Name_____

Address_____

City State Zip_____

FRESHWATER FUTURE
PO BOX 2479
PETOSKEY MI 49770-1979

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Sincerely yours,

JAMES, GAU,
2161 MARILYN LN,
WASHINGTON IS, WI, 54246-9039

Signature: James U Gau

Email: n/a Phone: 920-847-2123

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Sincerely yours,

MARGARETA, BARBER,
1462 RANGE LINE RD,
WASHINGTON ISLAND, WI, 54246-9154

Signature: Margareta Barber

Email: Phone:

September 11, 2013

Honorable Joel Gunnlaugsson
PO Box 220
Washington Island, WI 54246

Dear Mayor Joel Gunnlaugsson,

I am writing you because people in your community are concerned about Asian carp invading our Great Lakes and, with them, we are asking for your help. Would you consider joining the more than 30 communities around the Great Lakes region who have passed a resolution supporting the finding of a permanent solution to stop the Asian carp? A copy of that resolution, developed in partnership with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, is enclosed and a map of communities who have passed the resolution can be found on our website at freshwaterfuture.org.

Asian carp, an invasive species, are swimming toward our Great Lakes. Asian carp, including bighead and silver carp, are well suited for our climate. They consume vast amounts of food, reproduce quickly and are wiping out native fish where they thrive. In Illinois, the Asian carp population has doubled every year since they swam into the Illinois River. Silver carp can jump 10 feet high, resulting in numerous injuries to boaters and other recreational users. If these invasive fish become established, our $7 billion regional fishing industry would be at risk along with our family past times and recreational enjoyment of our favorite lakes and rivers because:

- Invasive species are one of the greatest sources of ecological and economic damage to the Great Lakes;
- Three varieties of Asian carp, including silver, black, and bighead carp, have moved up the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers to a point 40 miles from Lake Michigan; and
- Asian carp are voracious eaters and reproduce so rapidly they take over many waterways, driving out other kinds of fish, including prized sport fish.

Local units of government can play an important role in stopping this threat. Tens of thousands of people have contacted their Members of Congress, letting them know they want the strongest actions possible to stop Asian carp. Thus far pressure from the Great Lakes region has had a meaningful impact that resulted in a policy moving us in the right direction, but the job itself is far from done. Support for these efforts from local units of government can help move solutions forward. We need to keep this momentum going and demonstrate to Congress growing support for stopping the Asian carp.

This summer Freshwater Future reached out to people in communities around the region and we heard back from members of your community – see the enclosed post cards. Your community can help by passing the "Keep Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes" resolution in support of stopping Asian carp and protecting your community, its inland rivers, lakes and streams and the Great Lakes from this invasive

species. Your community can be part of the growing chorus of support around the region letting decision makers know we want the Asian carp stopped and we want fast action.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Cheryl@freshwaterfuture.org or 231-571-5001. If you are able to pass this resolution in your community, please let me know as I would welcome the opportunity to add your community to the list of communities around the region supporting efforts to stop the Asian carp from invading our Great Lakes.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Kallio

Cheryl Kallio, Associate Director
Freshwater Future

RESOLUTION 2013-13

Keeping Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence represent the largest body of surface fresh water in the world and are a vibrant, diverse ecosystem that is critically important to the economic well-being and quality of life of the Canadian and U.S. populations in the region;

WHEREAS, over 180 invasive species have entered the Great Lakes and its connecting water ways over the years and caused widespread damage and disruption to the natural balance of the system, as well as significant economic damage;

WHEREAS, one of the most serious threats ever presented by invasive species currently comes from Asian carp, including silver, bighead, and black varieties;

WHEREAS, these varieties of carp were introduced to the southern United States for use in fish farms for algae control in the 1970's and escaped into the Mississippi River system.

WHEREAS, invasive species have already inflicted hundreds of millions in damage across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and invasive carp pose a serious threat to the $7 billion sport and commercial fishery that support the economy and help define the culture of the entire region;

WHEREAS, the invasive carp have migrated northward through the Mississippi River system as far north as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, reducing significantly or eliminating populations of the more desirable species of fish because of their voracious food consumption and prolific reproduction;

WHEREAS, the invasive carp are threatening to enter the Great Lakes at a number of points across the region;

WHEREAS, many federal, state, provincial, and local government agencies in the United States and Canada have worked diligently and expended tens of millions of dollars over the past 10 years on a variety of projects to keep invasive carp out of the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, including the invasive carp, there are 39 invasive species in the two basins that present a threat to cross over into the other basin in the near future;

WHEREAS, once an invasive species establishes itself in an ecosystem, it is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate it, and it often inflicts serious damage on the ecosystem and imposes major costs in efforts to control it;

WHEREAS, Asian carp pose a dangerous risk of injury to recreational users on waters infested with Asian carp;

WHEREAS, Canadian and U.S. citizens across the basin have expressed serious concern about the invasive carp and other invasive species, and are demanding prompt action;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a multiyear, comprehensive study across the U.S. side of the Great Lakes basin called the "Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study" (GLMRIS) that examines 19 separate locations where invasive carp could cross from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes Basin, and considers a large number of potential ways to stop the further migration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the invasive carp in the Mississippi River system pose one of the greatest threats to the integrity and well-being of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem, including the 40 million Canadians and Americans who live there;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that preventing the invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem needs to be approached with the greatest sense of urgency by all those responsible for dealing with this matter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical separation is the most effective way to keep invasive carp from entering Lake Michigan through the Chicago Area Waterway System, and such barriers would also prevent the movement of many other invasive species from one basin to the other;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical separation is feasible and can be done in a way that maintains or enhances water quality, flood control, and transportation in the system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional steps must be taken in the interim to keep invasive carp out while the long term solution is put in place;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the (municipality name here) strongly urges all parties involved to identify a preferred solution to the invasive carp issue and move forward to implement that solution with the greatest sense of urgency.

Adopted on October 15, 2013 by the TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Vote: _____ Yeas _____ Nays _____ Absent

Signed [signature]
CHAIRMAN

10-15-13
Dated

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October 10, 2013

(ATTN)
(COMPANY NAME)
(STREET ADDRESS)
(PO BOX)
(CITY, STATE 9-DIGIT ZIP CODE)

What Is Your Airport's Six-Year Improvement Plan?

Dear Airport Owners & Managers:

The Bureau of Aeronautics takes pride in making the most responsible use of state and federal funds available for Wisconsin airports. Long range, high-quality planning is an effective way to achieve this, and we need your help by telling us what your airport's plans are for the next six years.

Please complete the statement of project intentions form to submit your airport's six-year plan. We would like to know about work you are planning that is not already documented in the bureau program. A copy of what we have programmed is included.

Please prepare a plan even if you are unsure whether or not you will request funding. The earlier we can start talking to you about your plans, the better a finished product you'll have. Additionally, we may actually have the potential to get more dollars for state airports overall, if we can better document long range airport needs, statewide.

The procedure to submit your project intentions is outlined below:

1. Review the attached Airport Improvement Program.

2. Complete the statement of project intentions for the (intention years) Six-Year Airport Improvement Program. Indicate all proposed airport improvements for (intention years) (and beyond, if available) on this form. Each improvement should be listed separately with pertinent information such as: size, location, estimated cost (if known) and anticipated or known petition date.

3. Adopt the statement of project intentions by resolution.

4. Return the completed statement of project intentions and resolution to the Bureau of Aeronautics by the statutory requirement, July 1, (deadline year).

The submission of the statement of project intentions does not commit the sponsor to an airport improvement project. To request a project, the airport owner must pass a petition for state or federal funds. We recommend airport owners petition for federal and/or state aid at least three years prior to planned construction due to the lead-time necessary for programming and coordinating with federal funding. Please contact us to receive a petition package for your airport.

Please consider attending our annual sponsor workshop on (sponsor workshop dates), where we can discuss your long range plans in detail. Let us know if you would like to know more about these meetings.

If you are no longer involved with the airport, please let us know so we can keep our information current.

If you have any questions on the statement of project intentions, the Five-Year Improvement Program or the petition process and associated materials, please contact Mary Strait, Airport Program Engineer, at (608) 266-7187 or mary.strait@dot.wi.gov. The airport statement of project intention forms can be found at http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/airport.htm.

Thank you for your participation,

David M. Greene
Director

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Enclosures

CC: Airport Commission Chairs

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STATEMENT OF PROJECT INTENTIONS FOR Washington Island (2P2) AIRPORT

2014

Fiscal Year	Description of Improvement	Size of Improvement	Estimated* Cost	Anticipated Petition Date
2014	Erect an AWOS (Automated Weather Observation System)		$140,000.00	In progress
2014	Approach Clearance Obstruction Removal			In progress
2014 - 2015	Install a PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator)			
2014	Security to include camera surveillance system and fencing			
2015	Overlay asphalt for current existing parking area and taxiways			
2014 - 2015	Engineering, surveys and airspace approval in anticipation of projects i.e. AWOS, Approach Obstruction Maintenance, PAPI, Asphalt. Review current master plan and revise to include improvements.			
2016	Develop current tie-down area to include blacktopping			
2014	Security to include camera surveillance system and fencing			

STATEMENT OF PROJECT INTENTIONS FOR Washington Island (2P2) AIRPORT

2014

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2016	Secure Pilot's flight planning room			
future	Paving of one or both runways			

Town of Washington
Resolution 2013-14

WHEREAS, Wisconsin statutes require a " Statement of Project Intentions" from airport owners contemplating federal and/or state aid within the next six years, and

WHEREAS, this " Six Year Statement of Project Intentions" is used by the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, for planning and budgeting purposes and is not a petition for federal and/or state aid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body contemplates requesting federal and/or state aid for the projects listed on the attached schedule of airport improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town of Washington that the attached list of proposed improvements are in the best interest of the Washington Island Airport.

Approved this 15th day of October, 2013

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Joel Gunnlaugsson, Chairman

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Liz Holmes, Supervisor

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Randy Sorensen, Supervisor

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Kirby Foss, Supervisor

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John Rader, Supervisor

Attested to by Valerie Carpenter, Clerk.

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Valerie Carpenter, Clerk

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Date

Town of Washington
Washington Island Airport
P.O. Box 220
Washington Island, WI 54246

Dear Airport Tenant,

This letter is intended to provide new information regarding your current or future hangar lease agreement.

As you may know, Federal funding of airport improvement projects come with certain terms and conditions known as "Federal Grant Assurances". Failure to adhere to these terms and conditions set by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics could jeopardize our current and future eligibility for both sources of funding. Funding for our airport is critical in our efforts to help the airport become as financially self-sustaining as possible while achieving much needed improvements to serve our community.

As an airport user and tenant, you can help our airport remain eligible for state and federal funds by complying with the terms of your lease by ensuring that your hangar is used only for aeronautical purposes and not to serve as mini-storage units for non-aeronautical items such as boats, RV's, campers or snowmobiles. Miscellaneous storage items *may* be included *only* if an aircraft is owned by the owner; the primary purpose of the hangar remains for airplane and aviation related storage; there is adequate space for the storage of that aircraft; such alternate items are owned/registered to the owner of the hangar; the Airport Manager has knowledge of such items being stored; and proof of insurance of such items are provided to the Town.

A recent change in law has resulted in an increased level of enforcement of these lease terms. The FAA is now inspecting at least one airport in every state, every year. Wisconsin, as a block grant program participates in these inspections. The Town of Washington understands its' obligation to support these efforts and the responsibility to carry out its own inspection program under the "right to inspect" provision of your lease.

To help us prepare for your upcoming inspection, the Town Board asks that you contact the Airport Manager, Walt Nehlsen (920) 847-2147 / Home or, (920) 847-2448 / Airport Office within the next two (2) weeks, to schedule an appointment to meet with him and an Airport Committee member for inspection of your hangar. Inspections will be held within thirty (30) days following your contact. If you are unable to be present at the inspection, he will need the name of your representative that will be present. You will need to provide a signed and dated current lease along with the N number of your airplane and a phone number where you can be reached.

In closing, we would like to emphasize the importance of voluntary compliance with lease terms, rules and aeronautical use of all airport facilities. Having said that, be assured that the Board will enforce all terms of the lease agreement including default provisions, in order to protect the airport from uses that are detrimental to the airports operation and development.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Joel

Joel Gunnlaugsson
Town Board Chairman
Cc; Town Board Members
Airport Committee Members
Howard Davis, Airport Compliance Manager/Bureau of Aeronautics