

# RESOLUTION

## In Support of Conservation and Low-Impact Recreation in Sauk Prairie Recreation Area

Whereas the Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council is composed of members appointed by the Governor to advise the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding issues of nonmotorized recreation and transportation;

Whereas the Sauk Prairie and Baraboo Hills have been identified as a unique habitat that is vital to the welfare of numerous rare and endangered plants and animals;

Whereas Devils Lake State Park has had a long history of silent recreation and is in need of expansion to accommodate a steadily increasing population of nonmotorized recreationists;

Whereas the Badger Reuse Plan of 2001 called for uses of the land centering on conservation, education, agriculture and low-impact recreation;

Whereas the Badger Oversight Management Commission, which includes local, county, tribal, state and federal stakeholders, has proposed that the Sauk Prairie be managed for low-impact and nature-based recreation (commonly referred to as Alternative 4);

Whereas support for Alternative 4 has been officially endorsed by the Baraboo City Council, the Sauk City Village Board, the Town Board of Prairie du Sac, the Town Board of Sumpter, the Village Board of Prairie du Sac and the U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center;

It is therefor RESOLVED that the Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council appeals to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to adopt the Badger Oversight Management Commission Alternative 4.