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Subject: 1) Habitat destruction in HWR's Wildlife Preserve located at the southwest corner of the Reserve, and 2) problems with vandals/trespassing along HWR's west side adjacent to the bike trail.

Dear Mayor Merkes and Brian Tungate:

About two years ago, we met and discussed the unfortunate problem of vandals/trespassers along HWR's west side. At that time, HWR was proposing to install a 4' high fence generally about 4' to 10' east of the east edge of the bike trail, with HWR responsible for maintaining the areas east of the HWR fence and the City responsible for the area west of the HWR fence.

HWR agreed to postpone the fence construction until we tried a) HWR installing a reasonable number of "No Trespassing" signs and b) the City increasing police patrols in the area. Also, the City had intentions to build an 8' high chain link fence with barbed wire on top to protect the City garage site, which has been completed.

It was HWR's understanding that we had mutually agreed with the City to keep the area status quo for the trial period. Then, without contacting HWR first, the City cleared brush away from the trail in the Wildlife Preserve Area. Again we thought there was an understanding for no more cutting by the city.

We were shocked that the City recently cut/trimmed 16 (or more) trees in the Wildlife Preserve Area, again without first discussing it with us. This is an inexcusable act that significantly increases potential problems for the Reserve. We are upset (to say the least).

Conclusion: HWR now considers that the trial situation has failed because problems now are worse than they were two years ago. The Reserve will proceed with a fence.

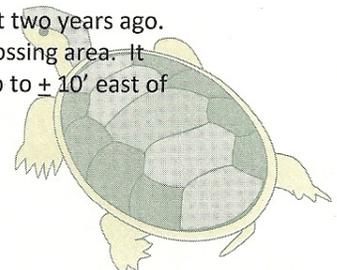
HWR's fence construction schedule will generally be:

1. HWR's Site Committee will meet ASAP to finalize a resolution about building the fence that will be presented at our June 27, 2012 board meeting.
Note: Most of HWR's directors are aware of this situation. Several Directors want a 6' high minimum fence, so that issue will be addressed and included in the resolution.
2. HWR will seek fence and fence financing approval from the HWR Board on June 27, 2012. Construction will proceed as directed.

There are two fence location alternatives that are under consideration:

Fence Location Alternate 1

The location would generally be as shown on sketches and as discussed about two years ago. It would extend from the east end of the existing City fence at the railroad crossing area. It would "parallel" the bike trail and be $\pm 4'$ (at the existing fence end) and be up to $+ 10'$ east of



the east edge of the bike trail. It would extend north to beyond HWR's west gate, and possibly as far as the split rail fence at the NW corner of the Reserve.

This is HWR's preferred location for the fence. In our opinion, this is the best location from a practical and esthetic standpoint. As such, some of the fence would be constructed on City property.

City Action Requested. HWR would appreciate a written response from the City before HWR's next board meeting on June 27, 2012 with the City's approval for HWR to proceed with the fence as per this alternative.

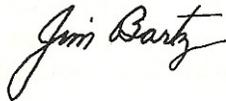
Fence Location – Alternate 2

HWR would proceed to construct the fence entirely on HWR control property along designated property lines. It would start at the edge of Lopas Pond (in the vicinity of the railroad bridge) and go due north, then it would go westerly crossing the bike trail and ending at the corner of the existing City Fence near the 90 degree bike trail corner. HWR's compromises with this alternative are the loss of Wildlife Preserve area and more expensive fence construction. In fairness, HWR requests that the City remove the north-south segment of the bike trail immediately south of Plank Road (which was constructed on HWR controlled property by the City without HWR permission). HWR could then convert the reclaimed area to Wildlife Preserve.

The HWR Board recognizes that this is a poor second to Alternate 1, but it would be in HWR's best interest if the City rejects Alternate 1.

The Reserve will be awaiting your response as requested above.

Respectfully,



James E. Bartz, Chairman
Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Inc.

PS. On June 7, 2012, there were eight beer cans, one rum bottle, several cigarette packs, and numerous pieces of plastic trash in the main problem area (near the big willow), which is typical evidence of monkey business going on at that location.

cc: T. Koenig, Executive Director
R. Hanseter, Site Committee Chairman
M. Taylor, HWR Board of Directors
F. Heckrodt