

Mike Romportl

From: "Ken Aldridge" <kwa@aldridge-electric.com>
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Cc: "joel knutson" <jfknutson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:07 PM
Subject: North woods trail center
To: County Lands Records Committee - Mike Romporti

Hello Mike,

I write in support of the "Northwoods trail center" and the Town of Crescent and City of Rhinelanders proposal for land preservation and trail development. My name is Ken Aldridge, and in 2011, I created a permanent conservation easement at Minocqua winter park (MWP) which is named "Winter park pines". The northwoods land trust holds the easement on 3200 acres of woodlands and wetlands. We also created trail easements for over 75 kilometers of trails. We have partnered with the town of Minocqua, an ardent supporter of winter park for over 30 years.

MWP needed to have a long term commitment for trail easements, as the larger parcels of land owned by the timber companies were becoming fractured. We were able to create a long term solution with the land purchase and conservation easement, that enabled the winter park board of directors to invest in the future, knowing that the trails would be available in perpetuity.

The community has benefitted, and use of the MWP has increased, with the addition of snowshoe trails, tubing and ice skating. This same concept should be used in Crescent and Rhinelanders, and I urge the county to join in and help make the proposal by Joel Knutson and the town of Crescent a reality.

Good luck with this jewel of a project.

Ken Aldridge
Minocqua.

Sent from my iPad

Mike Romportl

From: "Collin" <cofosho@gmail.com>
To: <mromportl@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 7:37 PM
Dear Mr. Romportl,

I've become aware of the joint City-Town proposal offered by Crescent town supervisor Joel Knutson regarding the purchase of the Heal Creek land in the area as outlined in the *Star Journal*. I am a resident of Saint Paul, Minnesota, and an avid cross-country skier and outdoor enthusiast. I count myself among the myriad of cyclists, rock climbers, hikers, trail and road runners, swimmers and sailors that have enjoyed the beauties of Wisconsin. I'm a former resident of Wisconsin and called Madison my home for 7 years then moved to La Crosse for another two years.

I have made the round trip to Rhinelander three times now to enjoy the cross-country skiing in the area and have enjoyed the trails near the golf course several times. There is a certain splendor to the isolated, quiet trails and the steady work of skiing through them, cresting a hill only to find woods ahead of you. I can tell you such skiing in the Twin Cities is rare. In addition, climate change is pushing folks north of the Twin Cities to northern Wisconsin and Minnesota to seek adequate snow. This year already, we've seen the City of Lakes Loppet reduced to a measly 4 laps on a 3.3 km ail on man-made snow.

While future years will be both boom and bust snow-wise, we're seeing less average snow coverage annually, and it melts sooner each year on average than the last year. This proposal is an excellent opportunity to create a viable ski destination for Twin Cities skiers as we see less snow and fewer ski days every year. Rhinelander is closer to the Cities than Minocqua Winter Park, and, frankly, I think Rhinelander has more character than Minocqua.

Recreational skiers love having clean, well-groomed trails and love having a decent distance with some good variety in landscape. Having a sports center (or chalet) would provide a respite for skiers in the frigid northern cold, preventing them from having to hop from their car immediately to the trail and back. People who ski more seriously (read: Birkebeiner skiers) have gobs of money that they're willing to spend on travel, training and gear, and I strongly believe Rhinelander can make a stronger bid at being the place to go for folks from Madison and the Cities who want to train in good snow. Additionally, having options to snowshoe and tube will only add to the appeal for toursits with kids and local families. The money the cities "lose" in the purchase will be quickly recouped from ongoing and increased use of trails for a net gain.

Please consider all of this, coming from a non-Wisconsin resident but a lover of all things Wisconsin, when deciding on the joint proposal; and please support the joint proposal to purchase the Heal Creek area.

Sincerely,
Collin Arnett
Saint Paul, MN

Mike Romportl

From: "Oneida County Land Information Office" <lio@co.oneida.wi.us>
To: <mromportl@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 11:37 AM
Subject: Fw: Heal Creek Proposal

----- Original Message -----

From: [Alex Young](#)
To: [Land Information Information](#)
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 10:17 AM
Subject: Fwd: Heal Creek Proposal

Received this - was sent to Supervisor Pederson as well as myself - not sure if she will forward or not, nevertheless, please add to the pile.

Best regards,



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From: **Sandra Bergman** <jsbergman@charter.net>
Date: Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 10:12 AM
Subject: Heal Creek Proposal
To: cbpederson@charter.net
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Dear Carol

The intent of this email is to inform you that I stand in support of the City Of Rhinelander/Town of Crescent Heal Creek proposal.

The development of the recreation/trail system will require cooperation among all the interested parties.

I sincerely hope that a compromise can be negotiated to the satisfaction of the parties and funds will be forthcoming to make this opportunity a reality.

Best regards, Sandy Bergman 118 North Baird Avenue Rhinelander WI

Mike Romporti

From: "Linda DeMill" <ldemill@yahoo.com>
To: <mromporti@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:21 AM
Subject: Heal Creek property
Mr. Romporti,

I would like to add my support of the development of the Heal Creek property into a prime recreational addition. What a superb idea! It makes so much sense. We would develop our attraction as a vacation area. We would be able to use the Golf Course restaurant all year. Opportunities for outdoor fun and resulting fitness would be available to the community members.

Please do what you can to move forward on this.

Very sincerely,
Linda DeMill
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February 9, 2015

Oneida County Land Records Committee
Oneida County Courthouse
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Oneida County Land Records Committee,

The Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance Inc, (FISTA) is writing to express its strong support for the Town of Crescent and City of Rhineland's joint proposal for the Oneida County Heal Creek property. The City-Town proposal is a unique opportunity for Rhineland and the Oneida County area and will most likely have no equal public amenities anywhere else in Wisconsin.

Because of the property's uniqueness, the history and significance of the forest products industry in this area can play an important role in public education, highlighting the ongoing economic benefits and current best management practices used to maintain an enduring forested landscape.

FISTA and its forestry partners are excited and well prepared for the opportunity to assist in the direction and implementation of the forest management plan and the potential educational outdoor programming identified in the City-Town proposal's Supplementary Narrative, specifically:

6. The City and Town will partner with area schools, Nicolet Colleges, and the University of Wisconsin system to promote outdoor educational programming and research, e.g., in watershed ecology, forestry, and wildlife management. The Town and City's goal is to promote hands-on learning to the widest possible audience: K-12, college, and adult lifelong learning students.

7. The City and Town will develop a sustainable forest and trails management plan where terrestrial invasive species ("TIS") control is of primary concern, with the goal of making Heal Creek a statewide example in effective public-private forestry and TIS management. Management of the Heal Creek Property will highlight the compatibility of and importance of "working forests" and public recreation to our local economy by partnering with area loggers and timber management organizations to utilize the Heal Creek Property for demonstrations of sustainable forestry practices, and providing land to support public courses in safe timber cutting and trail management.

The proposal and the well planned details it contains, highlights the City and Town's commitment to strengthening our community— environmentally (living), economically (working) and socially (playing) — now and for years to come. This is an opportunity FISTA and its forestry partners support wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,

Roger Pluedeman, FISTA Board President

Henry Schienebeck, GLTPA Executive Director

February 10, 2015

Dear Sirs,

I respectfully urge you to approve the Heal Creek proposal jointly submitted by the City of Rhinelander and Town of Crescent, as led by Joel Knutson.

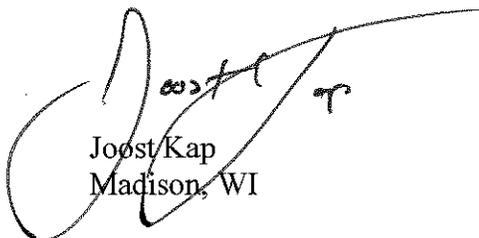
I am not an Oneida County resident, but I do spend a lot of time and money pursuing the activities that you have the unique chance to secure, now and for the future. I am an avid cross-country skier, road and mountain biker, golfer, and many of the other activities offered in the Northwoods. At the end of this month, my family and 4 others will spend a weekend in Minocqua, skiing at Minocqua Winter Park. Between the cabin rental, ski passes, food and drink, shopping, and fuel our group will spend ~\$3,500 over three days. I expect the trails will be packed at MWP, as they always are, and that I will see a lot of cars in the parking lot that have, like us, come from Madison (and Milwaukee and Chicago). People travel to ski.

I am 39 years old and have been coming up North to play since I was a young kid, and I am now instilling the same tradition in my kids. The choice has always been Minocqua and Winter Park, or push on to Hurley and ABR. Each has its draw, but each has its downfalls. I think you have before you an opportunity to create a 4-season destination that could draw me and those like me (and there are many) to avail ourselves of the great trails and Northwoods hospitality that consistently draw me North, but with a shorter, easier drive.

I'm sure you have driven Hwy 51 and noticed cars loaded with skis and mountain bikes, pushing on beyond the Hwy 8 exit, to play and spend money elsewhere. With the development of existing trails at no additional cost to your community, you can ensure that those people come to Rhinelander instead.

I get the immediate appeal of recouping *some* portion (10-20%?) of what turned out to be a bad real estate investment; a sunk cost now a decade in the past. However, I understand that—when viewed in context of the overall budget—the opposing proposal would net little meaningful cash flow, and it would be a one-time thing. As I see the choice, the county can pursue a heavily discounted one-time cash grab from a well-established, but static demographic that isn't bringing any new money to the area. Or, you can seize the opportunity to develop the community under circumstances that will not likely present themselves again, and in the process grow your economic base going forward, long after and well in excess of whatever minor one-time financial benefit the competing proposal offers.

I appreciate your considering my opinion and, again, I respectfully urge you to take the long view and approve the Rhinelander/Crescent proposal led by Joel Knutson. Thank you.



Joost Kap
Madison, WI

Mike Romportl

From: "Alex Young" <alex@alexanderwyoung.com>
To: "Land Information Information" <lio@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:14 PM
Subject: Fwd: Heal Creek
FYI #2 - to forward to committee/board...

Best regards,



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From: Amy Laxton <alaxton@nicolebank.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 20, 2015 at 5:30 PM
Subject: Heal Creek
To: "alex@alexanderwyoung.com" <alex@alexanderwyoung.com>

Hi Alex, I am writing to you in regards to the Town of Crescent and City of Rhinelander joint proposal of the Heal Creek property. I have never written to a government representative before so forgive me if my approach is all wrong. I just want my voice heard (and I am writing to you since you are my Board Supervi as part of this process and I plan to be at the meeting in February as well. There is an amazing opportunity before us and I'm hoping that it can be worked out that the Oneida County Board will make the wise decision to vote yes for the joint proposal described above. I am very active in silent sports and I am also on the board of RASTA. Since I also understand that there is an interest from the Hodag Sports Club, I want you to know that I am also a member of that club and I am a hunting enthusiast. However, I don't see the use of the land for the sports club to draw visitors to our area because as I understand it would just be for our (club members) own use and hunting enjoyment. Please correct me if I am wrong here. Regardless, I don't believe it will have a draw but to local people. This is just too precious of an opportunity for the Rhinelander community and outlying areas to pass up – and it would be amazing to be a hub for outdoor sports to draw more than just snowmobiling as a source of income for our area businesses.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Laxton

Branch Manager, Retail Lender

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February 17, 2015

Oneida County Land Records Committee
P O Box 400
1 South Oneida Ave
Rhineland, WI 54501

Dear Records Committee Members:

At its January Town Board meeting the members of the Lake Tomahawk Town Board voted to recommend that the County should sell the Heal Creek property. This action was intended to allow the County to decide at its discretion the best use for this property for all the citizens of Oneida County.

In the weeks following the January Town Board meeting, information became available concerning the proposal offered by the City of Rhineland partnering with the Town of Crescent to develop this property into a year round recreational area. This is a unique opportunity to attract even more visitors as well as provide additional resources for local residents.

Subsequently, at the Lake Tomahawk Town Board meeting of February 11, 2015, the Heal Creek issue was revisited. At this Board meeting it was unanimously voted to recommend the acceptance of the proposal offered by the City of Rhineland and the Town of Crescent.

We trust that the County Board will make a decision that will reflect the sentiments of the majority of the citizens of Oneida County and support this exceptional opportunity.

Sincerely,
George Demet, Supervisor
Lake Tomahawk Town Board

Mike Romportl

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To: "Land Information Information" <lio@co.oneida.wi.us>
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From: Lucas, Mary -FS <mlucas@fs.fed.us>
Date: Tue, Jan 20, 2015 at 12:41 PM
Subject: Heal Creek proposal
To: "alex@alexanderwyoung.com" <alex@alexanderwyoung.com>

Alex,

I'm contacting you as the Oneidea County Board Supervisor for the district I reside in.

The Heal Creek joint management and land exchange proposal speaks to an economic as well as a quality of living issue. Even moreso than other regions of the state, the Northwoods of Wisconsin is dependent on tourism/recreation monies for economic viability. Rhinelander needs something like this to latch onto as its own. To attract people into the area and foster community pride and growth, the community needs to offer amenities that elevate it beyond a blue-collar industrial town trying to be the retail hub of the North. It needs to be more than "Hodag Country Fest" and the Ice Fishing Capital. The community needs pathways, connected green spaces,

year-round recreational trails and facilities that speak to quality living for residents on a daily basis. It needs to integrate into its environment. It needs programs that reach far beyond the YMCA.

Minocqua rallies around Winter Park, Manitowish Waters rallies around the Discovery Center with its programming and trails, Wausau proudly supports the Nine Mile County Forest recreation area and is developing trail-based use at Sunny Vale Park. People drive an hour or more to take advantage of what these areas offer. The Heal Creek proposal offers Rhinelander a recreational focal point it can rally around. A year-round network of trails with facility and an unlimited potential for programming would be amazing. Use and participation would spread beyond Rhinelander and Oneida County. The willing partnership with adjoining landowners is something many communities fight tooth and nail for and here it is offered on a silver platter. This proposal offers a comprehensive vision for integrated resource use—not a piecemeal one. We can't afford to pass this by.

I urge you to endorse this proposal.

Mary Lucas

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Mike Romportl

From: "Stanley Lunde" <stanlunde@gmail.com>
To: <mromportl@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2015 11:12 PM
Subject: Please support the development of the existing Northwoods infrastructure into a year round recreational facility

Dear Mike Romportl,

Although I live in California, I was born in Rhinelander in the mid 1940s and I have always considered Wisconsin to be "my state". I returned to Rhinelander in 2011, after an absence of 50 years. My family vacationed annually at Crescent Lake during the late 1940s and the 1950s. We have many great memories of boating and fishing. I live in California and my brother lives in Illinois. He took his family (3 adults and 7 grandchildren) to Rhinelander a year after I was there. He noted that there was a lack well developed hiking trails. His two sons are avid hikers as are their 5 boys. We talked about arranging to vacation together in Rhinelander and Crescent Lake during the summers. The main drawback is the lack of developed hiking trails in the area. My two sons are also avid hikers and skiers and their children also enjoy the sports. It would be great to have family vacations where our children and grandchildren could get to know the Illinois Lunde family better. Most of our vacations together have been ski vacations in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming because those facilities are well developed. It would be wonderful to have North woods Nordic trails developed further so that we could return to vacationing in "my state".

We just heard that there was a proposal for the Northwoods Nordic trail area to be developed to be further developed, which piqued our interest. If this development takes place, I am certain that our families' could resume the tradition of an annual family vacation together in the Rhinelander area.

Sincerely,

Stanley E. Lunde

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Mike Romportl

From: "Heath Massey" <masseyh@beloit.edu>
To: <mromportl@co.oneida.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:00 AM
Subject: Heal Creek proposal

Dear members of the Oneida County Land Records Committee,

I'm writing to encourage you to approve the proposal for the purchase of the Heal Creek Property by the City of Rhineland and the Town of Crescent.

This past weekend, I traveled from the Madison area (Stoughton) with my wife and son to visit the Northwood Ski Trails, and we attended the open house to learn more about the proposed expansion. We were extremely impressed by the forethought and planning that has been put into this project, and we're excited about the prospect of another world class cross country ski destination near Rhineland. I've skied the Northwood trails before, but having the clubhouse open made our experience much more enjoyable.

I hope that the committee can see how much potential this project has to bring more vacationers to Rhineland. I know that if the project is approved, my family and I will be visiting more often.

Best wishes,
Heath Massey

Mike Romportl

From: "Dave Kroll" <dkroll@newboldtown.com>
To: "Dave Hintz" <dlhintz@hotmail.com>; "Mike Romportl" <mrromportl@co.oneida.wi.us>
Cc: "Tom Rudolph" <tdrudolph@charter.net>; "Bob Metropulos" <bobmetro@newnorth.net>; "joel knutson" <jfknutson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 8:35 PM
Subject: Heal Creek Property Proposals - Town of Newbold Recommendation to Oneida County
Dear Chairman Hintz and Director Romportl,

I'm not sure who I should be sending this to so I will submit it to both of you and trust that it will be forwarded as appropriate.

The Newbold Town Board met this evening and discussed the submitted proposals for the Heal Creek property. Based on our review of the proposals, the Newbold Town Board has voted unanimously to recommend acceptance of the joint proposal of the City of Rhinelander and Town of Crescent. We have determined that this proposal is most consistent with our goal of providing more healthy and wholesome family recreational opportunities in the area.

During our deliberations, it was also suggested that Oneida County consider retaining ownership of the property and simply allow Rhinelander and Crescent to develop the recreational opportunities as proposed. While the Board did not take a position on this idea, I offer it on behalf of one of our supervisors and ask that you give it due consideration.

Respectfully,

David G. Kroll, Chairman
Town of Newbold



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February 12, 2015

Oneida County Land Records Committee
1 South Oneida
Rhineland, WI 54501
Attn: Jim Intrepidi, Chairman

RE: Health Department support for the City of Rhineland and Town of Crescent proposal to develop the Heal Creek Property for silent sports and recreation.

Dear Mr. Intrepidi,

The Oneida County Health Department supports the initiative by the City of Rhineland and Town of Crescent to develop the Heal Creek property, as a multisport recreational destination, as proposed during your February 10, 2015 meeting.

The proposed development would enhance response to the attached Oneida County Community Needs Assessment, which is a collaborative process every 5 years involving many community partners, including Ministry-St. Mary's, Howard Young Medical Center, Marshfield Clinic, and Aspirus.

As part of this Assessment, one of the 12 focus areas established is to help position the residents of Oneida County to raise healthy outcomes by increasing physical activity (page 12). Oneida County is currently 54th out of the 72 Counties in overall health, which includes factors such as obesity and lack of access to recreational facilities.

Increasing recreational opportunities such as skiing, snowshoeing, cycling, hiking, and birding for all age groups is a direct result of ideas such as the Heal Creek proposal, and will benefit many residents of the City of Rhineland, Oneida County, and beyond.

Respectfully,

Todd Troskey, B.S., R.S.
Registered Sanitarian-WI 959
Health Department Liaison to the Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council

*Oneida County Health Department will promote and protect the health of
Oneida County by providing leadership, education and services.*

Mike Romportl

From: "Blaine Oborn" <Boborn@rhinelandercityhall.org>
To: "Mike Romportl" <mromportl@co.oneida.wi.us>
Cc: "joel knutson" <jfknutson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:45 PM
Subject: FW: Heal Creek: Supporting City/Town/County proposal
 FYI

From: Dawn Rog [324hodag@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Blaine Oborn
Subject: Fwd: Heal Creek: Supporting City/Town/County proposal

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christopher Rog <christopher.rog@sand-creek.com>
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Subject: FW: Heal Creek: Supporting City/Town/County proposal

Hi Carol

I was out of town today and unable to attend the board meeting concerning the discussion on Heal Creek.

- The City/Town proposal is superior because it provides recreation for not only Oneida County citizens, but also for tourists, a key component of the future of Oneida County business revenues. Once developed as a public space, the property would be a draw for people from all over the region, benefiting many Oneida County businesses for decades to come. (As opposed to the sale to the Sports Club, which would have a very short term economic benefit – the sale price is higher – but which would not have anywhere near the long-term economic benefit a public use result would provide).
- The offer, as I understand it, to receive an added 400 acres as a gift from an adjacent private party must be added to the calculus for this transaction. This gift will bring substantial revenues to the County over the years to come in the form of added usage footprint and added prestige for Oneida County's Heal Creek recreation area.

While I appreciate the proposal from the Hodag Sports Club, it does little or nothing to promote the business community for Oneida County.

- They already have adequate lands for their activities. They are not seeking any

other lands in Oneida County because they don't need them. They seek these lands because they are close to their existing property and can be had for a low cost. These are not good reasons – from a County perspective – to give these lands to the Sports Club.

- Their membership is not one that draws significant tourism to the County: the vast majority of their members live in or very near Oneida County, and as such the granting of these lands to the Sports Club has little long-term economic benefit to the County.

In closing: the economic benefit of having the property turned into a public recreation area, over the longer term, is substantially greater for Oneida County than turning the property over to private, closed interests.

Please consider Chris and Dawn Rog, residents of District 5 at 324 N Baird Avenue, strong supporters of the sale of the Heal Creek Property to the City / Town & County interests.

Regards,

Christopher J. Rog, P.G. CPG, Sr. Project Manager, Principal

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Cc: "Karen Sutherland" <suther@acm.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:50 AM
Subject: Northwoods Nordic Trail Expansion letter of support
464 Mt. Curve Blvd

St. Paul 55105

Oneida County Land Records Committee

c/o Mike Romportl

Greetings:

I have recently read of the proposal to expand the Northwoods Nordic trails and wanted to share with you my enthusiasm for this project.

The economic impact is clearly high. This project will not only bring in more tourist dollars but provide a foundation for further growth in the area in terms of new jobs and new businesses. This impact will be ongoing for generations to come.

However, it does much more than that. There is a thread throughout the proposal that shows a deep appreciation and respect for the land and its natural resources. The beauty of this piece of Wisconsin will be restored and preserved.

For both of the above, your grandchildren will some day thank you.

I also see this as a perfect example of how Wisconsin is, again, way ahead of my home state in terms of providing year round cutting edge recreational opportunities for entire families. We may live here, but we inevitably come to Wisconsin to enjoy the outdoors, the food and the hospitality. Areas such as the one proposed are the reasons we come. I can hardly wait to be able to enjoy the new Northwoods Nordic extended trail system when I return again to Rhinelander.

Sincerely,

Karen Tracy Sutherland

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Mike Romportl

From: <pyogat@gmail.com>
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Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:32 PM
Subject: Heal Creek Proposal

Mr. Romportl

Please review the joint Crescent/Rhinelanders proposal for the Heal Creek Property. It is brilliant strategy and contributes to LONG TERM solutions for the economic and environmental challenges facing Rhinelanders and Oneida County. This proposal offers multiple opportunities for growth and development which actually potentially impact the entire community vs a short sighted limited and small financial gain which will really have no long term impact. **Having no impact may have a long term negative impact.** Again, please review the proposal and realize also that there are even other opportunities which are not mentioned in the plan. Please consider these ideas with regards to any county board decisions.

Thank you.

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