

Acklin, Tim

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Dear Mr. Acklin,

I am writing to express my support for the city to fund the Marsh Restoration Project. I have lived in La Crosse for 33 years and have appreciated the marsh all that time. I walk through it, bike through it to go to work from my home on the north side to UWL, and have especially appreciated it during times of flooding when it absorbs extra water. I have attended classes there to learn about the habitat. Just this morning, I attended (via "Zoom") a meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship where we learned about the birds that live there. The first Sunday in June is our traditional "bird walk service" where we meet at Myrick and take a walk through the marsh with a trained ornithologist to learn to better identify and appreciate birds. Due to Covid, of course, we were unable to go in person on that walk, but hope to continue the tradition next year.

All of this is to say that the marsh has played a significant role in the quality of my life and the lives of all people in the area. Please support the funding to continue to keep it a vital part of our region.

Respectfully,
Deborah Buffton
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