

Flood Evacuation Plan and Agreement

For Pettibone Resort

Pettibone Resort
333 Park Plaza Dr
La Crosse, WI 54601



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Whereas an annual agreement is required per City Ordinance 115-279 (4) & (5) and NR 116.12 (2) (b), this Flood Evacuation Plan and Agreement will also serve as a general emergency action plan. It describes action to be taken before, during and after emergencies that should minimize personal and property damages and concurrently assists in recovery and is made by and among the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, a Wisconsin municipal corporation with offices located at 400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 54601 (city) and Pettibone Resort, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 54601 ("owner")

This document consists of 6 pages to include a signature page.

The EAP and evacuation schedule will not be altered without the expressed concurrence of the appropriate City of La Crosse Officials.

This EAP agreement is valid for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date approved by the designated City Officials.

EAP Contents:

General Preparation and Information

Signage

Service facilities

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Site evacuation schedule based on river stage projections

Designated parking outside the campground

Campground re-entry

General Preparation Information:

- The Resort requires all recreational vehicles (RV's) to be in working order, licensed and road ready at all times.
- The Campground Manager maintains a current list of all occupied campground sites as well as phone numbers and permanent addresses for all seasonal campers.
- The elevation levels of the campground range from a river stage low of 6.33 to a high of 14.0 feet. Consequently, there is a significant variance in the flood stage levels in which campsites would have to be evacuated.
- The campground is a seasonal operation. The campground is closed to camping from mid-November to April. The campground has 300 total sites: 108 tent sites and 192 sites for recreational vehicles. This plan does not provide for the detailed site by site evacuation of tent sites. Prior to Memorial Day of each year, the occupation of these sites is extremely limited and easily controlled. If flood stage levels are predicted, the limited occupation of tent sites could be evacuated in less than an hour notification and continued occupation suspended.
- The campground does permit the unoccupied storage of RV's during the off season. These RV's are required to be immediately road ready for evacuation, including personal items. The maximum number of RV's located on the campsites in the spring period number approximately 100. The campground operator has the capability of evacuating this number of

RV's in 8 hours or less although there is no precedence of an evacuation requirement of this magnitude.

- Historical data shows that the maximum rate that the river has risen was approximately 6" in any eight hour period. The Mississippi is not subject to "flash flooding." With constant monitoring of river stage projections, the campground operator has excess capacity to ensure that all campers are evacuated out of the campground in ample time to insure a safe and orderly process. Historical data shows that river stage projections are conservative with new technology making significant advances in the reliability of the projections. Still, the guiding principle is to overestimate. However, the operator uses these projections to initiate evacuation of campsites which insure an extra margin of safety.

Signage:

- Signs stating that the campground is located in a floodway are positioned at the entrance of the campground and that flood evacuation procedures are available at the campground office.
- Both seasonal and temporary campers sign a contract or are notified upon registration that the campground is in a floodway.

Service Facilities:

- Upon receiving notification of a flood stage reaching 12', water and electricity to the campground will be shut off as a conservation measure. All electrical outlets in the campground are elevated well above the 12' level. There are no sanitary sewers, gas lines, propane storage tanks or wells located in the campground floodway. The Resort contracts with Harters of La Crosse for regularly scheduled trash removal. They are notified when dumpsters need to be removed from the floodway.

Notification of Projected Flood Conditions:

- When the river is projected to exceed 7' in the La Crosse area, the campground manager will conduct daily monitoring of current and projected river stages. The Resort is enrolled in the United States Weather Service Notification System.
- If the river stage is projected to exceed 8' within the next 72 hours, the campground manager will initiate the alert notification of all affected campers by phone or campground personnel making a personal visit to each site and warning each to make appropriate preparations for

evacuation. Site evacuation includes not only the RV but unsecured personal items and appurtenances from the campground. As the river stage is projected to reach a river stage level shown on the list, the campers and operators will have 8 hours to complete the evacuation for those sites. This is considered ample time at each level to complete the required evacuation.

- Each seasonal camper has contractually agreed to evacuate or to arrange for the evacuation of their RV and their personal items from the campground. If we are unable to contact a camper, the resort management has the authority, the trained personnel and will remove the RV and associated items from the campground.

Site Evacuation Schedule based on River Stage Projections.

<u>River Stage Level</u>	<u>Required Action</u>
7.0'-----	Constant monitoring of the river stage and projections
7.2 – 11.5'-----	Campsites will be evacuated based on an 8 hour projection of the stage levels indicated below.
12.0'-----	Official flood stage of the river in La Crosse. All campers and non-secured items have been removed from the flood plain. Utilities have been shut off.

<u>Evacuation River Level</u>	<u>Sites</u>
7.2-----	328-336, 432a-432b, 514-539
7.9-----	161-164
8.6-----	613,615,617,619,621,623,625,635-636
9.0-----	149-160, 540
9.7-----	409-414, 430-432, 541
9.9-----	416-417, 400b-403
10.0-----	227-230,314,408,428
10.2-----	311-313, 315-315a, 400-400a, 427,429
10.4-----	148,213-214c, 226a, 300-310, 327,327a, 404-407,414a-415,419-422, 424-426, 433-437, 511-513, 542-543, 609, 611-612, 614,616,618,620,622,624,626-627,629
10.5-----	210-212, 225-226, 315b-326, 418,423
10.6-----	200a-200, 202-209, 502-505, 503a, 504a, 510
10.7-----	130-147
11.0-----	108-129, 201, 215-224, 506, 509, 547-554, 607-608, 610, 628, 630-634
11.2-----	100-107

11.5 -----	88-99, 500-501, 507-508, 544-546, 600-606
17.0 -----	Evacuation of the campground parking lot unless deemed necessary by the City of La Crosse officials to be vacated at a lower level.

Evacuation Vehicles:

John Deere tractor and New Holland tractor

Three trucks: 2003 GMC3/4 ton, 2009 Chevy ¾ ton and 2017 Chevy 1-ton

Under normal conditions – 25 units per hour

When river is rising rapidly – capable of 35 units per hour

We have never had to pull more than 10 units per hour

RV parking outside the floodway:

The principal area would be the SE corner parking area of Houska Park. In the event of an emergency, parking campers in the parking lot of Pettibone Resort would be at the discretion of the Parks Department.

Campground re-entry:

The resort staff is trained and experienced in cleanup procedures to include proper attire to insure a safe and appropriate cleanup of the campground. Campers will not be re-admitted until the campground is free of debris, repaired as necessary and safe for children and families. Re-opening of the campground will be coordinated with the Director of Parks and Recreation.

This plan is developed, coordinated and approved in conjunction with the Pettibone Resort President/Owner and the City of La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department.

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Pettibone Resort President Date

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La Crosse Director of Parks and Rec. Date

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City of La Crosse Chief of Police Date

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City of La Crosse Mayor Date

