

Joint Letter Supporting Cleanup and Restoration of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant lands

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We, the undersigned, urge the U.S. Department of Defense, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service and our State and Congressional leaders to secure the highest degree of environmental cleanup to assure the conservation of the former Badger lands for ecological restoration, education, sustainable agriculture, and low-impact recreation.

Successful ecological restoration of the Badger lands relies on the restoration of once healthy soils and water. Too often these decisions disregard the impact of time and of accumulating effects to future generations. This shortsighted approach provides no accountability or commitment to steward lands and water resources now and for the future. The focus tends to be on defining how much pollution or how little cleanup is acceptable, rather than striving for what is truly desirable and achievable.

These fundamental values are the basis of the Badger Reuse Plan which has been formally supported by local, state, federal and tribal governments, area business interests, farmers, landowners and environmental organizations.

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