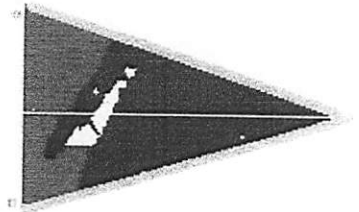




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Friends of the Grand Traverse Islands

This letter is in support of the Friends of the Grand Traverse Islands campaign to develop a National Lakeshore across the Door County / Delta County - Garden Peninsula and associated islands.

The Door County Sail and Power Squadron is a civic organization dedicated to Safe Boating through Education, Civic Service, and Fraternal Activities. It is a member unit of the United States Power Squadrons. As part of our fraternal activities, we run multiple cruises every summer to areas in Green Bay and Lake Michigan, and are familiar with the area. Our other interests include extensive courses in boating education, vessel safety examinations, and public seminars on boating topics.

The Grand Traverse Islands deserve National Lakeshore Status. As part of the Niagara Escarpment, it provides the potential for recreational use of the archipelago without compromising their wilderness character, much like the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore of Lake Superior. We believe that a dock development on one of the islands could be an integral part of the developing National Lake Michigan Water Trail, including the Indian Dunes National Lakeshore, and the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the east and create a great entry to Green Bay from the east. The attractiveness of the water route of Lake Michigan would be an economic plus for the area.

In addition, many of the historic navigational structures, essential to understanding the history of the area, are in serious need of conservation. Some critically so. A National Lakeshore would provide the focus to preserve these endangered pieces of our nautical history.

We have met with the Friends Group, discussed this in our Executive Committee, and presented to our membership. We can offer you our enthusiastic support and encourage our members to help this effort.

Sincerely,

*Robert Stierna*