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Gentlemen:

In 2021, the Conservation & UWEX Committee (CUW) developed and approved recommendations which would better mitigate erosion or stormwater runoff issues, and reduce and/or prevent future lakeshore violations. On August 6, 2021 CUW petitioned the Planning & Development Committee to revise the Shoreland Protection Ordinance with these recommendations. The Planning and Development Committee declined to take action.

With the current Shoreland Protection Ordinance under revision, along with a Public Hearing scheduled for March 29, 2023, the CUW Committee would like to recommend adding the following definition to the ordinance:

- Definition of vegetation: Native or non-invasive (not listed in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR40) live plant material which will mitigate erosion or stormwater runoff.

Although the definition is a small addition to the Shoreland Protection Ordinance, our Committee feels it will provide better guidance to landowners, reduce invasive species along our lake shores, and help mitigate erosion and/or stormwater runoff issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim T. Winkler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Winkler, Chair
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