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Sen. Jacque Assists Area Conservation Groups in Project Funding

State Building Commission approves \$104,072 in grants for state parks in Door, Calumet, Brown and Manitowoc Counties

MADISON – Senator and State Building Commission Member André Jacque (R-De Pere) announced that, out of \$250,000 in available funding statewide, the State Building Commission today approved \$104,072 in Stewardship grant funding for six area groups that support state parks and wildlife areas in Brown, Calumet, Door and Manitowoc Counties.

“Our area receiving over 40% of available funding shows how active we are in supporting our natural recreation areas, and how highly we value them,” said Sen. Jacque, who was appointed to the Commission at the start of 2021. “It also highlights the importance of the natural environmental features that make our area so unique in Wisconsin.”

The Commission funded the following projects in and immediately surrounding the First Senate District:

- Peninsula State Park (Door County): Outdoor Amphitheatre and Walkway - \$20,000
- Potawatomi State Park (Door County): Picnic Shelter Extensions - \$20,000
- Whitefish Dunes State Park (Door County): Accessible Interpretive Signs - \$20,000
- Brillion Wildlife Area (Calumet County): Marsh Platform Project (Phase II) - \$20,000
- Heritage Hill State Park (Brown County): Construction of Land Bridge and Accessible Walkways - \$20,000
- Collins Marsh Wildlife Area (Manitowoc County): Public Workshop Site Safety Upgrades - \$4,072

“Friends” and other non-profit organizations “adopt” state recreation properties in their area – such as parks, trails and wildlife areas – and donate their time and money to improve them. Local Friends groups leverage Stewardship funds (up to a maximum of \$20,000 annually) with private donations for projects such as piers, signage and harbors. At the same time, these local initiatives must preserve the environmentally-sensitive lands, waters, and habitats on which outdoor recreation activities depend.

Sen. Jacque made the motion in the Administrative Affairs Subcommittee to forward the area projects to the full Commission for approval, noting the outstanding work of these community volunteers.

“Today, promoting outdoor recreation is more important than ever,” Sen. Jacque said. “I appreciate my fellow Commission members for recognizing this need, and I especially commend our Friends groups for their efforts to improve our public park properties so that more of us may enjoy them for years to come.”

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin’s First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.

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