

Tri-Creeks Land Use Committee Meeting  
Thursday, October 31, 2019 – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Monroe County Land Conservation Department, Sparta, WI

Those in attendance were: Eric Epstein, Dick Thiel, Bob Micheel, Roxie Anderson, Brad Murphy, and Ron Luethe.

Introductions were made. We welcomed Brad Murphy to the Committee. Agenda items were reviewed. Roxie Anderson presented 3 draft vision statements that were reviewed. Draft #3 (bulleted version) was approved with some revisions and additions.

The remaining Goals and Objectives that required updating were reviewed. They included:

#### Invasive Species Management

- Poison Ivy is not listed as an invasive species; however, it is very prevalent in certain areas within and adjacent to the Tri-Creeks property.
- The spread of Garlic Mustard is a concern within the property. It appears to be spreading quickly.
- Need to identify sites where the listed invasive species are occurring.
- Prioritize species and how to manage them.

#### Education

- Change Develop to Collaborate.
- Several educators within our community were identified that could assist the Committee in developing and presenting an environmental education curriculum.
- Seek out additional collaborators such as WI Wetland Association, Beavers, Wetlands, and Wildlife ([www.beaversww.org](http://www.beaversww.org)), and [www.beaverinstitute.org](http://www.beaverinstitute.org)

#### Low Impact Recreational Activities

- Trail planning, development, and construction will follow standards set forth by USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

#### Land Acquisition

- Will develop a map identifying adjoining lands to the Tri-Creeks property that would be of high value for watershed protection.

We will also need to develop a statement in the conclusion of the plan of the effect of climate change on the management of the Tri-Creeks property.

**The next meeting will be scheduled in January, 2020. Please email me ([luethes@gmail.com](mailto:luethes@gmail.com)) your preferred date from the following: Thursday January 9, 2020, Thursday January 16, 2020, or Thursday January 23, 2020. *Please respond by December 1, 2019.***

The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Monroe County Land Conservation Department, 820 Industrial Drive, Suite 3, Sparta, WI.

At the next meeting we will continue developing the plan and identify additional items needed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Luethe