

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Committee On Parks & Forest •

Monday, February 8, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Dial In: 1-415-655-0001 Access Code: 145 294 2875

For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Winnie Parker at Winnie.Parker@co.eau-claire.wi.us at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You will be called on during the public session to make your comments. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and 30 minutes maximum for the public comment period.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. January 11, 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Willette Wilderness Proposal – Discussion/Action
5. Wisconsin High School Cycling League Request to close trails at Lowes Creek September 25 and 26, 2021- Discussion/Action (Proposal from 2018 attached, same setup for 2021 expected.)
6. Review refund and reservation policy for 2021 reservations – Discussion/Action
7. Annual report from Chippewa Valley Trailriders – Discussion
8. Emergency Fire Wardens (EFW) approval – Discussion/Action
9. County Forest 15 Year Plan – Discussion/Action
10. Director’s Report
11. Committee Updates
12. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Meeting – March 8, 2021 at 5 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Prepared by: Winnie Parker, Parks & Forest

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Event listing for Website Calendar

The Exposition Center has a new website. We would like to list your event on our website calendar and our Facebook page. We have the ability to link to your homepage or Facebook page. Please complete the following information as it is to appear on our website calendar and submit with your signed contract.

The Expo Center website address is <http://www.expocenterrec.com>

The Expo Center Facebook page is: [facebook.com/EauClaireExpoCenter](https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireExpoCenter)

Please visit both our sites and like us on Facebook.

Name of Event: Race #1 2019 Wisconsin High School Cycling League

Event Sponsor: Wisconsin High School Cycling League

Describe Event: *(Use back of page for more space if needed)*

2 day co-ed high school and middle school event staged at the Eau Claire County Expo Center and run on the Lowes Creek mountain bike and ski trails. Saturday setup and pre-ride, races all-day on Sunday, with overnight camping on the Expo Center grounds.

Date(s) of Event: September 7th & 8th

Time(s) of Event: 8:00 am Saturday till 6:00 pm on Sunday

Event is: Open to the Public Private Event
Yes, general public is welcome to spectate.

Admission Fees: *(explain)*

No admission fees. Camping fees and race entries charged to participants.

Website Address: www.wisconsinmtb.org

Facebook Address: https://www.facebook.com/Wisconsinmtb/

Contact Information:

Contact Person(s): Don Edberg

Phone Number(s): (715) 498-9677

E-mail Address: don@wisconsinmtb.org

Fax Number: none

Any further information you would like listed:

Eau Claire County Parks & Forest
Special Event Application Lowes Creek Park and Tower Ridge Recreation Area

Date of Application: _____ Application fee (refundable) enclosed: _____

Name of Event: Lowes Creek, Race #3 Wisconsin High School Cycling League

Date of Event: September 29 & 30, 2018

Description of Event: High School and Middle School Mountain Bike Race

Name of Sponsoring Organization/Group: Wisconsin High School Cycling League

- Non-Profit Group – Tax Exempt # 46-2595012
- For-Profit
- Other (Please describe): _____

Contact person for event: Don Edberg

Address: 8675 Rolling Hills Road City/State/Zip: Custer, WI 54423

Cell Phone: (715) 498-9677 Email: Don@wisconsinmtb.org

Estimated Daily Attendance for this event: 900 Total Attendance: 1800

Location of Event: Eau Claire County Expo Center

Time Set Up Begins: 7:30 a.m. Time Event Begins: 9:00 a.m. Time Event Ends: 6:00 p.m.

All cleanup must be complete by 11:00 p.m. when park or area closes.

Attach the following to application:

- Map of the event layout
- Proof of Insurance – Special Events required to provide liability insurance not less than \$1,000,000
- Copy of facility rental agreement if applicable to your event
- Recycling, emergency preparedness and traffic control procedures, if applicable.

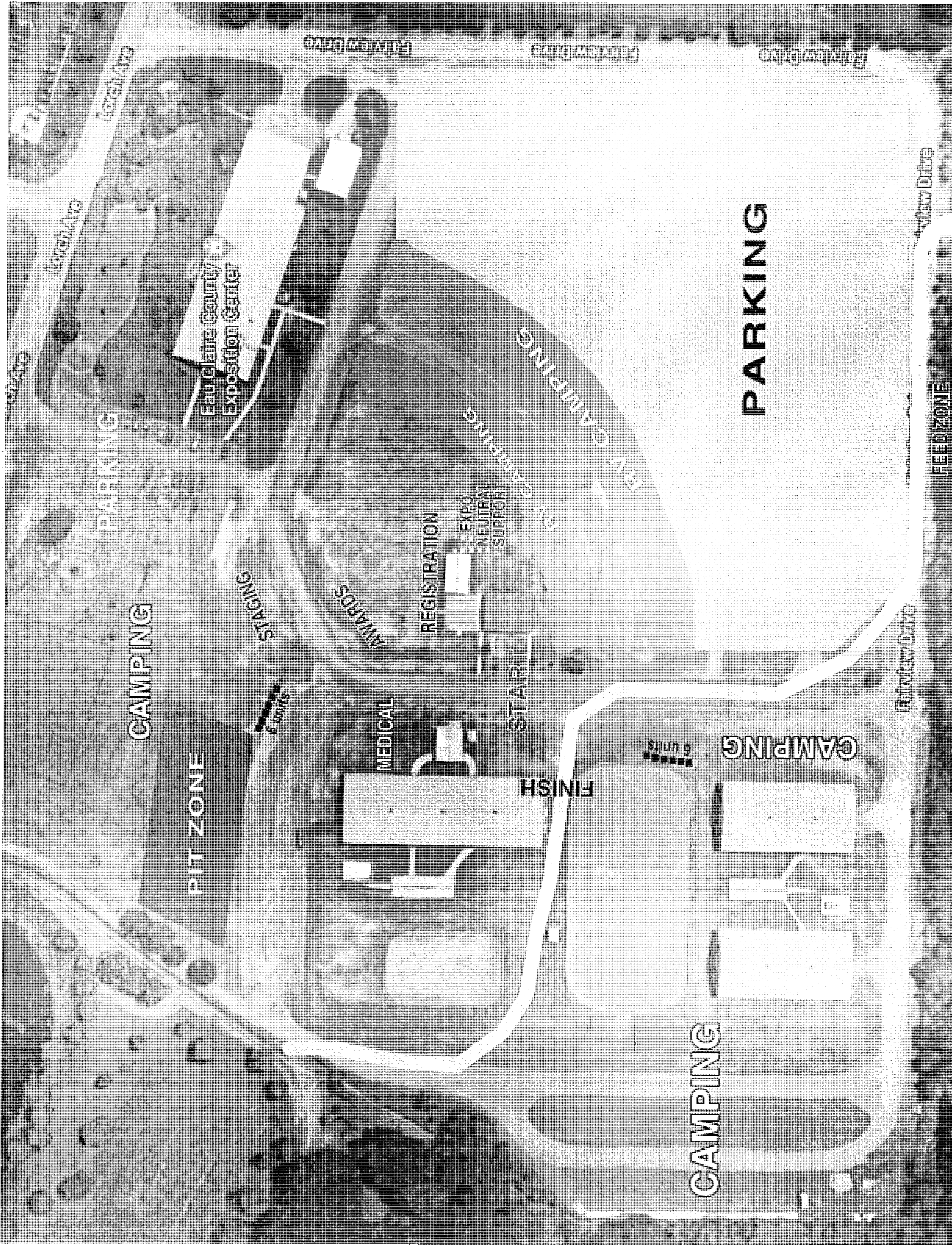
Will the public be excluded from use of the area during the event? Yes No

Are any special considerations being requested? Yes No If yes, what?

Camping – Friday and Saturday nights.

Event approved/disapproved _____ Date _____

Applicant will be notified within 30 days of application.



PARKING

CAMPING

PIT ZONE

6 units

STAGING

AMPHIBS

MEDICAL

REGISTRATION

EXPO
MILITARY
SUPPORT

START

FINISH

6 units

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PARKING

Fairview Drive

FEEDZONE

Fairview Drive

Fairview Drive

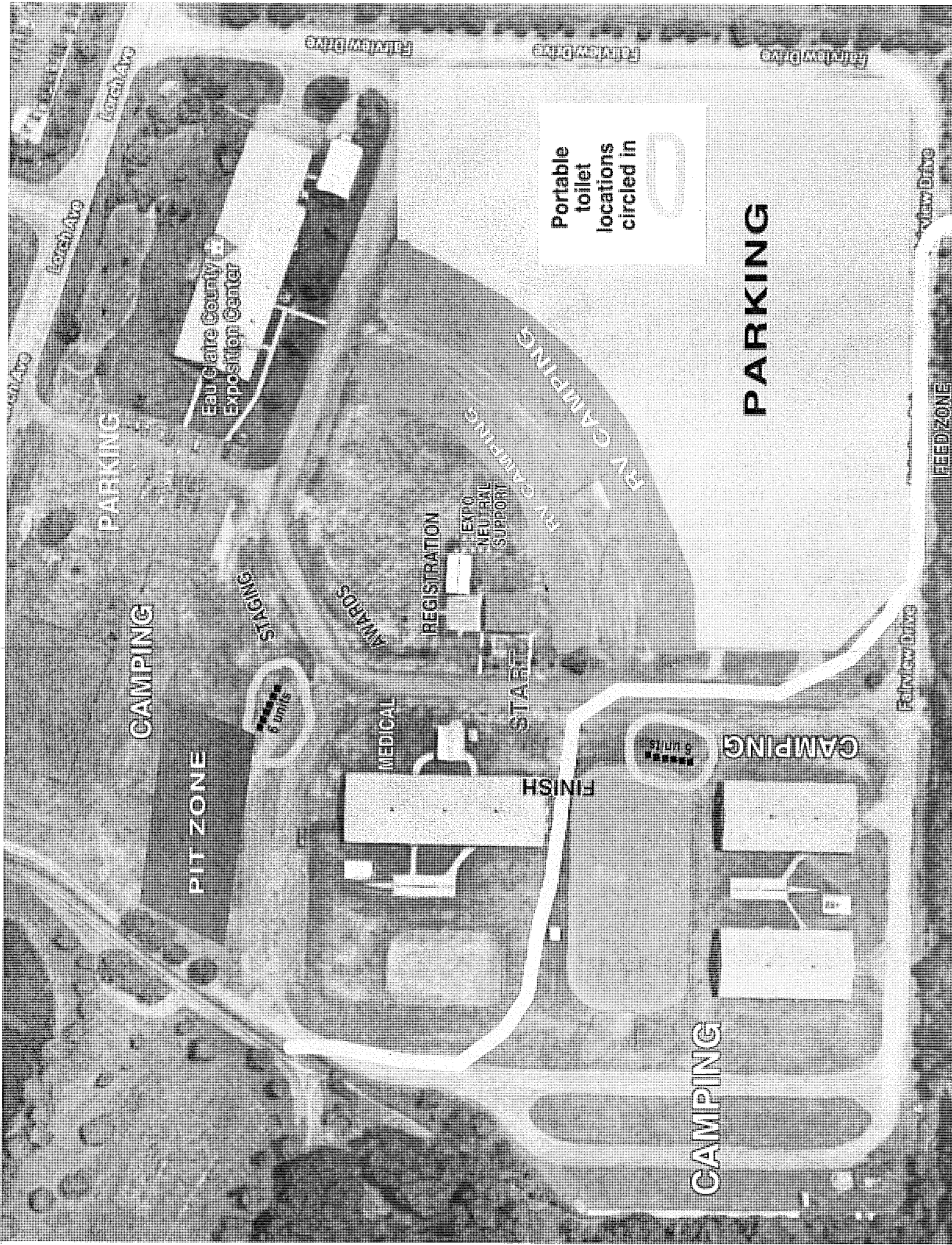
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Eau Claire County Exposition Center

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RV CAMPING

PARKING

Fairview Drive

FEED ZONE

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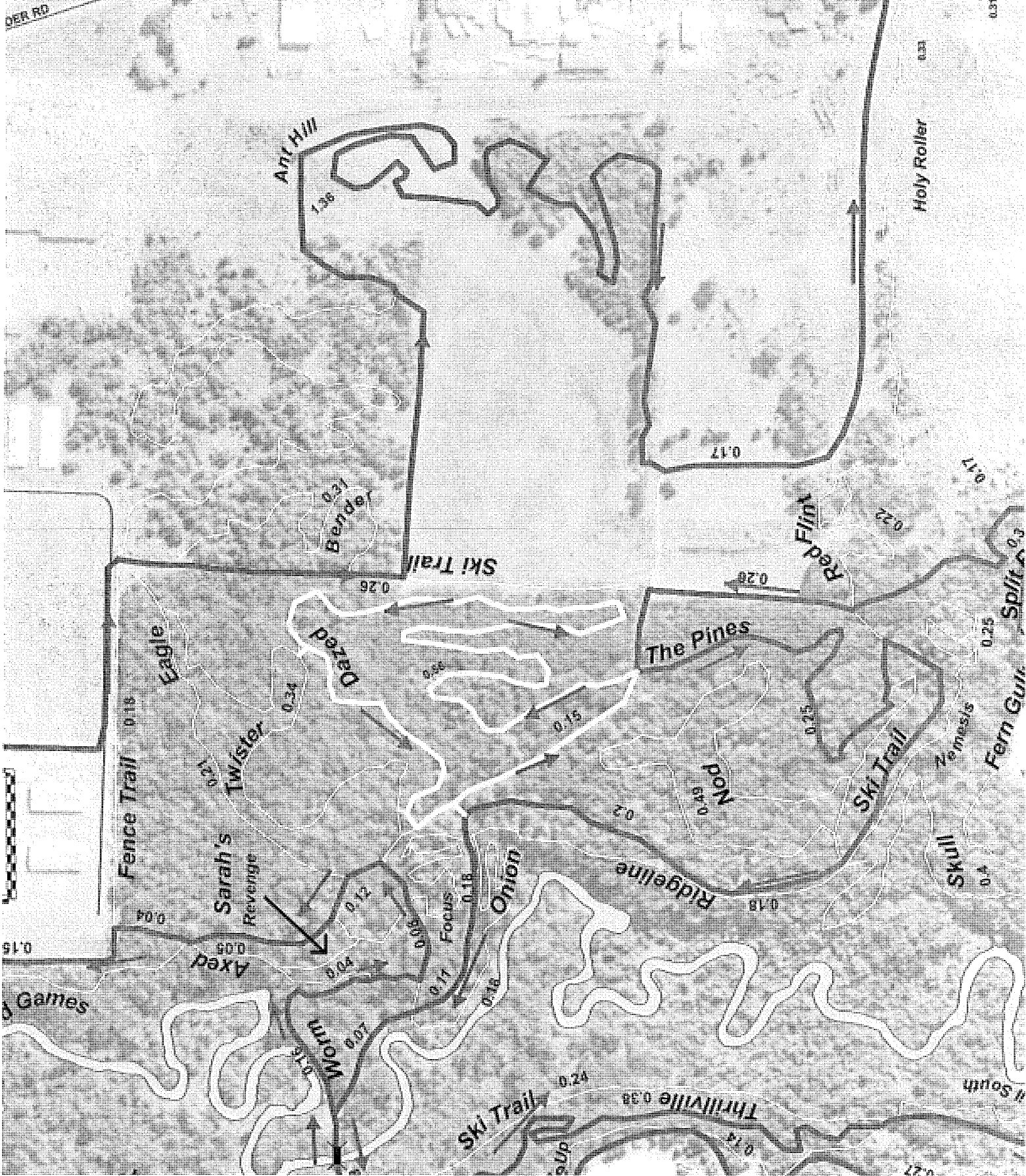


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Chippewa Valley Trailriders



January 18, 2021

Josh Pedersen
Director
Parks & Forest
Agricultural and Resource Center
227 1st Street West
Altoona, WI 54720

Re: Chippewa Valley Trailriders Annual Report - 2020

Dear Josh,

The Chippewa Valley Trailriders was organized in 1989 under a 501©7 Social Club status to unite a group of horseback riders interested in pursuing safe options for horseback riding in Chippewa and Eau Claire County. We currently have about 60 members and over 700 Facebook followers. Our mission has not changed in those 32 years: Promoting safe horseback riding trails in Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties.

Following is an accounting of the volunteer hours the members of the Chippewa Valley Trailriders have expended in 2020 to develop, maintain and improve the horse trail systems in Eau Claire County.

Tower Ridge Recreation Area Horse Trails 101 hours

13 people performed volunteer work removing downed trees and branches early in 2020 from an ice storm and general trail maintenance throughout the rest of 2020. The trails are in excellent condition and used by many people.

Backwater Horse Trails - 105 hours

6 people

Performed hand-brushing and clearing including chainsaw work from an ice storm early in 2020 and performed regular trail clearing and maintenance throughout the rest of the year to keep the trails open. Nice trail system that is becoming very popular.

Hamilton Falls Horse Trails – 456 hours

In 2020 several people came together to assist with re-establishing the abandoned Hamilton Falls Horse Trails. This effort was led by Bev Stelljes. Bev performed many hours of recon work to determine the scope and to re-establish the old trail system. Several work days were held with the largest being held on August 15 in conjunction with Back Country Horsemen of Wisconsin volunteer service work day. On that day alone 122 hours of volunteer work was performed by 19 people who erected a new tie line in the park, placed the mat on the soft section of trail, and marked and flagged the entire 10 mile route. The Wisconsin Horse Council provided a \$3,000 grant for the re-establishment of this trail system in Eau Claire County.

The total volunteer hours expended by the Chippewa Valley Trailriders to establish and maintain horseback riding trails in Eau Claire County totaled 662 hours. The Wisconsin Horse Council established a value for

volunteer work at \$17/hour. Using this formula CVT has donated \$11,254 of volunteer labor in 2020 to maintain and establish horseback riding trails in Eau Claire County.

The Chippewa Valley Trailriders sincerely thank you and Eau Claire County for the opportunity to develop and maintain horseback riding trails in Eau Claire County. We remain dedicated to continuing a supportive relationship with the Parks & Forest Department to keep the existing trails open for riding including exploring any new opportunities that might become available for horseback riders.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Fox

Jeanne Fox

on behalf of

Chippewa Valley Trailriders

To the Honorable:

The County Board of Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

In accord with s. 2612(3) and 26.14(3), Wis. Stats., we recommend the following persons to act as authorized Emergency Fire Wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in this county for the year **2021**, and ask your approval of this organization list.

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

Seymour Town Hall
(Sue Larson & Laura Konwinski)

FOR THE Town of Seymour

The Woodland
(Mary LeBarron)

FOR THE Town of Bridge Creek, Ludington, Wilson

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Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources

February 3, 2021

By: Greg Mitchell
Area Forestry Leader

By: _____
County Board Chairperson (*or authorized committee thereof*)

Eau Claire County - Parks & Forest

Quarterly Department Report - Summary

For Period Ending: Q4, 2020

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Date Ran: 1/27/21

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Fund	Revenue:	Orig Budget 2020	Adj Budget 2020	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	YTD 2020	% of Budget
100	01-Tax Levy	-109,357	-109,357	-27,339	-27,339	-27,339	-27,339	-109,357	100.00%
	04-Intergovernment Grants and Aid	146,762	181,145	7,297	85,703	141	253,385	346,526	191.30%
	06-Public Charges for Services	1,523,243	1,523,243	266,096	187,413	186,385	598,210	1,238,105	81.28%
	09-Other Revenue	0	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%
	11-Fund Balance Applied	15,000	23,481	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Revenue - Parks & Forest		\$1,575,648	\$1,618,512	\$246,054	\$260,777	\$159,187	\$824,256	\$1,490,273	92.08%

Fund	Expenditures:	Orig Budget 2020	Adj Budget 2020	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	YTD 2020	% of Budget
100	01-Regular Wages	-696,649	-696,649	-97,326	-126,088	-174,452	-148,118	-545,984	78.37%
	02-OT Wages	-5,719	-5,719	-880	-481	-2,289	-172	-3,822	66.82%
	03-Payroll Benefits	-243,969	-243,969	-38,160	-50,897	-57,307	-49,362	-195,726	80.23%
	04-Contracted Services	-188,698	-188,698	-8,799	-30,224	-29,917	-49,729	-118,668	62.89%
	05-Supplies & Expenses	-359,048	-359,048	-24,983	-102,957	-21,065	-109,312	-258,317	71.94%
	07-Fixed Charges	-45,879	-45,879	-11,884	-10,889	-10,889	-10,889	-44,551	97.11%
	09-Equipment	-33,200	-48,467	-12,580	0	0	0	-12,580	25.96%
	10-Other	-2,486	-30,083	-1,316	-1,551	-2,571	-1,314	-6,752	22.44%
Total Expense - Parks & Forest		-\$1,575,648	-\$1,618,512	-\$195,926	-\$323,087	-\$298,489	-\$368,896	-\$1,186,399	73.30%

Net Surplus/(-Deficit) - Parks & Forest	\$0	\$0	\$50,127	-\$62,310	-\$139,303	\$455,360	\$303,875
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