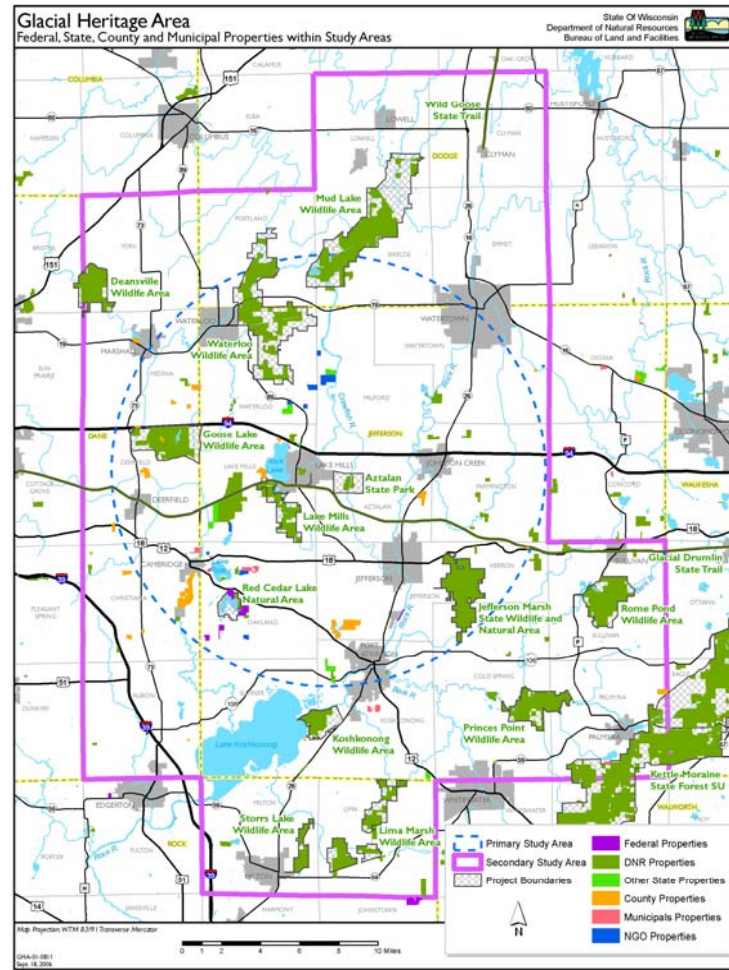


## The External Advisory Team

The DNR has assembled a diverse group of experts to provide guidance and counsel throughout the planning process. Members come from the following organizations:

- City of Waterloo
- City of Watertown
- Crispell-Snyder
- Dane County Parks Department
- Dept of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
- Dodge County Parks Department
- Ducks Unlimited
- Governor's WI State Trails Council
- Jefferson County Agribusiness Club
- Jefferson County Bike Club
- Jefferson County Board, Parks Committee
- Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium
- Jefferson County Farm Bureau
- Jefferson County Parks Department
- Jefferson County Tourism Council
- Madison Audubon Society
- Natural Heritage Land Trust
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Pheasants Forever
- Rock County Parks Department
- Rock River Coalition
- Town of Lake Mills
- Town of Shields
- TREK Bicycle
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Vandewalle and Associates
- Village of Johnson Creek
- Wings Over Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Conservation Club



## Stay Connected:

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## Glacial Heritage Area



## Vision:

Create a coordinated network of places and corridors ("pearls and strings") that:

- enables and encourages a variety of compatible and sustainable outdoor recreation activities;
- preserves, restores, and protects significant habitats;
- benefits and integrates with local economic growth, including farmland protection efforts;
- enhances quality of life by maintaining and improving the land and water resources that underpin the economy;
- helps residents and visitors maintain a strong connection to the natural world.

## GHA Project Goals

The External Advisory Team helped the DNR develop the following goals for the proposed Glacial Heritage Area:

### Primary Goals

#### **GOAL 1: Create exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors.**

Work with willing landowners to protect and link conservation lands in a network that collectively provides a wide variety of readily accessible, nature-based recreation opportunities that are compatible with and foster natural resource sustainability.

#### **GOAL 2: Preserve wildlife and water resources.**

Work with willing landowners to create a network of conservation lands and habitat corridors that help preserve and improve the quality and viability of wildlife and water resources.

### Secondary Goals

#### **GOAL 3: Complement the voluntary protection of working farms.**

Help maintain the area's agricultural economy and rural character by coordinating with farmers, as well as local, state and federal initiatives that seek to voluntarily preserve working farmland.

#### **GOAL 4: Combine ecology and economics to improve resident's quality of life.**

Using existing protected lands as its foundation, create and integrate the Glacial Heritage Area with growth planning of local communities to maximize land use efficiency, as well as provide financial, recreation, and conservation "returns."

#### **GOAL 5: Work collaboratively across jurisdictions.**

With input from a broad range of interests, create a coordinated project across political boundaries that turns the vision of the future of the Glacial Heritage Area into reality for future generations.

## Why Here?

Between Wisconsin's two largest (and rapidly growing) metropolitan areas lies a place that epitomizes the image that many residents and visitors have of Wisconsin's rural countryside. Rolling hills formed by the glaciers are dotted with red barns and grazing cows. Green farm fields mix with wetlands, woodlands, lakes and meandering rivers. And small cities and villages balance character and charm with changing economic times. This area, centered primarily in western Jefferson County and also including parts of Dane, Dodge and Rock counties, is the home of the proposed Glacial Heritage Area.

Given the area's easy access to Milwaukee/Waukesha and Madison, growth and its associated change are occurring quickly here. Over the past decade, as population growth has consistently exceeded even the highest projections, local and county governments have responded. Many have developed forward-thinking plans, programs and policies to help ensure economic vitality, balance growth with the protection of farmland and open space, and provide for natural resource-focused parks and preserves. This proposed project will use these existing plans as the foundation of the Glacial Heritage Area.

Although lying between these large and growing cities presents challenges, it also presents opportunities that few other areas enjoy. In particular, the location combined with the natural resources make the area uniquely situated to take advantage of the rapidly growing demand for nature-based, outdoor recreation in rural settings.

## The Study Area – Primary and Secondary Boundaries

The GHA study area boundary delineates the area within which a series of factors will be evaluated to determine places that best meet the project's goals and objectives. A variety of data and information will need to be gathered within this boundary to evaluate potential options. This evaluation will subsequently lead to the development of a range of implementation alternatives, including a proposed project boundary.

The intent of the GHA project is to focus the identification and implementation of a large portion of the "strings and pearls" in the smaller primary study area, while recognizing that there are some opportunities to make key connections to communities, existing trails, and existing public properties within the secondary study area.

## The Planning Process

The DNR, with ongoing guidance from the External Advisory Team, is undertaking a two-pronged planning process. One part will evaluate the practicality of protecting new areas and connecting corridors — this part is called a "feasibility study."

The other part of the process will update the management plans (called "master plans") for eleven State Wildlife Areas in the study area (listed below). Although the unique attributes of each property will be recognized during the master planning process, because these 11 properties share many similarities in their management and recreational use patterns, the DNR will be updating the master plans as a collection.

Both the feasibility study and master plan will require similar background information on which to evaluate future options and opportunities.

**Public input is critical to developing a successful project.  
We need your ideas, suggestions, and perspectives!**

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Existing public properties occurring within the GHA "secondary" study area include:

#### State Wildlife Areas

Deansville  
Goose Lake  
Jefferson Marsh  
Koshkonong  
Lake Mills  
Lima Marsh  
Mud Lake  
Princes Point  
Rome Pond  
Storrs Lake  
Waterloo

#### Other State Properties

Aztalan State Park  
Faville Prairie State Natural Area  
Glacial Drumlin Trail  
Kettle Moraine State Forest  
Red Cedar Lake State Natural Area  
Snapper Prairie State Natural Area

#### Jefferson County Properties

Altpeter Park  
Bicentennial Dog Park  
Burnt Village Park  
Busseyville Park  
Carlin Weld Park  
Dorothy Carnes  
Dr. J.S. Garmin Nature Preserve  
Glacial River Trail  
Indian Mounds Trail and Park  
Korth  
McCoy Park  
Pohlmann Park  
Rock Lake Park  
Rock River Park  
Rome Pond Park

#### Dane County Properties

Cam-Rock Park  
Riley-Deppe Park