald McGee *Gerald McGee*

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Supervisor: Tom Muraski *Tom Muraski*

Adopted by the Town Board of Evergreen,  
this 11 day of November, 2025

*Marilyn Roberts*  
*Marilyn Roberts*, Town Clerk