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Travis Thyssen
Administrator
Town of Gibraltar
4097 Main Street
Fish Creek, WI 54212

Dear Mr. Thyssen,

Congratulations! 2024 marks your fifth year as a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Green Tier Legacy Community. The Town of Gibraltar is part of a select group of Wisconsin local governments that are dedicated to sustainable improvement. The DNR applauds your continued commitment to minimizing environmental impacts, being fiscally responsible and improving the quality of life for those in Gibraltar. We recognize and value that your leadership has a ripple effect through Door County and the rest of the state.

Gibraltar's leadership and commitment to superior environmental performance, combined with your team's hard work and dedication, have delivered important environmental achievements which include:

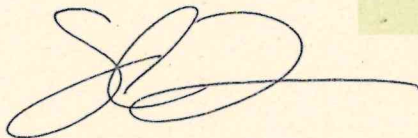
- ✓ Being more efficient through reducing fossil fuel use and saving taxpayer dollars by:
 - Installing LED lights throughout your community.
 - Weatherizing historical buildings.
- ✓ Promoting non-motorized transportation by installing new bike lanes, sidewalks, and pedestrian crossings.
- ✓ Enhancing Wisconsin's landscapes and improving habitat by:
 - Reducing light pollution with innovative practices, while maintaining the character of the town.
 - Working to reduce the use of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides on town properties.
 - Installing a fish ladder to facilitate fish passage from Fish Creek to wetland spawning grounds.
 - Collecting data to help direct restoration efforts through the Fish Creek Watershed Study and the Water Action Volunteers program.

- Collaborating with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on the Fish Creek Watershed Plan.
 - Working with the Friends of Gibraltar to teach students about Fish Creek and help them participate in a reforestation project by planting swamp oak along the creek's banks.
 - Teaming up with the community to raise funds to add 125 acres to Fish Creek Park.
 - Hosting *Weed Warriors* events to remove invasive species in parks.
- ✓ Helping reduce food waste sent to landfills by supporting the Door County effort to educate residents and establish composting opportunities.

The Town of Gibraltar, its leadership, employees, residents and stakeholders should be proud of these accomplishments.

The DNR is ready to help your community continue to challenge itself. Thank you for your continued commitment to improving your community and Wisconsin's environment.

Sincerely,



Steven Little
Deputy Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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