Blue Mound State Park Master Plan
Public Kickoff Meeting
Mount Horeb Middle School
March 12, 2019
Overview

- What is Property Master Planning?
- Overview of Blue Mound State Park Master Plan
- Tonight’s Agenda and Activities
What is Property Planning?

- Also called “master planning”
- NR 44
  - Wisconsin Administrative Code
  - Sets the process DNR uses to master plan its properties.
Why Does DNR Plan Properties?

• Consistent, strategic management on property
The Master Planning Process

• PHASE 1: Pre-planning & scoping
• PHASE 2: Plan Development
• PHASE 3: Plan Approval
Pre-Planning

• Background information gathering
  – Property and Regional Characteristics
Scoping

• Issue Identification
  – Public involvement
    • Online
    • Public Meetings
• Public Involvement
Plan Development

- DNR planning team develops plan
  - Follows NR 44 process
- Draft plan will be released for public review and comment
Plan Approval

- Following draft plan review
- Plan considered for approval by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board
Plan Changes Under NR 44

- Variance
- Amendment
- Revision
Blue Mound State Park Master Plan

- June 2018 - NRB authorized plan revision to existing 1984 plan
- Result of this process will be new master plan
Blue Mound State Park Master Plan

- New master plan not limited to trails
- Public use and resource management throughout the park
Tonight’s Goal

• Identify pertinent topics to address
What We’re Hearing So Far

- Observation towers, pool/splashpad, campgrounds, and picnic areas are popular facilities
What We’re Hearing So Far

- Many comments related to trail-based activities
- Camping, swimming and wildlife watching also popular
Goal of Scoping

- Identify pertinent topics to address during the planning process
- Topics are not limited to a single use
- Not a vote
Tonight’s Discussions

• Small group discussions
• Opportunity to have your voice heard and to hear why others enjoy Blue Mound State Park
• Opportunity to inform DNR about questions and topics you would like considered during the planning process
Process

- 3 questions
- Discuss for 20 minutes each
- Switch tables between rounds
- Meet fellow Blue Mound State Park enthusiasts and discuss the questions at hand.
Process

• Between rounds:
  – Grab refreshments
  – Department staff will replace paper on tables
  – Find a new table and hear new perspectives
Ground Rules

• Listen to and respect all opinions
• Keep discussions civil - use this opportunity to learn more about why others value the park
• Be sure to capture your thoughts on sticky notes
• Both specific and broad comments are useful to the planning team
Agenda

• Question 1: 5:30 – 5:50
• Question 2: 6:00 – 6:20
• Question 3: 6:30 – 7:00
• Open House/Fill-out input form
First Question

• What do you value about Blue Mound State Park?

• Topics to consider:
  – Recreational Facilities
  – Natural Resources Management
  – Community Connections
Guiding Principles

- Respect each other – we’re all in this together
- Be willing to understand other’s interests and needs
- Look for ways to minimize the impact of your activity on other groups
- Maximize communication deliverables
- Maximize shared use at an acceptable level
- Remember this is public land (tolerance)
- Not everything for everyone everywhere
- Be part of the solution!
Discussion Questions
Question 1

• What do you value about Blue Mound State Park?

• Topics to consider
  – Recreational Facilities
  – Natural Resources Management
  – Community Connections
Question 2

• What would improve your experience at Blue Mound State Park?

• Topics to consider
  – Recreational Facilities
  – Natural Resources Management
  – Community Connections
Question 3

• What are the most important questions to address during the master planning process?

• Topics to consider
  – Recreational Facilities
  – Natural Resources Management
  – Community Connections
Wrap-Up

- Open house
- Look at the input given tonight
- Staff available for questions
- Submit an input form
  - On gold paper
Thank you for coming!

- Don’t forget to sign up for the email distribution list for updates
- DNR.WI.GOV, Keyword: Property Planning