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To: Mr. Tim Acklin - La Crosse City Planning Department

From: John Wetzel - Wildlife Biologist - Retired

Subject: La Crosse Marsh

I am writing to support the \$100,000 for the next 5 years to develop a long-term restoration plan for the La Crosse Marsh.

As you are aware, about 50% of the Marsh has been filled and developed. We have also observed that the remaining Marsh has greatly benefited and protected properties over the last few years of very high rain events by holding water and preventing even more flooding.

As forecasts predict heavier rain totals for the foreseeable future, it is time to take an in-depth look at the Marsh and develop a long-term restoration plan.

I therefore support the La Crosse City Planning Commission providing \$100,000 per year over the next 5 years to study and develop this plan.