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Re: FINAL REPORT
Project No. GL-97553701-0
Project Title: Southeast Wisconsin Conferences

Dear Karen,

Pursuant to the grant agreement referenced above, we are to submit a Final Report to the project officer. That Final Report is enclosed.

The workshops supported by this project were extremely successful. They have generated a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm for developing county-wide strategies for assuring the protection of sites identified by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission's (SEWRPC) Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin.

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We have already received two additional grants to follow-up on the outcomes of the workshops. Thanks to the generous support of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (\$20,000) and the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative (\$10,000), we are providing technical and programmatic support to conservation coalitions involving local officials, land trusts, and other open space advocates in six of the seven counties of southeastern Wisconsin. Each coalition has agreed to work towards protecting at least one SEWRPC site in their county.

Thank you very much for the important part you played in making these workshops successful.

Sincerely,

Vicki Elkin
Executive Director

cc: Peter McKeever, Project Coordinator