

# Blue Mound State Park Master Plan Public Kickoff Meeting

Mount Horeb Middle School  
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# Overview

- What is Property Master Planning?
- Overview of Blue Mound State Park Master Plan
- Tonight's Agenda and Activities



# What is Property Planning?

- Also called “master planning”
- NR 44
  - Wisconsin Administrative Code
  - Sets the process DNR uses to master plan its properties.



# Why Does DNR Plan Properties?

- Consistent, strategic management on property



# The Master Planning Process

- PHASE 1: Pre-planning & scoping
- PHASE 2: Plan Development
- PHASE 3: Plan Approval



# Pre-Planning

- Background information gathering
  - Property and Regional Characteristics

## Initial Scoping Document for the Blue Mound State Park Master Plan

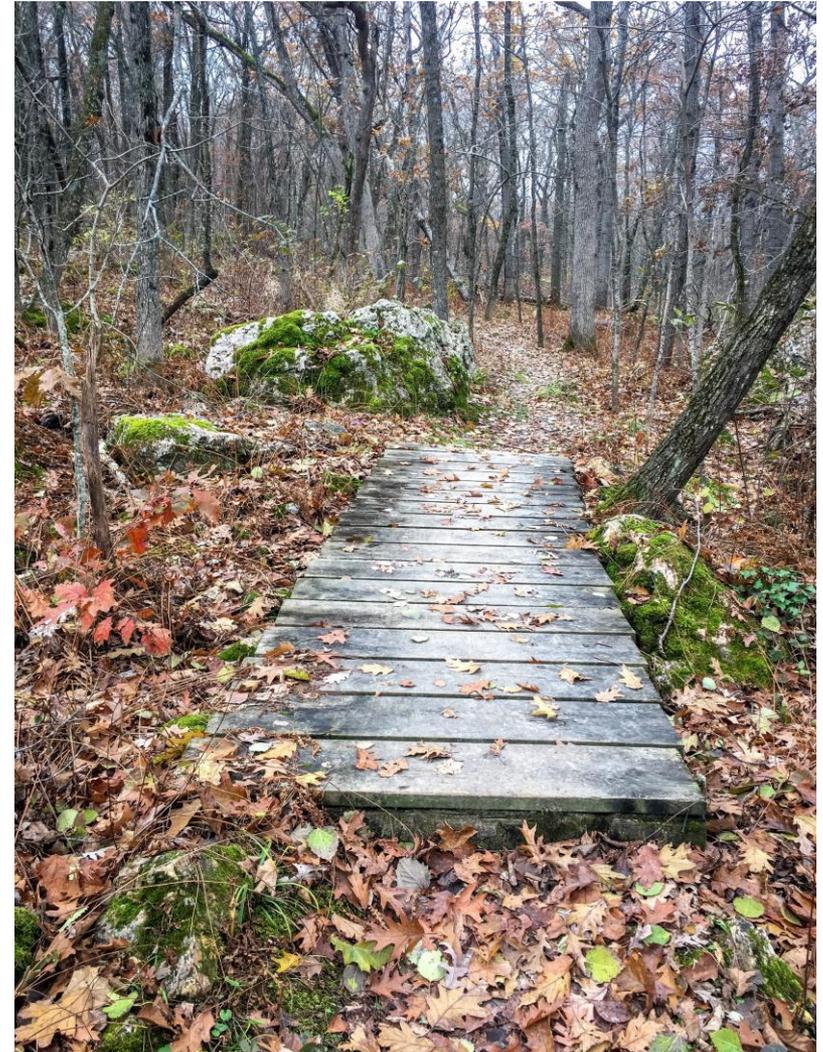


*The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has initiated a planning process to revise the master plan for Blue Mound State Park. The purpose of this document is provide initial information to aid the public and DNR staff in understanding the existing conditions at Blue Mound State Park and how the park fits into a broader regional picture of resource and recreation management.*



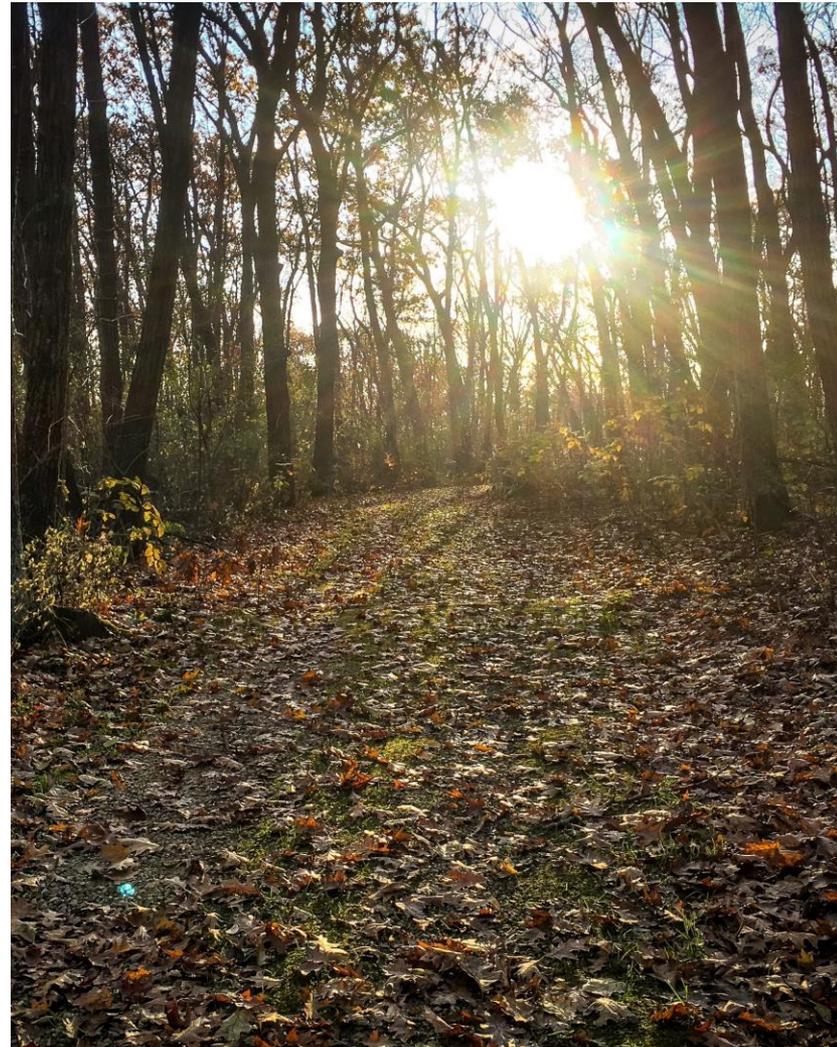
# Scoping

- Issue Identification
  - Public involvement
    - Online
    - Public Meetings
- Public Involvement



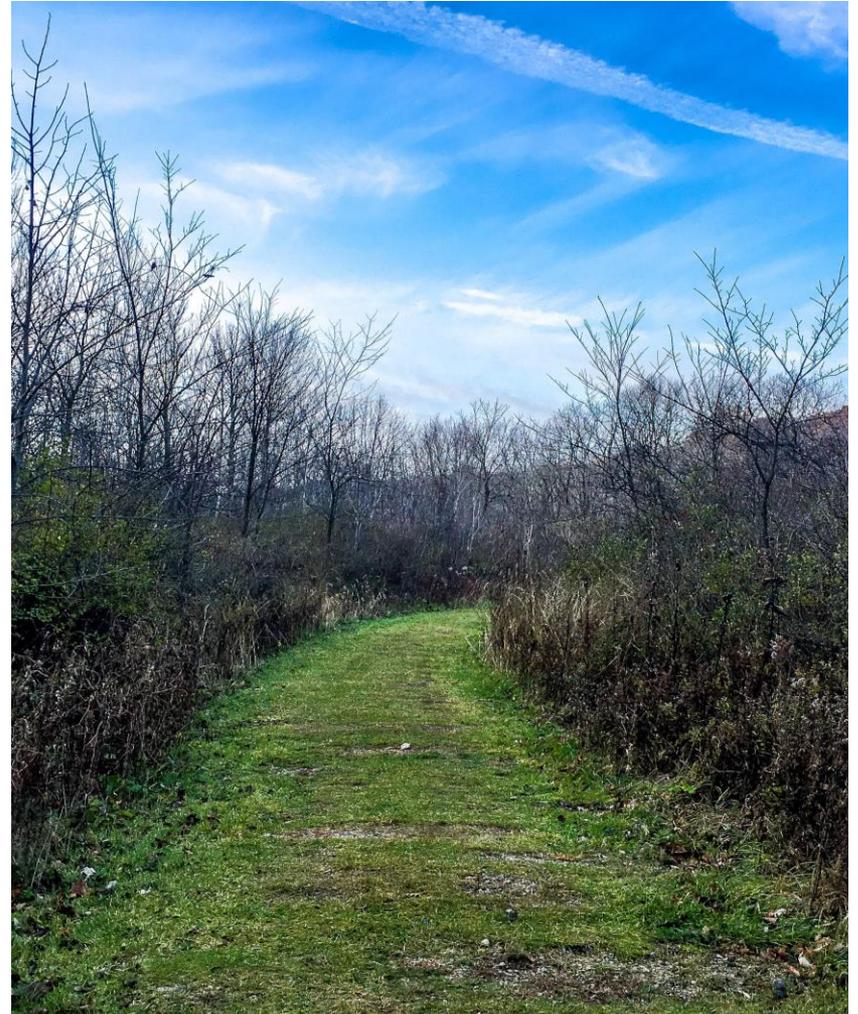
# Plan Development

- DNR planning team develops plan
  - Follows NR 44 process
- Draft plan will be released for public review and comment



# Plan Approval

- Following draft plan review
- Plan considered for approval by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board



# Plan Changes Under NR 44

- Variance
- Amendment
- **Revision**



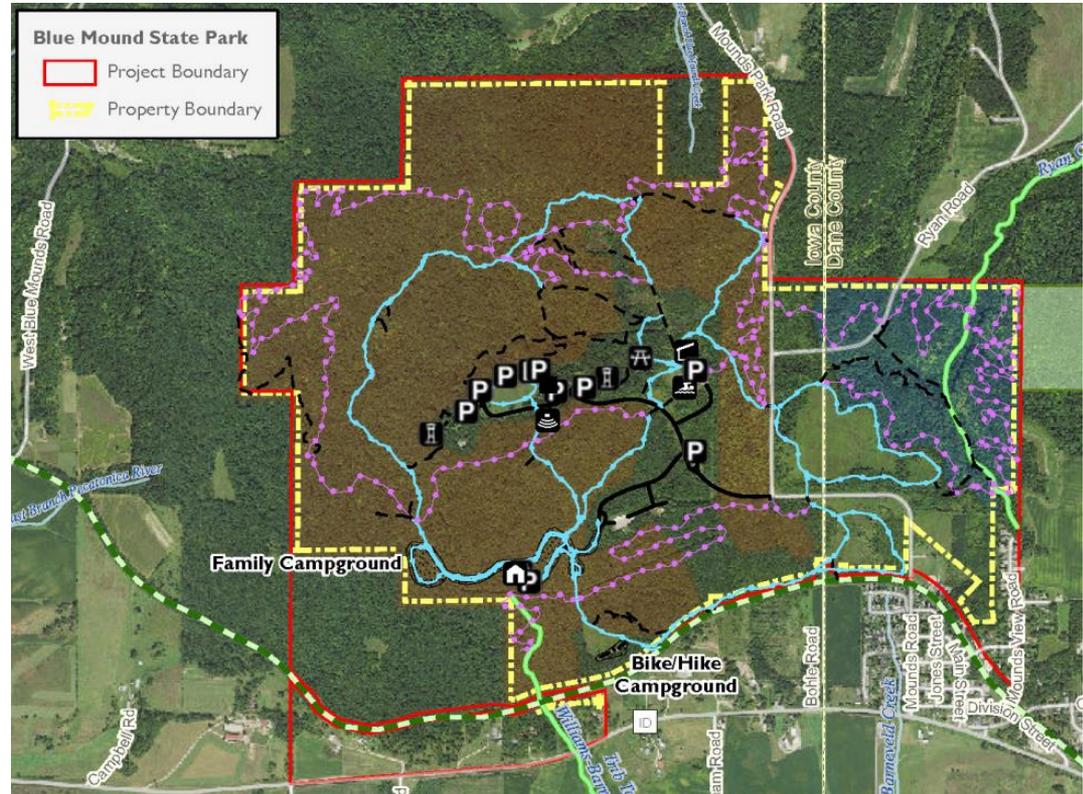
# Blue Mound State Park Master Plan

- June 2018 - NRB authorized plan revision to existing 1984 plan
- Result of this process will be **new master plan**



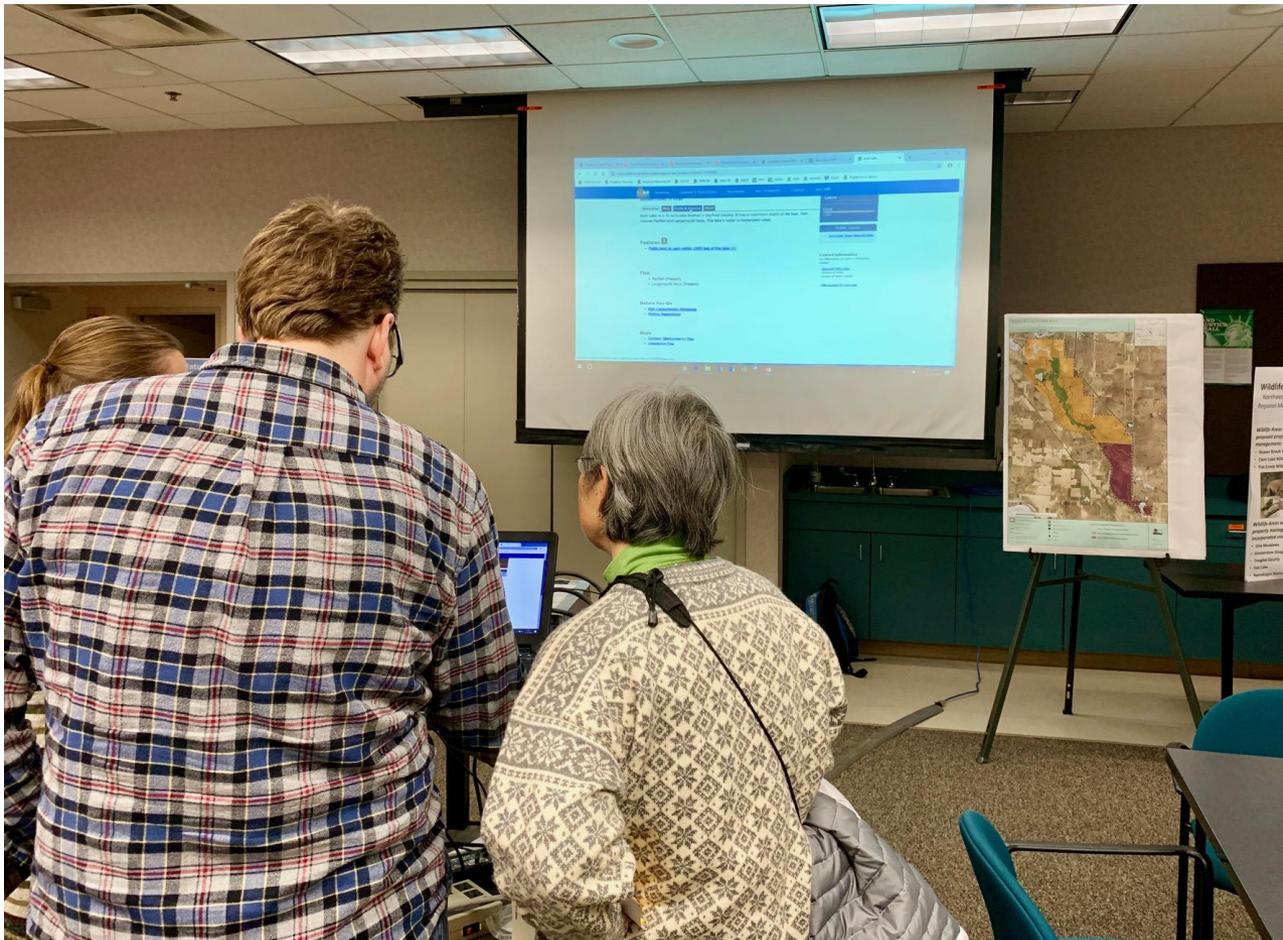
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- New master plan not limited to trails
- Public use and resource management throughout the park



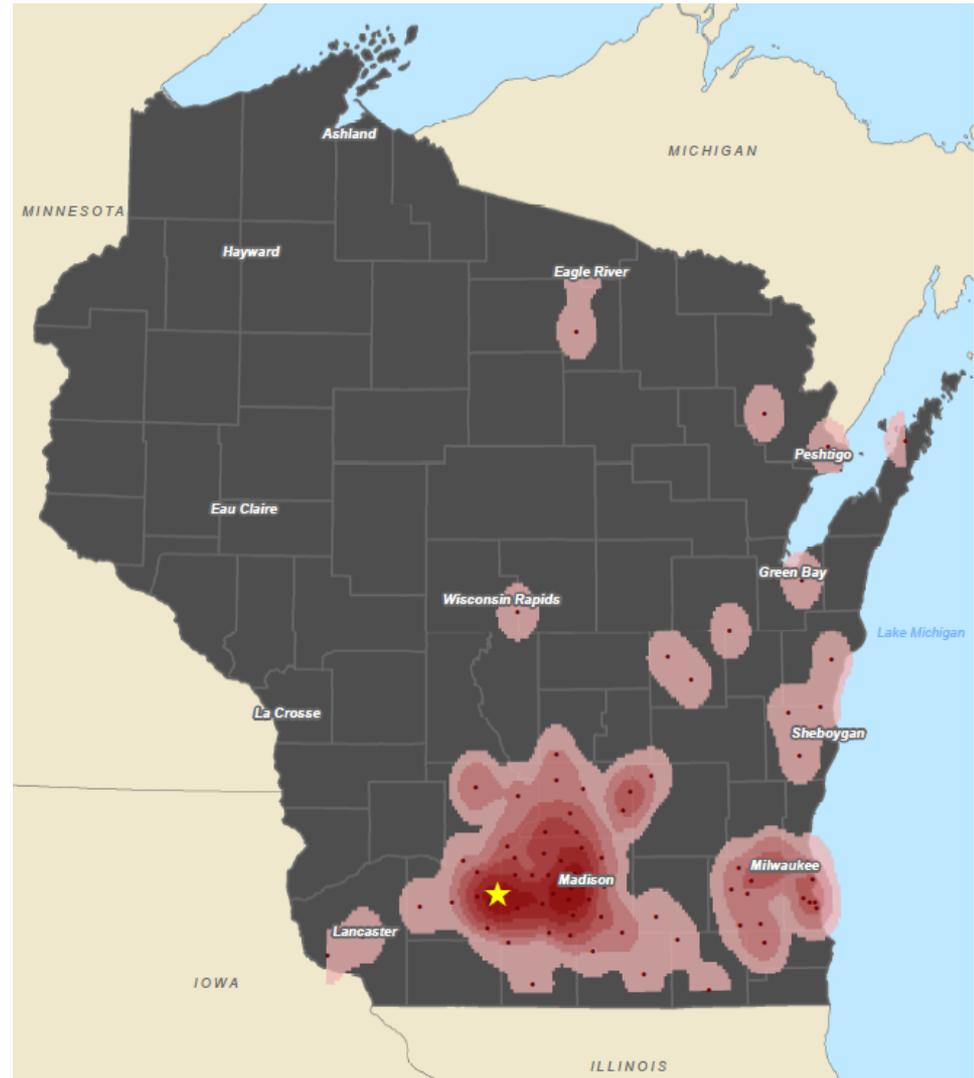
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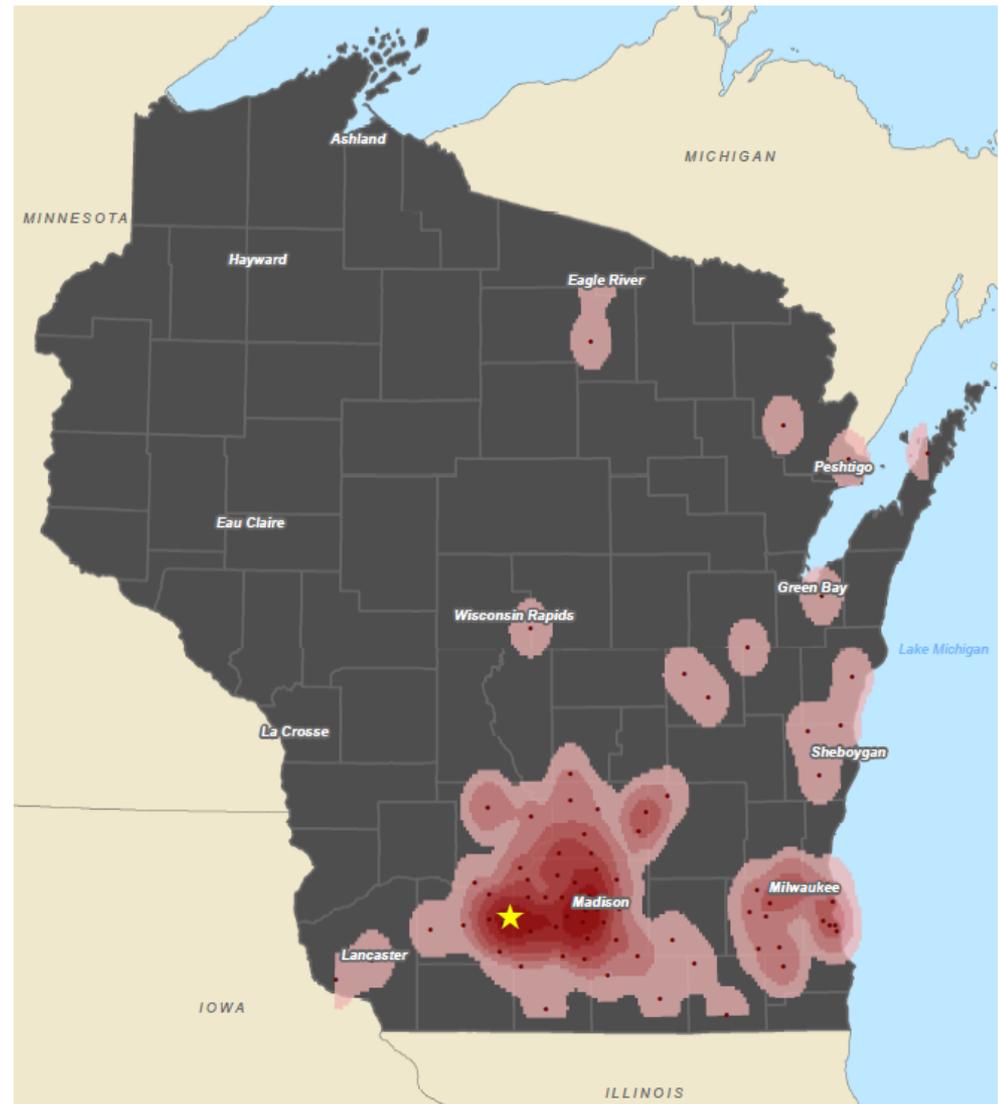
# What We're Hearing So Far

- Observation towers, pool/splashpad, campgrounds, and picnic areas are popular facilities



# What We're Hearing So Far

- Many comments related to trail-based activities
- Camping, swimming and wildlife watching also popular





# Goal of Scoping

- Identify pertinent topics to address during the planning process
- Topics are not limited to a single use
- Not a vote





# Tonight's Discussions

- Small group discussions
- Opportunity to have your voice heard and to hear why others enjoy Blue Mound State Park
- Opportunity to inform DNR about questions and topics you would like considered during the planning process



# Process

- 3 questions
- Discuss for 20 minutes each
- Switch tables between rounds
- Meet fellow Blue Mound State Park enthusiasts and discuss the questions at hand.



# Process

- Between rounds:
  - Grab refreshments
  - Department staff will replace paper on tables
  - Find a new table and hear new perspectives



# Ground Rules

- Listen to and respect all opinions
- Keep discussions civil - use this opportunity to learn more about why others value the park
- Be sure to capture your thoughts on sticky notes
- Both specific and broad comments are useful to the planning team



# Agenda

- Question 1: 5:30 – 5:50
- Question 2: 6:00 – 6:20
- Question 3: 6:30 – 7:00
- Open House/Fill-out input form



# First Question

- What do you value about Blue Mound State Park?
- Topics to consider:
  - Recreational Facilities
  - Natural Resources Management
  - Community Connections





# Guiding Principles

- Respect each other – we're all in this together
- Be willing to understand other's interests and needs
- Look for ways to minimize the impact of your activity on other groups
- Maximize communication deliverables
- Maximize shared use at an acceptable level
- Remember this is public land (tolerance)
- Not everything for everyone everywhere
- Be part of the solution!



# Discussion Questions

# Question 1

- **What do you value about Blue Mound State Park?**
- Topics to consider
  - Recreational Facilities
  - Natural Resources Management
  - Community Connections



## Question 2

- **What would improve your experience at Blue Mound State Park?**
- Topics to consider
  - Recreational Facilities
  - Natural Resources Management
  - Community Connections



# Question 3

- **What are the most important questions to address during the master planning process?**
- Topics to consider
  - Recreational Facilities
  - Natural Resources Management
  - Community Connections





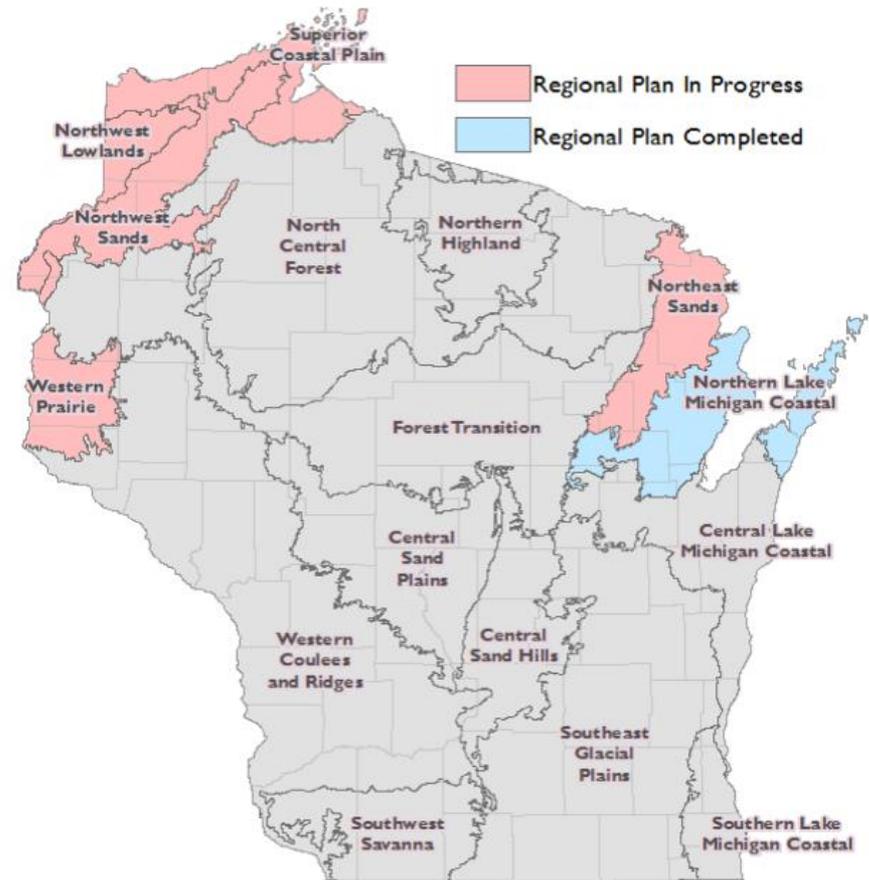
# Wrap-Up

- Open house
- Look at the input given tonight
- Staff available for questions
- Submit an input form
  - On gold paper



# Thank you for coming!

- Don't forget to sign up for the email distribution list for updates
- DNR.WI.GOV, Keyword: Property Planning



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## Property-based plans in progress

- [Sauk Prairie Recreation Area](#)
- [Blue Mound State Park](#)