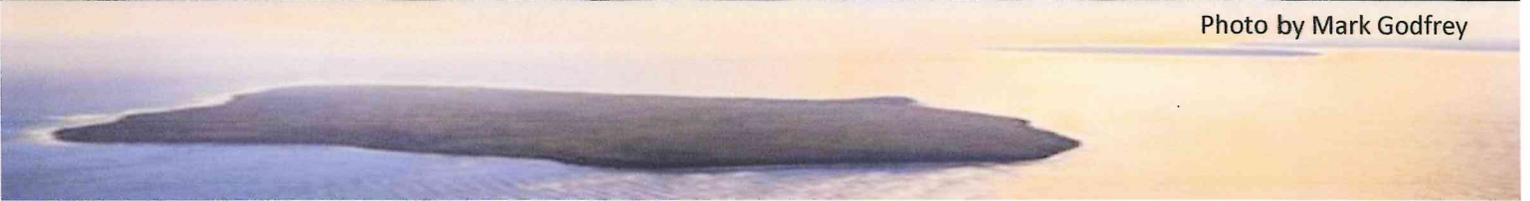




Part Three:  
**Reasons for the Creation of a  
National Lakeshore**





## Reasons for the Creation of a National Lakeshore

### *Protecting & Drawing Attention to a National Treasure: The Niagara Escarpment*

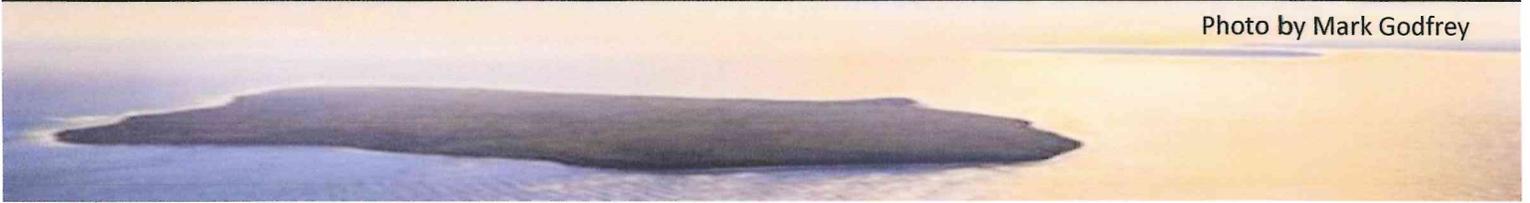
The Niagara Escarpment is one of the greatest defining geological features of North America - recognized as one of the world's unique natural wonders. Forming the rim of the Michigan Basin, it stretches from Rochester, New York up through the Great Lakes, down Delta and Door Counties, all the way to Lake Winnebago in Central Wisconsin. Despite Niagara Falls' eponymous fame and its designation as a National Heritage Area, the Niagara Escarpment itself draws little national attention or celebration. Few Americans realize just how grand it is - or how fragile. The creation of a Grand Traverse National Lakeshore would help change that by protecting and raising greater awareness of this national treasure.

### *Saving Our Endangered Great Lakes Maritime History*

The maritime history of the Grand Traverse Islands is in grave danger. Many of the most significant historical structures in the region are threatened by disrepair and collapse - including the Range Lights, Lightkeeper's House, and US Life Saving Station on Plum Island, the Lighthouse on Pilot Island, and the Lighthouse and Lightkeeper's House on Poverty Island. (The lighthouse on St. Martin Island is also falling into disrepair.) The creation of a National Lakeshore could supply the impetus for saving them, given the National Park Service's interpretive mission.

### *Public Access to an Archipelago of Great Natural Beauty*

The Grand Traverse Islands should be open to the public - even if by permit, as in other National Lakeshores and Parks. They are an archipelago of great natural beauty and wonder. As with other such places, they have the power to help us discover ourselves and our connection to nature. They have the power to replenish our souls. They cannot do this if public access is prohibited.



## Reasons for the Creation of a National Lakeshore

### *Preserving Land for Threatened and Endangered Species*

Northern Door County, the Grand Traverse Islands, and Delta County provide important habitat for a great number of threatened and endangered species: Canada Yew, Monarch Butterflies, Bats, Land Snails, Dwarf Lake Iris, Lady Slippers, Wood Lilies, Hines Emerald Dragonflies, Dune Grass, Dune Goldenrod – the list goes on. By protecting even more land from future development, and managing that land as a single unit rather than unconnected parcels, these species stand more of a chance for survival. Great biodiversity is an important and increasingly rare and precious thing to find. We should do what we can to protect it.

### *Economic Growth*

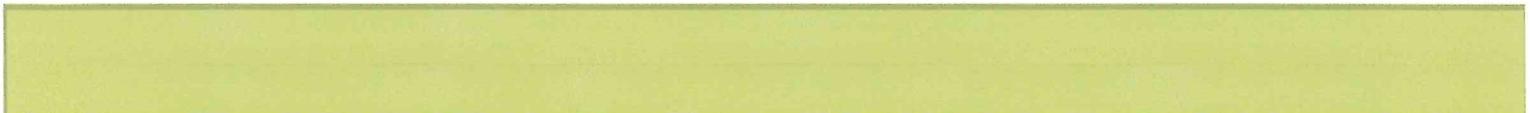
National Parks and Lakeshores draw visitors from all over the country – and the world. This would be a great economic boon for Door County, Delta County, Wisconsin, Michigan, and even the nation. Local accommodations, restaurants, charter boats, outfitters, gas stations, grocery stores, and other businesses would see an increase in sales. New businesses would likely be created. All this means more jobs. It means lower unemployment and greater economic growth at a time when our counties, states, and country *need* these outcomes.

### *Most of the Land is Already Publicly Owned! (And Some Park Infrastructure Already Exists!)*

Over 15,500 acres of the proposed National Lakeshore is already owned and managed by county, state, and federal government agencies. Very little land would need to be purchased to complete the park. Additionally, park infrastructure already exists at Ellison Bluff County Park, Door Bluff Headlands County Park, Newport State Park, Rock Island State Park, and Portage Bay State Forest Campground, including over 75 campsites and around 40 to 50 miles of maintained trail.



Part Four:  
**Other Information**





## Proposed Properties:

### PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES:

	Acres	Owner
Mink River State Natural Area	1787	The Nature Conservancy
Newport State Park	2373	Wisconsin DNR
Hotz Memorial Town Park	-	Town of Liberty Grove
Europe Lake Boat Launch	-	Town of Liberty Grove
Isle View Park	-	Town of Liberty Grove
Garrett Bay Park	-	Town of Liberty Grove
Door Bluff Headlands County Park	156	Door County Parks Dept.
Ellison Bluff County Park	174	Door County Parks Dept.
Green Bay Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	330	US Fish and Wildlife
Grand Traverse Island State Park	27	Wisconsin DNR
Percy Johnson County Park	5	Door County Parks Dept.
Jackson Harbor Ridges State Natural Area	70	Town of Washington
Rock Island State Park	912	Wisconsin DNR
St. Martin Island (94%)	1244	The Nature Conservancy
Poverty Island	171	Coast Guard/GSA/USFWS*
Michigan State Forest Compartment 200	1488	Michigan DNR
Michigan State Forest Compartment 99	1158	Michigan DNR
Michigan State Forest Compartment 98	1802	Michigan DNR
Michigan State Forest Compartment 96	2175	Michigan DNR
Michigan State Forest Compartment 95	1662	Michigan DNR
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>15534</b>	

*\*Ownership is uncertain.*



## Proposed Properties:

### PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTIES:

	Acres	Owner
Parcels Connecting Mink River SNA	-	unknown
Rest of Detroit Island	610	unknown
St. Martin Island (Non-Tribal)	-	unknown
Rest of Big Summer Island	-	unknown
Rest of Little Summer Island	-	unknown
Parcels Connecting MI DNR Land	-	unknown
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>610</b>	

### PROPOSED USFWS PROPERTIES:

	Acres	Owner
Gravel Island Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	27	US Fish and Wildlife
Fish Island	-	unknown, private
Gull Island	13	unknown, private
Little Gull Island	10	unknown, private
Gravelly Island	4	unknown, private
Rocky Island	10	The Nature Conservancy
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>64</b>	

### TOTAL ACREAGE OF PROPOSED LAKESHORE:

Publicly Owned	15534
Privately Owned	610
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16144</b>

NOTE: Actual number > 1000  
NOTE: Actual number > 17000

# Grand Traverse Islands National Lakeshore

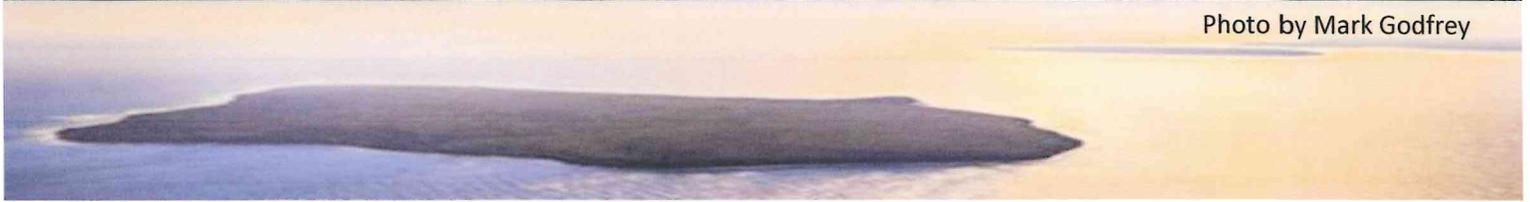
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## Publicly-Owned Land, 2013:



\*Publicly Owned Land Shown in Green



## For Comparison

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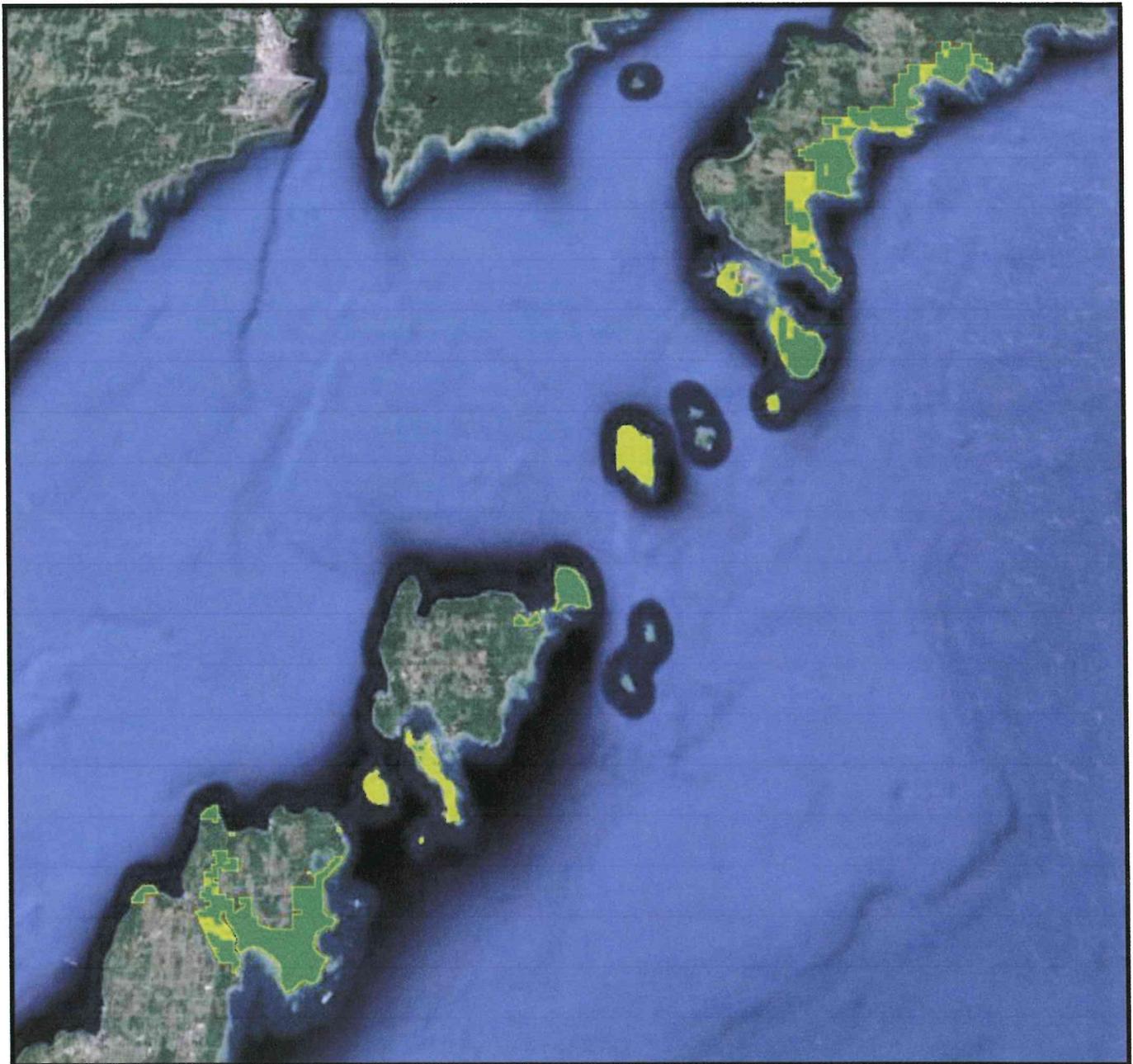
Grand Traverse Islands National Lakeshore	16144	<b>NOTE: Actual number &gt; 17000</b>
National Park of American Samoa	13500	(9000 land 4500 coral reef)
Virgin Islands National Park	14737	(began as < 10000)
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore	15067	
Acadia National Park	47452	
Apostle Islands National Lakeshore	69372	
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	71187	
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	73236	
Isle Royale National Park	571790	
Hot Springs National Park	5550	(America's smallest)

# Grand Traverse Islands National Lakeshore

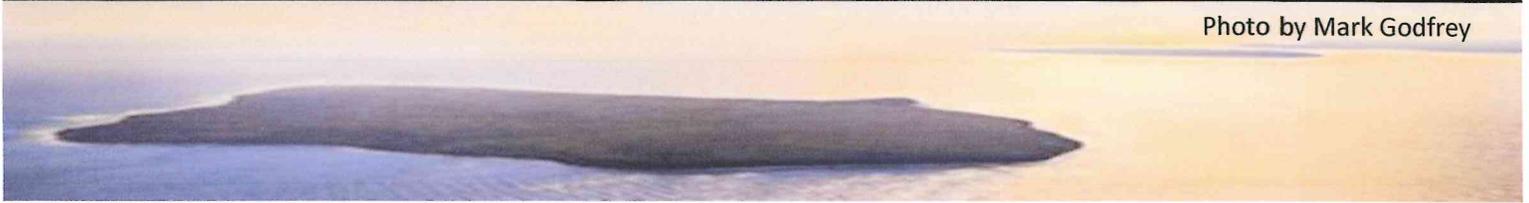
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## Publicly-Owned Land *Open to Public*, 2013:



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## Current Campgrounds and Proposed Campsites:

### **Current Campgrounds:**

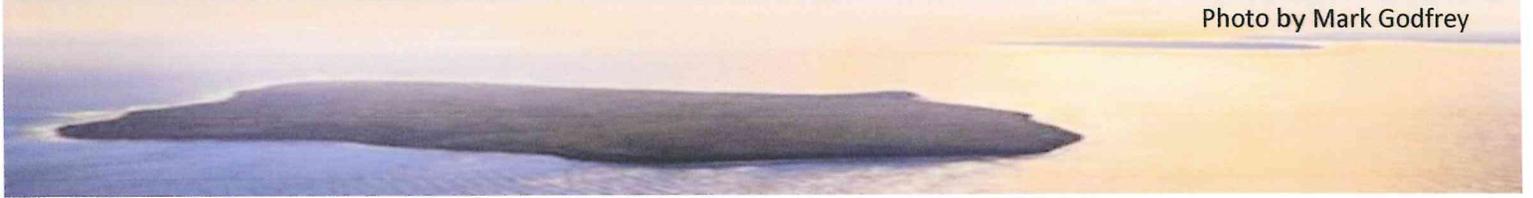
*Newport State Park*  
*Rock Island State Park*  
*Portage Bay State Forest*

### **Proposed Wilderness Campsites:**

*Little Summer Island*  
*Summer Island*  
*Poverty Island*  
*St. Martin Island*  
*Detroit Island*  
*Plum Island*  
*Door Bluff Headlands County Park*

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NOTE: Proposed campsites could be limited to a few concentrated sites or designated wilderness camping zones to keep impacts low. A group site could be established on St. Martin Island and Summer Island.



## Other Historical Places the National Lakeshore Would Include:

### **Native American Archeological Sites:**

Archeological sites are located on Plum Island, Detroit Island, Rock Island, and Summer Island. They are likely to be found on other islands as well.

### **Other Shipwrecks:**

Resumption (Plum Island)  
Grapeshot (Plum Island)\*  
H.M. Scove (Detroit Island)  
O.M. Nelson (Pilot Island)  
Winfield Scott (Hog Island)  
Kate Williams (Jackson Harbor)  
Iris (Jackson Harbor)  
E.R. Williams (St. Martin Island)  
C.C. Hand (Summer Island)  
John M. Nichol (Pt. Detour)

*\* Tentatively Identified*

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NOTE: There is a lighthouse on St. Martin Island, too. It is managed by US Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Little Traverse Bay Band.



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*Please send me your feedback!*  
*Thank you!*

**DRAFT**

**Proposed Discussion Points for WIZAP Dec. 11, 2013 meeting, Updated January 13, 2013**

- 1. Why do we have zoning?** Because zoning protects:
  - a. the public health, safety, welfare
  - b. natural resources
  - c. investments
  - d. aesthetics
  - e. zoning controls the costs of local governments, infrastructure & services
  - f. the Island has had zoning since 1968
  
- 2. What is the mission/purpose of WIZAP?**
  - a. Review the purpose as stated in the Town Ordinance
  - b. WIZAP provides a valuable service by alerting the public about zoning issues that could impact them personally and/or the community as a whole. This is done by public notices posted around town and on the Town website which makes it possible for the public to give their opinion pro/con on the issue at the WIZAP meeting before the proposal goes to the Town Board.
  - c. WIZAP sends individual notices to neighbors of a proposed change.
  - d. WIZAP does not enforce ordinances – that is up to other entities.
  - e. Make advisory recommendations to the Town Board that may include conditions.
  
- 3. How does WIZAP do that? Regarding the planning aspect:**
  - a. WIZAP participated in the Comprehensive Planning by hosting a visioning meeting; publicizing the workgroups the public could be a part of; hosted public meetings & solicited public input regarding the Land Use Inventory Map and the Future Land Use Map and a public survey.
  - b. The WIZAP chairman and committee members participated in numerous planning meetings in Sturgeon Bay hosted by the DC Planning Dept.; information was brought back to the community and presented at public meetings.

**Regarding zoning issues** (conditional uses, variances, changes to zoning, text amendments) -- WIZAP's responsibilities involve:

  - a. studying petition requests and accompanying relevant paperwork when they are received from the Co. Planning Dept.
  - b. research by the committee as individuals prior to our public meetings and as a committee during our public meetings.
  - c. providing both notice of pending zoning issues and a public format for people to participate and bring their concerns/ideas etc. (or they may send their comments in writing to the committee if they are unable to attend the meeting.)
  - d. "defining" the type of change requested for each zoning type and discussing the Ordinance and goals from the Comp. Plan pertaining to that petition request.
  - e. utilizing the GENERAL CRITERIA in order to guide the committee's discussions.
  
- 4. What are the GENERAL CRITERIA and how are they used?**

- a. They are used in order to guide the committee's discussions pertaining to an applicant's request for a change/deviation from the Ordinance.
- b. They provide a good basis of discussion that are considered relevant from a planning/zoning standpoint.
- c. They have a consistent framework from which to work so that all applicants are treated equally.
- d. They are the same CRITERIA used by the RPC & the BOA to make their decisions regarding the applicants' petition thereby helping the applicant understand the process.
- e. They are used to help WIZAP develop recommendations (which may include conditions) to be sent to the Town Board.
- f. They are used along with the goals stated in the Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map and any other pertinent information.

**The CRITERIA** help develop the questions that are relevant in any development, for example:

- a. What is the plan for wastewater and is trash being addressed at this location? (This should start a conversation on wastewater (volume, disposal, etc.)
- b. How is the environment affected? (Such as traffic, vegetation loss/changes, density issues)
- c. How does the plan/idea affect the current business climate?
- d. How does this affect the community? (positively or negatively)
- e. What are the long term impacts if the proposal is approved? How does this affect the area or impact other areas in the community?
- f. When developing final recommendations to the TB, both WIZAP and WIEDC are following their respective guidelines/CRITERIA and are presenting well researched reasons and/or evidence that support the decision.

**5. What is the mission/purpose of WIEDC (the Economic Development Comm.)?**

- a. Review the purpose as stated in the Town Ordinance
- b. How are existing businesses supported & how can we encourage additional economic growth?
- c. What's the game plan – are there guidelines used to accomplish it?
- d. What is the strategy for approaching new ideas?

**6. Define the purpose of the Forum with WIEDC -- how can WIEDC & WIZAP work together to address economic concerns in the community utilizing the resources & talents of WIZAP and WIEDC?**

**7. Discussion of goals, policies & action items from the Door County**

**Comprehensive Plan Update:** It is suggested that --

- a. WIZAP discuss goals 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12
- b. EDC discuss goals 11, 13
- c. Parks Committee discuss goal 6

# Door County Civility Project

A fund of the  
Door County Community Foundation



December 2, 2013

Dear Washington Town Board Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson:

The Door County Civility Project is a community-based initiative to urge residents of the Door County to communicate in respectful and effective ways. It is a campaign to improve public discourse by simply reminding ourselves of the very basic principles of respect. Good communication is key! The best way to determine what a community wants is to listen to what its people have to say. It's a fundamental principle of democracy.

We are not alone in this undertaking. There are easily over a hundred community-based grass roots civility efforts across the U.S., including nearly a dozen in Wisconsin. At the level of our municipalities in Door County we are promoting a more civil discourse by residents when they address local boards, and by our elected officials when they communicate with residents as well as amongst themselves. Uncivil discourse costs all of us. It creates unproductive communication, which in turn is wasting people's time at meetings. Poor communication also damages the quality of our decision-making.

This is not a campaign to end disagreements. Disagreements can lead to healthy debate, which brings new information and ideas to light. When a particular issue strikes at the fundamental beliefs of a group or individual, the debate can be especially fierce. In these situations, it becomes more important than ever to practice civility. By elevating our level of communication and avoiding personal attacks and general stubbornness, we can avoid unhealthy debate. This will lead to a more effective democracy and help maintain our sense of community by increasing civic participation. We hope to reach not only elected officials and political groups but also citizens, in schools, neighborhood organizations, service groups, churches, businesses and even the parents on the sidelines of youth athletic contests.

**Joel, we know that you and another town board member were present at our public presentation on the Island in September. We would like to be on the agenda of one of your upcoming board meetings to make a short 15-20 minute presentation.** When would this be convenient? What would you suggest? We offer you a suggested resolution to use in adoption of the Civility Pledge (enclosed) and will provide you a large poster of the nine tools of civility to display in your meeting room, as well as business cards for personal reference by all board members. Your group will then be listed among those adopting the Civility Pledge on our website.

We are confident that the on-going use and adherence of these civility tools in conducting the business of your town board will have a positive effect on your business proceedings, on the quality of debate, and on the practice of democracy itself.

Please contact the Door County Civility Project at [dccivilityproject@gmail.org](mailto:dccivilityproject@gmail.org) or by phone at 920-495-6156 to schedule a presentation at an upcoming town board meeting.

Sincerely,

Shirley Senarighi

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P.S. UW-EXTENSION LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER WISLINE ON CIVILITY – DECEMBER 17.

You are also invited to register for and tune in to an online presentation/WISLINE entitled: **Civility and Civil Dialogue in Local Government** with Bill Rizzo, Local Government Specialist at the UW-Extension Local Government Center. To register visit <http://lgc.uwex.edu/WisLines/> or contact Rob Burke at the Door County UW-Extension Office, (920) 746-2262

CC: Washington Town Clerk Valerie Carpenter

**Resolution 2014 – 01**

**9 Tools of Civility**

Whereas, the residents of the Town of Washington place a high value on respect and civility in their lives and understand that these characteristics are essential to any health community, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Washington supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion in the community, and

Whereas, the Town Board sometimes addresses controversial issues and wants to insure civil behavior even in discussion of issues which people feel passionate about, and

Whereas, the Town Board understands that an atmosphere of civility and respect can have a positive effect on the proceedings on the quality of debate and on the practice of democracy itself.

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the Town Board, Town of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin, recognizes the 9 tools of civility that will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issues that face our Town. These tools include:

1. Pay attention.
2. Listen.
3. Be inclusive.
4. Don't gossip.
5. Show respect.
6. Be agreeable.
7. Apologize.
8. Give constructive critics.
9. Take responsibility.

Be it further resolved, that the Town Board, Town of Washington, shall promote the use and adherence of these tools in conducting business.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014

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Joel Gunnlaugsson, Chairman

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Liz Holmes, Supervisor

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Randy Sorenson, Supervisor

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Valerie Carpenter, Clerk / Treasurer



Valerie Carpenter <townoffice@washingtonisland-wi.gov>

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## WIZAP Packet

1 message

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**Michael Kickbush** <mkickbush@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jan 14, 2014 at 11:02 AM

To: "chairman@washingtonisland-wi.gov" <chairman@washingtonisland-wi.gov>

Cc: "townoffice@washingtonisland-wi.gov" <townoffice@washingtonisland-wi.gov>

Please include the attached file for the next town board meeting packet.

Thanks,

Mike



**January 13, 2014 WIZAP Packet.pdf**

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# Door County Comprehensive Plan Update - Input Requested

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From: **Kerwin, Rebecca** (rkerwin@co.door.wi.us) This sender is in your [safe list](#).  
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Greetings,

You are receiving this e-mail either because you are a municipal official or because of your past involvement with the Door County Comprehensive Plan 2030 development process. We are currently in the process of updating this plan and would like your input again. Listed below is a link to plan draft documents and instructions for how to review these documents. In particular, we are looking for input on updating the goals and action items, but feel free to offer your input on any of the material.

Please e-mail any comments (or questions) to [rkerwin@co.door.wi.us](mailto:rkerwin@co.door.wi.us) by January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. You may also call me or Mariah Goode, Planning Director, at (920) 746-2323 with any questions.

Note that you will have the opportunity to submit comments well after January 28<sup>th</sup>. That week is simply when we will be putting together a more final draft of the plan for a more widely publicized review period.

Here is the link to the Door County Comprehensive Plan 2035 documents:  
[http://map.co.door.wi.us/planning/Comp-Plan\\_2035.htm](http://map.co.door.wi.us/planning/Comp-Plan_2035.htm)

Thank you!

**Rebecca Kerwin**

Planner II

Door County Planning Department